

St. Matthew Lutheran Church

1505 Dover Street, Worthington, MN

June 2016 Newsletter

“The earth is the Lord’s, and everything in it, the world, and all who live in it, for he founded it upon the seas and established it upon the waters” Ps. 24:1-2

This Psalm of King David proclaims the Lord as the Creator, Sustainer, and Possessor of the whole world. From the beginning God created this world for our well-being and enjoyment; and there is no better time than to take advantage of God’s creation than in the summer. For many families and individuals it is time for cabin fun, vacations, and weekend trips. Unfortunately though, summer time activities can have a way of keeping us away from worship for extended amounts of time. Here are some suggestions for summer time worship as we enter into the warm and sunny months of the year:

1. If you know you have activities planned on the weekend, make plans to join us for our Wednesday night worship. The service starts at 6:00 pm, and usually will be done around 6:40 pm. This is a great way to stay connected to your Lord, and your church, during the fun-filled weekends of summer.
2. When you are away on vacation try to locate a nearby Christian church and go to worship. If you know ahead of time where you are going, I might be able to help you locate a congregation of our fellowship.
3. If it’s not possible to find a church where you are headed, why not plan and hold your own family devotions? This is a good way for families to worship their Lord, and reinforce their closeness at the same time. I have some good suggestions for family devotions if you would like some ideas.

Have a wonderful, safe, and enjoyable summer, but as you make plans to “get away from it all,” please don’t take a total vacation from your worshiping life. Our spiritual lives need to be continually connected to His grace, love, and forgiveness. Enjoy His wonderful creation, and all the other great blessing we receive from the hand of our Lord.

In Christ,
Pastor Mark

Youth and Family News

By Roxann Leckband

Noon fellowship will be on June 20th **PLEASE NOTE DATE CHANGE!** We meet in the Fireside room for a great meal and a time in God’s Word. The menu will consist of grilled bratwurst, hot dogs and potato salad. Come join us. Please bring a dish to pass, a free offering or just yourself. We would love to have you!

In place of young adult fellowship for the Summer, we will be **playing softball on Tuesday nights**. Please note the schedule on the newsletter calendar. You may also pick up a copy from the church. They are available on the table in the Great Hall. Bring your glove, the joy of the Lord and of the great outdoors for a “just for fun” game. If you definitely do not want to play, then come and cheer on our team.

Reminder NO Sunday School for the Summer months. Sunday school will resume September 11th.

Youth & Family News continued:

Please continue to bring your children to worship and make reading the Bible a part of your daily routine. *Jesus said "Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these." Matthew 19:14*

Family Night will be on June 26th from 5:00-6:30 PLEASE NOTE THE DATE CHANGE. We will have grilled hamburgers and hotdogs for our main entrée. There will be care and activities for the children. The date is changed due to Vacation Bible School orientation for the VBS counselors.

Mom's group will be meeting on June 3rd, 10th, and 24th. There will be **no** mom's group on June 17th due to VBS. Mom's group will meet from 10:00 to 11:30 a.m. There will be Bible story time, crafts, play time and snacks for the children. Please join us. It is a great time for the children and the moms.

The Worthington Area Youth Ministry Association (WAYMA) will once again be having a **community garden** with the produce to go to the local food pantries. If any adult is interested in gardening and would like to help please contact Roxie 376-6168. Our week for weeding/watering is July 3-July 9th.

Youth/parents please see the enclosed lime green sheet for dates and times that the youth/adults will be meeting to prepare for the National Youth Gathering.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL / DAY CAMP

VBS will be held **June 13 through June 17**. Everyone is welcome and we encourage your child to bring a friend. We will meet Monday through Thursday from 9:00am-3:00pm, and on Friday we will meet from 9:00am to 12:00 noon at Pioneer Village. Parents/guardians please note: on Friday, June 17 children are to be dropped off at Pioneer Village at 9am and picked up from Pioneer Village at 12 noon that day. Camp Omega will once again be providing the programming. Lunch will be provided every day for the children. **Please register by June 1st or shortly after that!** Registration forms are available on our church website, www.stmattheworthington.com and on the table in the Great Hall and at the Sanctuary entrance by the elevator. It is a REQUIREMENT of Camp Omega that registrations are completed BEFORE your child may attend. An Immunization Record must also be attached to the registration form. Thank You!

