

St. Matthew Lutheran Church
1505 Dover Street, Worthington, MN
July & August 2021 Newsletter

Worship Schedule July 4 – September 5, 2021

July 4th – one service at 9AM

July 11th – one service at Centennial Park at 10AM
(see more information later in this newsletter)

July 18th & 25th – two worship services, 8AM & 10AM

August 1st – two worship services, 8AM & 10AM

August 8th – two worship services, 8AM & 10AM

August 15th – two worship services, 8AM & 10AM

August 22nd – two worship services, 8AM & 10AM

August 29th – two worship services, 8AM & 10AM

September 5th – two worship services, 8AM & 10AM

Please take note of the time change for our Contemporary service for the summer!



**Organ Dedication
& Hymn Sing**

**Please JOIN US on Sunday,
August 15th at 3:00 p.m.
as we dedicate our New Organ
and sing wonderful hymns!**

**An Ice Cream Social will follow
in the basement Fellowship Hall.**

*Watch for more information in the weekly
service bulletins.*

CHURCH RECORDS

Deaths

- Rita Shirkey passed away May 20; funeral service was May 26.

New Members

- Phyllis Brink
- Wayne & Dea Klumper

ALTAR GUILD NEWS

Serving in July will be Marilyn Meyer & LaVonne Berglund; serving in August will be LaVonne Berglund & Velma Cortright for the 8 a.m. services. If you would like to be a part of the Altar Guild; please contact Velma Cortright, 376-5600 or Sandy Meyer, 376-6290.

LUTHERAN WOMEN'S MISSIONARY LEAGUE (LWML) NEWS

LWML will not meet during July and August. Please continue to have the Circle Meetings. The Hope Circle will host the July 18th coffee hour. The Martha Circle will host the August 15th coffee hour. We are still waiting for word on the July Devotions at Crossroad Care Center.



Worship in the Park July 11th at 10AM Centennial Park

Since there is NO seating area,
please bring your lawn chairs.

A Potluck Lunch will take place in the Shelter House following the service. Please bring a dish to share. See instructions below.

Potluck Instructions:

Last names "A-L" please bring a salad.
Last names "M-Z" please bring a dessert.
Hamburgers, hot dogs, water, plates
& eating utensils will be provided.



DIRECTOR OF HUMAN CARE/PARISH NURSE NEWS

By Roxann Leckband

Greetings in the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ! Happy Summer and with Summer we have fun in the sun. Spending hours at the pool with our kids and grandkids, vacations and just working in the garden, are all times of sun exposure... be careful. In this newsletter I have included UV (ultra-violet) care and skin cancer prevention information. We praise God for the beauty of His world and the times we are able to relax and spend time with our families in the sun and with His Son. Let us continue to share the love of God through His Son Jesus Christ, sharing with our loved ones as we enjoy fun times together. "Pray, praise and give thanks!"

July Ministries:

- July 12th Widows Group 5:15p.m. in the Fireside Room. We will go to Hickory Lodge at 6:00. Bible Study/support time at 5:15 and fellowship at 6:00.
- July 13th Health Cabinet at 12 noon in the Fireside Room.
- July 26th Noon Fellowship - blood pressure clinic at 11:30 a.m. for those who would like their blood pressure checked. We will eat at 12 noon. Grilled hamburgers and potato salad will be provided. We will start bringing a dish to pass again. A free-will offering will be collected.

August Ministries:

- "New Bible Class" for those entering 3rd grade (or 4th graders that have not taken the class already) on August 16th and 17th from 5:30-6:15 p.m. Please RSVP to Roxie by August 1st so we have the correct number of Bibles for our participants. We will have the presentation of the Bibles and a Special Blessing on August 22nd at the 10 a.m. worship service.
- Widows Group will be on August 23rd at 5:15 p.m. in the Fireside Room for Bible study using the book, *Postcards From A Widow's Path - Gleaning Hope and Purpose from the Book of Ruth* by Ferree Hardy. At 6:00 we will go to Hickory Lodge for dinner and fellowship..

Music and Worship News

Our new Rodgers organ is a "hybrid" organ, meaning that its sounds can be produced electronically or in combination with our existing pipes. The process of integrating the pipes with our new organ console has been completed. During our Sunday morning worship services, the congregation is now hearing both digital and pipe produced sounds.

Last month an overview was given on the function of each part of the organ console. This month some very basic information on the pipe organ will be shared. The pipe organ is basically a wind instrument controlled by one or more keyboards. When a key is pressed, the pressure of the key activates a circuit to an electro-magnet which opens the pipe valve. The wind enters the pipe, causing a tone that is constant in pitch and volume until the key is released. There is a separate pipe for each key on each keyboard. And there is a pipe for every key in a variety of tone colors--Principals, flutes, reeds, trumpets, strings, etc.

