



## St. Matthew's Messenger

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### Happy New Year, People of God!

If you've seen me outside any time between dawn and dusk, you've probably seen me wearing sunglasses. I don't know if my eyes are any more sensitive than the next person's, but squinting into the natural light bothers me, even if it's the diffuse light from an overcast day and not direct sunshine. On clear, cloudless days, those lenses make the sky an even deeper blue. But on a recent gloomy day, I took my sunglasses off in the car for a minute and realized that the sky wasn't quite as dark as I thought it was. My mood lightened a little with my clearer vision of the weather.

We end the 12 days of Christmas with Epiphany, the festival commemorating the revelation of the Christ child to the magi who found him by following the star. If you can imagine the deep darkness of night in biblical times, centuries before the first electric lights, you can begin to see how the star could have brightened their path through the desert. During this season we sing about light, which feels appropriate as we begin to welcome ever-lengthening days. But the light of Epiphany is not so much about the weather, and not even as much about the star, as it is about the light of Christ coming into the world—and the world being able to see it.

As the Christmas season winds down around us and the lights, trees, and decorations are tucked away, we see fewer signs pointing to Christ; we lose the festive feeling and settle into what is usually a cold, grey January. Yet we know that Jesus' birth is not an end but the beginning of God being with us in a new way. As the world around us more or less returns to normal, we who have seen the light of Christ are called to reflect that light into this gloomy world that could use a more hopeful perspective. In this world that always seems to be hurting, in this season and every season, let us testify to the light: it shines in the darkness and the darkness has not overcome it.

*Peace,  
Pastor Traci*

### Worship Schedule for January

In January, we will offer two Sunday services each week.

**8:30 AM Worship in the Sanctuary**—Full Spoken Liturgy of Word & Sacrament (Communion)

**10:30AM Worship in the Sanctuary**—Full Spoken Liturgy of Word & Sacrament (Communion)

This will be the recorded and live-streamed service.



## Mitten Tree Thank You!

Many Thanks to all who contributed so generously to the "Mitten Tree" by bringing colorful home-made, bought items, and financial donations for needy elementary school children!

Because of your kindness, these children will have a warmer winter!

These items were distributed to Martinsburg and Spring Cove Elementary Schools. The total items received were (44 pairs of mittens and gloves; 5 hats; 13 sets of hats, 1 scarf; 24 pairs of socks; 1 pair of slippers).



Many thanks, to family and friends who remembered my family and me during the Christmas Season. Also, thank you to the Congregation and Council for the generous

Christmas bonus.

*Lori Tremmel*

Thank you for your recent donation in the amount of \$50.00 and your continued support to The Morrisons Cove Memorial Park. *Chuck Gojmerac, Park & Recreation Director*

Many thanks to my church family and friends for the birthday cards, prayers, and Christmas Cards. All make the days a little brighter. *Janet Kreider*

To the Council & the People of St. Matthew:

Thank you for your generous Christmas gift and the gift of your partnership in ministry this year. Even and especially in these challenging times, I consider it a blessing to serve along side you in this community of faith, and I look forward to what the new year will bring. *Pastor Traci*

Many thanks from the George Gilbert family for all the prayers and support during George's recent heart surgery and recovery. We are so very grateful and blessed! *George, Martie & Family*

On behalf of the Donald Smith Family, thank you to our St. Matthew family for prayers and the beautiful Altar arrangement of flowers and Christmas Greens. Don is doing as well as can be expected for someone awaiting his 99<sup>th</sup> Birthday, January 29, 2022.

*Donald Smith Family*

## Goal Setting

All committees should hold a meeting in January to set their "Goals" for 2020. Please inform the church office of the date and time of your meeting.

## Martinsburg Food Pantry



As 2021 ends, we, at the Food Pantry, want to thank St. Matthew members who have contributed food, paper items, personal or cleaning supplies or monetary gifts during this year! It's been greatly appreciated in helping to serve those families in need. We ask for your prayers and continued support.

