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Confirmation Classes

This instructional course on the basic tenants of the Christian faith is made available for any child ages 11-14. If you have a child or know of a child that would like to enter into Confirmation, contact the Pastor.

Praise Team

The Praise Team currently provides most of the instrumental pre-service music for our Sunday services. If you have any questions regarding the Praise Team, please contact Ken Young or Dan Morrison.

Lutherans Women's Mission League (LWML)

We meet **Each Month, dates change per the event.**
Come contribute to Lutheran Missions Worldwide!
All women are welcome!

Altar Guild

Since the morning of Christ's resurrection, as the women approached to prepare the body of Christ for burial, ladies have gathered before the Sunday service to prepare the body of Christ for communion. If you are interested in helping with this sacred task, contact Lillian Holttum.

Free Community Dinner!

Community free dinner served every **Wednesday at 5pm.** If you are interested in joining this ministry contact our Human Care Chairman, Kay Hermann.

Choir

CHOIR IS ON SUMMER BREAK

Contact Rod Larson or Ken Young, if interested in joining.

New Member's Class

Anyone interested in becoming a new member, please contact Pastor Sonnenberg or the church office. 360-457-4122.

UPCOMING SERVICES

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| <i>July 5th</i> | <i>Sixth Sunday after Pentecost Matt 11:25-30</i> |
| <i>July 12th</i> | <i>Seventh Sunday after Pentecost Matt 13:1-9,18-23</i> |
| <i>July 19th</i> | <i>Eighth Sunday after Pentecost Matt 13:24-30,36-43</i> |
| <i>July 26th</i> | <i>Ninth Sunday after Pentecost Matt 13:44-52</i> |
| <i>Aug 2nd</i> | <i>Tenth Sunday after Pentecost Matt 14:13-21</i> |
| <i>Aug 9th</i> | <i>Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost Matt 14:22-33</i> |
| <i>Aug 16th</i> | <i>Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost Matt 15:21-28</i> |
| <i>Aug 23rd</i> | <i>Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost Matt 16:13-20</i> |
| <i>Aug 30th</i> | <i>Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost Matt 16:21-28</i> |

News from St Matthew LWML

Thank you's received from Dakota Boys & Girls Ranch

To the LWML of St Matthew,

Thank you for the funds to buy Action Bibles for our residents. Many of our youth struggle with their literary skills. The Action Bible helps show them the hope and healing of the Word of God regardless of their reading level or verbal difficulties.



Thank you for supporting us in bringing the love of Christ to our residents.

Rev Rick Jones

Chaplain, VP - Spiritual Life



To the saints of St Matthew



We received your very generous donation this week. God bless you all for your kindness and support of Dakota Boys and Girls Ranch. Your compassion and generosity make a meaningful difference in the lives of the children and families we serve. As Scripture reminds us "Each of you should give what you have decided to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver."

2 Corinthians 9:7

Thank you for being a blessing to our mission

Sincerely, Jennifer Rockwell



A DEEPEST THANK YOU TO OUR SUNDAY SNACK HOSTS in June!



CREATING COMMUNITY

- Fostered new, lasting connections
- Strengthened existing community bonds
- Made everyone feel instantly welcome



SHARING GENEROSITY

- Provided unique, delicious treats
- Shared your invaluable resources
- Exemplified an abundant, selfless spirit



SPREADING JOY

- Offered a meaningful break from the routine
- Brightened our Sundays, every time
- Left a trail of lasting smiles

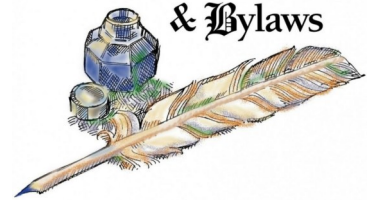


Janis Deverter, Peggy Romero, Kathy Peterson,
Barb Thompson, Pat Ledbetter, Kate Cline,
Tiffany Eddy, Elizabeth Munro-Sanders,
Kay Hermann and Cindy Schlaffman

Thank you to everyone that submitted any additional revisions/corrections/deletions to the draft version of the Constitution and Bylaws of Saint Matthew to Leroy Peterson, Chairman of Constitution Revision Committee by the requested deadline of June 20th.