The pipes vary in size, shape, and material. Some are wooden, some are metal. Some are shaped like a cylinder, some are flared/cone shaped, and some are shaped like a long narrow box. The size, shape, and material determine the pitch and type of sound the pipe produces. Pipes can be 2 inches long all the way to 64 feet long! There are only two organs in the world that have actual 64-foot-long pipes.

The pipes are arranged in rows or ranks, according to tone colors--Principals, flutes, reeds, mixtures, etc. Our original Reuter organ had 16 ranks, which were interfaced into our new Rodgers organ console. To be able to play a rank of pipes, the organist pulls a knob or operates a tab called a "stop" on the console. When a key is played, the corresponding pipe in that rank is allowed to sound.

If you look at the tabs on the organ, you will often see a number included next to its name-- 8, 4, 2, 16, and occasionally 32. The number 8 is used to indicate that when a key is pressed, the actual pitch of that note will sound. Middle C will sound like middle C. If the stop is labeled with a "4", middle C will actually sound an octave higher, and a "2" will make that same middle C key sound 2 octaves higher. "16" will result in that middle C sounding an octave lower, and "32" will make that same middle C sound 2 octaves lower.

An organist can use stops in many combinations to create a variety of sounds. For example, a piece of music used for meditative, prayerful preservice music might use an 8' and a 4' flute stop on one keyboard. When the organist plays a middle C on the keyboard, you will hear the flute sound of middle C and the C above middle C sounding at the same time. Another keyboard might use a reed sound, like the oboe, to play the melody. By pressing the oboe stop for that keyboard, the corresponding pipe will be activated when played. Stops can be added or taken away to change the pipes that are activated, and therefore change the sound. For a bright sounding postlude, the organist might use a combination of different 8', 4', and 2' stops, including flutes, principals, and reeds to create a strong and joyful tone color suitable for the conclusion of our worship service.

Entire books have been written on the pipe organ--This article has barely scratched the surface, but hopefully has provided a bit of basic information. **To hear more about our new Rodgers hybrid organ and its capabilities, please mark your calendar for Sunday, August 15 at 3:00 PM. Our organ will be dedicated to the glory of God with an old-fashioned hymn sing and ice cream social. We are so thankful for this instrument and the support the congregation has given to this upgrade.**

Lorenda Glade, Joy Schreiber, Directors of Music

Highlights from the June 8, 2021 Church Council Meeting

The actual Minutes cannot be printed because they have not yet been approved.

Treasurer: May expenses were \$35,641.11 with income of \$37,114.41, leaving a General Fund Balance at \$65,788.87. Other May end of month balances were: Youth Account \$18,007.10; Building Fund \$1,810.06; Memorial Fund \$30,513.72; Scholarship Fund (Momentum I) \$751,809.72 and Special Fund (Momentum II) \$103,547.93.

Staff Reports: *Pastor Mark* – average May weekend attendance (in church) = 180; average YouTube views for May = 8AM – 46 and 10:30AM – 38. *Roxie* – The Sudanese Lutheran Society is raising funds to purchase supplies for Sudanese Lutherans training to be Pastors. There will be a free-will offering at the June 20th worship services. The Sunday School & VBS offerings will be used as well. Working on VBS and Block Party. Making visits. *Jenna* – Had an end of year HS Bonfire and game night. HS Senior Recognition had 11 of the 12 seniors attending with their families. Thank you to Deb Langford and Jenola Dickman for the beautiful quilts! The Youth Board met to discuss mission trip, summer planning, HS Sunday School changes, and fundraising ideas for next year. We worked with Love INC to do a service project painting a porch in Rushmore. Idaho Mission Trip is July 17-24 with 8 adult chaperones and 27 kids attending. A blessing and send-off will take place at the park service on July 11th. *Lorenda* – The pipes from the Rueter organ have been integrated with the NEW Rodgers organ.

Board of Elders: We will begin kneeling again for communion at the 8 a.m. services on June 20th. We will also be doing the Birthday & Anniversary announcements at the end of each service again.

Trustees: Raised insurance coverage to adequately cover the new video equipment, organ, and church contents. Worked with the Rodger's Organ staff on the organ installation. Installed new tires on the Chevy Van. Had to replace the fridge in the Fireside Room. Did regular maintenance of several building and outdoor items.

Other Business: Block Party and July Park Service were discussed. Organ Dedication will be in August. Next meeting is July 13th at 5:30 p.m.

