

St. Matthews Lutheran Church

A family of believers grounded in, growing in and reaching out in Christ.

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July 25, 2021



THIS WEEK AT ST. MATTHEWS

TODAY

9am Worship

(also available on Facebook Live)

9:30am "My Savior Lives"

Worship, KBJR Channel 6

10:00 Congregational Meeting

Wed, July 21-Tues, July 27

Pastor Tom on vacation

Monday, July 26

8pm St. Matthews vs. Good Hope Church softball game at Pinehurst Park

(Come and play or cheer!)

Tuesday, July 27

NO 7am Men's Bible Study

9am Coffee with the Pastor via Facebook Live

11am-6pm Blood Drive at St. Matthews

1-2:30pm Warming House Wisdom for 10-12th graders

Wednesday, July 28

Pastor Tom back from vacation

Thursday, July 29

6 pm Experience Recovery

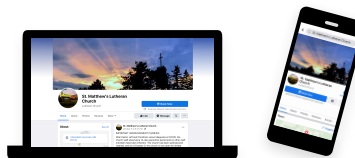
Youth Group 6-7:30pm

Next Sunday, August 1

9am Worship w/communion
(also available on Facebook Live)

9:30am "My Savior Lives"

Worship, KBJR Channel 6



Join us every week online at Facebook Live



St. Matthew's Lutheran Church

Worship Services- Sundays at 9am

Office Hours:

Monday 8AM-2PM

Tuesday 8AM-2PM

Wednesday 8AM-2PM

Thursday 8AM-12PM

Friday 8AM-2PM

Church Website:

www.stmatthewsesko.org

Office Phone:

218-879-3510

Church Email:

stmattsesko@aol.com

July Altar Guild:

Julie Kesti (505) 506-8097



We Pray for...

Amanda; Arylen; Bob; Norm & Judy Burshten; Cheryl; Danielle Dressel; Dylan; Marjorie Harms; Joyce Haugland; Jim Hongisto; Janelle; Dorcas Johnson; Margie Thorson; Kim Overlie; Kathy Peterson; Don Pykkonen; Bill Ruhnke; Sherrill; Galen Schultz; Trevor Spindler; Jerry Toman; Travis; Carol Trevena; Vicky; Julie Weiler; Christina Walther & family; Gary Young; Zach; Linda Zeen; Nicole Pierre; Jon Severson; Marlys Kilen & family; Nan Plews; June & Jim Hursh

Homebound & Nursing Home

Margaret Colberg; Wayne Francisco; George Hughes; Dorothy (Pixie) Kesti; Doris Naslund; Deb Radosevich; David Riley; Carol Trevena; Martha Kesti



From the Call Committee

We will be holding a **Congregational Meeting on Sunday, July 25** following the 9 am church service to present our top names of pastors from the call list we received and **place a vote to extend a call** to one of them. Information on these pastors are available in the church office for review and their sermons can be found online. All members of St. Matthews, including confirmed young adults, are eligible to vote. Please note that the information on these pastors is to be kept confidential among the congregational members.

- Sue Wischnewski
- Dan Heikkinen
- Jen Prachar
- Pat Johnson
- Brenda Hall

- Chris Nelson
- Chris Schultz
- Dave Haugen
- Ron Eng

- Deb Haugen
- Isaac Wisted
- Joe Klatt
- Scott Prachar

HAVE YOU NOTICED??



There are new automatic door openers on the west side of the front entry of our church! This is a much needed improvement to our building and brings us closer to AOA requirements. Thank you for the generous donation from the Roland Uran Memorial and to all who worked to make this project possible!

Family FUN MOVIE Night & PICNIC

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 18

Food & Games – 6:30 pm

Movie Starts at Dusk

★ St. Matthews Parking Lot

★ Feature film...

★ "THE CHRONICLES OF NARNIA" ★



IN CASE OF RAIN:
FAMILY LIFE CENTER
GAMES & FOOD AT 7:30 PM
MOVIE @ 9:00 PM

MOVIE & GAMES ARE FREE
FOOD, CANDY, POPCORN &
DRINKS AVAILABLE
FOR A DONATION.



