

*St. Matthew Lutheran Church*  
1505 Dover Street, Worthington, MN  
*July & August 2019 Newsletter*

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**Worship Schedule May 26 – Sept. 1, 2019**

**Wednesdays at 6:00 p.m.**

**Sundays 8 a.m. and 10 a.m.**

*\*Please note – there will be NO Van transportation on July 14.*

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**Prayer, Praise & Potluck**  
**July 21 - 10 a.m.**  
**at Chautauqua Park**  
**Worship Service at 10 a.m.**  
**Potluck to follow.**



In case of rain, the event will be moved to the church.

*Church will provide the hamburgers and hotdogs.*

**Potluck Instructions:** Persons with a last name beginning with "A thru L" should bring a salad. Persons with a last name beginning with "M thru Z" should bring a dessert.



**Bring your lawn chairs!**

**Watch the weekly bulletin for  
more information.**

## Taken

*God made him who had no sin to be sin for us, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God. 2 Cor. 5:21*

“I wish I could take it all away,” a mother coos to her little girl. She had the flu for a couple of days now, and her mother’s heart was concerned for her. As she lay in her bed suffering from the chills and a fever at the same time, there wasn’t much she could do for her except be there for her. Mom felt helpless and wished she could take it all away from her. She even wished she could have the flu instead of her daughter.

When a child is sick the love of a mother and father really starts to shine through. In a heartbeat, parents go the extra mile to make sure their kids are feeling comfortable as possible. If you’re a parent you have been there. You bring their favorite juice box. You provide their favorite movie to watch. Any time you hear them call, you quickly respond with, “What can I do for you?” The love goes so far that a parent would gladly switch places with their child if they could, they would. But they can’t, and it hurts.

Has there ever been a time when you wished you could take it all away? Not just a sickness of a child, but something you did that you really regret? Maybe it is something you did to end a close relationship with a friend. Maybe you said something to a family member that you wish you could take back. Maybe it was something that only you know about, but it haunts you each day.

It’s moments like those that God’s love really starts to shine through. He knows your sin, your guilt, and your regrets, but he doesn’t just wish he could take them all away. He did take them all away. He forgave them all. He took them away when he put them on his one and only Son. Jesus died for your sin, so you wouldn’t have to. God forgave your guilt, you are right with him.

Wish your guilt and regrets could be taken away? They were. In their place he gives you forgiveness and eternal life. Now that is love that shines through.

In Christ,  
Pastor Mark

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### **Service Opportunity!**

Are you looking for a way to serve your church? Then consider volunteering to be a projector operator, camera person, or sound person for our worship services. This is a VERY important ministry and help is desperately needed!

#### **The Tech Crew consists of:**

- Sound Operators
- Camera Operators (*video camera for recording the services*)
- Projector (screen) Operators (*our liturgy & hymns/songs are on the screen*)

If you are interested, or have any questions, please contact Bev in the church office or one of our tech crew in the balcony. Training is provided and we are very flexible with the scheduling. The more people we have, the easier the scheduling will be! **Please prayerfully consider helping out in this ministry.**

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## CHURCH RECORDS

### **Deaths**

- Ervin Krueger passed away May 26, 2019; funeral service was May 29.
  - Tucker Marten passed away June 15, 2019; funeral service was June 21.
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## OFFERING REMINDER

Your FAITHFUL – REGULAR – WEEKLY offering commitment enables your congregation to meet important summer ministry commitments. If you intend to be away for several weeks, please consider mailing your offering to the Church Office. Your consideration will help our Treasurer to be faithful in her duties too! Thank you for your generosity. It’s such a delight to see how God works through each one of us to be a blessing here in Worthington and around the world!

## WEEKDAY BIBLE STUDIES FOR WOMEN

The Hope Circle will not meet in July or August. The Sarah Circle will not meet in July. The Martha Circle will meet July 18 and August 15 at 1:30 p.m. in the Fireside Room.

## ALTAR GUILD NEWS

**Serving in July** will be Kathy Roslansky & Alice White for the 8 a.m. services. If you would like to be a part of the Altar Guild; please contact Velma Cortright, 376-5600 or Sandy Meyer, 376-6290.

