



# St. Matthew Lutheran Church Newsletter *August 2018*

From the Pastor...

At any time of year something is always happening around the church.

Music practice here, janitorial cleaning there, quilt sewing here, a teachers meeting there, something being fixed, something being delivered, someone in the office, a computer backup running, a courier taking the offering downtown, a Bible study, lawn to mow or snow to shovel, flowers to water, wreaths to replace, the many meetings, children present in the morning most of the year, and now the call committee...

But it is Saturday evening and Sunday morning when we gather here for worship. The Word of God is at the center of that. We know we need the Word of God and we travel to find it. From the Small Catechism:

The Third Commandment

**Remember the Sabbath day to keep it holy.**

*What does this mean?* We should fear and love God so that we do not despise his Word and the preaching of it, but consider it holy, and gladly hear and learn it.

Yes, the church does more than worship. Much more! But worship is at the center, just as Christ is at the center.

Pastor Frederick W. Baltz

### **Call Committee Meetings**

July 9<sup>th</sup> members present: Deb Hyland, Connie Considine, Jan Etzel, Tanya Vanderlinde and Bill Fitch. Absent was Wayne McIntyre. We met with church council member Charles Marsden per council request to go over interview questions. Following our meeting with Charles we regrouped and categorized the questions. At this point we have started the interviewing, but no clear cut decisions can be made. We ask that you respect our confidentiality.

July 11<sup>th</sup> committee members present: Deb Hyland, Connie Considine, Jan Etzel, Tanya Vanderlinde and Bill Fitch. Absent was Wayne McIntyre. We met while the interview was still fresh in our minds for an after action report.

July 19<sup>th</sup> members present: Deb Hyland, Connie Considine, Jan Etzel and Wayne McIntyre. Absent was Tanya Vanderlinde and Bill Fitch. After reviewing potential candidate information we will be moving forward with our interview process in August with additional pastoral candidates scheduled to be interviewed.

Respectfully submitted,  
Bill Fitch

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **SAVE THE DATE!!!**

Pastor Baltz's final Sunday with us will be September 30. We will have a retirement lunch and gathering following church that day.

Details of the event, time and place will be forthcoming later this month. Mark your calendars and plan to attend!

## CELEBRATIONS IN AUGUST

### **BIRTHDAYS**

August 2 Bryan Daniel  
9 Mary Wachter  
10 Bobbie Johnson  
13 Beverly Coffey Reda  
16 Scott Miller  
24 Gail Appel  
25 Rita Wohlers  
26 Jerry Wachter  
30 Cameron Harstad

### **ANNIVERSARIES**

August 8 Irle & Marilyn Boehm  
18 Dick & Edie Jones  
Tammy & John Oldenberg

## EVENTS THIS MONTH

### Every

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

### Specific Dates

August 11 5:30 pm - Communion  
August 12 9:00 am - Communion  
August 25 5:30 pm - Communion  
August 26 9:00 am - Communion

## Special Focus Missions:

### School Kits/Project Comfort August 2018

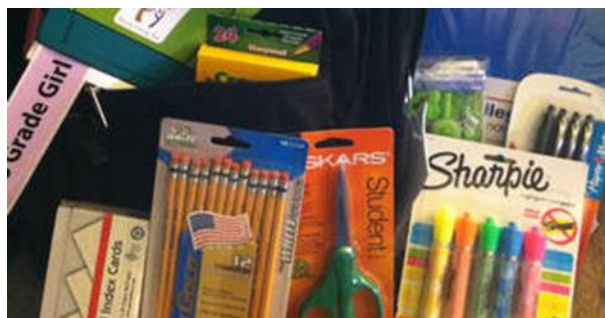
Lutheran World Relief is a nonprofit organization that helps families in the world's poorest communities build the resilience they need to thrive. As it has in the past, St. Matthews will be participating in LWR's School Kit project.

#### School Kits

Project Promise School Kits are sent to places where even the few required school supplies may be more than a family can afford. Pencils and paper can help write a positive future.

INCLUDED IN EACH KIT IS THE FOLLOWING:

- Four 70 Sheet Notebooks
- One pair of blunt scissors
- One Box of 16 or 24 crayons
- One 30 centimeter ruler
- Five unsharpened #2 pencils
- One 2 ½ "eraser
- One pencil sharpener
- Five ballpoint pens
- One backpack-style Cloth Bag





### July Financial Information

July Income	\$ 11,419.78	YTD \$ 89,717.71
July Expense	\$ 9,460.53	YTD \$ 75,709.61

Please submit articles, pictures or information for the newsletter to [contact.stmatt@gmail.com](mailto: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](mailto: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**

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See our website for our full calendar of events.