Happy Valentine’s Day!

Wednesday, February 14th

Men’s Breakfast
August 12
8:00am

Church Picnic
August 20
After morning service

Women’s Friday Fellowship
Friday mornings at 9:30am

Psalm 62:8
Trust in Him at all times, O people;
pour out your heart before Him;
God is a refuge for us.
This past month a dear member of our church family, Susan Matson, went to be with the Lord. She was so loved by everyone in our church. I only knew Susan for the last six-and-a-half years of her life but during that time I discovered what a great man she was. Early on in my ministry I often found myself thanking the Lord for keeping Alvin and Susan around and even praying that He would keep them around longer. What a blessing it was to pastor these two wonderful saints. The people of the church, especially those who knew Alvin and Susan for years adored them. When you look at Susan’s life, and Alvin’s also they were seemingly ordinary people. Many would look at their lives and come to the conclusion that there was not much extraordinary about it. They never lived too far from the place they grew up. Alvin’s childhood home is where Bob and Debby Swanson presently live and Susan and her family moved to Eureka when she was sixteen. Alvin was a farmer from his early days, which in many ways is an unglamorous profession. Both Alvin and Susan got married, raised their kids and then died at a good old age. In the midst of their simple life so many world events happened. They went through The Great Depression, witnessed World War II, The Kennedy Assassination, 9/11, and at the very end of their lives, Covid-19. But as these major events and many others took place they lived faithfully. This is the word that comes to mind when you look at Susan’s life and Alvin’s too. For both of them it was ninety-three years! Susan not only regularly attended Sunday morning service, and other church activities; she was also involved in key roles for many, many years. She served as a the church librarian, treasurer, and helped with children’s ministry. At the end of her life she helped with the Compassion and Care Team by sending out cards to those grieving or ill and she even sent out birthday cards to the children. It was fitting that she passed one week before VBS. Her memorial service took place one day after VBS concluded; a great reminder of her devotion to the children over so many years. The influence she had on these children as she taught them about Jesus changed their little lives for eternity. Susan and Alvin were among the last who were still around when Eureka Baptist went through the leanest years. The church was down to fifteen members and Alvin was a faithful helper Susan was to Alvin. As the Lord says, “A man shall leave his father and his mother and hold fast to his wife, and they shall become one flesh” (Genesis 2:24). It is hard to think of a marriage that better showed this one flesh relationship that the Lord intends for a marriage to be. You cannot talk about Susan without talking about Alvin and you cannot talk about Alvin without talking about Susan. The two were faithful to each other to the end and what a faithful helper Susan was to Alvin all those years (Genesis 2:18). When we all look at Susan’s life what we see is a life of faithfulness. On July 6th, Susan left this world and entered the presence of the Lord. She is there because of the grace of God and the faithfulness she received in Jesus Christ. Jesus died for Susan and throughout her life she reflected him. God was pleased with her and her life displayed greatness, not because it was glamorous in the world eyes, but because Susan did what God told her to do. She did what God calls a Christian to do, to live out one’s faith day after day, and now she is receiving her reward. She has crossed the finish line of the life of faith but we have not. But as we run may we follow Susan’s example as she followed Christ (1 Corinthians 11:1) and “run with endurance the race that is set before us” (Hebrews 12:1.).

Grace and Peace,
Pastor Seth
Llapushi Family: Albania

We hope and pray this finds you well!
The last two months have been interesting months for our family and ministry!
First, we as family are all doing good!
Our children are doing well in the English-speaking Christian School in Tirana and this has been a great blessing for Ida and myself.
The biggest issue we have faced this month is the death of my father. This was a very difficult thing for me to process and we will continue to grieve and need the Lord’s grace in this.

Our family is encouraged by the many families around the world that regularly pray for us, sendoff greetings and financial support. Thank from the depth of our heart!

We are so excited that Holta our daughter got baptized! Holta loves the Lord, she accepted Christ when she was 4 years old. She really wanted to get baptized and make it public her faith in Jesus.

Jeremy Hall graduated from the Saint Paul Fire Academy!

SHOW US PICS FROM THE FAIR!!
We’d love to see pics from the Polk County Fair! Did you enter something? Did you show an animal? Did your kids ride on some of the rides? We want to see them!
Please send pics to jeffamberlindo@gmail.com

FUN & FELLOWSHIP NIGHT
Join us for the last Fun Night of the summer! All are welcome!
August 9th 6:00pm
Monthly Events

Women’s Bible Study
Summer Break
Will resume in early fall

Men’s Breakfast
Saturday, August 12
8:00am

Marriage Bible Study
Canceled for August
Weekly Events

Sunday School
Sunday Mornings
9:00am

Morning Service
Sunday Mornings
10:00am

Fridays
Matson Building
9:30am

Kids Church
Sunday mornings during
Morning Service

A big THANK YOU to those that helped at VBS! Barb Trombley, Abby Swanson, Hansi Fox, Heather Taylor, Lori Brooks, Linda Owen, Angela Snider, Jason Taylor, Pastor Seth Brickley, Mark Brooks, Jordan Braund, Sierra Braund, Debi Swanson, Amber Lindo, Sophie Lindo, Drew Lindo
**2023 Board Members**

