



St. Matthew Lutheran Church Newsletter June 2019

Greetings and peace to you in the name of Christ, Jesus

As summer rolls into Galena I cannot help but notice the energy back in town. Our snowbirds are now all back, tourists are walking Main Street once more, and deer are feasting on local flowers to some of our dismay. With the warm weather comes a welcomed break from my schooling for a bit. I will now be in the office Tuesday through Friday for the summer months and, as always, if you need me either reach out to Bruce Etzel or call the church to get my emergency number off of the answering machine. I look forward to the memories we will make together this summer, the first one being Vacation Bible School. Pastor Jim McCrea and the people of First Presbyterian will be hosting this year. Something I was very excited to hear was that Bible School will be hosted in the brand new ARC building off of highway twenty by Galena Bible Church. Parents with young children, I highly encourage you to sign your kids up for this fun experience. I also encourage those of you who are free that week to donate some of your time as a volunteer. If you have any questions, talk to me or go to the link listed in the bulletin's announcement section. I met with Bruce, Charlie, and Pastor Baltz last week and made the comment that it seems we are now out of the trauma of transition and are beginning to walk again. I thank God for all of you and look forward to walking together in mission of Christ.

-Pastor Blake

Congratulations to the following upon successful graduation from their programs of study:

Lydia Vanderlinde – High School graduate

Ethan Baltz - Iowa State (Aerospace Engineering and Mathematics)

Anna Stuart - University of Dubuque (Education Major)

Sarah Miller - Western Governor's University (Early Childhood Education with a specialty in Special Education)

James McIntyre who graduated in December.

If you know of anyone else who should be in this list, please let us know so we can add the name(s).

May 26 was the final week of our winter worship schedule. Beginning Sunday, June 2, Sunday worship services will start at 9:00 a.m. This time will continue throughout the summer months.

Special Focus Mission

Children of Mendi June 2019

“Rescue a Generation Ministry” provides orphans and destitute children in Mendi, Ethiopia with a Christian environment in which their faith, lifestyle, personal quality, and academic competence improve. It provides these children with the financial support needed to attend school and continue on to college when they have the ability. In this way, they are cared for now and have sustained hope.

In addition, it also provides a Christian Youth Center with staff to provide the town’s children with support and guidance in faith and personal development. As a result of this ministry, students have graduated from college to become nurses, teachers, pharmacists and agriculture specialists. All are strong committed Christians. In addition, the Youth Center provides other children who are not receiving direct ministry educational support with valuable Christian mentorship, bible study, and fellowship.

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

June 8	5:30 pm - Communion
June 9	9:00 am - Communion
June 29	5:30 pm - Communion
June 30	9:00 am - Communion

CELEBRATIONS IN JUNE

BIRTHDAYS

June	3	Alexandria Grass
	5	Charlie Marsden
	13	Charles Pedersen
	15	Chuck Stork
	22	Ron Stephens
	24	Marie Moser
	26	Marilyn Boehm
	26	Tony Lorenz
	26	Nancy Klauer
	28	Geneva Montgomery

ANNIVERSARIES

June	8	Bruce & Jan Etzel
	16	Mike & Deb Hyland
	27	Dale & Rita Wohlers
	30	Colleen & Ron Stephens

THOSE WHO SERVE IN JUNE 2019

Weekend

#	<u>USHERS & ACOLYTES (Sat: 1 person, Sun: 2)</u>		<u>LECTORS (1 Person)</u>	
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1	Sat. 1	<hr/>	Sat. 1	<hr/>
1	Sun. 2	Ken & Fabi Voigt	Sun. 2	<hr/>
2	Sat. 8	<hr/>	Sat. 8	<hr/>
2	Sun. 9	Dick & Edie Jones	Sun. 9	Edie
3	Sat. 15	<hr/>	Sat. 15	Colleen
3	Sun. 16	<hr/>	Sun. 16	<hr/>
4	Sat. 22	<hr/>	Sat. 22	<hr/>
4	Sun. 23	Pam & George	Sun. 23	<hr/>
5	Sat. 29	<hr/>	Sat. 29	<hr/>
5	Sun. 30	Dale & Rita Wohlers	Sun. 30	Connie Consedine

Bulletin Folders (1 or 2)

COMMUNION (Sat: 1; Sun: 2)

Fri.	7	Edie Jones	Sat.	8	<hr/>
Fri.	14	Edie Jones	Sun.	9	Ken & Fabi Voigt
Fri.	21	Jackie Miller	Sat.	29	<hr/>
Fri.	28	Jackie Miller	Sun.	30	Connie Consedine & Fabi Voigt

Counting Couriers - 10:00 am Tuesday

Tues.	4	Connie Consedine
Tues.	11	John Klinkner
Tues.	18	<hr/>
Tues.	25	<hr/>

May Financial Information

May Income	\$17,903.86	YTD \$ 59,587.92
May Expense	\$ 8,042.23	YTD \$ 42,383.85

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 9:00am
Where God's work happens 7 days a week.
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See our website for our full calendar of events.