Ages of children that may attend our VBS are: those children who have completed Preschool through 5th grade (preschoolers must be potty trained). Children in 6th grade are welcome to register and be helpers. **A note regarding the ages listed:** you as parents/guardians will need to decide if your child is age appropriate for VBS activities. *If a child is very young and the staff feels he/she is too young, we will observe and contact the parent or guardian if needed.*

Volunteers are needed for Vacation Bible School, anyone who can help 1 day or every day, 1 hour or 6 hours per day please contact Roxie.

SUMMER WORSHIP SCHEDULE

We will be moving our Saturday night services to Wednesday nights for a trial basis from **June 1st through Labor Day**. Our Summer Worship Schedule is as follows:

Wednesday Worship at 6:00 p.m. *Coffee & Cookies served following service.

Sunday Worship at 8:00 a.m. (Traditional)

Sunday Worship at 10:30 a.m. (Contemporary)

***Note:** You can play a role in planning our Wednesday evening worship music! Pastor Mark will be asking the attendees on Wednesday nights to pick out their favorite hymns for the next week's service!

MUSIC & WORSHIP NEWS

“Earth and all stars! Loud rushing planets! Sing to the Lord a new song!” LSB 817

1. The adult choir and bell choir will be taking a break during the summer months. Thank you to Louise Clausen, Linda Lang, and our faithful choir members for sharing their musical gifts. We will continue to need people to provide special music for our services throughout the summer.
2. A big “thank you” to Ron Dorschner for his work tidying up all of the various cords in the worship band area. It looks great!
3. With the graduation of Dalton Petersen, we will continue to need drummers for our 10:30 service. Thanks, Dalton, for your service this past year!
4. We also are in great need of sound techs, particularly for our 8:00 AM service. Ed Henning, and Ryan and Sarah Kesler are leaving the area, and will no longer be available to serve us. We thank them for their excellent service in this important ministry.
5. Routine tuning of the church pianos and pipe organ will be done in early June, after the air conditioning has been in use for awhile. We are continuing to monitor the pipe organ for problems.
6. An outdoor service and picnic in honor of St. Matthew’s 125th is being planned for Sunday, July 24. The usual 8:00 AM service will still be held at St. Matthew, with the outdoor service at Chautauqua Park. Music, of course, will be an important part of this special day. Join us as we celebrate!
7. This summer Joy and I will be meeting together, and with other church leaders, to prayerfully consider the future direction for our music ministry at St. Matthew. As always, our sole focus will be on praising our risen Lord and Savior through God’s wonderful gift of music.

God’s Blessings,

Lorenda Glade and Joy Schreiber, Ministers of Music

THANK YOU

Thank you to Deb Langford, Jenola Dickman and Marvin Schroeder for all of your time and skills to make the “FAITH” quilts for our high school graduates. You gave so graciously of your time to help make a lasting memory for our St. Matthew High School graduates.

I would like to thank Pastor Mark for his prayers and my church family for the cards and best wishes I received for my birthday. God Bless you all.

Gene Schmidt

Sincere thanks for the prayers and words of concern when my daughter was injured and during her recovery. Thanks too for the cards and calls during my sister’s illness and recent death. Special thanks to Pastor Mark for his calls of concern and the heartfelt funeral service for my sister, Verla Ling. God Bless you all.

Maureen & Hank Hellinga

Many thanks to all who sent us cards for our 50th wedding anniversary. It was so wonderful to get the mail for those days following and feel the love. You are all a blessing to us and the rest of this church family. God Bless you all. We will continue this celebration in August when our children can all be home. They are planning an open house at St. Matthew’s Fellowship Hall on August 6th from 1:30 to 4:00 pm. Please join us. Let your presence be your gift.

