



# St. Matthew Lutheran Church Newsletter June 2020

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### [Letter from the Pastor](#)

Greetings and peace to you in the name of Christ Jesus

Summer is here and while it might not be like any summer that we've ever experienced, I am excited to see what it will bring. As we complete another month of our virtual meetings, the prayer of good courage has been circling through my mind . "O God you call your servants to ventures of which we cannot see the ending, by paths as yet untrodden, through perils unknown. Give us faith to go out with good courage, not knowing where we go, but only that your hand is leading us, and your love supporting us, through Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.

How relevant are these words today? Through my travels amid this pandemic I see events and meet people that make me realize how true that this prayer is. No matter where we are in this time apart God is with us and supporting us with faith and love through all things; the people we love, the small get together outside, and so much

more. Just a few weeks ago I was trying to get downtown to see the church accountant and I found main street was closed. At first I was angry that I had to drive around and waste some small amount of gas, but when I saw that main street was closed so our local restaurants could open once more the anger turned to excitement in the sight of life coming back to our community. Galena is coming back slowly but surely and we who call this great community home get to witness it first-hand. We get to see God providing for our neighbors, We get to see the love and support that God has for them and their good courage to continue on the path. As we continue to wonder when our community (as well as our church) will open up completely, I implore us all to continue on this path with the love and support of Christ at the forefront for it is through this love and support that we find our hope.

- Pastor Blake Shipman



Dear friends,

At the time of this writing we continue to worship from our homes, viewing the services on our laptops and tablets. God willing, we will soon be able to resume our worship services at the church. There will be some changes such as social distancing and the wearing of masks as we come together. The council will send you a notice once we are able to physically reassemble and will let you know what protocol we will follow.

As we enter the month of June, we celebrate the doctrine of the trinity - the celebration of the triune God - Father, Son, and Holy Spirit - on Trinity the Sunday on June 7. The paraments become green and will stay that way until the observance of Reformation at the end of October.

This Spring has certainly been an unusual one for our students as well. It is important that we acknowledge our graduates as they have completed their studies in a most unusual and unique way. And so, congratulations to Izabella Farrey and Madison Wilde as they have completed their studies at Galena Middle School and prepare to enter Galena High School in the fall. Congratulations to Zade Plumb who completed his studies at Platteville Middle School and prepares to enter Platteville High School. Congratulations to April Oldenburg who has graduated from Chippewa Valley Technical College with a registered nursing degree. April is living in EauClaire, Wisconsin area. Nice job to all of these graduates and their families!

While you have been away, Roger Johnson and others have been busy improving our computer system at the church. I am sure that you have noticed that the picture and audio quality of the services has improved over the weeks. We have purchased, and installed, a faster and more powerful computer system and two new cameras along with the necessary hardware to operate them.

One last thing - Birdies for Charity is still on, but the John Deere Classic is not taking place. It is our largest fundraiser so our congregational team is busy preparing to contact you regarding your contribution. There are a variety of ways to make your donation. Please donate towards this cause if you are able. We will once again receive the entire amount you donate plus 5% above that from the John Deere Classic.

Our sympathies to Russ, Amy, Izabella, and Logan Farrey on the passing of Russ's dad, Roger, on April 21. We also mourn the loss of Bev Diskin who passed away on May 8. Bev was a long time member of our congregation and served on the communion set-up committee for many years until her health made that impossible for her. Her winning smile and kind nature will be missed.

One quick update regarding our friend, Brad Aylesworth. After receiving a skin graft and spending three weeks in the burn unit at the University of Wisconsin Hospital in Madison, Brad is out of the hospital and staying in DeKalb under the watchful eye of his daughter, Anne. He is in good spirits and in surprisingly little pain. He plans to rebuild his workshop, but perhaps make it a bit smaller.

Please pray that we will be back together soon. It will be different but it will feel so good to be worshipping with all of you once again!