The Food Pantry will be open on Thursdays, January 6 and January 20 from 9:00 to 11:00am. It will open when needed by appointment. Volunteers from St. Matthew will be assisting in the distribution of food. If you can help, please let Elaine Buchart know for either Thursday.

The January Items most needed are: Ravioli, Pasta Sides, Pineapple, Jello, and Cleaning Supplies. THANK YOU! *Linda K. Smith*



## Christmas Vacations

Church Office will be closed from Friday, December 24<sup>th</sup> through Tuesday, January 3, 2022 due to the office staff being on vacation. Normal office hours will begin on Tuesday, January 4. In case of emergency please call Pastor Traci at 814-935-9267



The 2022 Altar Flower chart is posted on the Narthex bulletin board. Altar Flowers are a perfect way to remember loved ones. Please sign up now for the Sunday you wish to place flowers on the Altar. Price - \$40.00.

## The Lutheran Magazine

The Lutheran is where members find news and views on faith, Scripture, mission, advocacy and more impacting daily life. The magazine is a resource for education, outreach and evangelism while providing a forum for discussion on issues of the day.

If you would like to donate towards your yearly subscription you may do so by marking "Lutheran" in the other position on your offering envelope or on a pew envelope. The yearly subscription is \$8.95.

## Prayers and Christian Sympathy are asked for...

- Linda Smith upon the death of her sister, Diane Baer, Saturday, December 18, 2021.
- The family of Tim



### First Day Hike

Camp Sequanota, Saturday,  
January 1, 2022  
11:00 a.m.

Some hot chocolate to warm up upon returning.

Or

The First Day Hike at Canoe Creek State Park on Saturday, January 1, meet us at Canoe Creek Nature Building at 1:30 p.m. The nature hike with naturalist begins at 1:45 p.m. campfire and hot chocolate are available for purchase at the Park.

### New Year Prayer

*Thank You Lord for giving us this  
brand new year ahead.*

*Help us to live the way we should  
as each new day we walk.*

*Give us gentle wisdom that we might help a friend.*

*Give us the strength and courage  
so we can lend a shoulder.*

*The year ahead is empty,  
help us fill it with good things.*

*May each new day be filled with joy and happiness.*

*Amen*



## A Stewardship Moment JANUARY 2022

January 2022 Early in the New Year is the perfect time to think about stewardship; considering what God has done for us and how we might respond to God's generosity. To illustrate this need, there is a true story about a pastor's encounter with an older member of the church.

She lived alone, had no living relatives, and the pastor went to visit her at home. While chatting with her about life and her concerns, he happened to ask her to think about remembering the church in her will. He was not pushy about it, but she responded quickly: "Why should I do that? What has the church ever done for me?" The young pastor dropped the subject, visited a little longer, then prayed with her and left. The old soul's response, however, lingered with him for a long time later. As he thought about her question as to what the church had for her, it made him think deeply about the subject: "What has the church done for anyone?" he asked himself. Here is what he concluded:

The church gives to everyone the Good News of God's love. God gave us life. God gave us the earth. God gave us salvation through Jesus Christ. God gave us the church and the fellowship of believers; the family of God. And God has enabled the church to build sanctuaries for worship, schools for learning, hospitals for healing, homes for the needy, and mission stations around the world for those who want to learn about the Savior. The church has provided ministry for the homeless, the poverty-stricken, the jobless, those in prison and so forth.

The pastor began to think of how the church he was serving ministered to the old soul. It had provided the teaching of the Bible, a helpful worship service, music that lifted her spirit, loving Christian fellowship, and comfort in difficult times. In fact, he thought, the pastor's very presence in her home offering his personal concern should have meant something to her!

**Prayer:** *Loving Creator, thank you for the gift of the Lord Jesus Christ, who saved us and blessed us by founding the great Fellowship of Believers of which we all are a part. Amen*

A Stewardship Minute is available to subscribers of Stewardship at [www.parishpublishing.org](http://www.parishpublishing.org).

