

# MAY/JUNE 2018

## May Dates To Remember

5-2 Board of Discipleship 7 pm  
5-10 In The Word 1:30 pm  
5-23 Board of Directors 7 pm

## June Dates to Remember

6-7 Board of Discipleship  
6-14 In The Word 1:30 pm  
6-28 Board of Directors

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## Newsletter Sponsor

The mailing of this month's newsletter is sponsored by Steve & Sue Oberg in loving memory of their son, Chris. Thank you Steve & Sue, and God's blessings for your generosity which makes it possible for members to continue to receive the newsletters in their homes this month. Your help is greatly appreciated.

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## LOOKING for volunteers to

serve coffee and snack after church the last Sunday of every month. You can sign up with a friend/s to help. It is just one month a year, please help! There is a sign-up sheet in the back the church. Talk to Joan Chandler for more information 882-2560.

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# St. Matthew In Action



Patrick Brodersen  
Jordan Goslar  
JoHannah McKibben  
Brandon Krusen

*Congratulations to our 2018 High School Graduates!! God's blessings to you as you enter into this new chapter of your lives!*

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*Ascension  
of The Lord*

The Denison & Mapleton Circuits'  
Ascension Service at  
Mission Central  
Thursday, May 10, 7:00 p.m.  
Rev. Lawrence Rast, President of  
Concordia Theological Seminary,  
Ft. Wayne, In.

Supper Beginning at 5:30 p.m. in  
the M.C. Fellowship Hall

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## Mission Central

June 2- Sat @ 1:00 p.m.

Rev. Joh Clausing & Family from Kenya East Africa  
Missionary Ryan McDermott Family from West Africa  
Missionary Steve & Cindy Schumacher from Ghana West Africa  
Matt Wasmund, Ghana

## PASTOR'S DESK

This month we see the beginnings of another farming season. We also see the end of another school year and children anxiously ready to start summer vacation.

Beginnings and endings. Our lives are full of these two events. Sometimes the beginnings are the birth of a new baby, summer vacation, unemployment or a serious illness. Instead of blaming God for “bad things” happening in your life, I challenge you to look at your situation differently. Why is it that we don't ever blame God for good things happening in our lives?

I don't know why God allows “bad things” to happen in your life, but I know that God still cares for and loves you through it all. Usually, God allows “bad things” to happen to you in order to draw you closer to him.

As you go through some “bad thing”—pray. Pray the Lord's Prayer and think about what you're praying as you pray each petition. Pray is not a magical formula. It's simply talking to God—to your Father in heaven, who loves you more than you realize. If you want to know more about prayer or how to pray, please contact me.

- Pastor LaBoube

### PIE & ICE CREAM

**SOCIAL:** The Stewardship Board will be hosting a Pie & Ice Cream Social on June 3<sup>rd</sup> from 12:00-3:00 p.m. at the Mapleton



Community Center. There will be entertainment and fellowship along with yummy pies and ice cream. Free Will donation. The funds will be used to open a Young Investors savings account with the Lutheran Church Extension Fund when a child is baptized. The Young Investors (Y.I.) Club makes saving money fun while teaching children to give thanks for God's blessings. Through Y.I. Club newsletters, activities and web pages including the Y.I. Activity Center, your child learns the value of saving, spending and sharing money—while empowering ministry through LCEF.



## Anniversaries and Birthdays

### WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

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

- ♥ May 5<sup>th</sup> – Wayne & Zola Kafton – 55 years
- ♥ May 27<sup>th</sup> – John & Joan Fick – 62 years
- ♥ June 3<sup>rd</sup> – Vernis & Marlene Phillips – 56 years
- ♥ June 15<sup>th</sup> – Melvin & Selma Schrader – 57 years
- ♥ June 21<sup>st</sup> – Keith & Alice Miller – 66 years
- ♥ June 23<sup>rd</sup> – Richard & Kay Johnson – 56 years
- ♥ June 23<sup>rd</sup> – Bob & Wanda Andre – 50 years

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

### **BIRTHDAYS** May/June

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

- May 24<sup>th</sup> – Lillian Wodtke – 102
- June 3<sup>rd</sup> – Phyllis Fick - 90

*God's blessings and a very special happy birthday to you!*

### **KID'S BIRTHDAYS** May/June

- May 11<sup>th</sup> - Tyler Ohlmeier
- Jun 12<sup>th</sup> – Raylyn Kelm
- Jun 20<sup>th</sup> – Liam Lamb
- Jun 20<sup>th</sup> – MaKenna Meseck
- Jun 20<sup>th</sup> – Hudson Bruhn

## Membership Changes:

### Baptisms:

(3-24) Brayden Brodersen, son of Nathan & Betsy Brodersen

(4-8) Hadley Bruhn, daughter of Calvin & Jessica Bruhn

(4-8) Boden Burger, son of Jacob & Kelsey Burger

We welcome these children into the Body of Christ and pray God's continual blessings upon these new members of God's family. As they grow may their faith grow also, and their hearts be filled with the peace and assurance of God's love.