David & Kathy Roslansky

CHURCH RECORDS

Baptisms

- Zakariya, Aliyah, and Zaydan Abdulrahman children of Heather Kleve were baptized May 7, 2016. Sponsors were: Michael & Vicki Baumgartner, Luke & Michelle Baumgartner, Henry & Ruth Finnern, Dawna Finnern, Holly Kleve, Kirk & Traci Feit and LaDean & Lori Fletcher.

New Members introduced to the congregation on May 15th were: Julie Bobb, Eric & Tammy Bremer, Doug Buntjer, Paul & Dawn Kazemba, Brendan Kazemba & Janae Vonk, Sandra Knop, JD Palm, Jerrit & Kerry Prints, Whitney Prins, Tracy Prins.

Transfers/Releases

- Alissa (Kness) Schrider
 - Paul & Kelly Karelis
 - Taya (Nelson) Johnson
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GRAIN OFFERINGS

One of the ways you may tithe to St. Matthew's is through a grain donation. A note about grain donations: Please contact the church office when you submit grain donations at the elevators for our church. The IRS does not permit elevators to submit a check to St. Matthew until we, the church, ask them to sell the grain and submit a check to us. Therefore, we ask that you, as donors, contact us and let us know there was grain donated and which elevator it is at. Thank You!

WEEKDAY BIBLE STUDIES FOR WOMEN

The Hope Circle will not be meeting in June, July or August. The Sarah Circle will meet on Tuesday, June 21st at 12:30 p.m. in the Fireside Room. The Martha Circle will meet on Thursday, June 16th at 1:30 p.m. in the Fireside Room.

LADIES' NIGHT OUT

St. Matthew LWML is **inviting all ladies to our annual "Ladies' Night Out" on Thursday, June 16th at 6:00 p.m.** It will be held in St. Matthew's Fellowship Hall.

The event will be a potluck salad and dessert meal. Please bring a dish to share.

Following the meal, we will have a presentation on Advance Care Planning by Lynn Dierks. Lynn will discuss planning for end of life decisions, family discussions, and expressing your wishes.

Please join us for an evening of great food, fellowship and valuable information.

Additional LWML news:

- The June 19 coffee hour will be hosted by the Sarah Circle.
 - Gifts from the Heart for the District Convention – if you wish please check the list on the bulletin board in the north church entrance. Kathy Roslansky will be attending the convention and will take your items along. Please leave donations at the church office by Thursday, June 23rd.
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St. Paul's Lutheran School in Fulda, MN is looking to add to its current teaching staff. If you are aware of possible candidates please contact the Board of Ed at stpaulsschoolboard@yahoo.com



Softball Team Schedule: It's not too late to join the St. Matthew's Church Softball Team! We are looking for players ages 14 and up. Games are played on Tuesday evenings at the Middle School fields. Please contact Roxie (376-6168). **Congregation – please come cheer on our team!**

The game schedule is as follows – Field #1 (South Field) and Field #2 (North Field):

May 24 at 6:30 pm – Field #1	July 5 – Make-up Week
May 31 at 6:30 pm – Field #1; 7:45pm - Field #2	July 12 at 6:30 and 9:00 pm – Field #2
June 7 at 6:30 pm – Field #2	July 19 at 9:00 pm – Field #2
June 14 at 6:30 pm – Field #2; 7:45pm - Field #1	July 26 at 6:30 and 9:00 pm – Field #1
June 21 at 6:30 and 9:00 pm – Field #1	August 2 – no game scheduled for our team
June 28 at 9:00 pm – Field #1	August 9 – Playoffs begin

ALTAR GUILD NEWS

Serving in June will be Velma Cortright and Alice White for the 8AM services. If you would like to be a part of the Altar Guild; please contact Velma Cortright, 376-5600 or Sandy Meyer, 376-6290.