## Birthdays for January

- 01 Anna Weaver
- 02 Stacy Kuster  
Margie J. Smith
- 04 Jenna Metzler
- 05 Peggy Freyer
- 06 Laurie S. Smith
- 07 Dr. Murray S. Smith
- 09 B. Ann Baker
- 10 Catherine Corcoran
- 11 E. Kaye Burket
- 13 Janelle R. Dennis
- 15 Michele M. Smith
- 16 Thomas Beyer  
Gavin Kuster
- 20 Jean L. Stonerook
- 21 Ginny A. Sell
- 22 Bill Brown
- 24 Doris L. Waddick
- 26 Rev. Carl Alexy  
Dottie Daniel
- 28 Ryan Frederick  
Jackie Lightner  
Kim Oswald  
Michele L. Smith
- 29 Dwight Kensinger  
Donald Smith

## Anniversaries for January

- 06 Michael B. & Kathryn A. Panek
- 28 Paul L. & Rosie Johnson

## Address Change

**Mary Lou Hinish**  
106 Persimmon Lane  
Elizabethtown, PA 17022

**Lee & Joni Ott**  
2445 Woodbury Pike  
Woodbury, PA 1695-8910

**Mary Creps**  
437 Givler Dr Apt 321  
Martinsburg, PA 16662



### Announcing the 2022 Council

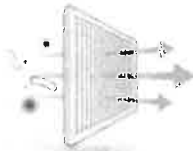
On Sunday, December 12<sup>th</sup> during our Annual  
Congregational Meeting new Council members  
were elected by voice vote:

Treasurer	Beth Garner
Worship & Music	Jane Fagans
Staff Support	Kaye Burket
Stewardship	Pastor Ed Harshbarger
Social Ministry	Tina Harclerode
Evangelism	Michael Lamborn
Finance	Jim Barley

#### 2022 Nominating

Peggy Freyer, Ruth Marshall  
Martie Gilbert, Peggy Steinfurth

**Installation of New Council Members will be  
Sunday, January 2, 2022 during the 10:30 a.m.  
worship service.**



### NEW AIR FILTER INSTALLED

St. Matthew has taken another positive step to help us mitigate and manage the Covid-19 virus. Waltower Enterprises has installed a Halo Reme Filter in our heating/air conditioning system.

These filters are used in major restaurant chains, cruise lines, schools and hospitals, as well as locally recommended by Homewood Retirement Center. The Reme Halo sends Advanced Oxidation Plasma throughout the room to kill microbials at the source. This process neutralizes chemical odors, smoke mold, bacteria, and viruses changing everything back to hydrogen and oxygen.

There is further information about the Reme Halo Filter in the office.

## Support St. Matthew

**Giving Online:** Visit the church website at "[www.stmatthewlc.com](http://www.stmatthewlc.com)"

- 1) Click on the "Give" button, (on the top white banner)
- 2) Follow the onscreen instructions to create an online profile and to schedule your recurring contributions.

**Mobile Giving:** Visit "Play Store on your mobile device"

- 1) Find the "Vanco Payment" app (this app is free)
- 2) Click on the "Install" button
- 3) Open the app on your device
- 4) Follow the onscreen instructions to schedule your one time contribution or recurring contributions.

**BarCode Offerings:**

- 1) Visit "Play Store on your mobile device"
- 2) Find QR Code Scan & Barcode Scanner
- 3) Install the app
- 4) Open the app on your device
- 5) Scan the BarCode: (follow the prompts)
  - a) in the bulletin
  - b) in the Messenger
  - c) on the church website: [www.stmatthewlc.com](http://www.stmatthewlc.com)



### Merry Christmas to the members of the ELCA

As I was leaving the Synod office late one evening early in Advent, I got caught up in a parade of about 20 cars on 12th Avenue in Altoona. Each of the cars had on its roof a lighted menorah.