### Transferred In:

(4-18) Paul Tuttle – Transferred from Peace Lutheran, Marcus, IA

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## RAGBRAI & PIE (July 22)

We have a committee working on Ragbrai. We plan to serve homemade fruit pies. Please help us by choosing one of the following:

- Make a 9 inch deep dish homemade fruit pie (no eggs)
- Donate the cost of a pie (\$15)

We are asking that all pies be homemade. If you don't bake, we have people that will bake a pie for you. So fellas, let us hear from you.

We hope to collect 100 homemade fruit pies. This will be a good money maker for the church debt. Please sign up by June 1st. There is a sheet in back of the church, or call us. PLEASE HELP!

Joan – 882-2560                      Lin – 883-2515

Marilyn – 870-1947                  Janeal – 881-1640

Ramona – 883-2051                Thank you! The  
Ragbrai Committee

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**The Back Table is full of information** and resources available to everyone. Please check out the back table and enjoy the free resources!!

## BUS TRIP – CREATON MUSEUM – ARK ENCOUNTER

Three bus trips to the Creation Museum and Ark Encounter are planned for 2018. The June 4-8 and August 6-8 trips are identical. A third trip is planned for November 28 to December 2. This is a Christmas trip.

At this time there are still seats available for all trips. A \$100 deposit per person is required to reserve your seat on the bus. Check out the Creation Museum and Ark Encounter at [creationmuseum.org](http://creationmuseum.org) and [arkencounter.com](http://arkencounter.com).

The 56 passenger Windstar bus leaves from Waverly Walmart parking lot at 6:00 a.m. The bus ride is edu-tainment to help you understand what you will be seeing. The first day is a travel day, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> at the Creation Museum, 4<sup>th</sup> at the Ark, and 5<sup>th</sup> travel home. For additional information call 319-352-5435.

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**THANKS**  
— from the —  
**HEART**

**THANK YOU:** I would like to thank everyone for all your help to make SMASH such a huge success this

year. I could not have done it without Shelly Boyle and Laurie Streck that were a part of the smash board with me.

Also thank you Lin, Ramona, Marilyn, Rick, Karen, Zola, Carol and Kathy Jo for all the many hours you put into volunteering and working with the children. Thank you to Pastor and Christina for leading devotion! These kids started this year with many questions about God. At the end of this program I witnessed many children being able to answer the questions about God!

Thank you thank you and thank you again to all of the congregation that was willing to donate items and cash when asked. We were given many things to help in keeping this program going. I am looking forward to next year and many more to teach, and reach, more children in our community. I Believe we have made a big difference in the kids' life. That's blessings to you all! NiKay Schaffer, Director of SMASH

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**WORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES**  
*Traditional Worship 8:00 a.m.*  
Adult Bible Class 9:15



**CONTINUING LWML PROJECTS: SAVE**

- Pop Tabs
- Used Eyeglasses
- Used Ink Cartridges – no Epson or Canon – cartridges must have a metal print head to be recyclable. Will help District projects.
- Bxotops for Education – cereal, etc.
- Labels for Education – Campbell soup labels, etc.
- New Bars of Soap.
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**Pastor and the church office have new email addresses.**

Pastor LaBoube [pastor@stmatthewmapleton.org](mailto:pastor@stmatthewmapleton.org)  
Church Office [office@stmatthewmapleton.org](mailto:office@stmatthewmapleton.org)

**FACEBOOK PAGE** – Did you know that the church has a Facebook Page? Stop by and Like our page!

Check out the new “Ministry Highlights” on the main web page for information of currents happenings.

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**The Joy in Ministry Banquet** has been an annual event in Iowa District West for many years to highlight and encourage the support of people choosing church work as a fulltime career. After taking a year off to rethink and regroup, we are happy to bring news to you about this year's event.

This year's Banquet will be held on Sunday, June 3, at the Carrollton Inn in Carroll, Iowa. In order for us to plan ahead it is very important that people call the district office or register.

To make reservations contact Sue at the District Office (515-576-7666 or [sue@iowadistrictwest.org](mailto:sue@iowadistrictwest.org)) There is no charge for the banquet.