SUNDAY MORNING COFFEE FELLOWSHIP

Every Sunday you are invited to join fellow worshippers following the 8 a.m. service for coffee, refreshments and fellowship in the basement Fellowship Hall. A free-will donation is received to cover the expenses and benefit the various missions. Maybe you or your church group would like to host a Sunday morning coffee fellowship? The first and second Sundays of the month there is opportunity for hosting the coffee hour. Please see the sign-up sheet located on the wall, by the door in the basement fellowship hall. **Please sign-up at least two weeks in advance.** Every third Sunday of the month the LWML hosts the coffee hour and proceeds are given to a Seminarian Student and every fourth Sunday of the month the Youth (YPOGs) host the coffee hour.

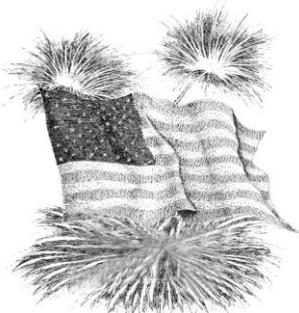


EMAILING NEWSLETTER

Did you know that you can receive your monthly newsletter via email? If you would like this option, please email Bev at stmatth@frontiernet.net. It will be a PDF file – so you will need Adobe Reader to open the document.

SOLES 4 SOULS

Are you cleaning out your closets and don't know what to do with shoes you no longer want? Donate them to "Soles4Souls". Your donation will enable individuals in the United States and around the world to step out of poverty. St. Matthew's participates in this wonderful ministry. You may place your shoe donations in the wooden cabinet, in the bin marked "Shoes" in the north/elevator entrance of the church. **Please note: they do not accept flip flops or single shoes.** Not only will your donation help those in need of shoes, but you are also providing work for the employees/consumers of Village Northwest!



**Make plans to attend the
"Red, White & Blue Coffee Hour"
Sunday – July 3rd at 9:15 a.m.
in the church basement.
Hosted by Cindy Brunk**

Highlights from the May 10, 2016 Church Council Meeting

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

Treasurer: April expenses were \$48,502.68; income was \$32,708.07; Building Fund income was \$4,175.00 and expenses were \$4,079.46 for a net loss for the month of \$15,699.07. The April expenses were higher due to yearly insurance that was paid. Building Loan Balance is \$44,555.91; there were \$1,421.00 in “Adopt A Day” donations received in April. Memorial Fund Balance is \$34,051.78 and Scholarship Fund total is \$617,285.25.

Staff Reports: *Pastor Mark* – Average weekend attendance in April was 322. Pastor attended PLI training in Austin, TX. Pictorial directories have arrived and may be picked up in the church office. 25 extra directories are available at a cost of \$25 for anyone who did not have their picture taken/submitted and would like to purchase one. Proceeds will go to the Building Fund. *Roxann Leckband* – Recognized 2016 graduates with a breakfast following the 8am service on April 24th, 8 of the 10 seniors participated. Family night was well attended with about 14 adults and 25 children present. Young Adult Night was held April 8th with 8 people in attendance. Mom’s group continues with some new people attending. Sudanese service continues every 3rd Sunday with 10-15 in attendance. Planning for National Youth Gathering July 16th-20th. Youth hosted a “Spa Day” on April 24th with about 40-45 in attendance. Jolene Rubis and I attended a four day conference entitled, “Introduction to the Concept and Practice of Parish Nursing at Concordia University in Mequon, WI.

Board of Trustees: Caulking along the east side of the Great Hall will need to be replaced this summer. Two water leaks in the roof of the Great Hall were repaired by ARS of Sioux Falls. The Architect for the Great Hall will be contacted about a couple of stress cracks in the wall of the Great Hall basement. The carpet in the Sacristy, Fireside Room and the front of the Sanctuary was cleaned. The roof of the Sanctuary got much worse over the winter with the east and west sides being the worst. Options for a new roof are a metal roof with standing seam, asphalt shingles, or metal shingles and will include 4” of insulation. Cost will be approximately \$200,000. Stained glass windows need to be repaired. Outer covers will be replaced and windows re-cemented and fixed. Windows are in good shape and valued at about \$750,000. Can borrow from the Lutheran Extension Fund to pay for both projects.

Board of Education: Plans finalized for Vacation Bible School to be held June 13th-17th; however more volunteers (age 6th grade and up) are needed. Looking at new curriculum for Sunday School in the fall.