On behalf of the entire youth leadership team, I would like to say THANK YOU!! No words can fully express how grateful we are for this phenomenal opportunity!! This trip would not have been possible without your prayers and financial support.

We learned so much from the LCMS National Youth Workers' Conference and are eager to share our experiences with you!!! A big shout out to Christina Walther and Cory Hester for chaperoning us on this adventure!!

**Serving him together,
Drew Prachar along with the rest of the team: Hunter Berg, Drew Erickson, Chad Hart, AJ Kazel and Emma Peterson**

The youth leadership team is back from Houston and their faith is on fire!!!



Substitute teachers are needed. Anyone with teaching and/or day care experience is encouraged to apply. For more information, email the school at lelpreschool@gmail.com. If you are on Facebook, please "like" the LELP page and share our posts. We want to spread the word that fall registration is open for LELP. Is God calling you to join the LELP board? If you are willing to help, please contact Laura Hanson at (218) 591-1073.



SUNDAY SCHOOL PROGRAM

If you have a desire to spread the Gospel to the children of St. Matthews, the board of education would love to hear from you!

Please reach out to Christy Rice at (218) 879-5695



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**Women's Bible Study
will resume in
September!**



God of Wonder

Lutheran Island Camp 2021

Dates have been set for 2021
camps!
islandcamp.org

CAMP SCHOLARSHIP

Camp Scholarships Available

To **St. Matthews Youth** who wish to go to Bible camp this summer: the LWML will be giving scholarships to those who fill out a form stating why they want to go to camp; the form will be on the bulletin board in the entry. \$25 will be given to those going to a day Bible camp. \$50 will be given to those going to an overnight Bible camp. Only one scholarship per student is available.



Please send contributions c/o:
Mount Olive Lutheran Church
2012 East Superior Street
Duluth, MN 55812



LCMS Service of Worship

Every Sunday at 9:30 a.m. on KBJR Channel 6, Duluth

MY SAVIOR LIVES NORTHLAND LCMS SERVICE OF WORSHIP for the Duluth region televised by KBJR Channel 6. "MY SAVIOR LIVES NORTHLAND" is a locally produced, regionally recognized TV program with a message for the world. The service includes a 30-minute worship service led by participating pastors of the Minnesota North District of our LCMS, along with a 30 minute remastered program called "This is the Life" from Lutheran Ministries (starting at 10:00 a.m.). My Savior Lives Northland is broadcast every Sunday at 9:30 a.m. Central time on KBJR Channel 6 NBC and cable and satellite systems carrying these stations.

Today-Rev. Matthew Kohl August 1-Rev. Troy Peperkorn August 8-Rev. Don Stauty



Blood Drive at St. Matthews

Tuesday, July 27
11am - 6pm



Contact Carrie Bowman at 218 879-5709 if you have an interest in donating blood.

YOUTH FUNDRAISER & ACTIVITIES

ESKO FUN DAYS

AUGUST 1-7

NORTHBRIDGE PARK
ESKO, MN

OUR ACTIVITIES
AUG 5 - BINGO & ICE CREAM 6:30-8:30 PM
AUG 7 - BBQ 11:30-1:30 PM

YOUTH ARE HOSTING!

WE ALSO NEED PARENT HELP
TALK TO ROSEANN ERICKSON OR CARA STODOLA

BRING THE WHOLE FAMILY!

ST. MATTHEWS YOUTH WILL BE HOSTING THESE EVENTS - LOTS MORE OTHER FUN THAT WEEK, TOO!

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Church Operating Expenses Paid

Church Operating Expenses Paid:	April	May	June	Total
Salaries	13,146	12,430	11,592	165,502
Benefits	6,645	5,243	7,193	76,639
Debt Payments	6,883	6,883	6,883	82,596
District/Synod Support	2,083	2,083	2,083	27,000
Electricity	1,002	955	804	11,027
Christian Education	782	630	593	5,070
Church Property	546	607	648	8,232
Office	1,065	1,867	1,449	17,675
Worship	183	1,300	379	6,666
Youth	-	-	-	36
HRA	577	54	-	5,067
Heating Fuel	1,098	720	497	8,830
Repair and Maintenance	-	15	2,300	7,254
Outreach/ Missions	-	-	98	3,545
Conferences	-	-	-	50
Insurance	-	-	11,672	11,591
Other	-	100	100	2,188
Total	34,010	32,887	46,291	438,968
Budgeted Needs	42,916	42,916	42,916	514,992

