

St. Matthew Lutheran Church

1505 Dover Street, Worthington, MN

October 2019 Newsletter



Church Records

Deaths

- Larry Ruesch passed away September 5; funeral service was held September 11.
- Rev. Ron Yungmann passed away September 7; there was a private family service.

Wedding

- Alivia Rowley & Heath Kingery were united in marriage on August 31.

New Members

- Jared Kopplow
- Marilyn Sorensen
- Deb Homan



Serving in October will be: Nancy Junker and 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.

Thank you to all the Altar Guild members who signed up to serve for October 2019-September 2020.

WEEKDAY BIBLE STUDIES FOR WOMEN

The Sarah Circle will meet on Tuesday, October 15th at 12:30 p.m. in the Fireside Room. The Hope Circle will meet on Tuesday, October 15th at 5:15 p.m. in the Youth Room. The Martha Circle will meet on Thursday, October 17th at 1:30 p.m. in the Fireside Room.

SUNDAY MORNING COFFEE FELLOWSHIP

You are invited to the Coffee Fellowship each Sunday morning from 9:00-9:30 a.m. in the church basement. A free-will donation is received to benefit the various projects. **On the first and second Sundays of the month, and the 5th Sunday (when it happens) there is opportunity for your church group to host a coffee hour.** Please sign-up on the sheet in the church basement when you plan to host the coffee hour. *Please sign-up at least two weeks in advance.* The third Sunday of the month, the LWML sponsors the coffee hour and all proceeds are given to a seminarian student. The fourth Sunday of the month, the youth sponsor the coffee hour. Proceeds go to support their various activities

GRAIN OFFERINGS - Any farmers that would like to make a donation to our church using loads of grain may do so by simply telling the grain elevator, and then calling the church office. **THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!**



Harvest Dinner

Sunday, October 27th

Serving: 11:30am-1:00pm

A "Free-will Offering" will be received for the meal.

Come enjoy a scrumptious Turkey Dinner of:
Roasted turkey, mashed potatoes & gravy,
dressing, green beans, rolls and delicious
homemade pies!

There will also be a Bake Sale of homemade goodies.
The LWML Bookstore will also have boxed cards
available to purchased.

**PRAISE GOD FROM WHOM ALL
BLESSINGS FLOW!**



Take-Out and Deliveries will be available. Delivery is only within the City of Worthington. Please call the church office, 376-6168 by 3:00pm on Friday, October 25 to sign-up for a delivered meal.



2019 VINE AND BRANCHES CONFERENCE

"CREATING GOD: AUTHOR OF SCIENCE"

Saturday, October 5, 2019

HERE AT St. Matthew Lutheran Church

9:00 AM - 3:00 PM

(Registration 8:30am)

The *Vine and Branches Conference* has been faithfully bringing before the people of the LCMS current issues of faith and theology to help train our people to be bold witnesses of God's truth as found in His Holy Word. This year our conference mirrors the bold witness we as a synod put before all our people to affirm and teach synod-wide of our doctrine of God as Creator in six natural (24 hour) days.

Please register by September 30th

*Late registration is welcome but the meal cannot be guaranteed.

Please register at: www.vineandbranchesconference.org

or call Bev in the church office, 376-6168.

The Speakers will be:

Dr. Don Bierle (Especially for Youth)

"A Scientist's Journey from Skepticism to Faith"

www.faithsearch.org

Mrs. Judy Finnessy

"Cost of Denying Creation"

www.denversocietyofcreation.org

Mr. Mike Riddle

"Equipping Youth for the Battlefield"

www.creationtraining.org

A freewill offering will be received to help support future conferences.

This event is sponsored by various LCMS congregations in the Worthington, Sherburn and Pipestone Circuits and private donors.

Human Care and Parish Nurse News - Roxann Leckband

Greetings in the Name Our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ,

Well, autumn is upon us and what a wonderful time of year it is! We love welcoming the kids back to Sunday school and Confirmation classes. Please keep the kids and the teachers in your prayers.

Confirmation classes have been going well. **Please note there will be no Confirmation on October 16th.** The fellowship opportunity for the Confirmation youth will be on October 18th with a Prayer & Play night from 6-8PM at here at the church.

