



August 6th, 2023

THIS WEEK AT ST. MATTHEWS

Pastor: Marty Mably

pastor.marty@stmatthewsesko.org

Worship Services:

Sundays @ 9am

Office Hours:

Monday 8AM-2PM

Tuesday 8AM-2PM

Wednesday 8AM-2PM

Thursday 8AM-12PM

Friday CLOSED

Today

9am Worship with
Communion (also available
on Facebook Live)

9:30am "My Savior Lives"
Worship, KBJR Channel 6
10am Bible Study in FLC

Monday, August 7

5:30-8:30pm FEET Parent
Meeting in Basement
7pm Church Softball at
Pinehurst Park, Cloquet

Tuesday, August 8

9am Coffee with the Pastor
via Facebook Live
5:30pm Board of Lay Ministry
7pm Parish Planning Mtg

Thursday, August 10

6pm Experience Recovery in
FSR

Sunday, August 13

9am Worship (also available
on Facebook Live)
9:30am "My Savior Lives"
Worship, KBJR Channel 6
10am Bible Study in FLC

Sunday Morning Schedule

Starting September 17th

8am Worship
9:15am Education Hour
10:30am Worship

August Altar

Guild:

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Welcome

WE ARE GLAD YOU'RE HERE

**A warm welcome is extended to all
our guests & visitors worshipping
with us today. Come worship with
us again!**



We Pray for...

Alice Kloepfer; Eleanore Norbie; Paula Maki; Mellie Peach;
Family of Betty Arbour who recently passed away; Ron
Stanius; Dick Anderson; Keith Jutila; Verna Puline; Joe
Kersting Sr; Noreen Kersting; Keith Baxley; Marilyn Murphy;
Jim Thorsen; Janae Sjodin; Sharon Obst; Autumn Loge; Kate
Hall; Eileen Christopherson; Easton Brown; Cynthia "CJ"
Johnson; Ryan & Bonnie Jordan & their family; Dale
Granholm; Kathy Peterson; Carol Putnam; Dick Heikkinen

Homebound & Nursing Home

Margaret Colberg; Dorothy (Pixie) Kesti; Deb Radosevich;
Nancy Seppala; Nancy Peterson; Dee Sprenger

Military

Emma Peterson, Raegen Olson

******SERVING IN JULY & AUGUST******

Greeters:

August 6th

Dave & Deb Haugen

August 13th

Eunice Luedtke &

Ruth Janke

August 20th

Steve & Juvie Connor

Family

Ushers:

August 6th

Rick & Laura Hanson

August 13th

Don & Judy Juntunen

August 20th

Don Lanhart &

Carrie Borman

Communion Servers:

August 6th

Jim Lovstad

August 20th

Dan Heikkinen

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.

August 6th-Rev John Bonk August 13th-Rev Kirk Shield August 20th-Rev Fritz Raedeke