Members often ask how we are paying our bills when our offerings are often short of our budgeted needs. The short answer is that we need to budget for all expenses we are obligated to pay for. At the end of each month we will show how our offerings are actually being spent. Any surplus funds at the end of our fiscal year (June 30) may be used to pay down the church mortgage \$665,188 at 6-30-21.

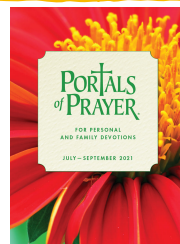


July

25- Sean Peterson
28- John Pykkonen
30- Kaisa McCullough
31- Joe Kangas

August

1-Kari Straub
Otto Thompson
2-Emmitt Hallgren
Avery Martineau
4-Julie Kesti
Dave Reuer
Grace Rosendahl
5-Emilia Pianalto
6-Donald Lanhart
7-Tiffany Weber
Peter Young



Portals of Prayer are available in the basket under the youth announcements next to the mailboxes. Be sure to pick one up!



Stewardship Update

July 22, 2021

	Given	Budget	Over/(Under)
July	\$31,700	\$27,200	\$4,500*

*3 out of 4 weeks

** 5 Sunday Month

Giving Last Year to Date: \$29,200



USHER VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Rachel Peterson our Usher Coordinator is looking for help. Let her know if you're willing to help on Sundays, or sign-up in the Narthex!

LOOKING FOR A VOLUNTEER PARISH NURSE

Anyone interested in being St. Matthews Parish Nurse? Gerry Paulson, who was our Parish Nurse, has moved out of the area. If you are interested or have questions, please contact the church office at 879-3510. Thank you!

Interested in helping with meals
for those with COVID?

Kristi Schultz, call or text 218-689-0853.
Leave a message and she will get back to
you in the evening!

Memorial Committee

There is an opening for the chairman of the Memorial committee. We also hope to have more Committee members.
Please call Judy Nelson (218) 590-1521,
or any Committee member.

Help needed with Sunday Worship Audio/Video!



Contact Phillip Stephenson
910-459-2219

**ATTENTION ALL
PAST, PRESENT &
FUTURE CHOIR
MEMBERS!**



If you'd like to be part of leading hymns or sharing special music during Sunday worship, sign-up on our website under Activities and Music. You can also contact our Choir Director, Sheri Herman, at (908) 910-0782.



Operation Christmas Child

Starting in January,
Operation Christmas Child
will be collecting items
monthly throughout the
year. **For the month of**

**July we will be collecting summer items/
toys (items need to fit inside a shoebox).**

Suggested items are: ball caps, beach balls, hair clips, toy jewelry, watches, jump ropes, sidewalk chalk, baseballs, tennis balls, small footballs, etc.

NO LIQUID ITEMS PLEASE!

JULY YOUTH EVENTS

1	Youth Group	6-7:30 pm
4	Café Connections	9:00 am
7	Godly Guys & Girls (Grades 7-9 – Meet at the Warming House)	3-4:30 pm
8	Youth Group	6-7:30 pm
9-16	Youth Leadership Training – Houston, TX	
18	Café Connections	9:00 am
21	Outdoor Movie & Concessions	7:30 pm
22	Youth Group	6-7:30 pm
24	Campfire and Games	more info to come
27	Warming House Wisdom (Grades 10-12 – Meet at the Warming House)	1:00-2:30 pm
29	Youth Group	6-7:30 pm

Is looking for individuals who would be interested in getting trained to be a facilitator for a group that meets once a month for up to 2 hours in Cloquet.

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We've collected some awesome prizes for bingo that will be taking place during Esko Fun Days on Thursday, August 5 at 6:30-8:30pm at Northridge Park. Come play some bingo and enjoy some ice cream! Proceeds benefit the youth for their National Youth Gathering Trip to Houston, Texas in July 2022.