All suggestions will be presented to the Constitution and Bylaw Committee for their review. After Committee finishes its review, a revised draft version, along with an appendix sheet to ease identification of submissions will be presented to the congregation, allowing time for personal review, prior to rescheduling a Congregational meeting. The purpose of that meeting will be to review and approval of said Draft of Constitution and Bylaws of St Matthew.

Constitution
& Bylaws



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Confirmation Class



CLASSES ARE ON PAUSE FOR SUMMER



ON SUMMER BREAK

Dinner & Bible Study for Families

MEN'S PRAYER & BREAKFAST

TUESDAYS 7AM

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MEN'S BREAKFAST

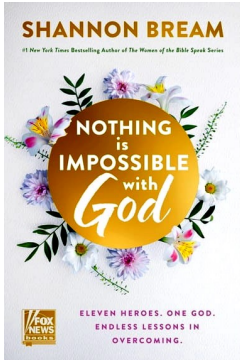
FAITH, FOOD & FELLOWSHIP




CHOIR

IS ON SUMMER BREAK

Women's Bible Study is off for the summer but will start again on **Tuesday, September 8th at 10 AM** in the Fellowship Hall. We will be using the book **"Nothing is Impossible with God" by Shannon Bream**. The church office can order the books in bulk at a reduced rate of around \$22. The books will be ordered in late July or early August. Please sign up to have the church office order you a book and to join this wonderful bible study.



St Matthew Book Club



a reader lives a thousand lives before he dies, the man who never reads lives only one.

CANCELLED FOR JUNE & JULY

CHURCH COUNCIL



St. Matthew Lutheran Church Council Meeting Minutes, May 14, 2026

(Follow-up actions are *italicized*)

Members Present:

1. Pete Pettit President
2. Leroy Peterson Vice-President
3. Kathy Smith Treasurer
4. Mary Heller Recording Secretary
5. Bill Hermann Chair, Board of Elders
6. Carl Deverter Co-Chair, Evangelism
7. Peggy Romero Chair, Fellowship
8. Kay Hermann Chair, Human Care
9. Lynn Vernon Chair, Stewardship
10. Janis Deverter Chair, Youth & Education
11. Pam Predovich Chair, Preschool
12. Pastor Roger Sonnenberg

Members Absent:

1. Dan Smith Chair, Trustees
2. Vacant Chair, Information Technology
3. Vacant Chair, Finance

Guests:

Rod Larson

Meeting was called to order by President Pete Pettit at 6:09 pm. Pastor opened with prayer.

Pastor's Report:

- 1) The start of Sunday School is a great blessing, and many thanks to Janis for taking this on.
- 2) A committee has been formed to plan a celebration of the 250th anniversary of the nation. The community and preschool will be invited to celebrate with us.

Approval of minutes: The minutes of the April 9, 2026 Council Meeting were read. A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes as read. Motion was approved by voice vote.

Council Reports:

- 1) President's report (Pete Pettit): Pete commented that The Reporter publication regularly lists congregations that are closing or disbanding, and noted that St Matthew, conversely, is blessed with growth. He credits the Council and the congregation as a whole for this, and expressed thanks to all.
- 2) Vice-President's report (Leroy Peterson): Leroy commented that the narthex exterior door that leads to the front ramp will sometimes inadvertently lock if the key is left in the lock. Therefore, he requests of everyone to let the key dangle on the chain, instead of leaving it in the lock, when unlocking that door.

Treasurer (Kathy Smith):

- 1) Graph reports of Income and Expenses, preschool Income and Expenses, Restricted Fund balances as of April 30, 2026, and average Sunday attendance and giving were distributed to all; however, Kathy noted that the average attendance and giving were in error and will be updated.
- 2) Kathy reported that all are being conservative with their spending and it is much appreciated.
- 3) Kathy provided a sample card for Easy Tithing giving that could be used by individuals in the pew. Additional QR codes could be included for other purposes, such as RSVP'ing to events, etc.
- 4) Pastor commented that he has received a complaint that it is difficult to find information on the church web site. Cheryl Clark was suggested as a person who might be able and willing to work on a web site update.