YPOG NEWS:

Middle & High School Youth

Verse of the Month: *“Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God’s grace in its various forms.” 1 Peter 4:10*

Calendar of Events:

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| July 4 | Worship 9:30 AM |
| July 11 | Worship 10:00 AM at Centennial Park. Idaho blessing during service. |
| July 14 | Idaho Mission Trip Meeting 5:30 PM in church fellowship hall – supper provided |
| July 17 | Depart at 6:00 AM for Idaho Mission Trip |
| July 24 | Return from Idaho Mission Trip about 6:00 PM |
| July 25 | Worship 8:00 & 10:00 AM |
| July 30 | High school bonfire & game night at Bents’ house 6-9 PM (post Idaho get together) |
| August 1 | Worship 8:00 & 10:00 AM with Idaho presentations |
| August 8 | Worship 8:00 & 10:00 AM |
| August 13 | Bonfire and game night at Bents’ house 6-9 PM |
| August 15, 22, 29 | Worship 8:00 & 10:00 AM |

Bonfire and Game Nights: There will be bonfire and game nights at Andrew and Jenna’s house (29111 270th St, Worthington) on Friday July 30th and August 13th 6-9 PM. This is for this last year’s 8th-12th grade students. Any college students home are welcome to attend too! We will have lawn games, food, and fun! The event in July will also be the post Idaho get-together to talk about presenting in front of the church.

Idaho Pre-Mission Trip Session: The second Idaho mission pre-trip session will be on Wednesday July 14th at 5:30 PM in the church basement. Supper will be provided. Students going on the mission trip should plan to attend this and parents are also highly encouraged. The group covenant, packing list, detailed itinerary, etc. will be discussed. Please let Jenna know if you cannot attend. The vans will be leaving on Saturday July 17th at 6:00 am from the church parking lot. Parents are encouraged to participate in the pre-trip group prayer before departure. Arrival back to Worthington will be on Sunday July 24th, early evening.

YPOG NEWS Continued:



2021 Mission Trip: 26 students and 8 adult chaperones will be going on this summer's mission trip to Coeur d'Alene, Idaho with Lutherhaven Ministries. They depart on Saturday July 17th and return on Saturday July 24th. Please be in pray for this group as they go out and spread the love of Jesus Christ!

Group photo from left to right -- Back Row: Chris Leckband, Lance Gordon, Isaac Schreiber, Luke Gordon, Ben Schreiber, Eli Hansberger, Gerrit Bos, Tim Hansberger. **Middle Row:** Evan Hansberger, Zac Bos, Grant Petersen, Aria Larson, Kyle Ahrenstorff, Caleb Barber, Logan Meyeraan, Roxie Leckband, Beth White. **Front Row:** Maelie Holt, Nia Iverson, Brynne White, Kim Meyeraan. **Not pictured:** Faith Arnt, Austin Barber, Brandon Bosma, Hannah Henning, MacKenzie Meyeraan, Ashley Riley, Calah Riley, Morgan Riersema, Kyle Vongsy, Pastor Mark Schreiber, Bob Westphal, Valerie Wolford, Coral Owens-Riley.

Idaho Church Presentations: Those who went on the mission trip to Idaho will present on Sunday August 1st at the end of 8:00 AM and beginning of 10:00 church services. Chaperones and students are asked to meet in the Great Hall at 8:45 AM. Doughnuts and fellowship will be in between church services in the church basement.

Looking Ahead: There will be a parent and high school meeting on Wednesday September 8th 5:00 PM in the new part of the church basement. The first Confirmation/Youth Group will start on Wednesday September 15th and Sunday School on Sunday September 26th.

The July-September Portals of Prayer devotion books are available at each entrance to the church. Please pick up a copy to use for your daily devotions.

OFFERING REMINDER

Your FAITHFUL – REGULAR – WEEKLY offering commitment enables your congregation to meet important summer ministry commitments. If you intend to be away for several weeks, please consider mailing your offering to the Church Office. Your consideration will help our Treasurer to be faithful in her duties too! Thank you for your generosity. It is such a delight to see how God works through each one of us to be a blessing here in Worthington and around the world! **If you are interested in the Electronic Giving, or giving through our Church App, please contact our Treasurer, Tammy Brunk or Bev in the Church Office. Thank You!**

ACOLYTE SCHEDULE FOR JULY & AUGUST

July 4th – one service at 9 a.m. = _____

July 11th – park service at 10:00 a.m. – no acolyte needed

July 18 (8am) Tavin Miller (10am) Natya Khamphanh

July 25 (8am) Kenadie Thiner (10am) Dalton Larson

August 1 (8am) Jordis Weber (10am) Mersaydes Marten

August 8 (8am) Camren Luther (10am) Madison Sieve

August 15 (8am) Emily Lowe (10am) Ryker Thier

August 22 (8am) Isaiah Schroeder (10am) Alexa Kilker

August 29 (8am) Paige Barger (10am) TJ Ostrem

September 5 (8am) Anna Gordon (10am) Morgan Riemersma

Please remember to arrive 15 minutes before service begins. If you are unable to fulfill your scheduled time, please find a replacement – then let the church office know about the change. Thank You!