

St. Matthew Lutheran Church

1505 Dover Street, Worthington, MN

June 2018 Newsletter

Fellowship of Believers

“They devoted themselves to the apostles’ teaching and to the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer” Acts 2:42.

Please do Not Neglect Your Worship Life this Summer.

The June newsletter is the easiest newsletter for me to write each year because I recycle the same three points below each year. I don’t feel bad about this because I think they are good reminders for us all as we head into the summer months.

The simple truth is summer is a time when attendance at worship experiences a sharp decline. For many families and individuals it is time for summer fun, vacations, and weekend trips. Summer activities may keep us away from our church on occasion, but we certainly don’t need to be away from our Savior.

Please do not neglect your worship life this summer. We constantly need the spiritual strength that the Word and Sacrament provide for us at worship. Here the same summer time suggestions I have made the past several years:

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 is usually done by 6:35. 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 good, safe, and enjoyable summer, but as you make plans to “get away from it all,” please don’t get away from your Savior. Our spiritual lives can’t afford to be away from His grace, love, and forgiveness for long and remain healthy. Let us continually **devote** ourselves “to the apostles’ teachings, fellowship, breaking of bread, and prayer,” as Christians have done for hundreds of years.

In Christ,
Pastor Mark

St. Matthew’s has an App!

You may download the St. Matthew’s APP onto your phone, tablet, etc. Simply, go to your App Store and search for: **St. Matthew Worthington MN**. It will be a Missouri Synod white cross with a red background. It takes very little data to download the app. Please allow for push notifications. You will then have access to videos of past sermons, our Facebook site, our website, and upcoming activities! Contact the church office if you have any questions.



SUMMER WORSHIP SCHEDULE

June - We will have Wednesday evening services at 6 p.m. On Sundays we will continue with our 8 a.m. Traditional service and our 10:30 a.m. Contemporary services. Then a change =

July and August – we will have Wednesday evening services at 6 p.m. and one single blended service on Sundays at 9 a.m. *There will be NO service on Wednesday, July 4th.*



We're having a Neighborhood Block Party!

When: Wednesday, June 13

Time: 5-7 p.m.

Please join us to welcome our community neighbors!

There will be FREE food, games, bike drawings, Hy-Vee gift card drawing and lots of fun! We will also have registration for our VBS.

Our 6pm worship service will still take place.

LET'S ENJOY FELLOWSHIP WITH OUR CHURCH NEIGHBORS!



Director of Human Care Ministries

By Roxann Leckband

Jesus went through all the towns and villages, teaching in their synagogues, preaching the good news of the kingdom and healing every disease and sickness. When he saw the crowds, he had compassion on them because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. Then he said to his disciples, “The harvest is plentiful but the workers are few. Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field. Matthew 9:35-38

As a worker within St Matthew Lutheran Church I have become more and more aware of the needs of our congregational members and the needs within our community. I am here to serve our congregation members with a “servant–heart.” Then make my joy complete by being like-minded having the same love being one in spirit and purpose. Phil 2:2

A role of the Parish Nurse is to care for the members of the congregation and also other members of the ministry team here at St Matthew Lutheran. I am blessed to share a ministry with great Christian people. Their care and concern for each member of the ministry team is demonstrated on a regular basis as they serve here at St Matthew. In reflecting back to Matthew 9, scripture speaks of Jesus going out to care for people with different challenges and he sends the disciples with much to do and few to do the work. Do we have the same situation today?

I believe we do have the same situation as we look at sister congregations without a Shepherd (Pastor). We at St. Matthew’s are blessed to have a great Pastor. We are blessed to have other members of the ministry team (workers) such as Directors of Music, Director of Youth Ministry, Administrative Assistant, Treasurer, Custodian and all of our Boards of Ministry. Please keep all these people in your prayers.

I read in a publication Eight Prayers You Should Regularly Pray For Your Pastor by Stephen Altrogge in Prayer.

We should pray for:

#1 - For Protection From Satan

If Satan can take down a shepherd of God’s people, the odds are much higher that God’s people will scatter. (WE know the challenges here at St. Matthew’s when we do not have a Pastor. If one thinks back we can remember the challenges we faced during those vacancies. There are not enough Pastors to fill vacancies within in our Synod.