**Deacons**
- Shaun Anderson
- Jason Taylor

**Elders**
- Mark Brooks
- Keith Johnson

**Associate/Youth Pastor**
- Doug Schmidt

**Trustees**
- Eric McKinley
- Shaun Anderson

**Deaconness**
- Barbara Trombley
- Lori Brooks
- Hansi Fox
- Abby Swanson

**Secretary**
- Amber Lindo

**Treasurers**
- Hansi Fox
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**Church Announcements**

- Eureka Baptist Church now has a new **Associate/Youth Pastor**! Congratulations to Doug Schmidt!
- Thank you to those that helped in the **Kitchen** for Susan Matson’s funeral! Linda Owen, Nancy Hahn, Debi Swanson, Barb Trombley, Drew Lindo, Hansi Fox, Abby Swanson, Keith & Julie Johnson.
- Pastor Seth is now a regular contributor on **truthscript.com** – Be sure to visit often to read all the great articles!
- A **new school year** is about to start for our children. Please be praying for them!
- If you have any items to add to the **August Newsletter**, please have them to Amber by July 24th.
- **Wednesday Evening Bible Study** will resume on September 6th at 6:30pm.
- We have a new and improved weekly **email update system**. If you do not receive weekly updates and would like to, please let Amber know. jeffamberlindo@gmail.com
- **Wednesday Evening Bible Study** will start back up on September 6th at 6:30pm.
- If you’d like to join a **church team**, please talk with Pastor Seth. An updated team list is on the weekly news blast.
- Details about the **church picnic** will be posted soon.
- Thank you to those that have been **cleaning the church** and **mowing the lawn**! It is appreciated!

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY**: Amber Lindo 8/10, Abby Swanson 8/22, Rachael Anderson 8/22, Jacob Lindo 8/24, Anne Miklya 8/27

**HAPPY ANNIVERSARY**: Derek & Madison Jorgenson 8/1, Mark & Lori Brooks 8/9, Mike & Tammi Braund 8/14, Dan & Sue Meyers 8/15

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At the Quarterly Business Meeting in July, Jason Taylor was voted in as a new Deacon to take over for Gordy Trombley. Gordy has 30+ years as serving as a Deacon for Eureka Baptist Church. God used Gordy as a leader for our church through many trials and many celebrations. Thank you so much to Gordy and the Trombley family. Eureka Baptist Church would not be what it is today without you.

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L-R: Lillie Lindo, Adeline Snider, Frankie Hering and Bella Jones enjoyed a week at Grindstone Lake Bible Camp!

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Missionary Trevor Rubenstein visited Eureka Baptist Church in July.

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**Church Picnic & Baptisms**

**Sunday, August 20th**

After morning service

*If you are interested in being baptized, please talk with Pastor Seth.*

Starting Sunday, September 17th. The Youth Group will meet Sundays from 4:30-6:00pm.
Featured Book
Spiritual Warfare in the End Times
By: Ron Rhodes

In Spiritual Warfare in the End Times, best-selling prophecy author Ron Rhodes powerfully exposes Satan’s most destructive and effective tools of spiritual injury - and the means of rendering them ineffective. Ron will help you understand:

☐ The identity, tactics, and dominion of Satan - and the spiritual armor God has given you for protection
☐ The pivotal roles the Holy Spirit and the Word of God play in your spiritual victory

Though Satan will always want to diminish your capacity to serve in God’s kingdom, God promises you’ll never fight him alone. *Spiritual Warfare in the End Times* will provide you with all you need for victory both now and in the future.

Julie Johnson
Eureka Baptist Church Librarian

Susan Arline Matson, age 93, of Centuria, Wisconsin, went home to be with the Lord on July 6 surrounded by her loving family. Susan was born July 3, 1930, to Harold and Gertrude (Christensen) Johnson in St. Paul, Minnesota. The family moved to Eureka Township when Susan was 16, and she graduated from St. Croix Falls High School in 1948. Two months later on July 24, this girl from the city married the boy from the farm next door, Alvin Matson. The Lord blessed them with 74 years of marriage, four children, nine grandchildren and eighteen great-grandchildren.

After ten years on the “home farm”, the family lived briefly in St. Croix Falls and Atlas, and finally bought a farm near Centuria in 1963, where Susan lived until her passing. Susan was a devoted mother, homemaker, and hard-working wife who helped with farm chores in the barn. She also worked for many years at the Sears catalog store in St. Croix Falls and at Matson Tax Service.

Susan faithfully served at Eureka Baptist Church as a Sunday School teacher, treasurer, librarian, and choir member. She loved cooking and baking – making family favorites and trying new recipes. Susan was a talented seamstress. Her flower gardens were beautiful, especially her favorite peonies and irises, which she shared with others. Susan was an avid reader and enjoyed doing crossword puzzles, even into her nineties. She cherished time spent with her family. When they would stop at the farm for a surprise visit, she was always ready with a full cookie jar or frozen ice cream treats.

Susan is survived by her children, Valerie (Larry) Hanson, Brian (Ruth) Matson, Jolene (Richard) Polosky, daughter-in-law Carol Matson; grandchildren, Tony (Megan) Hanson, Andrew (Laura) Hanson, Karen (Jason) Wredberg, Peter (Cindy) Matson, Romni (Nick) Henderson, Drew Matson, Kelly (Tate) Watts, Mark (Margo) Matson, Luke (Rachel) Matson; great-grandchildren, Drew, Anna, Jack, Meredith, Jonathan, Gideon, Samantha, Cameron, Carter, Lara, Hank, Micah, Seth, Cora, Brooks, Lucy, Noah, and Alexis; sister-in-law Joan Johnson; many nieces, nephews, and friends.

Susan was preceded in death by her husband, Alvin Matson; son, Bruce Matson; parents, Harold and Gertrude Johnson; brothers, Richard Johnson and Robert Johnson; and daughter-in-law, Evy (Ericson) Matson.
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