



St. Matthew Lutheran Church Newsletter July 2019

Greetings to you in the name of Christ Jesus

July 4th has me reflecting on how far this country has come. Through its triumphs and tribulations, America has met every cause head first with a tenacious attitude not seen from a people before. We won our hard fought freedom from one of the world's largest super powers, we survived a bloody divide in our own country, we have seen the best and the worst parts of humanity and we continue to persist. In many ways the Church has been there for America during its darkest hour. After the September Eleventh Terrorist attacks, the priest of St. Paul's chapel, a house of worship directly across the street from ground zero in New York, expected to come to find a chapel that had been destroyed by debris. What he found though was a chapel perfectly intact. Debris had fallen in the back yard, but the building itself had no scratch on it. This little Episcopalian chapel would become the epicenter for spiritual and physical care for the workers cleaning up the ruins of the world trade center. This chapel remained open 24 hours a day. People donated food, toiletries, and whatever they could. Doctors, podiatrists, counselors, clergy, and therapists worked twelve hour shifts voluntarily to make sure that the workers had the support they needed. June second, 2002 was the date the last service was held at St. Paul's, a service that coincided with the last workday in the bowls of ground zero. June 3rd was the first time the doors to St. Paul's chapel were closed since September 12th, 2001. The church serves a vital part in the American experiment of democracy. We truly live into the words of President John F. Kennedy, "Ask not what your country can do

for you, ask what you can do for your country.” May God continue to bless the church with a servant’s heart and as our nation approaches its 243rd birthday may God bless the United States of America.

-Pastor Blake



Pastor Blake Shipman was the recipient of a \$2,000 scholarship check from the Orvilla Ehrler Seminary Scholarship Fund. Longtime St Matthew member, Orvilla Ehrler established the fund a number of years ago to reward seminary students associated with St Matthew. Treasurer Connie Consedine presented the check to Pastor Blake at the June Council Meeting.

Special Focus Mission

World Food Crisis July 2019

The World Food Crisis is a serious drought in East Africa has led to a major drop in crop production, leaving millions of poor rural families that rely on farming as their primary means of survival without adequate food or income. Your gift will reach communities in Kenya, where neighbors are working together to improve and build better systems to capture rain water for irrigation. They earn much-needed cash for their effort, which they can use to purchase food in the short-term, and increase their ability to respond to drought in the long-term. Lutheran World Relief (LWR) is also responding to the devastating humanitarian emergency in South Sudan, where the United Nations has declared a famine in the northern area of the country. The famine is the first to be declared in the world since 2011.

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

July 13	5:30 pm - Communion
July 14	9:00 am - Communion
July 27	5:30 pm - Communion
July 28	9:00 am - Communion

CELEBRATIONS IN JULY

BIRTHDAYS

July	2	Roger Johnson
	3	Bernice Edwards
	4	Colin Etzel Lydia Vanderlinde
	7	Ruth Schmidt
	9	Karen Montgomery
	10	Joanne Carlson
	18	Tanya Vanderlinde
	21	Dick Jones
	23	Dale Wohlers
	24	Fabi Voigt Thane Montgomery
	31	Marilyn Muehleip

ANNIVERSARIES

July	12	Charles & Kathy Pedersen
	25	John & Jane Klinkner

THOSE WHO SERVE IN JULY 2019

Weekend

USHERS & ACOLYTES (Sat: 1 person, Sun: 2)

LECTORS (1 Person)

1	Sat.	6	<u>Jim Moser</u>	Sat.	6	<u></u>
1	Sun.	7	<u>Pam & George Johnson</u>	Sun.	7	<u>Carolyn Stork</u>
2	Sat.	13	<u>Jim Moser</u>	Sat.	13	<u>Connie Consedine</u>
2	Sun.	14	<u>Ken & Fabi Voigt</u>	Sun.	14	<u></u>
3	Sat.	20	<u>Jim Moser</u>	Sat.	20	<u></u>
3	Sun.	21	<u>Dick & Edie Jones</u>	Sun.	21	<u>Edie</u>
4	Sat.	27	<u></u>	Sat.	27	<u>Colleen</u>
4	Sun.	28	<u></u>	Sun.	28	<u></u>

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

COMMUNION (Sat: 1; Sun: 2)

Sat.	6	<u>Edie Jones</u>	Sat.	13	<u>Fran</u>
Sat.	13	<u>Jackie Miller</u>	Sun.	14	<u>Ken & Fabi Voigt</u>
Sat.	20	<u>Edie Jones</u>	Sat.	27	<u>Jim Moser</u>
Sat.	27	<u>Jackie Miller</u>	Sun.	28	<u>Ken & Fabi Voigt</u>

Counting Couriers - 10:00 am Tuesday

Tues.	2	<u>John Klinkner</u>
Tues.	9	<u>Connie Consedine</u>
Tues.	16	<u>Connie Consedine</u>
Tues.	23	<u>John Klinkner</u>
Tues.	30	<u></u>

June Financial Information

June Income	\$ 8,082.04	YTD \$ 67,669.96
June Expense	\$14,253.38	YTD \$ 56,637.23

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