#2 - For Protection against His Own Sinful Heart

Pray for your Pastor that he would be on guard against the lies of sin.

#3 - For Deep Spiritual Encouragement

Pastoral ministry can be brutal, discouraging work. Pastors find themselves in the midst of terrible situations on a regular basis. It is also challenging because they don’t see progress in the same sense that other jobs do.

#4 - For Wisdom

James 1:5 “If any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask God who gives generously to all without reproach, and it will be given him.” Many elements of pastoral ministry are not black and white. Pastors need God’s wisdom to navigate these gray areas.

#5 - For Doctrinal Faithfulness

2 Timothy 1:14 “By the Holy Spirit who dwells within us, guard the good deposit entrusted to you.” Pastors can be tempted to modify or even abandon Biblical doctrines for a variety of reasons. They need God’s grace to stay faithful to the good deposit of God’s Word.

Director of Human Care Ministries continued:

#6 - For A Healthy Body

Ministry can take a tremendous toil on a Pastor’s body. Long nights at the hospital, high stress situations and ever present discouragement can lead to burnout and body betrayal. Not only do pastors need spiritual strength, they need physical strength as well. Pray for your pastor that he would be sustained in body and mind.

#7 - For A Strong Marriage and Family

Church history is littered with the skeletons of pastors whose marriages and families fell apart under the strain of pastoral ministry. And as 1 Timothy states, if a pastor can’t manage his family, how can he manage the church of God? Satan loves to sabotage a pastor’s family and your pastor needs prayer that God will give him a healthy marriage and family.

#8 - For Meaningful Friendships

Proverbs 18:24 “A man of many companions may come to ruin, but there is a friend who sticks closer than a brother.” Pastoral ministry can be surprisingly lonely. Something about being in a position of leadership isolates the man. People look to him to be a teacher and leader, not to be their close friend. Pastors need close friends who will encourage them, hold them accountable, and push them toward Christ.

Sustained By Prayer

In some ways, pastors are sustained by the prayers of their people. Obviously, God is the one who ultimately sustains pastors, but one of his primary means is through prayers of pastors.

When it comes to why you should pray for your pastor, take the words of Charles Spurgeon to heart: *No man can do me a truer kindness in this world than to pray for me.*

Please note for this complete writing by Stephen Altrogge go to the Blazing Center. You can follow him on Twitter and Facebook.

In conclusion we must all be mindful of the needs pastors have, we are blessed to have Pastor Mark. Let us all show support for him as we raise him up in prayer.

In the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod there are approximately 300 congregations in need of a pastor and a total of 99 candidates graduating from the Seminaries ready for a call.

May God richly bless you and keep you!

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PLEASE note if you are hospitalized, if you would like someone to visit, pray for you or give you a call please contact me, the church office or Pastor at 376-6168. I would be happy to visit and assist you as I am able. We cannot help if we do not know!

Mom’s Group will be looking a little different this summer. We will be meeting in the park across from the church. We will continue to meet on Fridays from 10:30 until 11:30. Please check on Fridays to confirm meetings at Facebook - MomsGroup@St.Matts . It will be posted by 9:00 a.m. **There will definitely be NO group on June 22 due to VBS.**

Noon Fellowship will be on June 11 at 12:00 with blood pressures beginning at 11:30 a.m. for those who would like it taken. We will be having chicken noodle casserole; strawberry fluff salad and dinner rolls will be provided. Please feel free to bring a dish to pass, a free-will offering or just yourself. We would love to have you. The attendance has been very good with approximately 30-35. Remember - anyone may attend.

Director of Human Care Ministries continued:

FOOD MINISTRY: We will be starting something new here at St Matthew's. For anyone who likes to cook and can spare a little time I would love to have you join us June 26th at 1:00pm in the church kitchen. If you would like to bring ingredients for your favorite hot dish and cookies that would be great. You can prepare the items here at the church. I will have meat for casseroles and cookies to be prepared here on June 26th as well. We will place the food in containers to be frozen. The food can then be a blessing to families who have lost a loved one, who were recently discharged from the hospital, a family with a new baby, a family whose loved one has been undergoing medical treatments, etc. Please notify me at stmatthumancare@gmail.com or call 376-6168 if you are interested in participating. Thank you in advance for participating in this ministry.



