



# St. Matthew Lutheran Church Newsletter September 2019

## Presidents Report

*Thank you, Lord, for the loving members of St. Matthew Lutheran Church. You have empowered your people to serve one another. Your children continue to show the love and mercy you first taught us through the example of your son, Jesus Christ. Amen.*

Numerous projects have been completed throughout this summer. An AC/heating unit has been installed in the pastor's and secretary's offices making them much more comfortable in the summer's heat. Three new light posts can be seen along the back parking lot behind the church. These lights are on timers and make the area much more welcoming, safer, and secure. There is also some new cement in the back that was poured in conjunction with the lighting project. The back blacktop parking lot got a new coat of sealcoat earlier this week. The people to thank for these numerous projects include Roger Johnson, Charlie Marsden, Fred Baltz, and Ethan Baltz. Thank you gentlemen for all of your efforts.

Speaking of Roger Johnson, a huge thank you to him and Ethan Baltz for the stairway and landing they built to get up into the quilters' cabinet. It not only looks great but has created easier access and made it much safer for the women who work in that area. Thank you, Ethan and Roger!

I would also like to thank Kris and Chuck Korte for all of the beautiful flowers they have planted at the entry to the church as well as the ones they have shared from their home garden. Kris has supplied these flowers for several years to beautify our chancel area. Thank you so much, Kris and Chuck!

If I've missed naming anyone, please know that it is unintentional. Thank you to all of the readers, ushers, communion servers, couriers, and bulletin folders. I am thankful to the women who make the World Relief quilts and prepare and collect the health and school kits for missions both here in Galena and abroad. I appreciate all the efforts made by the members of our congregation. Thank you all for your contributions to St. Matthew's!

Our special focus ministry for September will be the Malaria Bed Net Project. This past spring we collected offerings for the Colin Neufferth family during the month that we usually collect for the bed nets, so I have moved the bed net project from that month to September.

And finally, the weekend of September 21 – 22 has been designated as a St. Matthew reunion weekend. Invite your friends and family to attend church with you that weekend. There will a potluck

dinner following the Sunday service. If your last name begins with A – J, bring an appetizer or salad; K – S, bring a main dish; T – Z, bring a desert.

God's blessings,

Bruce Etzel



*Ethan Baltz and Roger Johnson working on the lighting project behind the church.*

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

*Sunday school classes will begin on September 8.*

*Confirmation classes will begin on September 15.*

**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**

**September 11 Quilt Packing**  
**September 12 5:30 pm - Communion**  
**September 13 10:00 am - Communion**  
**September 21-22 St Matthews Reunion Weekend**  
**September 22 10:00 am - Reunion Weekend Potluck**  
**September 26 5:30 pm - Communion**  
**September 27 10:00 am - Communion**

**CELEBRATIONS IN SEPTEMBER**

**BIRTHDAYS**

**ANNIVERSARIES**

**September 3 Norm Muehleip**  
**4 Rhonda Harstad**  
**10 Todd Vanderlinde**  
**11 James Wachter**  
**13 Pam Johnson**  
**15 William Miller**  
**16 Rebecca McIntyre**  
**17 Bret Johnson**  
**19 Clara Rose Anderson**  
**20 Bernadine Anderson**  
**20 Sam Gross**  
**27 Kathleen Pedersen**  
**29 Robert Johnson**

**September 15 Tim & Andrea Grass**  
**16 Chuck & Carolyn Stork**  
**29 Gordon & Karen Montgomery**

### August Financial Information

August Income	\$ 5,519.50	YTD \$ 83,693.50
August Expense	\$ 7,660.86	YTD \$ 73,059.11

Please submit articles, pictures or information for the newsletter to [contact.stmatt@gmail.com](mailto: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](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 10:00am**  
*Where God's work happens 7 days a week.*  
*A First Century Church for the Twenty-first Century.*

See our website for our full calendar of events.