They were clearly following a route as they carefully changed lanes together to get to their destination. I treated it like a funeral procession so as not to get in the middle of what seemed like a carefully planned event but followed closely behind.

I had all kinds of questions about what they were doing and where they were going. As we traveled along 12th Avenue, my questions diminished as I realized of course, these Jewish drivers were in the midst of celebrating Hanukkah, the Festival of Light. Each of their cars was carrying light. As I followed the cars through town, I realized I was following that light and that meant something to me on that cold, dark night after a long day.

Aren't we, too, called to follow the light? We call that light Jesus who came into the world in the form of baby and a light in the sky led the shepherds to see "this thing that had happened." While I did not turn off my route to home to see where the cars were going, the sense of being part of the trail of light those drivers were leaving has stayed with me.

The little child in the manger, who we celebrate at Christmas, came to be light in a dark world. The light of His love is in each of us and we have the ability to leave a trail of light wherever we go so that those who are traveling on a cold, dark night will see it and want to follow. And we don't get to do that just at Christmas; this Light is the Light of the World, the Light that overcomes the darkness, the Light that heals, restores and renews. Friends, you have been given this Light as a gift. I invite you to share that gift with as many as you can as often as you can throughout this season and all through the new year. My prayer for you in this season of Christmas is that you will embrace the light of Christ that is in you and be empowered to shine that Light in dark places.

May you have a blessed Christmas and a safe and hope-filled New Year.

*✠Bishop Paula*



## Altar Guild Volunteers

Looking for volunteers who would like to serve on Altar Guild. Responsibilities include preparing Communion elements (wafers and wine), taking care of the candles, and preparing the sanctuary for worship.

Preparations for Easter and Christmas require a little more time. Usually Altar Guild members need only serve two months during a calendar year. Please direct any questions and inquiries to Jane Fagans at [jfagans@atlanticbb.net](mailto:jfagans@atlanticbb.net), landline at 793-4401, or text at 327-0786.

*Christ gives us love and support in the fellowship of the church. He gives us the bread of life and the cup of blessing in the Holy Communion. Christ's Spirit fills us with songs of thanksgiving for all that God has done for us.*

*In response to all this and all of God's other mighty acts, we are called to offer ourselves to Christ's service. The basic motivation for service is gratitude.*



## SNOW CAMP 2022

Friday, February 25<sup>th</sup> to Saturday, February 26<sup>th</sup>  
Camp Sequanota, Jennerstown, PA



**Snow Camp is for 6<sup>th</sup> – 12 Graders**  
**Games, Crafts, Food, Sledding, Worship, Learning**  
**Accommodations in Sequanota's Winterized Cabins**

Join with youth from around the Allegheny Synod  
As we regroup and rediscover what it means to take part in

### HOLY COMMUNITY

Space is limited! Registration will be open from  
January 15<sup>th</sup> to February 13<sup>th</sup>

Register Online at [www.sequanota.com](http://www.sequanota.com)

**See brochure on Narthex bulletin board for more information.**

## SERVING GOD AND US January 2022

Date	January 2	January 9 <i>Baptism of Our Lord</i>	January 16	January 23	January 23
<b>Acolytes</b>	Gabby Decker Lily & Lucy Lightner	Gavin Juster Den Decker Norah Kuster	Calleigh Wright	Jay Hoenstine	Jeffrey Hoenstine
<b>Lectors</b>	<b>Janet Stewart</b>	<b>Shawn Orczeck</b>	<b>A J Hoenstine</b>	<b>Peggy Steinfurth</b>	<b>TBD</b>
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Jane Fagans	Jane Fagans	Jane Fagans	Jane Fagans	Jane Fagans
<b>Audio/Video</b>	<b>Camden Kuster</b>	<b>Camden Kuster</b>	<b>Camden Kuster</b>	<b>Camden Kuster</b>	<b>Camden Kuster</b>



# On Eagle's Wings

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1<sup>st</sup> December 2021

Dear Friends,

As 2021 draws to a close, I was reflecting on the continued impact *On Eagle's Wings* has in the North. Many lives have been touched through this ministry because of your prayers, volunteerism and financial support. We couldn't do it without you!