Board of Elders (Bill Hermann):

- 1) Kay Schwiesow's memorial service will be Thursday, May 21, 2:00 pm.
- 2) Pastor will be away two Sundays, May 31 and June 7. By District guidelines, Pastor is entitled to eight Sundays off each year, but he is electing to take off only six Sundays per year.
- 3) We are pleased to be receiving young families as part of our attendance and membership growth.

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Board of Elders (Bill Hermann):

- 4) The Circuit Counselor will be invited to the June 4 Elders meeting for discussion on the formation of a Call Committee. We have missed the window for this year for applying for a vicar or seminary graduate.
- 5) A complaint was received about us giving publicity support to the upcoming Ukraine concert at Holy Trinity. Pastor clarified that religious events at other churches are not publicized but community events can be. It was suggested that other churches, in turn, be asked to support our community events.
- 6) Ken Young will be gone the third Sunday in August for his Germany trip.
- 7) The Men's Prayer group will continue throughout the Summer.

Evangelism (Carl DeVerter):

- 1) Clallam County Fair planning is starting. We will reserve one space on the main midway, which should provide good visibility.
- 2) Scott Adolphson is willing to continue underwriting the golf course sign.
- 3) If there are excess funds in the Evangelism budget, Carl's preference is to support local missions and to upgrade the church web site.

Fellowship (Peggy Romero):

- 1) The Sunday fellowship hour continues to go very well.
- 2) LWML will have an end-of-year luncheon on June 4 at Lynn's house.
- 3) The Women's Bible study has ended for this year and will resume again after Labor Day.
- 4) Ken has requested assistance with a luncheon for 15-20 persons at an Organist Guild meeting on Saturday, July 25.

Human Care (Kay Hermann):

- 1) The Wednesday dinner has received a \$250 Thrivent grant. Kay reported that any Thrivent member is eligible to apply for additional grants, and Pastor *requested information on how to do so. These grants can be requested for any other church activities.*
- 2) Kay is sharing Wednesday dinner supplies with Sunday School, such as juice, goldfish crackers, etc.
- 3) Kay expressed a big thanks to Dan for the new door stop at the church door where Wednesday dinners are handed out.

Stewardship (Lynn Vernon):

- 1) Lynn has selected a good Spiritual Gifts questionnaire that will help members identify their spiritual gifts and preferences. Results of the questionnaire will be used to help leaders match potential volunteers with church needs.
- 2) Lynn announced she is stepping down as Stewardship Chair, however, she and Duane would like to continue contributing by hosting New Member dinners.

Trustee (Kathy for Dan Smith):

- 1) The roof replacement at the 116 house will be in June or July.
- 2) There was a battery issue causing a recent error code on the alarm system. This has now been corrected.
- 3) The installation of the new exterior sign remains incomplete. *Pete will talk with Dan about finding a resolution.*

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Youth & Education (Janis Deverter): There were nine children at the first Sunday School and ten the second week. Current lessons are on creation and the Ten Commandments. This is a very fun time with a lesson, a snack, singing, and a video.

Finance Chair (Vacant): No report.

Information Technology (Vacant): No report.

SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS:

Preschool (Pam Predovich):

- 1) Preschool has five students registered for next year. Preschool needs a minimum of ten paying students to financially break even.
- 2) The preschool financial situation currently is good, and the teachers will receive a small pay raise next year.
- 3) The preschool web site has been updated and looks good.
- 4) Preschool will host a “shindig” on May 29 to thank the congregation for their support. This year’s and next year’s registered and potential families will also be invited.
- 5) Preschool will piggy-back with Evangelism at the County Fair.

Constitution and Bylaws (Leroy Peterson):

- 1) An email has been sent to the congregation with an invitation to review the draft revision of the Constitution and Bylaws. A special congregational meeting will be held May 17 for discussion and approval.
- 2) Guest Rod Larson brought up several points of concern:
 - Rod prefers and requests a meeting for discussion purposes and a question and answer time, but without a vote for approval.
 - An opportunity for “pro” and “con” statements on the various changes would be beneficial for congregation members to thoughtfully consider their position.
 - Roberts Rules of Order requires a 50% attendance for a quorum but, since we do not require this threshold, there may be a sentiment of alienation and distrust if only a small number of persons are present to vote on the constitution changes.
 - Rod strongly believes the church secretary position should report to the Elders, because the Pastor receives care and support from the elders and of the secretary’s close working relationship to the Pastor

It was agreed that any congregation member can make a motion for any change at the meeting and, if the discussion appears to be inconclusive, a vote may not occur.