## LUTHERAN WOMEN’S MISSIONARY LEAGUE (LWML) NEWS

- ❖ There will not be LWML meetings in July or August.
- ❖ Crossroads Care Center Devotions will be on: July 10<sup>th</sup> (Sarah Circle) and July 17<sup>th</sup> (Martha Circle). Devotions are at 2:00 p.m. and are about 30 minutes long.
- ❖ Sunday, July 14<sup>th</sup> coffee hour (*please note date*) will be hosted by the Hope Circle.
- ❖ The August 18<sup>th</sup> coffee hour will be hosted by the Martha Circle.
- ❖ On Saturday, August 17<sup>th</sup>, the Worthington Zone Meeting will take place at St. Matthew’s at 9 a.m. in the basement Fellowship Hall.

## THANK YOU

*The family of Ervin Krueger would like to thank the St. Matthew congregation for prayers, cards, memorials and food. Special thanks to Pastor Mark, Lorenda and the LWML.*

*I want to thank the church, my prayer intercessors, my parents and family for all they did for me during my confirmation years. Confirmation Sunday was a wonderful day! I thought the confirmand breakfast was very nice. I enjoyed the entire church service as it was directed to Root and myself. It was nice that my family and I could celebrate after in the Fireside Room. Thank you for all the prayers and for teaching and showing me the way to my faith!*

*Presley Sieve*

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## St. Matthew Lutheran Church Quarterly Voters Meeting

**Will take place in July with the date and time to be determined.  
Watch the weekly worship bulletins for updates!**

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## MUSIC & WORSHIP NEWS

*“The nation You have blest, may well Your love declare,  
From foes and fears at rest, Protected by Your care.  
For this bright day, for this fair land, Gifts of Your hand, Our thanks we pay.”  
“Before You, Lord, We Bow” LSB 966 vs 2*

Nearly everyone knows that Francis Scott Key penned the words to our national anthem, but did you know that he also wrote the words to this final hymn in our Lutheran Service Book? The story of the writing of the Star Spangled Banner following the successful defense of Fort McHenry against the British in September of 1814 has been widely told. But few probably realize the depth of Key’s faith life.

As a deeply committed layman in the Protestant Episcopal Church, Francis Scott Key held a lay reader’s license, and for many years read the service and visited the sick. One of the greatest contributions he made to America was the advancement of the Sunday school. Not only did he teach a Sunday school class at his church, Key also served as manager and vice president of the American Sunday School Union from its inception in 1824 until his death in 1843. The American Sunday School Union was responsible for establishing thousands of churches across America. Many churches and cemeteries today bear the name “Union” because of their origin in the American Sunday School Union.

In spite of the success that he achieved in life, Key never forgot to praise the Lord for his faithfulness. In 1823, Key was appointed to a committee to prepare a new hymn-book for his Church. Though not well-known, “Lord, With Glowing Heart I’d Praise Thee” was a hymn written by Key for the hymnal. It can be sung to the tune “Love Divine, All Loves Excelling”.

*“Lord, with glowing heart I’d praise thee, For the bliss Thy love bestows,  
For the pardoning grace that saves me, And the peace that from it flows.  
Help, O God, my weak endeavor; This dull soul to rapture raise;  
Thou must light the flame, or never, can my love be warmed to praise.” (vs. 1)*

In 1832, Key wrote his best known hymn, “Before You, Lord, We Bow” for a Fourth of July celebration. Key is one among many of our early American leaders who took seriously their responsibility to Jesus Christ. Key demonstrated this both in his written words and in his actions. Representative of this truth is the simple phrase in the second stanza of Key’s Star-Spangled Banner, “And this be our motto, In God is our trust.”

The members of St. Matthew will have the opportunity to worship together and celebrate our freedom at our “Faith and Freedom” services at 8:00 AM and 10:00 AM on Sunday, July 7. Please include worshipping and praising our Lord and Savior as part of your Fourth of July holiday weekend plans.

