

# July/August 2018

## Dates To Remember

### Jul

08: Special Voter's Meeting 11:30  
11: Board of Elders 7:00  
12: In The Word 1:30  
18: Board of Directors  
23-26: VBS 6:30-8:30

### Aug

01: Board of Elders 7:00  
09: In The Word 1:30  
22: Board of Directors 7:00

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## Newsletter Sponsor

The mailing of this month's newsletter is sponsored by Carol Dose in loving memory of her husband Wilbert. Thank you, Carol and God's blessings for your continued generosity which makes it possible for all members to receive the newsletters in their homes this month. Your help is greatly appreciated.

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## Community Garden

On the Southwest side of the church you will see several raised planters in which a variety of vegetables and herbs have been planted. This garden is for EVERYONE! Church members as well as anyone in the community can help maintain it (weed and water) and also harvest the produce! Please stop by and check it out!



## St. Matthew In Action

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## Pastor's Desk

Early July our country celebrates its independence from Great Britain. This, like many other separations, turned out to be a really good thing for both groups of people.

But independence or separation does not always end up going well. Our first parents—Adam and Eve—were tempted by the devil to become independent from God. The devil "*said to the woman, 'Did God actually say, 'You shall not eat of any tree in the garden'?'*" (Genesis 3:1)

Questioning God and his motives has been a common practice in all cultures—even among Christians. Why can't we Christians truly believe God that he will do all that he has promised?

Instead, we doubt God and then we try to find solutions to a problem independently of God. Our pride sticks out its chest and we march blindly forward concluding that we can do all things outside of God.

When our solutions cause more problems, we stumble and fall. Why can't we simply confess our sins to God—acknowledge that we have tried separating ourselves from him—and then receive God's sweet, life-giving forgiveness? Instead of separating ourselves from God, "*Seek the LORD while he may be found; call upon him while he is near.*" (Isaiah 55:6)

Pastor LaBoube



## ST. MATTHEW'S VBS

### DEEP SEA DIVE

July 23-26 6:30-8:30 PK-5th grade

To register call Sarah Schmidt 880-2412 or  
Laurie Streck 402-990-4431

Looking for volunteers to help.

6th grade and older can be helpers.

Supplies needed: Clear water/pop/Gatorade  
bottles. Small sea shells.



### YARD SALE TIME COMING SOON

We will be having a tent sale here at St. Matthew's on August 3 & 4 for the Hwy. 141 Garage Sale. If anyone has items for the sale, please talk to Laurie Streck 402-990-4431, Shelly Boyle 880-1105 or NiKay Schaffer 840-9806. There will be a bake sale, craft sale, quilt sale, & raffle, along with clothing, and misc. items. Donated items need to be in good condition and will be property of the church if they do not sell. All proceeds will go to debt reduction or general fund as needed.



St. Matthew Would Like To Extend a Huge **THANK YOU** to the following stores for their generous donations for the RAGBRAI Pie Fundraiser by St. Matthews. We deeply appreciate your generosity.

Food Pride, Ida Grove; WalMart & HyVee, Denison; Colberts, Danbury; Fiesta Foods, Onawa; Hometown Variety, Mapleton; Fareway, Denison; Sams Club & HyVee, Sioux City.



### *Just a Reminder...* RAGBRAI

is drawing near! Please remember to bring your baked pies to the church on Friday, July 20<sup>th</sup> or Saturday **Morning**, July 21<sup>st</sup>. Please leave your pies in the kitchen. Thank you so much for your contribution!

## Special Voter's Meeting

There will be a Special Voter's Meeting on Sunday, July 8, following worship service. The main item of business is to approve Diana Schauer as the new treasurer and Doug Hagemann and John Stoll for the Stewardship Board Sr. & Jr. directors.



## Membership Changes:

### Released

(6-06) Trent & Charissa Howland, Maycie, Easter and Carlie to Castana Community Church, Castana, IA

### Baptized:

(7-01) Lyle Matthew Kelm, son of Matthew & Samantha Kelm

We welcome Lyle into the Body of Christ and pray God's continual blessings upon him as a new member of God's family. As he grows may his faith grow also, and his heart be filled with the peace and assurance of God's love.