New Business: Committee for constitutional review – St. Matthew’s has a lot of committees and some of them overlap. Want to form a committee to look at by-laws and all the various church committees. This will go hand-in-hand with the strategic planning. Pastor and Congregation President, Nathan Holt will appoint a committee.

Highlights from the April 24th Voters Meeting

Treasurer: Quarterly income of \$103,725.50; expenses of \$94,181.85. Building Fund income was \$4,765.00 with expenses of \$12,238.38. Building Loan balance is at \$49,895.25 (\$11,613.87 received in Adopt-A-Day program). Scholarship fund balance \$614,613.25. Memorial fund balance \$40,864.40.

Staff Reports: **Pastor Mark** – Wonderful Holy Week and Easter celebrations. Discussed plans for church staff and the need to do a better job of “loving one another” both within and outside of our congregation. For that purpose, Roxie Leckband will be reassigned as Director of Human Care. **Roxie** – Excited for the change of job responsibilities to Director of Human Care. Currently working on high school graduates, confirmation, mom’s group, National Youth Gathering. **Lorenda** – We are losing several sound and projector technicians, so more volunteers are needed! Many thanks to all who shared their talents for special music during Lent and Holy Week services. Repairs have been made to the organ. It has been suggested by our organ tuner/repairman that we consider upgrades to the organ console to avoid further problems with the organ.

Elders: Met with the leaders of the Boy Scouts and have come to an agreement that St. Matthew’s Charter with the Boy Scouts will end at the end of 2016. The Kiwanis in Worthington will take over the

Highlights from the April 24th Voters Meeting continued:

Charter in 2017. The Saturday evening services will be moved to Wednesday evenings for at trial basis over the summer. This allows members who are gone for a weekend to have an option to attend mid-week and will also provide two consecutive days off for Pastor Schreiber (Friday and Saturday).

Trustees: New picture display rack installed in the Narthex. The coat rack that was in that area has been renovated and moved to the basement level by the elevator. Based on a loss control survey conducted by Grinnell Mutual Insurance, the balcony railing was redesigned, built and installed to the correct height. Thanks to Gary Cortright for his work on this. Higher-speed internet has been installed to help with the transmission of the 8:00am. worship services on Cable TV. New LED lights have been installed in the church Sanctuary which will increase the lighting level by 50% while reducing the power consumption. The lamps are warranted for 5 years.

Board of Education: Last day of Sunday School will be May 15th and will resume September 11th. Vacation Bible School will be June 13-17.

Evangelism: Secret Prayer Intercessors will be revealed at the Confirmation Reception April 27th. We collect items such as silverware, plastic containers, plastic bags, sample size shampoos, etc for The Banquet in Sioux Falls. Please deposit your donations in the wooden collection box along the west wall of the basement.

Human Care: We continue to support the food shelf and Love INC with our GAP ministry of household cleaning products. We also participate in the Love INC Furniture Ministry – if you have any items to donate contact Love INC. Soles4Souls shoe ministry collection continues.

DCE Call Update: Call Committee received a list of 18 names from the District and narrowed that list down to 5 candidates. Interviews were conducted. Special Voters Meeting on May 15th to consider the call. Discussion was held regarding the DCE job description and the reasoning for calling a DCE instead of a second pastor. Pastor Schreiber explained that the hiring models favor hiring candidates to specialize in needed areas and matching of talents and skills for the job. With Roxie moving to Human Care, we will need a worker to specialize in youth ministry. Also, the shortage of pastoral workers would make it difficult to call a second pastor to St. Matthew.

Election of Officers: The ballot was presented and a unanimous ballot for officers was presented. There were no nominations from the floor. President – Nathan Holt, Vice-President: Greg Leckband, Secretary: Nancy Ihrke, Elders: LaDean Fletcher, Joel Lorenz, Jim Arnt, Trustees: Dick Thompson, Daryl Quiring, Bryon Spittle, Stewardship Chair: Steve Rubis. While there are some open positions in various committees, there seems to be some overlapping of duties with some committees so the Elders will be looking at combining committees and reducing the number of chairs and chair-elects that are needed.