*Lorenda Glade and Joy Schreiber, Directors of Music and Worship*

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### Church Officers for July 1, 2019 - June 30, 2020

President – Nathan Holt; Vice President – Ron Iverson; Secretary – Nancy Ihrke; Elders – Chris Luther, Joel Lorenz, Arnie Ihrke, Kevin Schmidt, Andrew Bents, Craig Edwards ; Trustees – Bryon Spittle, Jerry Vogt, Lynn Brunk, Jeff Barber, Jesse Raudenbush; Board of Christian Education Chairman – Jeanette Varuska; Ministry Planning Committee – Tim Hansberger, Andrew Dierks, Karen Schwartz, Amy Khamphanh, and Jennie Geertsema. A listing will be posted on the bulletin boards in the north/elevator entrance and Narthex (south entrance) bulletin boards beginning July 1<sup>st</sup>.

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## **Church Pictorial Directory!**

We want **ALL** of our church families to be photographed by Lifetouch for a new church directory. **It won't be the same without you!**

There is **NO** cost to you or your family to have your picture photographed for the directory.

Dates for the photography are: August 20-24, 2019  
and September 3-7, 2019.

**Scheduling for the photography dates will begin around July 14<sup>th</sup>.**

*Please watch for updates in the weekly worship bulletins.*

*We will also put updates on our church website, and church Facebook page.*

### What to expect:

A professional photography session, with **NO** session fees.

View your images after your session and make your selection for the directory.

### You will receive:

One **FREE** 8x10 standard print and a church directory.

**PLUS** a free gift with purchase (if you decide to purchase prints).

*Military & First Responders and Seniors 60+ will receive 20% off their entire order, if they desire to order anything. Service discount includes active and retired military and first responders. Proper ID will need to be provided.*



## **AUGUST 26<sup>TH</sup> from 5:30-7:00 p.m.**

Our Block Party in June was a **GREAT SUCCESS**, so we want to kick-off the Fall Programs with another Block Party!

**Congregation Members - PLEASE come and fellowship with our church neighbors!**

**There will be food, games and gift drawings!**

**Watch the weekly worship bulletins for more information.**

**Servants will be needed to help with the various tasks.**

**Let's make this ministry another success!**

# DIRECTOR OF HUMAN CARE/PARISH NURSE NEWS

By Roxann Leckband

Greetings!

Wow - the health ministry at St. Matthew had a great deal of fun as we provided health education to our VBS/Day camp kids. We provided education on our physical health dealing with diet and exercise and our emotional health as we taught about “worry” and anxiety. The physical and emotional topics were also incorporated into how God is ever present in our lives to love and care for us. I am so very excited as this is a portion of what our health ministry is all about. I see the health ministry as a tool for our congregation and community members to be aware of and hopefully use.

According to the publication Church Health Reader April 2019 and article, “*Health, Faith and Prevention a Place for Congregations to Care*” by Manny Sethi, the church has been in health care since the earliest centuries. Following Jesus’ example in sending his disciples out to preach and to heal, Christians opened the first hospitals to care for the poor who were ill in the Roman Empire. Bringing faith and health together is not a new concept, but we know more now than we did 1,500 years ago. For one thing, we also have a Scriptural calling to honor God with our bodies. We are able to care for our bodies through preventive care. We need to care for ourselves if we are to care for others as Christ has called us to do.

As followers of Christ, we pursue healthy spiritual lives and want to answer the calls God places on our lives for service. Health in spirit and body go hand in hand, not in the sense that faithful people are never sick but being mindful of our bodily health so that we can actively carry out what God calls us to do.

In order to help us understand how our faith life and our health work together I will be facilitating a Bible Study on the Model for Healthy Living on July 28<sup>th</sup>, August 4<sup>th</sup>, 18<sup>th</sup>, 25<sup>th</sup> and September 1<sup>st</sup> at 9:15 in the Fireside room. Please feel free to get your coffee and snack in the basement and bring it with you.

I will have a Model for Healthy Living Assessment Wheel available at the church entrances. The assessments are helpful if they have been completed before the Bible Study. Please feel free to take and do the assessment even if you are not doing the Bible Study. The Assessment Wheel addresses all the areas associated with the areas of a healthy life.

