



St. Matthew Lutheran Church Newsletter October 2019

Presidents Report

Thank you, God, for your many blessings and mercies. Father, you have blessed us with much. Your Son, Jesus Christ, has shown us mercy. Let Your Spirit fill our hearts with the love and mercy towards others that you have shown towards us. Amen.

On Sunday, Sept. 21st members and friends of our congregation gathered at church to celebrate our first annual reunion Sunday. We celebrated in worship and with a potluck dinner in the fellowship hall. It was on Sept. 21, 1858 that Pastor Klindworth and a group of faithful Christians formed St. Matthew Lutheran Church. For 161 years St. Matthew members have ministered to one another and those outside the church as God has blessed us. A special thank you to Marilyn Boehm and Connie Consedine for setting up and decorating the fellowship hall for our celebration.

For some time we have been searching for a safe place to store the street worthy chariot. Brad Aylesworth has graciously offered the use of one of his sheds for that very purpose. He asks that we store it there in memory of his beloved wife, Nancy. Thank you very much, Brad!

Mark your calendars and plan to attend a demonstration on how to use our defibulator. The day is Sunday, Oct 20. The time is 12:00 noon. This demonstration will be held in the fellowship hall of the church. The more people that are trained on our unit, the safer it is for everyone at our church.

Prior to this demonstration, Pastor Baltz and others who went on the Holy Land trip will share their experiences from their adventure. Look for Pastor Baltz's letter to learn more about this presentation. Plan on attending worship on Oct. 20, then the Holy Land presentation, followed by the defibulator training. A light lunch will be served for those who elect to stay for the training session.

Roger and the technology group have been busy once again! The backbone of our electronics at church have been radically upgraded so that we now have many more options for livestreaming our services, enhanced security, etc. And the upgraded system even costs less to operate than our previous one. Well done, gentlemen!

As many of you know, my wife, Jan, will be having several surgeries in October for her cataracts and a joint replacement in her right thumb. She will be unable to play the piano or organ for 3 – 4 months. The council, therefore, is in the process of looking for a person, or persons, to take Jan's place. Please keep the council in your prayers as they continue to search for a new music director.

God's blessings to you all during this beautiful fall season.

Bruce Etzel Council president

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

On September 11, we took 49 quilts and 18 school bags to Platteville.
Thank you to those who came to pack, Edie.

Please set aside **Saturday, October 19 at 9:00** as a "clean the church day"! We will be concentrating on sprucing up the sanctuary. Bring supplies for cleaning - coffee will be provided.
Many hands make light work!
Thank you! Bruce

ON HOLY GROUND

On **Sunday, October 20**, immediately after church, recent travelers to Jordan and Israel with Pastor Emeritus Baltz will share their experiences "on holy ground." See the places they stood, in the actual footsteps of Moses, David, Jesus, Peter, Paul and others. (And some of us even rode camels!)

The Church Christmas Tree will be decorated after service the Sunday after Thanksgiving, **December 1**. Please join us if you are able to help. Many hands make light work! Hope you can join us. Thank you.



EVENTS THIS MONTH

Every

Tuesday 10:00 am - Bible Study at The Nursing Home
Wednesday 8:30 am - Men's Bible Study
2nd & 3rd Tuesday 12:30 pm - Quilters
2nd & 4th Tuesday 3:00 pm - With Our Hearts and Hands Ministry

Specific Dates

October 12 5:30 pm - Communion
October 13 10:00 am - Communion
October 19 9:00 am - Church Clean up Day
October 20 On Holy Ground
October 20 12:00 pm - Defibulator Training
October 26 5:30 pm - Communion
October 27 10:00 am - Communion

The focus ministry for the month of October will be: *The United Churches Emergency Fund.*

CELEBRATIONS IN OCTOBER

BIRTHDAYS

October 23 Jan Etzel
30 Edie Jones
Sharon Wachter

ANNIVERSARIES

October 22 Wayne & Rebecca McIntyre
24 George & Pam Johnson

THOSE WHO SERVE IN OCTOBER 2019

Weekend

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	1	Sat.	5	Jim Moser		Sat.	5	
	1	Sun.	6	Dick & Edie	Sun.	6		Edie Jones
	2	Sat.	12		Sat.	12		
	2	Sun.	13		Sun.	13		Connie Consedine
	3	Sat.	19	Jim Moser	Sat.	19		
	3	Sun.	20	Pam & George	Sun.	20		
	4	Sat.	26		Sat.	26		
	4	Sun.	27		Sun.	27		Connie Consedine

Bulletin Folders (1 or 2)

COMMUNION (Sat: 1; Sun: 2)

	Fri.	4	Edie Jones		Sat.	12	
	Fri.	11		Sun.	13		Ken & Fabi Voigt
	Fri.	18		Sat.	26		Jim Moser
	Fri.	25	Edie Jones	Sun.	27		Connie Consedine

Counting Couriers - 10:00 am Tuesday

	Tues.	1	Connie Consedine
	Tues.	8	Connie Consedine
	Tues.	15	John Klinkner
	Tues.	22	Connie Consedine
	Tues.	29	John Klinkner

September Financial Information

September Income	\$ 6,636.08	YTD \$ 90,329.58
September Expense	\$13,228.62	YTD \$ 86,287.73

Please submit articles, pictures or information for the newsletter to contact.stmatt@gmail.com no later than the 28th of the month.

Church Office News

If you need to contact Stacy Meade, Church Clerk or Tom Staver, Financial Secretary please call the church office at 815-777-1134 or email contact.stmatt@gmail.com. There is an inbox on the desk in the office for messages, notes, receipts, etc. Please include your name, phone number and instructions in case there are questions.



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Service times: Saturday at 5:30pm, and Sunday at 10:00am

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See our website for our full calendar of events.