Church Operating Expenses Paid

Church Operating Expenses Paid:	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	April	May	June	Total
Salaries	7,701	7,372	8,183	9,153	8,977	9,257	8,634	5,621	6,036	4,886	12,595	10,671	99,086
Benefits	909	883	1,986	1,020	1,006	1,028	1,444	1,039	690	602	3,776	4,735	19,118
Debt Payments	6,883	6,883	6,883	6,883	6,883	6,883	6,883	6,883	6,883	6,883	6,883	6,883	82,596
District/Synod Support	2,500	2,500	2,500	2,500	2,500	2,002	2,583	2,583	0	5,166	2,583	2,583	30,000
Electricity	2,134	904	895	957	1,207	1,480	1,315	1,182	1,165	1,033	1,024	1,039	14,335
Christian Education	0	40	850	528	172	40	439	75	40	63	383	1,191	3,821
Church Property	2,720	2,220	4,655	1,584	2,608	1,477	1,597	4,310	2,418	4,302	4,312	2,583	34,786
Office	1,480	1,140	921	1,331	1,637	810	1,804	689	2,364	909	1,319	1,802	16,206
Worship	0	302	422	725	1,412	117	52	789	540	506	6,151	132	11,148
Youth	0	281	0	0	0	93	134	0	0	0	122	0	630
HRA	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	660	660
Heating Fuel	0	3	255	486	1,131	2,193	2,717	2,680	2,314	1,461	1,198	600	15,038
Repair and Maintenance	0	10,500	0	623	0	0	313	0	0	883	0	1,866	14,185
Outreach/ Missions	154	0	0	0	40	0	195	0	250	3,500	30	0	4,169
Conferences	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	174	160	0	334
Insurance	0	(181)	(326)	0	0	(74)	0	0	0	0	0	14,247	13,666
Other	0	0	0	0	0	0	186	0	177	100	300	2,395	3,158
Total	24,481	32,847	27,224	25,790	27,573	25,306	28,296	25,851	22,877	30,468	40,836	51,387	362,936
Budgeted Needs	38,165	38,165	38,165	38,165	38,165	38,165	38,165	38,165	38,165	38,165	38,165	38,165	457,980
Non-Budgeted:													
Landscaping	5000	0	4,881	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	9,881
Cemetery Lawn Mowing	175	350	175	0	175	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	875
Entryway Carpet	0	0	0	0	0	0	10,000	0	0	8358	0	0	18,358
Computer	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2068	0	0	0	2,068
Installation Dinner	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1890	0	1,890

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) will be discussed with the congregation at the annual budget meeting. The remaining mortgage is \$64,631 as of 7-31-23.



Stewardship Update

July 31, 2023

****5 Sunday Month**
Giving Last Year To-Date: \$33,400

	<u>Given</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Over/(Under)</u>
July	\$36,100	\$38,200	(\$2,100)**
Total	\$36,100	\$38,200	(\$2,100)

Join us for

New Member Class

Starting mid/late September after the 10:30am worship with Pastor Marty. This will be a 6 session class (exact dates TBD). Lunch & child care provided. Please contact the church office or Pastor if interested.

Operation Christmas Child



We will be collecting items monthly throughout the year to put in shoeboxes in November.

For the month of August we will be collecting school supplies (items need to fit inside a shoebox). Suggested items are: tape, #2 pencils, pens, rulers, scissors, crayons, compass, markers, erasers, colored pencils, highlighters, pencil case, pencil sharpener, glue sticks, notebook, etc. **NO LIQUID ITEMS PLEASE!**

Donations can be put in the box marked "Operation Christmas Child" which is located under the mailboxes. Thanks for being so generous!

Book Discussion Group

We will not meet during the summer. Be on the lookout in August for what we will be reading for September!



HELP NEEDED

Light custodian help is needed at the church on August 21-27 as the Aho's will be on vacation. Please call the church office if interested.

THE LORD'S SUPPER BIBLE STUDY

Bread and wine, Jesus' Body and Blood?
Receiving the forgiveness of sins, eternal life and salvation. What does Jesus (God's Word) tell us about it, even in the Old Testament? Who is it for? How has God's church, historically understood it and how do we celebrate it?

Join us this summer for Bible study after the 9am service as we study this incredible gift and means by which God delivers his gifts to us.



Thrivent Choice Dollars Distribution

On June 11, 2023, Thrivent members from St. Matthew's met to decide and distribute \$4891 Thrivent Choice Dollars donated to St. Matthew's. Here is the distribution for these funds:

- 1) \$2000 LWML (Fall Harvest Dinner)
- 2) \$1500 Little Esko Lutheran Preschool
- 3) \$250 Food for the Poor (foodforthe poor.org)
- 4) \$1141 Concordia Seminary (a seminary of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod), St. Louis, MO

One request to fund the BBQ Lunch during Esko Fun Days on August 5 from 11:30am to 1:30pm at Northridge Park Pavilion as a fund raiser for St. Matthew's youth was denied. It was funded by a Thrivent Action Team \$250 Visa card by Florence Maki, a Thrivent member.