Unfinished Business:

1. A draft Annual Report was distributed with a *request for any additional pieces to be submitted as soon as possible.*
2. Thinking back to our discussion of volunteer representation, Leroy has calculated that we have a 30/70 volunteer rate (30% of members actively volunteer and 70% are not able to volunteer), which is superior to the 20/80 statistical average in a typical church.

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New Business:

1. The PAHS Vocal Choir will host a free-will offering vocal performance and dessert fellowship on Friday, June 5, at St Matthew to raise funds for competition expenses. They will also contribute vocal music during worship on Sunday, June 14. *(Note: the June 14 worship performance was subsequently cancelled due to graduation weekend conflicts.)*
2. Budget discussion.

A copy of the proposed July 1, 2026-June 30, 2027 budget was provided to all for review and discussion.

A motion was made and seconded to increase the education budget by \$660 for the purpose of providing a Small Catechism to each adult new member. Motion was approved by voice vote.

A motion was made and seconded to change the budget line item currently named "Golf" to "Local Missions," and to move \$700 from the line item "Dedicated Missions" to "Local Missions." This will result in no change to the total for this budget area. Motion was approved by voice vote.

Kathy advised all that this proposed budget is a draft only, and requested *all to review with expectation of a final discussion and vote at the June Council meeting.*

Future Business:

Future pastor call. Pastor Sonnenberg affirms that he has no intention of stepping down at the current time. However, as part of an orderly planning and succession process, the congregation will be asked to complete a District-provided survey to help us determine what we want and need in an eventual new pastor.

We are planning to not hold a yard sale this year.

Closing: Meeting adjourned at 8:25 pm with closing prayer by Pastor.

Respectfully Submitted,

Mary Heller
Recording Secretary

Recap of follow-up actions:

Kay to provide more information on how Thrivent members can apply for grants for congregational ministries.

Pete to talk with Dan about installation of our new exterior sign.

Additional submissions for the Annual Report should be given to Mary as soon as possible.

All council members to review draft 2026-2027 budget for a final discussion and vote at the June council meeting.

This time each year in our hometown the county fair comes our way. . . Yes, the Clallam County Fair is coming again, **August 20, 21, 22, 23.**



The annual fair event is the unique opportunity for St. Matthew Lutheran Church to showcase its Christian presence in the community at large. This year, St Matthew will be focusing on **Christian Family**. Doing so through its offering of Week-day Preschool, Sunday School, Adult Worship and Christian Fellowship. The event is also an opportunity for the congregation to tighten its own Christian family through individual contribution on a levels: Booth setup and Takedown before and after the fair, Work 3-hour shifts during the fair, and most importantly, presenting unique and effective ways to spread the Gospel from the booth at the event. Please, talk among you regarding ideas to bring new families into the St Matthew fold. This is truly your commission as Brothers and Sister in Christ.

The work-shift schedule has been placed in the narthex, use the sign up for the shift[s] you are up for working, talk freely among you regarding ideas to spread the word of the Lord at this event. Our goal is to be as effective as possible in doing so.

See me, **Carl DeVerter, Chairperson, Evangelism** about ideas or concerns.

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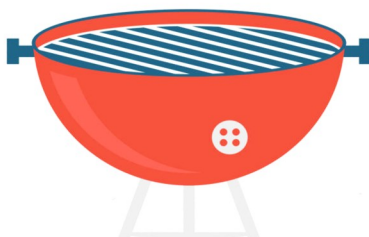


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*And Jesus came and spoke to them, saying, "All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth. Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age."
Matthew 28.18-20*

It is said that familiarity breeds contempt. And here I'm thinking that Oxford's second definition of "contempt" is probably what was intended: "disregard for something that should be considered." I don't think any Christian would say that the Great Commission is "worthless" or "beneath consideration". No real Christian would attend a church that took such a position. Nevertheless, that the Great Commission is in a state of "disregard" by many Christians and churches is beyond dispute. Or at best, the mandate to make disciples of all nations has been redefined to fit whatever we're doing in our churches. Holding classes, conducting programs, meeting in small groups, sponsoring outreach events, tweaking our service of worship, and whatever else we do, we are doing under the umbrella of the Great Commission. We don't have to think about it anymore because we're so busy fulfilling it.

