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*The Timber Times  
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## School News

### WELCOME BACK!!!!

We have missed our St. Matthew family!!! It is so wonderful to see you all once again and hear about your AMAZING summers! We hope you are ready to get back at it, because we have been preparing all summer! :)

### Preschool

PreK-4 starts on Tuesday, September 4, and PreK-3 begins on Friday, September 7. Keep the families and Miss Lindsay in your prayers as they begin another year!

### Newsletters

This year, St. Matthew will be publishing the newsletter on our website as well. You can see it at [www.stmatthewspokane.org](http://www.stmatthewspokane.org), under the resources tab!

### Mission Offering

This year, we have decided that our mission offering will be going to a WELS mission church within the United States. Our hope with this opportunity is that we are able to interact with that church, and hear about the work they are completing where they are. More information to come!!!

### Bible Boot Camp

A new Bible information class will be starting next Wednesday, September 5 at 6:30PM. Childcare will be provided! This class provides you to learn the basic truths of the Bible that we teach your children here at St. Matthew, and also get in spiritual shape! We hope to see you there!

### New Sermon Series

Pastor West will be starting a sermon series on Genesis beginning Sunday, September 9! All are welcome to attend! Come and learn more about the first book of the Bible with us!

### Fundraising Opportunity

One of our school parents came across an online shopping program called "Primary." Through this website, you are able to purchase quality clothes, and earn money back for St. Matthew at the same time! Mrs. Biebert is waiting to hear back from the company, so more information should be coming in the next couple weeks. If you have any questions about the clothes, please speak with 1st grade mom, Alix Fernandez!

### Half Day

Don't forget about our half days this year! The first one is on Friday, September 14. We will be using the extra

## Upcoming Dates

### September

- 3 **NO SCHOOL**—Labor Day
- 5 Soccer Practice 3:30-5:00
- 7 Soccer Practice 3:30-5:00
- 12 Soccer Practice 3:30-5:00
- 13 **HAPPY BIRTHDAY MR. BIEBERT!**
- 13 Soccer @ Summit 2:00
- 14 HALF DAY—Release at 12:00
- 14 **Outreach Event—Northtown Mall 3:30-7:30**
- 17-21 **MAP Testing Week**
- 18 Soccer v. CCA 3:30
- 19 Soccer Practice 3:30-5:00
- 20 Soccer @ Southside 3:30
- 24 Soccer v. PCA 3:30
- 26 Soccer Practice 3:30-5:00
- 27 HALF DAY—Release at 12:00
- 28 Soccer Practice 3:30-5:00
- 30 PreK-8 Sing 10:00AM

time that day to begin a new curriculum study!

### Outreach Event

On Friday, September 14, we are looking for a couple of volunteers to help out with an outreach event at Northtown Mall. This event will take place from 3:30-7:30PM. If we had about four volunteers, we could do teams of two for 2 hour shifts. At the mall, we will be provided a table, linens, and chairs. We are able to provide an activity or information about our school. Please come see Mrs. Biebert if you would like to

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Our AWESOME faculty ready to tackle another year!!!!

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volunteer or if you have any ideas that would make our booth rockstar material!

### Soccer

Ah, another season for the Mighty Timbers! We are extremely excited to see what our team can accomplish this year! Your child should have received a packet of information if they were interested in soccer. If you have not gotten one, please see Mrs. O'Haver. Please make sure they sign the purple soccer requirements sheet and turn it into their teacher. Practices will be held on Wednesdays and Fridays from 3:30-5:00, with these exceptions: September 14, September 19, and October 19. Games are in the packet and also on our website.

### Air Quality

Thanks to the rain, the air was absolutely beautiful for the first day of school! Despite the good start, things can change quickly, so we will continue to monitor the situation in the upcoming weeks. If the air quality dips into the unhealthy range, we will not go outside for recess. If your child is especially sensitive to the smoke, please let us know if there is a way we can accommodate him or her. Thank you for your help!

### Aftercare

We are offering aftercare every day from 3:45-6:00PM. If you are planning to use aftercare, please let your teacher know no later than THAT MORNING. This allows the aftercare supervisor enough time to plan accordingly. Thank you!

### Piano Lessons

We are looking for students who would like to tickle the ivories this year! Talk with your children, and if piano lessons are something they would like to take part in, please let Mrs. Biebert know! We have limited availability this year—only 12-13 students. The teacher does lessons for 2nd grade on up. Lessons will tentatively be starting in October!