Prayer Warriors you may get a call with new prayers. When you get a call with new name or names, place that name on the bottom of your list and pass it on to your caller. Thank you. For information on joining the Prayer Warriors call Alice Miller 882-1247



## WEDDING ANNIVERSARY GREETINGS

With joy, we give special recognition to the following couples who are celebrating anniversaries of 50 years or more!

- ♥ Jul 1<sup>st</sup> – Ernie & Dora Witzel -62 yrs
- ♥ Jul 12<sup>th</sup> – Roger & Kay Ingram -61 yrs
- ♥ Aug 27<sup>th</sup> – Jerry & Darlene Albers-57 yrs

**God's blessings to you! We wish you many more anniversaries and blessings to follow!**

## *BIRTHDAYS July & August*

With joy, we give special recognition to those celebrating birthdays of 90 years or more.

- Jul 4<sup>th</sup> – Evelyn Christiansen -98 yrs
- Jul 25<sup>th</sup> – John Jacobs – 98 yrs
- Jul 29<sup>th</sup> – Arlene Kiepe -101 yrs
- Jul 30<sup>th</sup> – Bea Walker – 90 yrs
- Aug 4<sup>th</sup> – Helma Engelke – 100 yrs
- Aug 7<sup>th</sup> – Bob Banks – 90 yrs

God's blessings and a very special happy birthday all of you!

## *KID'S BIRTHDAYS Jul/Aug*

- Chloe Parr 7/2
- Kolby Scott 7/9
- Christopher Gray 7/26
- Autumn Brodersen 7/27
- Caden Scheer 7/28
- Presley Bruhn 8/3
- Claire Mikkelsen 8/1

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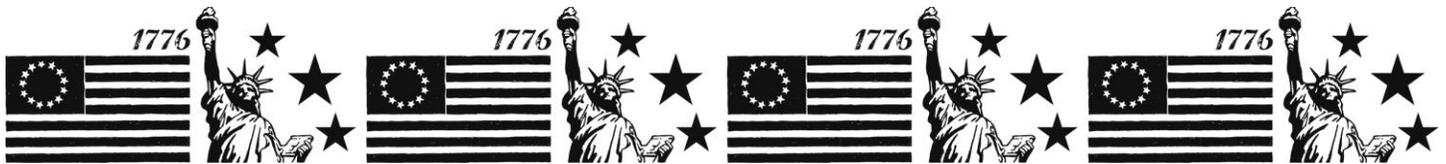
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**WORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES**  
*Traditional Worship 10:30 a.m. Sundays*



**MISSION CENTRAL DATES:**

Wed Jul 11 – Krista Young & Family from East Africa. 1:00

Sat Jul 21 – Rev. Jerry & Patty Lawson & Fam from St. Petersburg, Russia. 1:00

Sat Jul 21 – Rev. Mark Rabe & Fam from Ethiopia East Africa. 1:00

Sat Jul 21 – Rev. Dr. Hans Trinklein & Family from Korea. 1:30



**Arguments never settle things, but prayer changes things.**

**OPRHAN GRAIN TRAIN NEWS:** Thank you very much for your generous contribution of \$198 to Orphan Grain Train for shipping funds. Orphan Grain Train, with the help of donors like you, has shipped millions of meals to destitute people in Macedonia, the Philippines, Eastern Europe, Russia and elsewhere. Well over a hundred 40-foot shipping containers and semi-trailers have been filled by volunteers and sent to share God’s mercy with needy people. The need for medical equipment, clothing, and other relief supplies continues, so we are pleased to have faithful donors, willing to assist in bringing not only relief supplies, but also the love of Jesus, to those people who are in need. Thank you for helping keep Orphan Grain Train’s wheels rolling to those who need God’s mercy, with this generous gift.