



EUREKA BAPTIST CHURCH

NEWSLETTER



PSALM 62:8

TRUST IN HIM AT ALL TIMES, O PEOPLE; POUR OUT YOUR HEART BEFORE HIM;

GOD IS A *refuge* FOR US.



Men's Breakfast

August 12
8:00am

Church Picnic

August 20
After morning service



Women's Friday Fellowship

Friday mornings at
9:30am



A Note from Pastor Seth

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 of simple faithfulness.

The Lord is pleased with this life as the apostle Paul wrote for God's people to, "Aspire to live quietly, and to mind your own affairs, and to work with your hands, as we instructed you, so that you may walk properly before outsiders and be dependent on no one" (1 Thessalonians 4:11-12) and His people are to, "lead peaceful and quiet lives, godly and dignified in every way" (1 Timothy 2:2). These two passages describe well, Susan's life. She was born in 1930.

She started coming to Eureka Baptist at sixteen and remained until her death. Her last Sunday at Eureka Baptist was on May 21st. She was not able to come during the winter but we were so grateful that she was able to make it few times in the Spring for us to say goodbye. When it comes to Susan's length at Eureka Baptist she is only outdone by her husband Alvin, who belonged to Eureka Baptist remarkably for just short of 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 people and they talked seriously about closing, but Susan, Alvin, and a few other faithful members decided to keep the church going to see what God would do. During the last decade of Susan's life she saw this old church steadily grow, and by the grace of God Eureka Baptist keeps getting stronger and stronger. It is neat that God kept Susan and Alvin around to see this. Susan, like she always did during her life, did not give up when things got hard and what a blessing for her to have seen the recent growth at the church that she poured his heart into all these years. To honor Susan and Alvin, five years ago we named the newly remodeled Annex, The Matson Building, showing our appreciation to them for their many years of faithful service.

Eureka Baptist Church

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Sunday Morning Service: 10:00am

*Kid's Church during Service

Sunday School: 9:00am

Wed Night Bible Study: 6:30pm

Women's Friday Group: 9:30am

Susan was not only a faithful churchwoman she was also a faithful wife, mother, grandmother, and great grandmother. Susan and Alvin were married just short of seventy-four years! Once again, this longevity will make ones jaw drop. They were married at eighteen and raised four children and from those children saw many grandchildren and great grandchildren, and what God was pleased to do through this wonderful couple was to build a strong Christian legacy. The marriage between Susan and Alvin is a marriage that any other marriage would be wise to follow. You know a marriage is strong when a man and wife are so closely connected that it is hard to imagine one without the other. You can see God's one flesh design with Alvin and Susan. 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 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

MissionReach

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We hope and pray this find's 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.



Congratulations

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
AND
JESUS**

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



Thank you
**TO OUR VBS
 TEAM &
 VOLUNTEERS**

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

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

2023 Board Members

Deacons

Shaun Anderson
Jason Taylor

Elders

Mark Brooks
Keith Johnson

Associate/Youth Pastor

Doug Schmidt

Trustees

Eric McKinley
Shaun Anderson

Deaconess

Barbara Trombley
Lori Brooks
Hansi Fox
Abby Swanson

Secretary

Amber Lindo

Treasurers

Hansi Fox
Abby Swanson

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

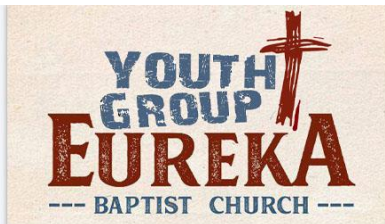
At the Quarterly Business Meeting in July, Jason Taylor was voted in as a new Deacon to take over for Gordy Trombley. Gordy has 30+ years as serving as a Deacon for Eureka Baptist Church. God used Gordy as a leader for our church through many trials and many celebrations. Thank you so much to Gordy and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



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



Missionary Trevor Rubenstein visited Eureka Baptist Church in July.



Starting Sunday, September 17th. The Youth Group will meet Sundays from 4:30-6:00pm.

Church Picnic & Baptisms
Sunday, August 20th
After morning service

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





CHURCH LIBRARY News

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
- The sheep (Christians) who keep close to the Shepherd (Jesus) are safest from the predatory wolf (Satan)

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



Wyatt Russell Hall

Born July 9, 2023

Congratulations to Jeremy, Rachel, Caroline & Annabelle



WELCOME
NEW MEMBERS

Gary Webb, Lois Webb, Andrea Schmidt,
Eric Hering, Amy Hering



Susan A. Matson
July 3, 1930 - July 6, 2023

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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