A Family of Believers: grounded in,
growing in, & reaching out in CHRIST!

JOIN THE FAMILY !!

Come to St. Matthews'
RALLY SUNDAY
block party

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 10TH

9am Worship
10:15am Education
time for all ages
11am CARNIVAL-BBQ
& Ice Cream

ALL ARE INVITED! BRING A FRIEND!

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CHURCH SOFTBALL LEAGUE

Who: Anyone 16 years or older, even if they aren't St. Matts members.

Where: Pinhurst Park Softball Field in Cloquet

When:

**Monday, August 7 @ 7pm
Monday, August 14, @ 7pm**

We would love to have some cheerleaders, so come on out & cheer us on even if you don't want to play!

Contact Mitch Rosendahl with questions @ (320) 212-0703

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Experience Recovery

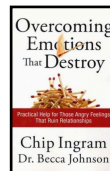
For Every Hurt, Habit or Hang Up
Every Thursday at 6 pm in the
Fireside Room

How do you deal with those angry feelings we all experience?

In the series, *Overcoming Emotions That Destroy*, Chip

Ingram will help you identify whether you are a Spewer,

Leaker, or Stuffer. You will learn the difference between good and bad anger, how to gain control of it, and how to use it in constructive ways. This no-nonsense, practical series, will give you practical biblical tools to express your anger appropriately and deal with those who express their anger toward you.



Please contact Deacon Johnny at
(218) 310-1385 with any questions.

Mn Adult and Teen Challenge Duluth Gala

The Duluth campus of Mn Adult and Teen Challenge will hold its annual gala at the DECC Thursday October 19th at 5 p.m. The evening includes silent auction, meal, program and selections by the MnTC choir. Last year, 7.8% of Minnesotans were caught in the bondage of addiction. Men, women and teens all across the state were struggling with trauma, substance abuse and shame, not knowing how they would break free. The MnTC treatment and recovery programs are the keys that unlock their chains and give them the freedom to begin their lives again. Their success rate is the highest in the state. Reserve your spot with a payment of \$60 per person through the church office. Make checks payable to St. Matthews. Cash payments also accepted. At the time of reservation designate your meal choice of Roast New York Strip (GF) or Vegetarian Baked Manicotti. Your tickets will be available on the night of the event at the DECC ballroom registration table. Two tables of eight have been reserved through the use of Christian Outreach Board funds (as approved by the Board). Let's show our community support and fill the tables up with St. Matthews members or friends.





Preschool News

The LELP board of directors would like to thank the St. Matthews members who directed their Thrivent Choice Dollars to St. Matthews. This group recently approved a funding request for \$1,500 to establish a substitute teacher fund. If you are one of the St. Matthews/Thrivent members who helped make this happen, please know that you are deeply appreciated. We give thanks to God for every dollar that helps LELP offset its current financial challenges.

Little Esko Lutheran Preschool has received a 4-star Parent Aware rating! This is the highest rating available. This rating means LELP is using school-readiness best practices to ensure that students are prepared for kindergarten. LELP will benefit from statewide advertising campaigns, grant funds to help offset costs and purchases, & scholarship monies for financially-challenged students.

Program Director Sybil Halvorson is entirely responsible for making this certification happen. Please join us in congratulating & thanking Sybil for her commitment & dedication to this significant achievement.

If you, or someone you know, has a child who wants to attend preschool this fall, please contact LELP at lelpreschool@gmail.com. Your prayers for the preschool also are appreciated. As one of the preschool parents said in the Pine Knot News article, 'Little Esko Lutheran Preschool is a hidden gem.'