Vacation Bible School/Day Camp is June 18 - 22

Greetings! VBS time is just around the corner! Everyone is welcome and we encourage your child to bring a friend. We will meet Monday – Thursday (June 18-21) from 9:00am-3:00pm here at the church.

On Friday, June 22 we will meet from 9:00am to 12:00 noon at Pioneer Village.

Parents/guardians please note: on Friday, June 22 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. The theme for this year's **VBS/Day Camp** is "Anchored In Faith." We added a little more to it looking at the remodeling here at the church, so our theme is "Building God's Kingdom-Anchored in Faith." We are looking forward to a great week. We will no doubt encounter a few challenges with construction going on, but we will be able to deal with it. With God all things are possible!

Registration forms are available on our church website, www.stmattheworthington.com, on the table in the Great Hall, and on the table across from the church office. A phone call is also acceptable notifying us your child will be attending. The registration form will then be available at the door on Monday, June 18th for you to complete. It is a REQUIREMENT of Camp Omega that registrations are completed BEFORE your child may attend.

Ages of children that may attend our VBS are: those children who are ages Preschool (3 years old) 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.*

We are looking forward to a lot of fun doing games, crafts, singing, and Bible stories. We can always use helpers, please let Roxie know if you would like to help. **We look forward to seeing the children!**

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 19th at 12:30 p.m. in the Fireside Room. The Martha Circle will meet on Thursday, June 21st at 1:30 p.m. in the Fireside Room.

CHURCH RECORDS

Baptisms

- Paige Claire Gruis, daughter of Brandon & Kristen Gruis was baptized March 20. Sponsors are: Mikaela Penaredondo and Julie Dierks.

Deaths

- Gordon Varuska passed away May 17; funeral service was held on May 21.
- Gary Bremer passed away May 19; a private family service was held on May 24.

New Members

- Merle & Connie Janssen

Transfer Out

- Jessica Brassfield
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MUSIC & WORSHIP NEWS

During the past several months, we have been taking a closer look at our Lutheran Worship Service. In this final part, we will share how we offer ourselves to God through our offerings, and how Christ offers Himself to us through His body and blood. These articles on Lutheran liturgical worship have been adapted from a Bible Study prepared by Pastor Tom Schuetze, Zion Lutheran Church, Atlanta, GA.

Following the sermon are the Prayers of the Church. In our corporate prayers, we pray God to fulfill our needs, the needs of the Church, and the needs of all people.

We then offer our gifts to the Lord through our tithes and offerings. In our traditional service, there is usually special music during the offering. In our contemporary service, the Worship Band leads a song that offers praise and glory to God.

Now we approach the second high point of our Lutheran liturgy, the Sacrament of Holy Communion, in which the Lord comes to bless us with His very body and blood. In the Preface, the Pastor and congregation pray for and assure each other of the Lord's presence: "The Lord be with you" "And also with you". Then comes the invitation to "lift up your hearts" and to "give thanks to the Lord, our God". In our traditional service, the congregation joins together in singing the "Sanctus". We join our voices and joyfully sing, "Holy, Holy, Holy, Blessed is He comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest!"

We pray together the prayer which the Lord Himself taught us. The Lord's Prayer is the distinctive property of Christians. We are here reminded that we are together in the family of God, that at this Communion table we are not many individuals, but one body, brothers and sisters in the faith, whose spiritual welfare is closely linked together.

The Pastor now speaks the Words of Institution. These are the words which our Lord spoke on the night He was betrayed. They make the celebration of the Lord's Supper not just a pious custom but a Sacrament instituted by Christ Himself. Our Savior assures us that He is bodily present to give us forgiveness and fellowship with Him. With these words the Pastor consecrates the bread and wine, setting them apart for holy use.

In the "Pax Domini" the Pastor prays that the "Peace of God be with you all". We in turn pray for our pastor with the words "And also with you". We then share the Peace of God with our brothers and sisters prior to receiving Holy Communion. In our traditional service, we sing the "Agnus Dei", petitioning Christ to show us His mercy.