But the question remains: Where are the disciples? If what we're doing is the Great Commission, and what's coming out the pipe at the end of all this activity are disciples, then why is it that we in our day don't look the same as Paul or Peter or John or those multitudes whose lives together evidenced the grace of God throughout the Roman world for the first 250 years of the Church's birth? Where are the disciples who are turning our world right-side-up for Jesus? Where are the courageous pastors who, rather than kiss up to power, stand squarely in its face saying, "This is what the LORD says"? Where are the towering thinkers like Justin, Tertullian, Origen, and Irenaeus whose writings emboldened early disciples and bound the Christian churches into one like-minded world-changing movement? And where are the everyday disciples who stand unashamedly on the solid rock of Jesus, embodying Him, testifying of Him, urging others to flee to Him, and refusing to remain silent about Him even to the point of death?

We have dumbed-down discipleship to make it fit our comfortable Christian lifestyles. And we no longer take the time to regard the Great Commission as Jesus intended it should be understood and pursued.

Jesus called the first disciples to make disciples of all nations. Their obedience is why, before Constantine took the throne early in the fourth century, the Gospel had already spread from India to Spain and Britain, all across southern Europe and northern Africa, and even into the court of the Roman emperors. The disciples did what Jesus taught, and they taught those who succeeded them to do the same—precisely as Jesus taught them. The object was to make disciples—learners devoted to learning Jesus (Eph. 4.17-20) so that, like Jesus, they would be agents of grace, heralds of a new Kingdom, martyrs ("witnesses") for the faith, contributors to building strong churches, and disciple-makers as they were going about their everyday Christian lives. They did not define discipleship by church membership or leadership or participation. Discipleship and making disciples was their way of life, what they thought of first thing in the morning and last thing before they retired. How else to explain the explosive growth of the Christian movement? And that Great Commission to make disciples has come to us, to you and me, into our everyday walk with and work for the Lord. As we are going about our duties, tasks, errands, chores, and various other responsibilities and activities, one overarching commission should guide us: make disciples.

For we have been commissioned to this great task. Officers in the military receive a "commission", an assignment that involves a raft of duties and obligations which direct everything they do. We, too, have received such a commission, such an "assignment", and, as we have already seen, the Lord Who commissioned us to the work of making disciples tests us every moment of the day to direct and

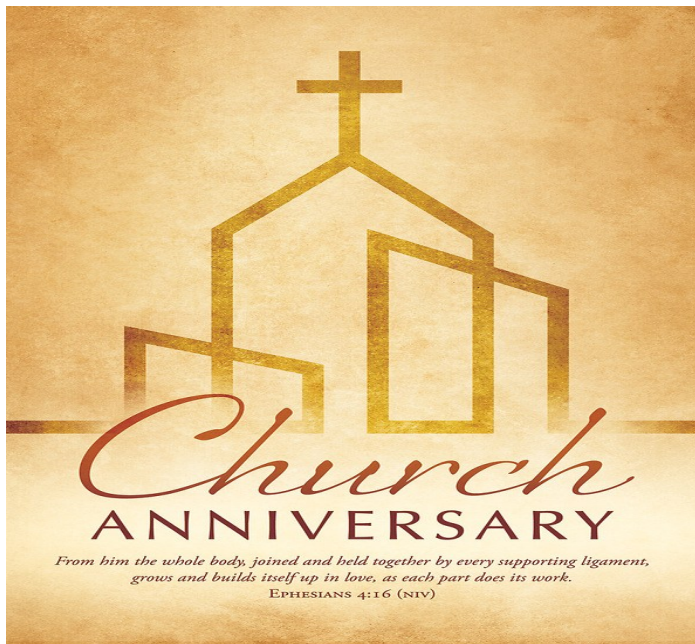
encourage us into that work to which we have been appointed. As we put our feet on the ground, rising from the gift of sleep to the work of the day, one overarching and commanding thought should resume: make disciples. Those who are already disciples of the Lord, we are called to encourage and edify. Any who may come across our path in the day ahead we must engage with a view to showing them Jesus, telling them about Jesus, and encouraging them to join us in our journey to the very Presence of King Jesus (Ps.84; 1 Jn. 3.1-3). We have been commissioned. Officers in the military who disregard their commission are dismissed from the service, or worse. Our everyday Christian lives can be used of God to spread His grace to more and more people, so that Jesus is exalted and God is thanked. But we must understand what it means for us to *be disciples' day by day and to make disciple as we are going all day long.*