## Noon Fellowship:

- July fellowship will be on July 8<sup>th</sup>. The main entrée will be grilled hamburgers, potato salad and chips. We will be having a guest speaker. Kipp & Tami Beaudoin have been called to be Missionaries to the Ukraine. They will be here to share their mission message with us.
- August fellowship will be on August 12<sup>th</sup>. We will have Sloppy Joes and cheesy hash browns as our main entrée. We will have a guest speaker from the SD Alzheimer’s association to provide information on Alzheimer’s. Individuals from our congregation/community will be eligible to receive services from this division of the Alzheimer’s Association.

## Widow’s Ministry Support Group

- We will meet on July 3<sup>rd</sup> at 10:00 a.m. in the Fireside Room and on July 22<sup>nd</sup> at 5:00 p.m. with the place to be determined. Please watch the weekly bulletins for more information. We will be using the resource, Postcards From A Widows Path as devotional material. We will have a time of fellowship and being in God’s Word. Please contact Roxie with any questions you may have.
- In August we will meet on the 14<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 a.m. in the Fireside Room and on August 19<sup>th</sup> at 5 p.m. at a place to yet be determined. Please watch the weekly bulletins for more information.

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## **Mom's Group**

Mom's group will meet on July 26<sup>th</sup> and Aug 16<sup>th</sup> from 10:30am -12:00pm. We will have a time of Bible stories and play for the children. The moms will have a time of fellowship and devotion.

## **Health Cabinet**

- The St. Matthew's Health Cabinet will meet on July 22<sup>nd</sup> at 12 Noon.
- Blood pressures will be taken on August 18<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 a.m. in the fellowship area under the Great Hall.

## **New Bible Class for 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Graders**

Please mark your calendars for August 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup>. **The children going into 3<sup>rd</sup> grade or those in 4<sup>th</sup> grade that have not participated in the New Bible Class are invited to attend.** Class will be held from 5:30-6:15PM both nights. The "New Bible" will be presented along with a blessing to the children on August 11<sup>th</sup> at either the 8:00 or 10:00 service, whichever the family prefers. Please RSVP to the church office if you plan to attend in order to have enough Bibles for the children. Contact Roxie with any questions you may have.

## **Future Dates**

- VBS/Day Camp Reunion will be on August 7<sup>th</sup> from 9:00am-12:00pm - lunch will be provided.
- First day of Sunday School is September 8<sup>th</sup>.
- Early Communion will be on September 4<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> from 5:30-6:15 p.m. for 5<sup>th</sup> graders.
- Confirmation Classes for the 5<sup>th</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, and 8<sup>th</sup> graders will begin on September 18<sup>th</sup>. Please watch for more details in the weekly bulletins, the September Newsletter and on our website.

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**EMAILING NEWSLETTER** - Did you know that you can receive your monthly newsletter via email and help save the church in postage costs? If you would like this option, please email Bev in the church office at [stmatchurchoffice@gmail.com](mailto:stmatchurchoffice@gmail.com).

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## **Highlights from the June 11, 2019 Church Council Meeting**

*The actual Minutes cannot be printed because they have not yet been approved.*

Treasurer: May expenses were \$32,426.94 with income of \$29,208.31. Building Fund income was \$75.00. Net income for the month was -\$3,143.63. Balance in the General Fund Checking Account on May 31, 2019 was \$23,052.04. Memorial Fund balance is \$33,687.16. Building Loan Balance is \$196,000.00. Scholarship Fund Balance is \$468,528.33. Youth Account monthly report was \$9,595.06.

Staff Reports: *Pastor Schreiber* – Average weekly attendance for May was 277. Average Wednesday evening attendance for May was 18. *Roxie* – Preparing for health survey and Bible Study to begin late July. Worked on preparation for VBS and Block Party. Identifying more individuals that would be appropriate and could benefit from the Parish Nurse Ministry.

Board of Elders: June Elders meeting has been postponed to June 24<sup>th</sup> due to spring planting.

Board of Trustees: Waiting on contractor bids for dryvit repairs for north entrance. Checking on costs for upgrading computers to Windows 10 and updating our Projection Software. Discussed power washing outside of church and having Squeaky Clean do the windows afterwards. Discussed hard piping for the sump pumps. Did some routine maintenance.