We now come reverently before the altar of God, humbly to receive Christ into our lives. As He once gave Himself for us on the altar of the cross, so He now gives Himself to us on the altar of the Sacrament.

Music & Worship News continued:

In this way He assures each of us personally that the blessings He won for all sinners on the cross (forgiveness, life, and salvation) most certainly belong to each of us. Hymns and worship songs are sung during the distribution, and it is also fitting that each of us spends time in prayer before and after receiving the Lord's Supper.

As our Communion service ends, the pastor offers a prayer of thanksgiving to God. The worship service concludes with the words of the "Benediction"--"The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you. The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace". With the sign of the cross the pastor reminds us that all of this is ours through the cross and merits of Jesus Christ, our Lord.

We sing a closing hymn in praise and glory to God. We go forth, knowing that our sins are forgiven, strengthened by God's Holy Word, and fed by the very body and blood of Christ, to serve our Lord and Savior in our daily lives. God does not desire us to just "go to church", but to go forth and BE the church to the people He brings our way in the days ahead, until we once again gather for worship.

Lorenda Glade, Joy Schreiber, Directors of Music

THANK YOU

*Thank you for the cards and birthday wishes on my 85th birthday. God has been very good to me.
Thank you.*

Hank Hellinga

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.

ALTAR GUILD NEWS

Serving in June will be Marge Ruesch & Sandy Meyer 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.

*It's that time of year...high school graduations, garage sales, etc. If the need for tables and chairs arises, remember, you **MUST check with the church office FIRST before borrowing anything** from the church. **Arrangements must be made through the church office for pickup and return times.** **Roasters are NOT to leave the church kitchen.***

Thank You



LADIES' NIGHT OUT

St. Matthew LWML is **inviting all ladies to our annual "Ladies' Night Out" on Thursday, June 7th 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 from Bev Kness about their recent 14-month trip with American's Great Loop Cruisers Association. They traveled over 7,000 miles and visited three countries: Eastern US, Canada, and the Bahamas.

Please join us for an evening of great food and fellowship. Bring a friend!

Additional LWML news:

- The June 17 coffee hour will be hosted by the Martha Circle.



INTENTIONAL EVANGELISM CHALLENGE MOMENT

What is your **SHAPE**? Your **S**piritual gifts, **H**eart, **A**bilities, **P**ersonality and **E**xperiences? Look at how God shaped you for ministry to serve others. God wants to use your talents and gifts to help other people. Every time you do that, it's ministry! Pray...Lord, show me how to fit together in the Body of Christ for your good! AMEN

Pastor Dennis & Jan Brech Celebrate 50 Years!

Pastor Dennis Brech was our "Fill-in Pastor" before Pastor Mark Schreiber came to us. Therefore, many of you have come to know Pastor Dennis & Jan well. Therefore...

The children of Pastor Dennis & Jan Brech request the pleasure of your company as they celebrate their parents' 50th wedding anniversary on July 15, 2018 from 3:30-7:30 p.m. at the Hadley Community Center, 150 S. Main Street, Hadley, MN 56151. We are planning the following:

3:30 Meet and Greet

4:15 Family Performances and Speeches

5:00-6:00 Dinner (Yum)

5:30-7:30 Polka Band

We are looking forward to celebrating with you.

The invitation and a sign-up sheet are posted on the north/elevator entrance bulletin board. Please reply by June 15.

Highlights from the April 29th Voters Meeting

Treasurer: For the first quarter ending on March 31, 2018 = Income \$80,542.37, Expenses \$107,674.82. Checkbook balance \$47,165.51. Building Fund Income \$1,815.00, Building Fund Expense \$0.00. Building Loan Balance \$0.00. Scholarship Fund Balance: \$699,538.72. Memorial Fund Balance: \$163,690.58. Youth Account: \$29,654.08. For the First Quarter, we have a \$25,317.45 deficit overall.