Is this a hard commission? It is, indeed. But Jesus has given His Spirit to equip and empower us for this work, and He has appointed to each of us a calling, an arena of disciple-making, in which the Spirit can make us willing and able to know the pleasure of God in being and making disciples (Phil. 2.12, 13). Can't imagine such a way of life? Try doing so, for God is able to do exceeding and abundantly more than you or I could ever ask or think (Eph. 3.20). But we must be in motion in the direction of His mandate within our own sphere of life to engage that power for making disciples.

What will you be doing today to carry out your part of the Great Commission?

Would you say that you are growing as a disciple of Jesus? In what ways?

When have you taken time to meditate on the Great Commission—to “regard” it afresh—for what it requires of and promises for you?



Celebrating 88 years of ministry!

This church anniversary, we are reminded of the importance of a firm and unwavering faith. We have seen God's faithfulness in our lives and in the life of this church. It is by our faith that we stand strong and continue to grow. Let us hold onto our beliefs with confidence, knowing that He who promised is faithful.

Prayer For America

"God our Father, giver of life, we entrust the United States of America to your loving care. You are the rock on which this nation was founded. You alone are the true source of our cherished rights to life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness. Reclaim this land for your glory and dwell among your people!"

In Jesus' name, Amen!





From Ken Young: This is my first trip report for my trip to BachFest.

I took a few pictures and videos, which I can show on my phone to whoever's interested.

When going through German customs at the airport, don't tell the official that you are going to the "Bahk" Fest. They will mock you by making chicken noises, "bahk bahk bahk". The proper way that Germans pronounce this name is, "Baccchhhhhh", like you're clearing your throat. (I wasn't the person who was mocked.)

Speed limits on German roads are merely suggestions.

Temperatures at the beginning were pleasant, with a few light showers. Towards the end, they rose to the mid-90s, foreshadowing the current European heat wave.

There were two concerts per day, held at Thomaskirche and Nikolaikirche, respectively. Each church seats about a thousand. We all (seven) had tickets to all concerts. Each concert had four Bach cantatas. The concerts were about two hours long. The walk from our hotel to Nikolaikirche was about five blocks, on mildly crowded sidewalks and streets. Thomaskirche was another three blocks further.

In Thomaskirche (Bach's main church), the orchestra and choir performed from a balcony. The seats (folding wooden seats) were all kind of facing the center of the church. The raised pulpit was in the middle, off-center.

In Nikolaikirche, which was also under Bach's musical authority, the seating was pews facing the front, except for the pews on the sides and in the balconies (there were two balconies). The pews were non-cushioned and very uncomfortable. The orchestra and choir performed from a raised area in the front.

The choir consisted of about 22 singers, including the soloists. The orchestra had a small string section, some woodwinds, and trumpets and horns. The trumpets and horns were valveless, as valves hadn't been invented yet in Bach's time. The trumpets probably had air holes like a flute, to change pitch, and the horns probably used a fist in the bell to change pitch. There were different musicians for the different concerts. All were outstanding performers.

The "first class" train for our return trip to Frankfurt was cancelled, and we got put on "economy class". "First class" has 2 abreast, an aisle, and 1 abreast. "Economy class" has enclosed areas, each consisting of 6 seats: 3 abreast facing each other. Where to put our luggage was a challenge, but we made it.

My next trip report will report on our side trip to the Naumburg organ workshop.



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