Education: Finalized VBS plans. Sunday School mission project for first quarter will be for Lutheran Heritage Foundation to help purchase the Bible storybook, "How Can I Understand." Recycled Sunday School materials will be used from what we have had in the past few years. Materials are from "Kids Sunday School Place" at a subscription cost of \$50 for the year.

**Meeting Highlights continued:**

Unfinished Business: Recapped from the Block Party that was held the night before. Approximately 225 people attended. Had families register for VBS. Some of the families voluntarily helped with the cleanup. Discussed that there were less members of St. Matthew that attended the Block Party. Discussed that it takes time for some cultural shifts to occur within our church and community. Pastor had conversations with some of the parents that attended and they were very grateful. Will plan to have another Block Party in the fall. Upcoming Church Pictorial Directory need to have a committee to start working on this. Decision was made to not have a float in the Turkey Day parade. Discussed the worship service for in Chautauqua Park on July 21<sup>st</sup>. Only one worship service that day. Theme will be “Prayer, Praise and Potluck.” Discussed Board of Education’s suggestion of doing different types of events in place of having the KFC program next school year.  
Next meeting is July 9<sup>h</sup> at 5:30 p.m.

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**REMINDER OF OUR  
CHANGE TO ALTAR FLOWER PROCEDURE**

**Thank you for providing bouquets for our Altar area. Due to the closing of McCarthy’s Floral, there is a change to our Altar Flower procedure.**

Due to increased bouquet costs and billing difficulties, St. Matthew’s will no longer be in charge of ordering the Altar bouquets. You may contact Hy-Vee individually to order your bouquets and arrange for delivery or pick-up. You may also provide flowers from your own garden. If your order from Hy-Vee and are having them deliver to the church, please tell them to deliver on FRIDAY MORNINGS – to ensure that someone is at the church for the delivery.

We still have the Flower Calendar in the Narthex to regulate the number of bouquets provided weekly. Therefore, please continue to sign-up to help beautify our Altar area.

**If you would like your Altar flowers listed in the bulletin that information MUST be into the church office 2 weeks before the date you are providing the flowers.** If you have any questions, please contact the church office. Thank You for continuing to provide bouquets for our Altar area.

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*Thank you to everyone that helped in some way, shape, or form with our VBS Day Camp. We couldn’t do this ministry without you! The kids were blessed by you and the Camp Omega counselors.  
St. Matthew’s Board of Education*





# JULY 2019 WORSHIP HELPERS SCHEDULE

## ACOLYTES

	<u>8:00 a.m.</u>	<u>10:00 a.m.</u>
July 7	Caleb Barber	Evan Hansberger
July 14	Sander Brunk	Damien Leckband
July 21	SERVICE IN THE PARK AT 10AM	
July 28	Paige Barber	Alaina Feit
August 4	Isaac Lowe	Anna Gordon

## NURSERY – 10:00 a.m. service only

July 7	Ryker Thier and Beth White
July 14	Elizabeth Gerdes, Angie Kopplow
July 21	SERVICE IN THE PARK AT 10AM
July 28	TJ Ostrem, Marlis Rohwer
August 4	Kenadie Thiner, Tammy Markus

Please remember to **arrive at least 15 minutes before the service begins.** If you cannot fulfill your scheduled date, please find a replacement and call the church office with the change, 376-6168.

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## JULY GREETERS SCHEDULE

*Please Note: If you are unable to fulfill your scheduled time, please find someone to switch with and then let the church office know of the change. Thank You.*

July 7	(8am)	John Galstad and Margaret Schroeder
	(10am)	Dave & Mary Krueger
July 14	(8am)	Stan & Betty Hotzler
	(10am)	Bruce & Bev Kness
July 21	(10am in the Park)	Lorna & Julie Buntjer; DuWayne & Carol Oberloh
July 28	(8am)	David & LaVonne Holt
	(10am)	Marlene Baumgarn and Marlene Jurgensen
August 4	(8am)	Barry & Kerry Sauer
	(10am)	Al & Gail DeGrote

***\*If you would like to be a Greeter, please contact Bev in the church office!***