### Donna Lindsay Benefit Night

This event will be taking place Friday, September 28 from 6:00-8:30PM. We hope all of you are able to attend this event! There are also numerous ways you can volunteer to help out—setup, clean up, food service, etc. Another huge help would be putting together a basket to donate for the silent auction.

Questions? Contact Kayla Biebert (715) 402-0114 or Holly Roberg (509)991-7411.

I have included a poster of the flyer in the newsletter here. If you go to our

### 8/31 Cleaning

**Upstairs:** McLaughlin  
**Downstairs:** McLaughlin

website, you can copy and paste this link to register: <https://holly.therobergs.com/donna/>

### Dutch Bros. Cards

Pick up your Dutch Bros. fundraising cards from any upper grader planning on attending the D.C. trip in Spring 2020! They are available for \$10 each, and have a \$20 value. Let the fundraising and coffee drinking commence!

Check out the benefit flyer below!



## Donna Lindsay Benefit Fundraiser

Please join us for this catered, fund-raising event that is intended to garner prayer, service and financial support for Donna Lindsay's battle with cancer!

- ★ Catered BBQ dinner
- ★ Free childcare
- ★ Silent auction
- ★ Live music
- ★ Team Lindsay Merchandise booth

**Event Details:**

- ★ Friday, September 28, 2018 6:00-8:30 PM
- ★ Spokane First Church of the Nazarene GYM
- ★ 9004 N. Country Homes Boulevard Spokane, WA 99208



God is our refuge and strength,  
an ever-present help in trouble.  
Psalm 46:1

**Online Registration open!**

- ★ Click here to [Register](#) through Spokane First Church of the Nazarene's website.
- ★ Use the "Other" Row
  - ★ \*\*Other Donation row MUST include Donna Lindsay and the number of Attendees.
- ★ Suggested donations are \$15 per adult and \$10 per child

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Special Thanks



Get event updates by following the Donna Lindsay Benefit Fundraiser Facebook Page



Note: Day of the event walk-ins are welcome on a first come first serve basis. Donation amounts are flexible, as we do NOT want the event cost to prevent you from showing your love and support for Donna!

## Weekly Message

### Lord of My Heart and Home

God's service to his people is ever-faithful! He served the children of Israel through his almighty Word as he promised to give them a home of their own in Canaan. He also served them through the work of his almighty hand as their faith-filled hope of a promised home was finally fulfilled. Buoyed by a bold faith in God's promises, Joshua passionately pledged to serve the Lord.

Such a desire to selflessly serve the Lord does not come naturally. The human heart instinctively seeks to serve the sinful self. Earthly idols abound all around us in the riches and pleasures that appear so attractive. The devil seduces the human heart and enslaves it into serving what is appealing to the eye rather than what is appealing to God. How disquieting it is when we repentantly recognize the countless occasions we have not lived up to the perfect service standards that God deserves and demands!

The Lord heals the haughty heart as he holds out his helping hand of grace to the helpless sinner. Just as he served Joshua and the Israelites through his faithful promises, he speaks to us of his promise to revive the broken-hearted with his free gift of forgiveness. In absolute selfless service to sinners, God

sent his dearly loved Son, Jesus, who came to serve and give his life as a ransom for many.

Jesus teaches us that real freedom is found in serving him with all our heart. Like the lifeless idols of Joshua's day, the modern gods that lead the heart to lust after them are helpless to liberate the sinner. They eventually lead to disappointment and eternal destruction. Only in Jesus does the empty heart find everlasting joy and peace. Our Servant-Savior once said, "If the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed" (John 8:36). Through God's life-giving Word he grants us freedom to serve him gladly and willingly.

Out of heart-felt thanks for our Savior's service to us, we serve Jesus by sharing the Lord's promises with our families. Not only did Joshua commit himself to serving the

Lord, he committed his household to the Lord's service too. God's work in the hearts of sinners begins as babies are brought to be baptized. God's service continues in the hearts of his children as parents and guardians share the life-giving Word of God through family devotions.

The Lord kept his promise to give the Israelites a home in Canaan. The Lord has graciously given us the infinitely greater promise of a home with him in heaven. Inspired by his promise of life eternal, we live to serve him with all our heart!

**Prayer:**  
**Almighty Lord, reign unrivaled in my heart through your powerful Word so that I selflessly and ceaselessly serve you. Amen.**

"...as for me and my household,  
 we will serve the LORD."

**Joshua 24:15**