This year, we delighted over **400 children** across the Northern Alberta, Ontario, the Northwest Territories and Nunavut. In a raging pandemic, each received **Bible Camp in a Bag**—a kit laden with Bible stories, craft activities songs and videos.

At *On Eagle's Wings*, our heart is to share the good news of God's love and **GRACE**. This year we expanded, making a **SPLASH** into a new community in the Northwest Territories! They were thrilled to receive Bible Camp in a Bag!

It means the world to our Northern friends even when we offer support from afar. Last month when I phoned to chat with a community leader, she said, "Thank you so much for supporting our kids, and for **CALLing** me...I really needed that."

When our volunteers **FLY** in to a community, faces **LIGHT** up. Kids **SMILE** from ear to ear. **CHEERS** resound as Bible Camp gets under way! Children sing, **CLAP, JUMP** and **DANCE** as they worship their Creator. That's why we are planning for a return to in-person camps in 2022 (see overleaf). It is your generosity that makes all this possible.

A year-end gift today means we can continue supporting communities from Moosonee to Aklavik. Will you partner with us again to spread the message of **HOPE** in these remote and isolated towns and villages? You can

- support us in prayer. Prayer points are highlighted overleaf.
- support us by volunteering. We will need Bible Camp teachers willing to travel to the top of the world in order to share stories of God's love.
- support us financially. It costs \$20 to fill a backpack and deliver it to a remote community. It costs over \$2600 to send 2 volunteers from our base in Yellowknife to a community in the Arctic. Every donation helps!

With a simple **CLICK** of the mouse or completion of the form below, you can be part of a Northern child's faith journey. If you would like to see their beautiful faces **GLOW** for yourself, then please pray about joining us on a team in 2022!

With love and thanks,

Robin Abrol, Director of Ministry

Did you recognise the italicised words in bold? They are the names of some our Bible Camp curricula taught in the North!



From top: Bible Camp in a Bag kits; Bible Camp in Inuvik; enjoying craft time in Cambridge Bay; pre-pandemic camp in Fort Liard.

Continued overleaf >>

## CHRISTMAS 2021

This is our second pandemic Christmas. We thought this would be over so long ago. And still, we wear masks; we're physically distant; we can't be with friends and family as we used to do. And also, there's so much that's broken in this world, so much that tells us, "Why have hope? Just give up."

But we have a hope that's stronger than any of this, stronger even than death. The hope of God comes in the form of a tiny baby, a helpless child; nevertheless, who grew to a man and in his fragile strength was willing to die on the cross and was raised again.

I don't know what next Christmas will bring. I don't know what New Year's will bring. But I do know we have hope.

St. Paul put it this way: "May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may **ABOUND IN hope** by the power of the Holy Spirit."

*Merry Christmas*, dear church.

*Elizabeth A. Eaton*

The Rev. Elizabeth A. Eaton  
Presiding Bishop, Evangelical Lutheran Church in America



**Evangelical Lutheran Church in America**  
God's work. Our hands.





## January

- 1 New Years Day Hike**  
Meet at the Dining Hall at 11:00 AM for the annual first day hike. Enjoy some hot chocolate to warm up upon returning.

## February

- 25-27 Synod-wide Snow Camp Retreat**  
A collaborative retreat led by leaders in the Allegheny Synod. Check with your pastor/youth leader for more details.  
Cost: \$65 (Grades: 6<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup>)

## March

- 5-6 IGNITE - Elementary Retreat**  
An overnight to reunite & meet new camp friends, play games, and be at camp! Saturday 11 AM - Sunday 1 PM  
Cost: \$50 (Grades: 2<sup>nd</sup> - 6<sup>th</sup>)

## April

- 1-3 Service & Sabbath (trees & trails)**  
Forest & logging clean up, bridge building, and land reclamation. Saturday lunch provided. Reserve a cabin for the full weekend, one night, or just come Saturday.  
Cost: \$50/cabin or BC room. Additional meal package available for \$25/person. Please RSVP with the office.