In His service,  
Bruce Etzel





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Dear Members and Friends of St. Matthew Lutheran Church:

This is to announce that St. Matthew Lutheran Church will again participate in John Deere's Birdies for Charity fund raising event. For many years, Birdies for Charity has been a wonderful fund raising event for St. Matthews Lutheran Church. For every donation participants make a guaranteed 5% bonus is paid by Birdies for Charity.

The John Deere Classic Golf Tournament will occur as scheduled on July 6<sup>th</sup> through the-12<sup>th</sup>. Because of Covid-19, it is likely the tournament will have many fewer spectators. However, the professional golfers participating in this event are among the best golfers in the world.

The second page of this letter is the John Deere Birdies for Charity Entry form. The Charity Name: St. Matthew Lutheran Church and the Bird Number of 1059 is pre-printed on the form. The other information is for you to fill out. When you fill out the form, remember to make a guess of the total number of birdies that will be scored during the tournament. You might win a two year lease on a new 2020 Lexus NX automobile. If you chose to make a one-time flat donation, make sure to include your payment check that is made out to Quad Cites Golf Classic Charitable Foundation. Keep the right hand side of the form for your records and mail the left side of the form together with your optional payment check to the church. The mailing address of St. Matthew Lutheran Church is listed within the letter head above.

After several forms are received, the St Matthew's Birdies for Charity Committee will forward your form plus checks together with other forms to the John Deere Birdies for Charity Office.

Note: A new payment option is available this year. Birdies for Charity will now accept online up-front credit card payments. With this option, John Deere will pay out a minimum 5% bonus over the amount of your payment. The online link is <https://birdiesforcharity.com/donate>.

When making your entries online, remember to select St Matthew Lutheran Church, Galena and Bird Number 1059. Your total birdie count is entered when you fill in the requested information. If you select this up-front payment option, we request that you send an email message to the St. Matthew Birdies for Charity committee. Please send a message to [contact.stmatt@gmail.com](mailto:contact.stmatt@gmail.com) Please give your name, indicate that you selected this payment option and the amount paid. This information is needed for reconciliation of the final reports provided by John Deere.

We thank you for your support and God bless you.

From the St. Matthew Birdies for Charity Committee.

CHARITY SCORED FOR

BIRD NUMBER

I pledge and promise to donate:

\$\_\_\_\_\_ one-time flat donation.

Please attach payment checks payable to Quad Cities Golf Classic Charitable Foundation OR

\$\_\_\_\_\_ for every birdie made during the John Deere Classic.

\$\_\_\_\_\_

extra donation to the Birdies for Charity Bonus Fund

*Conditions on the Smart Fund (noted below) apply pending election.*

### GUESS THE BIRDIES & WIN A TWO YEAR LEASE ON A 2020 LEXUS NX!

I guess that \_\_\_\_\_ birdies will be made.

Only 1 grand prize will be awarded. Void where prohibited by law.

#### BIRDIES SCORED (YEAR)

2160 (2011)	2096 (2014)	1989 (2017)
2113 (2012)	1990 (2015)	2355 (2018)
2142 (2013)	1982 (2016)	2091 (2019)

#### PLEDGE INFORMATION (Please print)

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

CITY \_\_\_\_\_ STATE \_\_\_\_\_

ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE (or FAX) \_\_\_\_\_

# Chip in for your chance to win

When you chip in to help area charities, you can win some great prizes. But your favorite charity will be the real winner. That's because participating charities receive every single penny of the donations from this program, plus a bonus from the Birdies for Charity Bonus Fund which is a guaranteed 5% match.

#### HERE'S HOW IT WORKS

Simply make a one-time flat donation OR pledge one cent or more per birdie. After the tournament, you'll be mailed a notice of your pledge amount due.

To enter the contest, guess the number of birdies that will actually be made by PGA Tour Pros during the tournament, Wednesday thru 1st Sunday. A grand prize will be given to one person who guesses the correct number. In case of ties, winners will be randomly selected.

