



St. Matthew Lutheran Church Newsletter *November 2018*

Good news! Seminarian Blake Shipman has agreed to help us during our transition period by being our worship leader and fulfilling some of our pastoral needs. Roger Johnson and company continue to make progress repairing the damage created by the lightning strike. The new lights in our chancel area are amazing and make the entire front of our church look bigger and much brighter. Our new organ has been ordered and will arrive from the Netherlands in three to four months. Charlie Marsden continues to work with the insurance company to ensure all our financial needs regarding the damage are being met. Deb Hyland, Chris Smith and others ensure our weekly Bible Study groups continue to meet and grow.

My thanks to everyone for keeping the ministries of St. Matthew's alive during this transition period!

God bless,
Bruce Etzel

Call Committee Meetings

The call committee continues to interview pastoral candidates. They have talked with several persons of interest over the past three months. Please keep this committee in your prayers as they narrow the scope in search of our next pastor.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Our Ecumenical United Churches of Galena Thanksgiving Service is quickly approaching! We have set the date for **Sunday, November 18** at 12:30 pm. at Westminster Presbyterian. Prior to worship, everyone is invited to a harvest potluck at Westminster. All are welcome!

On **Sunday, November 25**, immediately following the 10:00 church service, we will gather to set up the Christmas tree and decorate the church for the Advent and Christmas season. Plan on helping us decorate for the birth of our Lord!

The United Churches of Galena Christmas Concert will be held on **Wednesday, November 28** at 7:00 p.m. at St. Michael's. A number of our members will be singing with the joint choir and Dan & Jan will be playing a piano duet. Come enjoy the beautiful music of the season!



Pastor Baltz and Cindy wish to thank the committee, the council, the congregation, the choir, our families, and the additional friends who all helped to make my final worship service and retirement dinner such a wonderful experience. The many ways you showed your love and appreciation will always be remembered.

CELEBRATIONS IN NOVEMBER

BIRTHDAYS

November 2 Beverly Brandt
Jeff Miller
5 Connie Consedine
7 Judy Edwards
11 Wayne McIntyre
19 Elliot Baltz
26 Colleen Stephens

ANNIVERSARIES

November 3 Beverly Coffey & Bill Reda
10 Kris & Chuck Korte
11 Ken & Fabi Voigt

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

November 1 6:30 pm - Choir
November 3 5:30 pm - All Saints
November 4 10:00 am - All Saints
November 8 6:30 pm - Choir
November 10 5:30 pm - Communion
November 11 10:00 am - Communion
November 15 6:30 pm - Choir
November 18 12:30 pm - Ecumenical United Churches of Galena Thanksgiving Service
November 22 6:30 pm - Choir
November 24 5:30 pm - Communion
November 25 10:00 am - Communion
11:00 am - Decorate Church for Advent & Christmas Season
November 28 7:00 pm - United Churches of Galena Christmas Concert
November 29 6:30 pm - Choir

THOSE WHO SERVE IN NOVEMBER 2018

Weekend

#	<u>USHERS & ACOLYTES (Sat: 1 person, Sun: 2)</u>		<u>LECTORS (1 Person)</u>
1	Sat. 3 _____		Sat. 3 _____
1	Sun. 4 _____		Sun. 4 _____
2	Sat. 10 _____		Sat. 10 Colleen
2	Sun. 11 Dick & Edie Jones		Sun. 11 Edie Jones
3	Sat. 17 Jim Moser		Sat. 17 _____
3	Sun. 18 Pam & Roger Johnson		Sun. 18 _____
4	Sat. 24 _____		Sat. 24 _____
4	Sun. 25 Kathy & Chuck Pedersen		Sun. 25 Kathy Pedersen

Bulletin Folders (1 or 2) - 10:00 am Sat. AM

COMMUNION (Sat: 1; Sun: 2)

Sat.	3	Bruce Etzel		Sat.	3	Fran Rogers
Sat.	10	Edie Jones		Sun.	4	Ken & Fabi Voigt
Fri.	16	Jackie Miller		Sat.	10	Jim Moser
Fri.	23	Jackie Miller		Sun.	11	_____
				Sat.	24	_____
				Sun.	25	_____

Counting Couriers - 10:00 am Tuesday

Tues.	6	Bruce Etzel
Tues.	13	Bruce Etzel
Tues.	20	John Klinkner
Tues.	27	John Klinkner

Please submit articles, pictures or information for the newsletter to contact.stmatt@gmail.com no later than the 25th 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.