- 22-24 5K Benefit Weekend**  
Grab a sponsor sheet and get family and friends to sponsor you (\$1/km = \$5 donation). Run at home or choose one of two marked courses at Sequanota. Cabins will be available for reservations! Watch the website and Facebook page for more information.

## May

- 7 Spring Work Day** starts at 9:00 AM  
Help get camp ready for summer!  
Cost: Free and includes lunch
- 8 Mother's Day Buffet**  
Two seatings: 11:30 AM & 1:30 PM. Call for a reservation. Cost: Freewill donation
- 13 Spring Benefit Dinner**  
Appetizers & tour start at 4:45 PM  
Dinner at 6:00 PM  
Cost: Suggested \$55 donation/person

## May

- 19 Adult Day Bible Study** 9:00 AM - 2:30 PM  
Leader and topic to be determined.  
Cost: \$10 includes lunch @ Bowersox Center

## June

- 24-26 75th Anniversary Weekend Celebration**  
Spend a weekend at camp and celebrate the ministry of Sequanota! Reserve a cabin for the full weekend, one night, or just come Saturday. The pool will be open for a refreshing dip. Hike, canoe, sit around a campfire, and enjoy a relaxing weekend in the woods. Invite other alumni to remember the past and celebrate the present. Saturday Banquet with tours and a future dream session are all planned. More details for the schedule, meal RSVPs, and cabin reservations and coming in the spring.

## August

- 8 Golf Benefit Tournament** 10:00 AM start  
Summit Country Club, Cresson, PA  
Cost: \$125 donation/person. Please RSVP.

## September

- 24-25 IGNITE - Fall Elementary Retreat**  
An overnight to reunite with & meet new camp friends, play camp games, roast marshmallows, and be at camp!  
Saturday 11 AM - Sunday 1 PM  
Cost: \$50 (Grades: 2<sup>nd</sup> - 6<sup>th</sup>)

## October

- 1-2 PLUNGE - Jr. High Retreat**  
A weekend to go deeper in faith, reunite with & meet new camp friends, play camp games, and be at camp!  
Saturday 11 AM - Sunday 1 PM  
Cost: \$50 (Grades: 6<sup>th</sup> - 9<sup>th</sup>)
- 20 Adult Day Bible Study** 9:00 AM - 2:30 PM  
Leader and topic to be determined.  
Cost: \$10 includes lunch @ Bowersox Center

## December

- 10 Breakfast with Santa** 9 AM - 11 AM  
Eat breakfast, get a picture with Santa, and make some holiday crafts.  
Cost: Freewill Donation



## Summer 2022 Pool Passes

Pool passes will be valid June 4, 2022 - August 12, 2022.

- The pool will be open most days from 1:00 - 5:00 PM. but will be adjusted for swimming lessons or other events as needed.
- July 18-22 and July 25-28 the pool will be closed for open swim.
- Daily sign in will be required.
- Adults will be required to obtain and submit free background checks prior to using the pool when summer camp is in session.
- Family passes - \$175.00 / Individual passes - \$100.00
- Passes will be available starting February 1, 2022

**REGISTRATION OPENS JANUARY 3, 2022**

## Summer Camp 2022 Schedule

Week	ELEMENTARY (GRADES K - 6)	JUNIOR HIGH (GRADES 6 - 9)	SENIOR HIGH (GRADES 9 - 12)	ADULTS
May 24 - 26			Lifeguard Training	
Week 1: June 13 - 17	DAY CAMP			
Week 2: June 19 - 24		Confirmation Camp	Confirmation Camp SaLT	
Week 3: June 26 - July 1	Cabin Camp 1/2 Week Cabin Mini + 1	Cabin Camp	Cabin Camp SaLT	
Week 4: July 3 - 8 (Fireworks & ???)	Cabin Camp 1/2 Week Cabin	Cabin Camp		Bethesda
Week 5: July 10 - 15	DAY CAMP --- Friends & Family Camp	---	Grandparents & Kids Camp	---
Week 6: July 17-22 Week 7: July 24-29	--- OFF SITE DAY CAMPS ---			
Week 8: July 31 - August 5 (Theme Week)	Cabin Camp 1/2 Week Cabin	Cabin Camp	Cabin Camp	