#### KEEP FOR YOUR RECORDS

Your pledge is based on actual number of birdies scored.

I pledge \$\_\_\_\_\_ one-time donation

OR \$\_\_\_\_\_ per birdie

If 2,000 birdies are made, my total pledge would be:

1c = \$20      3c = \$60      5c = \$100  
2c = \$40      4c = \$80      10c = \$200

I guessed \_\_\_\_\_ birdies would be made



#### GRAND PRIZE:

2 YEAR LEASE ON A 2020 LEXUS NX



**LEXUS** One lucky supporter of the Smart Fund or Quad Cities for Charity program will win

a 2 year lease on a 2020 Lexus NX, courtesy of Smart Fund of the Quad Cities. Other prizes awarded by random drawing.

#### CONTEST RULES

- Only 1 grand prize awarded. Ties and other prizes determined by random drawing.
- All guesses must be on an official pledge card and received at the tournament office by July 10, 2020.
- Rules are available at [www.birdiesforcharity.com](http://www.birdiesforcharity.com)
- No pledge or purchase required. Need not be present to win.
- Prizes submitted after the JDC may be applied the following year.

## CELEBRATIONS IN JUNE

### BIRTHDAYS

03	Alexandria Grass
05	Charlie Marsden
13	Charles Pedersen
15	Chuck Stork
22	Ron Stephens
24	Marie Moser
26	Marilyn Boehm
26	Tony Lorenz
26	Nancy Klauer
28	Geneva Montgomery

### ANNIVERSARIES

08	Bruce & Jan Etzel
16	Mike & Deb Hyland
27	Dale & Rita Wohlers
30	Colleen & Ron Stephens





GALENA MIDDLE SCHOOL

Isabella Farrey  
Madison Wilde

PLATTEVILLE MIDDLE SCHOOL

Zade Plumb

CHIPPEWA VALLEY TECHNICAL COLLEGE

April Oldenburg, R,N,



# 40+

## things to do while in

# quarantine

- ♥ Read a book
- ♥ Journal
- ♥ Binge watch a TV show/movies
  - ♥ Start a blog
  - ♥ Treat yourself & your skin
  - ♥ Try a beauty trend
- ♥ Download a dating app & swipe away
- ♥ Text all your exes just in case you have one more thing you wanted to get off your chest
- ♥ Download Duo-Lingo and learn a new language
  - ♥ Do some art
  - ♥ Meditate
- ♥ Play board games with your family
- ♥ Organize every corner in your house
- ♥ Declutter your closet and your makeup drawer
  - ♥ Bake
- ♥ Facetime your friends & check in on them
- ♥ Workout at home / Try a fitness challenge
  - ♥ Make a vision board
- ♥ Reflect on where you want to be in 5,10,20 years
  - ♥ And make a plan - how you plan to get there?
  - ♥ Take a bubble bath
  - ♥ Try new recipes
- ♥ Recorate / Try a different layout in your room
  - ♥ Get a puppy / Teach your dog new tricks
  - ♥ Try a Pinterest DIY
- ♥ Perfect your makeup skills / Dye your hair
  - ♥ Delete photos from your camera roll
  - ♥ Delete old files from your computer
  - ♥ Make a list of things you're grateful for
    - ♥ Focus on your financial plan
    - ♥ Get a puzzle
    - ♥ Do Tik Tok videos
- ♥ Make a list of the places you want to visit when they reopen
- ♥ Make a list of all the things you want to do after
  - ♥ Donate food/money to food banks
  - ♥ Sleep & relax

## FINANCIAL INFORMATION

INCOME            \$5,821.54

EXPENSE           \$8,464.60

DIFFERENCE      -2,643.06





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Service Times: Saturday at 5:30 pm  
Sunday at 10:00 am

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week. A First Century Church for the  
Twenty-first Century. See our website for  
our full calendar of events and follow us on  
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