Attention Families:

- **NEW - Wednesday night Sunday school (WSS)** for kids in Kindergarten- 4th grade meets from 5:30-6:30PM on Wednesday evenings. Please join us at 5:10 for a meal and then learning and fun from there. **We would love to see families join us on Wednesday evenings!** Parents please feel free to stay and eat and join in the activities with your child.
- **Family Fall Festival** will be on Sunday, October 27th at 3:00PM at Langseth's Cabin. Come enjoy God's great creation as you enjoy fellowship with your church family. There will be pumpkin carving, games and food. Grilled hot dogs and hamburgers will be provided. Please bring a dish to share and a pumpkin to carve. Questions, contact Roxie at 376-6168.
- **Moms of Infants and Toddlers group** will meet in the Fireside Room on Sunday, October 27th at 9:15AM. Come for a time of fellowship, devotion and the support of other moms. If you have any questions, please contact Roxie.

MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES:

On Monday, October 21st starting at 6:30PM **Laura Diehl speaker and author will present** her journey through grief as she shares about the death of her daughter Becca. Laura has written a book titled, When Tragedy Strikes: Rebuilding Your Life With Hope and Healing After the Death of Your Child. Dave and Laura with GPS Hope (Grieving Parents Showing Hope) will be giving a faith based message of how she made it, and still is making it through the darkness of child loss. Parents, grandparents, family members, friends and those wanting more information on coping with and moving forward through the overwhelming feeling of grief after the loss of a child are invited to attend. This event will take the place of our monthly parent bereavement group ministry. If you have any questions please contact Roxie at 376-6168.

Widow's Support Group Ministry will meet on Wednesday, October 9th from 10:00-11:00AM in the Fireside Room. We will finish up Chapter 4 and possibly start chapter 5 in the book, Postcards from a Widow's Path. The evening Widow's support group ministry will meet on Tuesday, October 22nd at 5:15PM in the Fireside Room (please note this date change.) We will finish Chapter 4 and possibly begin Chapter 5 in the book, Postcard's From A Widow's Path. Following our discussion time we will go out for supper.

Noon Fellowship: Please join us on Monday, October 14th for Noon Fellowship in the Fireside Room. We will have lasagna and garlic bread as our main entrée. Please bring a dish to share, a free-will offering or just yourself. There will be blood pressure screening. We will have great fellowship and a time in God's Word!

Health Cabinet/Parish Nurse - Please note if anyone would like the medication education and or assist with organizing your medications, please contact Roxie at 376-6168 to set up a time. There will be a blood Pressure screening on Sunday, October 20th at 9:15 in the new part of the basement. The walking ministry will be getting started in November - please watch for more details.

Music and Worship News

“Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God’s grace in its various forms.” I Peter 4:10

In many congregations, October is a month that emphasizes stewardship. We are thankful for the many ways our members share their time, gifts, and talents at St. Matthew. Everyone has something they can share. Our challenge to you is to find and share your gifts and talents with your brothers and sisters in Christ, to the glory of God.

If you enjoy music, there are a number of ways you can share your gifts in the upcoming busy church music season. Here are just a few:

- It is my goal to have special music during every 8:00 AM service. Vocal and instrumental selections during the offering are used to complement the Scripture readings for the day. If you’ve considered using your musical talents, don’t hesitate to do so. I promise to work with you to make it a positive experience!
- ANY of our women at St. Matthew are welcome to sing in our LWML choir on Sunday, October 6. We will practice in the chapel around 10:15 on September 22 and 29. The song is easy--no music reading skills are required. Please join us!
- Reformation Sunday, October 27, All Saints Sunday on November 3, and Thanksgiving Eve are special services during our church year. If you are a brass player and have never been asked to play, please let me know. I hope to have some instrumentalists for each of those services.
- We will have a patriotic selection on Sunday, November 10, in honor of our veterans and the freedom God has blessed us with. All who would like to honor our veterans are invited to participate. Please watch the bulletin for details.
- We would love to have more participants in our Adult and Bell Choirs. Each group shares an anthem once a month during our 8:00 AM service. Rehearsals are Wednesday evening. Please join us!
- We are blessed with many singers and instrumentalists for our 10:30 Worship Band, but welcome more. If you enjoy contemporary Christian music, please consider that ministry.
- We are in great need of additional sound and tech personnel. Please consider sharing your gifts in that area. Having additional sound techs will prevent overloading and burning out our current tech crew.