### SWIMMING LESSONS SCHEDULE SUMMER 2022

REGISTRATION OPENS FEBRUARY 1

JUNE 20 - JUNE 30: SESSION 1 - 4:00 - 4:45 PM & SESSION 2 - 5:15 - 6:00 PM

JULY 5 - JULY 14: SESSION 3 - 4:00 - 4:45 PM & SESSION 4 - 5:15 - 6:00 PM

JULY 18 - JULY 28: SESSION 5 - 12:00 - 12:45 PM & SESSION 6 - 5:00 - 5:45 PM

STARTOTS: JUNE 28 - JULY 14 (TUES & THURS) 3:00 - 3:30 PM

**2022 COUNCIL DIRECTORY AND MINISTRY STAFF**

Pastor	Rev. Traci Marriott	935-9267	Property	Ed Kreider	793-4302
Admin. Assist.	Lori Tremmel	696-3802	Christian Ed.	Jean Sinal	793-9507
Assist. Admin. Assist.	Laura Orczeck	224-1208	Evangelism	Mike Lamborn	793-4212
President	Melissa Fetzer	793-2735	Stewardship	Rev. Ed Harshbarger	650-5584
Vice President	Peggy Steinfurth	515-6205	Finance	Jim Barley	793-4623
Secretary	Elaine Smith	(434) 981-0560	Social Ministry	Tina Harclerode	317-5312
Treasurer	Beth Garner	793-3966	Worship & Music	Jane Fagans	793-4401
Financial Secretary	Jim Barley	793-4623	Staff Support	Kaye Burket	224-5224

Sexton – Phil Claar – 215-0885

**HIGHLIGHTS BY COUNCIL IN DECEMBER**

1. The Christian Education Committee reported the youth were very engaged in making candy as a fundraiser for the youth gathering and in rehearsals for the December 19, 2021 Christmas program during 10:30 a.m. worship.
2. In January two Sunday worship services will resume in the sanctuary at 8:30 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.
3. The Property Committee reported that the air purifier had been installed in the sanctuary, the furnace was cleaned/serviced, lighting was installed in the offices and bulbs replaced as needed, and the Maple Street doors will be replaced in December. The newly employed Sexton is doing well and finding repairs and projects to complete.
4. Approved Ventures in Faith Local Needs disbursements from first quarter offerings.
5. Voted to approve monetary Christmas gifts for St. Matthew employees and contractors.
6. Voted to support our missionary families at Our Savior Lutheran Church on the Rocky Boy Indian Reservation, Montana and On Eagles Wings, Northwest Territories from third quarter offerings.
7. Approved that year-end deficits in current expenses and Benevolence would be covered by Thrivent investment earnings.