Staff Reports: **Pastor Mark** – Very impressed and encouraged with the great attendance at the Holy Week and Lent services. Received numerous complements and having the meals and fellowship prior to Wednesday services definitely were appreciated. Have set a goal for the next quarter to try to get to know our neighbors by hosting a Neighborhood Block Party in June. We need to identify the needs of our neighbors and what can we as a church do to encourage them to come to our church. **Roxie** – Continuing to move forward with establishing a food ministry where food would be prepared and then frozen. Would be taken to those in need. Walking Ministry and Faithfully Fit exercise class will resume in the fall season. Everyone that attended the adult mission trip to Corpus Christi, TX had a great experience. We are in need of someone to be the representative contact person for our church for the Love INC furniture delivering ministry. Thank you to Bob Westphal & Craig Edwards for delivering this past month. **Jenna** – 7th-12th grade youth went to the Grace Church in January for “No Apologies Purity Event” and we won 10 free tickets to Risefest in Sheldon this year. 34 youth and chaperones will be going on a mission trip to Wasilla, Alaska. This group has been meeting monthly to prepare. Will be taking a group of Junior High and some High School youth to Minneapolis for a short mission trip July 22-25. This will be with an organization called “Good in the Hood.” Hosted a Sweetheart Banquet that was well attended. A group of adults, families and youth went to Great Bear in Sioux Falls for snow tubing. Pastor Schreiber and Jenna took a group of youth to a “Newsboys” concert at the Washington Pavilion. High School Seniors have been meeting once a month for fellowship. A monthly Pray and Play night for Junior High youth meets monthly. Youth served the Easter Breakfast. We took 20 youth to Air Madness in Harrisburg, SD for A.M.E.N. night. Youth sold 160 dozen hoagies. Looking for more adults from our congregation to be mentors for our High School Youth. **Lorenda** – Had some blended worship services during Lent. Holy Week had “music filled” worship services. We thank all of our musicians for using their talents to the Glory of God. We also thank our sound techs for their extra efforts. Routine tuning and maintenance of the pipe organ and pianos will be scheduled soon. Plans are getting underway for moving the current music room to the upper floor.

Elders: Have been having monthly Elder trainings at our meetings led by Pastor. Had AED training. Have been looking at revising current bylaws. Will need to form an audit committee of 3 volunteers. If interested, contact Tim Hansberger. Church App is going now, thanks to Pastor’s assistance. Encourage everyone to download it. If you are interested in being on a technology committee, contact any Elder.

Trustees: General upkeep and maintenance done.

Evangelism: Have had some discussion about having the confirmation students know who their intercessor is at the beginning of the year. Have set January 26, 2019 as our next service date at The Banquet in Sioux Falls.

Revitalization Remodeling Update: Katie Hansen is working on recommendations for colors of flooring and wall paint. The windows are scheduled to be replaced in mid-June; air conditioning should be done soon; work on lower level is scheduled to start after Sunday School concludes; no definite changes to the Chapel have been made yet. It was voted at the Special Voters Meeting on March 25 to keep the fireplace in the Fireside Room.

Election of Officers: A unanimous ballot was passed and those filling upcoming opening spots are: President – Nathan Holt; Vice President: Ron Iverson; Secretary: Nancy Ihrke; Elders – Joel Lorenz, Chris Luther, Kevin Schmidt; Trustees: Bryon Spittle, Jerry Vogt, Lynn Brunk. It was explained that no names are being presented for the remaining board positions open due to possible bylaw changes that are proposed.

April 29 Voters Meeting Highlights continued:

Proposed By-law Changes: Proposed changes were presented, as had been previously presented at the special meeting in March. Changes are suggested to combine some boards that have a similar focus.

Proposed Changes are:

- 1) Article V page 12: Revised language would state: There shall be elected by the Voter's Assembly a congregation President, Vice President, and Secretary; one Elder for every one hundred and fifty confirmed members; five Trustees; chair, Board of Christian Education; **chair, Board of Missions and Evangelism; and chair, Board of Stewardship and Finance.**
- 2) Revised language for Article VII on page 13 would state the following: The Church Council shall be composed of the pastors; full-time designated staff; the President; the Vice-President; the Secretary; the Treasurer; the Chairman of Board of Elders; the Chair of Board of Trustees; the Chair Board of Christian Education; **the Chair, Board of Stewardship and Finance; and Chair, Board of Missions and Evangelism.**
- 3) Article VII on page 14: Correct sentence to state: the responsibility to **ensure** that expenditures by.
- 4) Article VII on page 15: **The Treasurer shall have responsibility for: (1) keeping and disbursing all monies of the congregation according to the congregational regulations and resolutions, and keep an exact record of all financial transactions; (2) keep all receipts, vouchers, and bank balance sheets until the auditing committee has made its annual audit; (3) submit financial reports at regular meetings of the Voters Assemble and the Church Council, showing receipts and expenditures for the period since the previous reports, and demonstrating to the fullest extent possible the relationship of actual contributions and expenditures to income and expenses as expected according to the budget of the Voters Assembly. The Treasurer may use the services of the financial secretary in assisting with congregational record keeping duties.**
- 5) Article VII on page 16, under Trustees paragraph, highlight that they may spend no more than **two thousand dollars.**
- 6) Article VII on page 16, change to state: The **Board of Stewardship and Finance** shall consist
- 7) Article VII on page 17, change to state: The **Board of Missions and Evangelism** shall consist
- 8) Article VII on page 18, change language to state: prepare a budget to be proposed to the Voters Assembly at its **October** meeting instead of April as this is what is currently being done.
- 9) Questions were asked about the current treasurer position that is a paid volunteer position if this is considered a professional staff position and would it be eligible for benefits under the Concordia Insurance Plan and workman's compensation. Elders will look into this and report back at next voters meeting. Main change to treasurer language is the elimination of a 2-year term. Concern was expressed about not having a typed copy of the bylaws and proposed language changes available at meeting for members to review before a vote is taken. Question about why change to less boards and committees and Tim explained that that there have been 2 open Board Chairpersons on the council for over a year. People are Board Chair position terms end on July 1st and will not have anyone to fill these elected positions. Motion was made by John Galstad to move forward with a temporary resolution to follow proposed board chair positions until bylaws have been voted on at a later date. Motion failed for lack of a second. Motion was made by Lenny Ruesch and seconded by Sandie Spittle to accept bylaw proposed changes until further discussion and vote at July voters meeting. Motion carried. Question was asked if could publicize proposed changes in church newsletter prior to July meeting. Nathan asked if anyone was willing to assist Tim Hansberger and Dan Roos with the proposal to contact him.

Meeting adjourned at 12:45 p.m. with the Lord's Prayer.

Highlights from the May 8, 2018 Church Council Meeting

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

Treasurer: April expenses were \$39,694.65. Income was \$38,829.50. Building Fund income was \$1,034.00. Net income for the month was \$168.85. Balance in the General Fund Checking Account on April 30, 2018 was \$47,334.36. Memorial Fund balance is \$138,683.69. Scholarship Fund balance is \$704,021.64. Youth account monthly report was \$35,061.05.

Staff Reports: *Pastor Mark* – Average weekend attendance was 250. Contacted by Main Street Living and asked if would be willing to conduct a service that would be televised on KDLT NBC station in Sioux Falls, SD. This is a ministry of the SD District of LCMS. They are expanding their ministry to include SW MN & NW IA, since the broadcast is available in these areas. It is aired Sunday morning at 10:00 am. The first 30 minutes are a children's program and then there is a sermon and prerecorded music provided by a choir. Each Sunday there is a different pastor that provides the sermon and chooses the music. There is no cost as this program is funded solely on individual donations. Would advertise in our newsletter and Sunday bulletin. I'm aware that some of our shut-ins have watched this program. This summer I will be doing 4-week series for our services. First month will be on 1st John, second month will be "Facing Your Giants" and third month will be "Extreme Home Makeover." We have had 84 people download our church app so far with over 400 views logged. We can send push notifications to select pre-programmed groups. Encourage members to send or share with anyone. *Roxie* – VBS is coming up. Have been reaching out to some of our members that have been having significant medical issues. Sudanese service continues to be held once a month in the Chapel with 15-20 in attendance. Softball team will be coached by Michael Preuss. Need to recruit players. *Jenna* – Youth and chaperones going on the Alaska trip this summer have been meeting once a month for planning all the details. Youth Board decided to use the money designated in the Memorial Fund to assist with this trip, instead of taking from the budgeted amount in the general account. Youth and parents assembled 160 dozen hoagies. Thank you to Thrivent Financial for helping with some of the expenses for this fundraiser. Youth helped out a congregation member with picking up sticks. *Lorenda* – Organ and piano tuning with take place soon. Have been reading reviews and looking at keyboards in the \$500 price range for the Sunday School youth.