Thank you for sharing your gifts and talents!

Lorenda Glade, Director of Traditional Music

Joy Schreiber, Director of Contemporary Music

St. Matthew Lutheran’s Quarterly Voters Meeting

Due to the Harvest Dinner taking place on October 27th our Quarterly Voters Meeting has been moved to **Sunday, November 3rd at 11:45AM** in the church basement. We will have a **Potluck Meal** with the meat and buns furnished. Persons with last names beginning with A-L should bring a salad; and last names beginning with M-Z should bring a dessert. If you would like to submit something to be included on the Agenda, please contact Nathan Holt, Congregation President by October 21st.

All active, confirmed members of St. Matthew Lutheran Church, who are at least 18 years of age, are considered to be VOTING MEMBERS, and are expected and encouraged to attend and place their vote. **Please watch for more information!**

LWML (Lutheran Women's Missionary League) NEWS

The October Meeting for LWML will be on Thursday, October 3rd at 6:30 p.m. We will have our Zone Delegate to the National Convention, Rosie Swanson, give her report from her first convention. Please join us! Fellowship and dessert to follow. Hostess is the Martha Circle.

Coffee Fellowship on Sunday, October 20th will be hosted by the Martha Circle. Donations of these month coffee hours are for our missionary.

Looking ahead to November, we will meet on Thursday, November 7th at 1:30 p.m. At 2 p.m. we will carpool to the Helping Hands Pregnancy Center for a tour of the facility. Please consider joining us for this informational tour. We would also like to bring some gifts of disposable diapers in size 4 or bottles of baby shampoo. Please join us in this gift if you would like to. After the tour we will return to the church to finish our meeting and enjoy fellowship and dessert. Executive Board will host.

Mark your calendar for the Fall Harvest Dinner on October 27th. We will be serving a turkey dinner with all the trimmings! As before, this will be a free-will offering. Money raised is used to support Mites (on the district and national level) and the charities our local LWML group supports each year. Serving will be from 11:30am to 1:00pm. There will also be a bake sale and card store.

Help needed! No experience necessary! We need people willing to help out serving this meal. This is not hard, actually fun to visit with everyone. You will have plenty of time to enjoy your own meal also. In addition, we need pies! Let Marilyn Meyer know if you are willing to make one or two pies to serve as dessert that day. Marilyn's cell: 507-360-0598. Bake sale items are also needed. Call Kathy Roslansky with questions, 507-360-1831.

Young Women in Mission will be meeting on **Sunday, October 13th at 9:15 a.m.** in the new basement area. In October we will be doing a hands-on servant project together. This Young Women in Missions group will continue to meet once per month during the Sunday School hour. One month there will be a short devotion and fellowship time, and the following month there will be a hands-on service project activity. Child care will be available for younger kids that are not in Sunday School.

Highlights from the September 10, 2019 Council Meeting

Treasurer's Report: August expenses were \$31,622.98 with income of \$29,944.95, Building Fund income was \$75.00. That left us with a deficit for the month of -\$1,603.03. Balance in the General Fund Checking Account on August 31 was \$7,944.61. Memorial Fund balance was \$31,263.43. Building Fund loan balance is \$181,300.00. Scholarship Fund balance is \$460,406.72. Two scholarships were paid in August totaling \$12,500.00.

Staff Reports: August average weekend attendance was 209 and average Wednesday attendance was 24. *Roxie* – have met with the Early Communion kids once and will wait until October to take their First Communion. Confirmation starts September 18th. Visits are going well. We have a good start to Sunday School. Karen Feit will head up a committee to get a new stove in the kitchen along with associated fundraising. Discussed to look into restaurant auctions or stores that sell used commercial equipment. LWML and Memorial Account have money for this project. *Jenna* – focusing on kids in transition stages, 8th to 8th grade and high school to college. Park Ministry was well attended, not just kids, adults came too. Junior High mission trip will be June 26-28 in Sioux Falls with Urban Plunge. High School mission trip will be July 18-25 to Shoshone, Idaho. Jenna's office days are Monday morning, and Tuesday & Thursday all day. There will be a Jr. High Prayer & Play night the 3rd Friday of every month, October through April from 6-8 p.m.