**Giving**

2021 November		Year to Date as of 11/30//2021	
<b>Current</b>	<b>\$11,666.62</b>	<b>Current</b>	<b>\$144,501.96</b>
<b>Benevolence (Synod)</b>	<b>\$1,303.00</b>	<b>Benevolence (Synod)</b>	<b>\$13,473.00</b>
<b>United Lutheran Seminary</b>	<b>\$1,341.50</b>	<b>United Lutheran Seminary</b>	<b>\$2,575.00</b>
2020 November		Year to Date as of 11/30/2020	
<b>Current</b>	<b>\$12,726.08</b>	<b>Current</b>	<b>\$158,969.58</b>
<b>Benevolence (Synod)</b>	<b>\$1,403.00</b>	<b>Benevolence (Synod)</b>	<b>\$18,937.50</b>
<b>United Lutheran Seminary</b>	<b>\$858.64</b>	<b>United Lutheran Seminary</b>	<b>\$1,969.64</b>
2019 November		Year to Date as of 11/30/2019	
<b>Current</b>	<b>\$14,749.65</b>	<b>Current</b>	<b>\$172,077.11</b>
<b>Benevolence (Synod)</b>	<b>\$1,654.50</b>	<b>Benevolence (Synod)</b>	<b>\$17,884.55</b>
<b>United Lutheran Seminary</b>	<b>\$852.50</b>	<b>United Lutheran Seminary</b>	<b>2,138.00</b>

2021 Income vs Expenses		
<b>Current</b>	<b>November</b>	<b>Year to Date as of 11/30/2021</b>
Actual	(\$3,773.51)	(\$33,171.65)
Per Budget	(\$6,913.71)	(\$59,881.71)
<b>Benevolence</b>		
Per Commitment to Synod	(\$863.67)	(\$10,360.33)

There were 4 Sundays in November 2021  
 There were 5 Sundays in November 2020  
 There were 4 Sundays in November 2019



# January 2022

St. Matthew Lutheran Church

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
FH—Fellowship Hall - CE-Christian Ed Office - K—Kitchen In case of emergency, Pastor Traci maybe reached at 814-935-9267						
<b>2</b> Epiphany Transferred/ 2nd Sun. of Christmas 8:30 am Worship in Sanct. With Installation of 2022 Council Members 9:30 am Sunday School 10:30 am Worship in Sanct. With Installation of 2022 Council Members	<b>3</b> <u>Office Closed</u> 6:00 pm Worship & Music Mtg., Zoom 6:00 pm Boy Scouts, FH	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b> 1-4 pm Pastor in Office 5:00 pm Yoga	<b>6</b> <u>Epiphany of Our Lord</u> 9-11 am Food Pantry, Allegheny St.	<b>7</b> Pastor's Sabbath	<b>8</b>
<b>8</b> Baptism of Our Lord 8:30 am Worship in Sanct. 9:30 am Sunday School 10:30 am Worship in Sanct.	<b>10</b> 6:30 pm Christian Ed. Mtg., Zoom 6:00 pm Boy Scouts, FH	<b>11</b> 6:30 pm Council Mtg., Zoom	<b>12</b> 1-4 pm Pastor in Office 5:00 pm Yoga	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b> Pastor's Sabbath	<b>15</b> Registration is open for Snow Camp grades 6-12 go to: <a href="https://sequanota.com">https://sequanota.com</a>
<b>16</b> 2nd Sun. after Epiphany 8:30 am Worship in Sanct. 9:30 am Sunday School 10:30 am Worship in Sanct. 12:30 pm Fellowship Hall in USC	<b>17</b> <u>Martin Luther King Jr.</u> 6:30 pm Social Min. Mtg., Zoom	<b>18</b> <u>Confession of Peter</u>	<b>19</b> 1-4 pm Pastor in Office 5:00 pm Yoga	<b>20</b> 9-11 am Food Pantry, Allegheny St.	<b>21</b> Pastor's Sabbath	<b>22</b>
<b>23</b> 3rd Sun. after Epiphany 8:30 am Worship in Sanct. 9:30 am Sunday School 10:30 am Worship in Sanct.	<b>24</b> 6:00 pm Boy Scouts, FH February Messenger Deadline	<b>25</b> <u>Conversion of Paul</u>	<b>26</b> 10:00 am Employee Mtg. CE 1-4 pm Pastor in Office 5:00 pm Yoga	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b> Pastor's Sabbath	<b>29</b>
<b>30</b> 4th Sun. after Epiphany 8:30 am Worship in Sanct. 9:30 am Sunday School 10:30 am Worship in Sanct.	<b>31</b> 6:00 pm Boy Scouts, FH					