Highlights from the Special Voters Meeting on May 15, 2016

1) The Call Committee has narrowed the choice of DCE candidates to Nathaniel Brewer. Mr. Brewer was born in Springfield, Illinois, the son of a Lutheran pastor, and moved to California at age 14. He has a BA in Theological Studies from Concordia, Irvine, California. He states that his strengths are teaching and relationship building and enjoys youth of all ages. 2) New Roof Needed for Sanctuary - Pictures of the roof were distributed for review. There was a lot of deterioration of the shingles over the past winter. Estimated cost will be around \$200,000 to replace the roof. Discussion was held regarding metal versus asphalt shingles. Metal shingles carry a 50 year warranty; asphalt shingles a 30 year warranty. If approved, the Trustees propose that we add the cost of the new roof to the current LCEF loan for the Great Hall. Insulation would also be added during the roof replacement to an R 24 value. Authorized the Trustees to solicit bids for steel and asphalt roof replacement and use their discretion in selection of the contractor and material to be used; and to also include adding the cost of replacement to the existing LCEF Loan. Ken Meyer of the Trustees also presented a request for repair of the outside stained glass windows in the Sanctuary. Estimate for repair is \$35,000 for the windows currently valued at \$750,000. Authorized the Trustees to contract for repair of the stained glass windows and to also add this repair to the LCEF loan.

TECH CREW PEOPLE NEEDED

YOUR HELP IS DESPERATELY NEEDED! Due to three of our current 8am sound techs/projectionists leaving the area in May/June, we **desperately need some people to step forward to help with this vital part of our ministry.** We need additional techs at both services, but particularly for the 8:00AM services. **Training and support will be provided.** Thank you for prayerfully considering this need.

JUNE ACOLYTE & NURSERY SCHEDULE

ACOLYTES

<u>Date</u>	<u>8 AM</u>	<u>10:30 AM</u>
June 5	Austin Heimgartner	Traeton Holt
June 12	Jennifer Preuss	Jace Paplow
June 19	Chad Buntjer	Jake Ahrenstorff
June 26	Austin Barber	Tyler Wolford
July 3	Brandon Arzu-Bustad	Christopher Leckband

NURSERY (10:30 service only)

June 5	Laci Boomgarden, Gail Holinka
June 12	Jessalyn Broesder, Marlis Rohwer
June 19	MacKenzie Meyeraan, Jessica Larson
June 26	Ivy Paplow, Kham Holeton
July 3	Alyssa Bosma, Beth White

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.

Thank You!

JUNE 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.

June 5	(8 am) (10:30)	Gary & Velma Cortright Joel & Kim Rogers
June 12	(8 am) (10:30)	Stan & Betty Hotzler Kevin & Danika Schmidt
June 19	(8 am) (10:30)	Elden Ponto, Ilona Benson Dave & Mary Krueger
June 26	(8 am) (10:30)	Vern & Marilyn Meyer Byron & Marlene Baumgarn
July 3	(8 am) (10:30)	Ron Markman, Karen Schwartz Cheri Schmidt, Marlene Jurgensen

****If you would like to be a Greeter, please contact Bev in the church office and she will add you to the list!***

125th Anniversary Event

July 24, 2016

Chautauqua Park

10am Worship Service

at the Band Shell

followed by a Picnic

Hamburgers, brats, beans, chips,
root beer and water will be served!

**We ask the congregation to sign-up to bring a pan
of bars. The sign-up sheet will be on the north
entrance bulletin board beginning June 26th.**

Please wear your 125th Anniversary
T-shirts and bring your lawn chairs.

*(We still have some t-shirts available for you to
purchase for just \$10. Contact the church office.)*

Lawn games will also be available.

Remember our 125th Anniversary “Adopt-A-Day”!

We would like to pay-off our current Building
Loan in 2016! An “Adopt-A-Day” calendar is
available across from Pastor Schreiber’s office

for you to pick the day(s) you would like
to adopt for just \$125/day!

Please mark all donations for this as “Adopt A Day” THANK YOU!