Board of Education: Sunday School is September 8 through May 17. Teachers are being recruited.

Council Meeting Highlights continued:

Elder Report: Working on the budget, line by line and evaluating misc. items – everything should have a purpose. Expressed sincere appreciation to staff for all the extra work they have done. Pastor Sajban, Circuit Counselor, reached out to Chris and offered his help if we should need it. He shared that two other pastors in the Circuit are going through medical leave.

Trustees Report: Worked on Emergency Light in the Great Hall. The white Ford van is getting a new battery. The unisex bathrooms don't flush well; we may need to get a plumber's help.

Other Business: Voters Meeting on Sunday, September 8th approved using revolving funds from LCEF to cover the shortfall instead of the Scholarship Fund. October Voters Meeting will be held on November 3rd at 11:45 a.m. with a noon potluck. The Stewardship Letter is being written and will be mailed out soon.

**Next Executive Council Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, October 8th at 5:30 p.m.
The Ministry Planning Board will join the meeting at 6:00 p.m.**

ELECTRONIC GIVING AVAILABLE

A convenient, consistent way to help our church grow!

Our church offers electronic giving, which allows you to make donations on a scheduled, automatic basis. If you are writing checks and preparing envelopes every week, you will especially appreciate electronic giving. It is convenient for you and provides much-needed donation consistency for our church. To set up electronic donations, simply complete the authorization form available at each entrance to the church and on our website, www.stmatthewworthington.com and return it to the church office. Donations can be debited automatically from either a checking or savings account. Help us grow!



Everyone is invited to the
“Veterans Recognition Breakfast”
on Sunday, November 10th
from 9:00-9:30AM in the church basement.

This is a wonderful way to acknowledge our veterans who have served our country for our liberties and freedoms that we enjoy.

**We encourage everyone, not just Veterans,
to attend this wonderful breakfast!**

Thanks to Cindy Brunk for hosting!

Thank you to all who served as the hands and feet of Jesus delivering mobile meals during the month of September: Margaret Schroeder, DuWayne & Carol Oberloh, Vern & Marilyn Meyer, Gary & Velma Cortright, Virgil & Donna Reed, Daryl & Karen Doeden, Jen Iverson, Linda Lindemann, LaVonne Holt, David & Kathy Roslansky, Deb Meyer, Gary Obermoller, John Galstad, Alvin Sachen, John & Marlene Moberg & Kaden Khamphanh, Marlene Jurgensen, Karen Obermoller, Jolinn Seegers, Bob Westphal, Bill & Karen Knigge, and Myron Meyer. May God bless you for your kindness!

Thank you to everyone that helped us celebrate our 50th wedding anniversary at the coffee fellowship hour on September 15th. Special thanks for all the cards and well wishes. May God Bless you all!

Leonard & Marge Ruesch

WORSHIP SERVICE HELPERS

ACOLYTES

<u>Date</u>	<u>8 AM</u>	<u>10:30 AM</u>
October 6	Mersaydes Marten	Elizabeth Gerdes
October 13	Tavin Miller	Alexa Kilker
October 20	Emily Lowe	TJ Ostrem
October 27	Maelie Holt	Kenadie Thiner
November 3	Jordis Weber	Kyle Ahrenstorff

NURSERY (10:30 service only)

October 6	Logan Meyeraan, Tammy Markus
October 13	Addison Peralta-Cross, Gail Holinka
October 20	Nevaeh Roesner, Val Wolford
October 27	Lucy Thier, Kasen White
November 3	Logan DeVries, 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.

GREETERS SCHEDULE

October 6	(8 am) (10:30)	LWML Ladies LWML Ladies
October 13	(8 am) (10:30)	Bill & Jeanette Smrcka Kirk & Traci Feit
October 20	(8 am) (10:30)	Stan & Betty Hotzler Virgil & Donna Reed
October 27	(8 am) (10:30)	Kent Brunk, Bonnie Tille John & Marlene Moberg
November 3	(8am) (10:30)	Dale & Bonnie Schroeder Marlene Baumgarn, Marlene Jurgensen

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 for serving!

Please contact the church office if you would like to be added to the greeter's rotation schedule.