SCHOOL SUPPLIES

- #2 PENCILS (ALREADY SHARPENED)
- COLORED PENCILS
- DRY ERASE MARKERS
- HIGHLIGHTERS
- MARKERS- WASHABLE
- GLUE STICKS
- REGULAR AND COLLEGE LINED NOTEBOOKS
- COMPOSITION NOTEBOOKS (NON SPIRAL)
- SCISSORS (KID SIZED FOR YOUNGER STUDENTS)
- SMALL PENCIL BOX OR BAGS
- ERASERS (PENCIL TOP AND BIG ONES)
- KLEENEX
- DISINFECTING WIPES
- TENNIS SHOES (ELEMENTARY STUDENTS)
- CASH!
- TWO POCKET FOLDERS
- LOOSE LEAF PAPER

BACKPACK PROGRAM

UNITED WAY OF CARLTON COUNTY IS ONCE AGAIN PARTNERING WITH SALVATION ARMY AND CLOQUET PUBLIC SCHOOLS TO OFFER FAMILIES IN NEED OF BACKPACKS WITH SCHOOL SUPPLIES FOR STUDENTS IN KINDERGARTEN- GRADE 12

Please turn in registration form to:
The Salvation Army (316 Carlton Ave, Cloquet Mn)
or United Way of Carlton County office (807 Cloquet Ave, Cloquet MN)

*Student must live in Carlton County

2ND ANNUAL CARLTON COUNTY

BBQ & BACKPACKS

SCHOOL SUPPLY DONATION SITES

DONATIONS DUE BY AUGUST 9TH

• Walmart-1308 MN -33	• Northwoods Credit Union-1702 Avenue B
• CMH-512 Skyline Blvd.	• St. Matthews Church- 4 Elizabeth Ave, Esko
• Raiter Clinic- 417 Skyline Blvd.	• Carlton County Initiatives Department- 1307 Cloquet Ave
• Frandsen Bank- 712 MN-33	• Reliable Insurance- 803 Carlton Avenue
• Our Saviors Church- 615 12th Street	• Our Redeemer Church- 515 Skyline Blvd.
• Salvation Army- 316 Carlton Ave.	• RAM Insurance- 125 Hwy 61, Esko
• United Way- 807 Cloquet Ave.	

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MORE INFORMATION
218-879-5447
OR 218-879-1693

St. Matthews' RUMMAGE SALE



when?

Thursday, September 14
@9am-5pm

Friday, September 15th
@8am-4pm

taking donations?

Donations can be brought to
the family life center starting
on Sunday, September 10th

what?

Gently used clothing, shoes, toys,
books, games & puzzles, kitchen,
bedding, home & holiday decor, small
furniture & more....NO electronics

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Contact the office with questions

FEED MY STARVING CHILDREN

Turn hunger into hope with your own two hands by packing
nutritious meals for hungry children around the world.

Friday, September 15 & Saturday, September 16
@ the Cloquet Armory

About Feed My Starving Children

By volunteering, donating, or fundraising, your generosity makes a huge
difference in the lives of thousands of children in need around the world.
At least 6,200 children die each day from hunger-related causes (UNICEF).
Feed My Starving Children (FMSC) is a Christian non-profit organization
committed to feeding God's starving children hungry in body and spirit.

The process is simple:

- People just like you donate funds for the meal ingredients.
- Volunteers hand-pack the meals.
- Meals are donated to FMSC food partners around the world.
- Kids are fed and lives are saved!

"The generous will themselves be blessed, for they share their food with the
poor." - Proverbs 22:9

We would love to get a group from St. Matthews together to help
with this event. Contact the office if interested.



Sunday
AUGUST
27TH
@ 9:00am

NORTHRIDGE PARK, ESKO

Join us for worship & stay for a potluck brunch
Bring a chair & a dish to share.
Beverages & paper products will
be provided.



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Thank You

To all who helped or
participated with
Esko Fun Days
activities. Whether
it was through a
donation, helping at
bingo or the lunch, or
being in the parade,
it was a great way
for St. Matthews to
be involved within
the community of
Esko!