Elders: Will be working with Nathan Holt to form an audit committee that would meet this summer. Will be working to get possible by-law changes posted at least 1 month prior to next quarterly voters meeting.

Trustees: Worked on garage doors, but still reports of having problems with them. Thanks to Dick Thompson and Daryl Quiring for their services as they will be ending their terms on June 30.

Board of Education: Have decided not to offer Sunday School this summer.

Evangelism: Continue to have Intentional Evangelism Challenge Moment in every Sunday bulletin for one more month. The Banquet has developed an "Angels" program that anyone can check daily to see if additional help to serve a meal is needed and volunteer to help.

Human Care: Prayer Shawl ministry has made 24 shawls and 12 lap robes. Currently have 11-12 ladies that are making these and also hats/caps. Have delivered 12 shawls to the Hospice Cottage and 1 to a church family. Two lap robes have been delivered to congregational members at the nursing home. Have lots of yarn, knitting needles, and crochet hooks that have been donated. Contact Deb if interested in joining. Have a meeting every other month.

New Business: Every Monday night has been designated "church work night" for the remodeling project. Anyone is welcome to come and help with whatever project might be that night. Ken Meyer and Ron Iverson coordinate the work nights. This will help reduce some of the costs of labor. Tammy Brunk reported that she has received 10 pledge cards so far, with some money also being donated. President Nathan will be appointing a by-law steering committee to review all by-laws, recommend changes, and receive input from members. Goal is to have leaders of committees to head up a group of people that they recruit, to coordinate certain events or needs. This will be reorganizing how the ministry of the church is done. Goal will be to try to have the bylaws or constitution match how things currently operate. Pastor shared copies of an example of this concept. Will have a goal of having recommendations ready to be

May 8, 2018 Council Meeting Highlights continued:

presented at next quarterly voters meeting. Discussion about the Neighborhood Block Party took place. Will be held on June 13th from 5:00-7:00 p.m. Will be held in the church parking lot, so will need to block off most of it. The regular Wednesday evening service will still take place at 6:00 p.m. Next planning meeting for this will be on Sunday, June 3rd at 9:30 a.m.
Next Council Meeting will be on June 12, 2018 at 5:30 p.m.

TECH CREW PEOPLE NEEDED

We need some people to step forward to help with this vital part of our ministry, so our current operators do NOT get “burned out.” We desperately need the following:

- Sound Operators for both the 8am and 10:30am services.
- Camera operators for the 8am services.
- Projector (screen) Operators for the 8am services. *(If you can move your finger you can do this.)*

Training and support will be provided. We are very flexible with the scheduling. The more people we have – the less you will be scheduled – “More people makes less work!” **Thank you for prayerfully considering helping out in this wonderful and vital ministry for our church!**

JUNE ACOLYTE & NURSERY SCHEDULE

ACOLYTES

Date	8 AM	10:30 AM	<u>NURSERY (10:30 service, except July 1)</u>
June 3	Lance Gordon	Brandon Bosma	Sierra Goedtke, Gail Holinka
June 10	Austin Barber	Mark Geertsema	Logan Meyeraan, Tammy Markus
June 17	Hannah Henning	Sierra Goedtke	Presley Sieve, Danika Schmidt
June 24	Calah Ling	Damien Leckband	Jake Ahrenstorff, _____
July 1	9AM -	Evan Hansberger	Carson Wolford, 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 3	(8 am) (10:30)	Kent Brunk; Cindy Brunk LaDean & Lori Fletcher
June 10	(8 am) (10:30)	Stan & Betty Hotzler DuWayne & Carol Oberloh
June 17	(8 am) (10:30)	Bonnie Tille; Sue Koob Kevin & Danika Schmidt
June 24	(8 am) (10:30)	Leonard & Marjorie Ruesch Dave & Mary Krueger
July 1	(9 am)	Cheri Schmidt; Marlene Jurgensen; Ilona Benson

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