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St. Matthew's Messenger

St. Matthew Evangelical Lutheran Church

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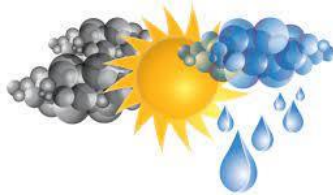
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Greetings, People of God:

I'm writing to you in the laundry break between the Well festival at Sequanota and the Allegheny Synod's hurricane relief youth trip to Florida. Although the weather at Camp was unseasonably cool and the weather in Florida is to be predictably sweltering, some of the same gear is needed in both places: socks, towels, twin size sheets, socks, sleeping bag, Thrivent shirts, and of course, socks. It's funny to think that two very different events, an 18 hour drive apart, require such similar preparation.

Summer tends to be a season where we step outside of the usual. We expend energy in different ways, and we replenish our mental, physical, and spiritual health in different ways. Maybe you eat dinner on your patio or ride your bike to work. Maybe you visit a beach or big city for vacation or spend weekends at your favorite campground. In the church we plan picnics and outdoor worship, weeks at church camp and youth gathering trips. And yet, the work of the church remains the same, no matter where we are.

It may not look the same as Sunday mornings, but we are still the church (the people) when we go beyond the church (the building). Jesus is as fully present when we use a hotdog bun for communion bread at camp as when we pour wine from a silver chalice in the chancel. In fact, it is good for us to be the church outside of our buildings and our regular routines; that's where we'll find those who have not yet heard the good news of God's abundant love.

I hope this summer you'll get to find some time and space to experience the Divine in new and different ways.

Peace,

Pastor Traci



Dear St. Matthew Family,
 We want you to know how much your love, prayers, and cards were appreciated during Dave's illness and passing. We were very comforted that Pastor Traci visited him during his time in Rehab as well as during his last days at the hospital. This church meant so much to Dave, and he truly enjoyed volunteering his time to serve God and his church family. Thank you to everyone who helped with the luncheon. Dave would have loved the centerpieces!

*With heartfelt thanks,
 Linda, Nichole, Matt and families*



Prayers and Christian Sympathy are asked for...

- Linda Lehman and Family upon the death of her husband, Dave Lehman, May 7, 2023.



Food Pantry

Martinsburg Food Pantry

The Food Pantry will be open for distribution of food on these Thursdays, July 6 and July 20, from 9:00 until

11:00 a.m.

Volunteers from Brethren in Christ Church will be assisting, along with our regular volunteers to distribute the food.

Items most needed for July:
 Juice/Beverages, Pasta, Tomato Sauce, Hamburger Helper, and Paper Towels.

Note: During the Summer, donations seem to slow down, and children are home from school, so please fill our church basket.

Also, garden produce on the days that Food Pantry is open, are very welcomed to be dropped off at the pantry. *Thank You!*
Linda Smith

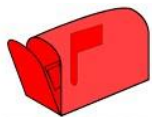
Lutheran Day at the Altoona Curve

Sunday, August 13th

Game Begins at 6:00pm
 Fireworks following the game.

Tickets - \$7.00 each

Please Register with the Synod Office by Friday, August 1st.



PLEASE NOTE THE NEW ADDRESS &

Change of Address

Rev. Anamae Storbeck
 1011 Wonder World Dr Apt 414
 San Marcos, TX 78666-7550

Let us remember the day of choice,
 The pride that gave us all,
 Give a salute to those,
 Because of whom we stand tall,
 A day full of love and peace,
 Make the most of it today,
 As it's the Independence Day!
 Happy 4th of July!

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A Stewardship Minute July 2023

An article in the July issue *Stewardship* seems to leap out at alert readers. It begins: “God’s desire for cheerful givers is not to help God, but to help us.” In giving our heart, mind, soul, talents, and resources to God, we find meaning and joy and fulfillment. Giving our all helps us to live life victoriously. Giving to God helps us to be the authentic, spiritual, and unique person God intends for us to be. Nothing can be more satisfying than knowing one is doing the will of God. Giving ourselves to God helps us to find the special mission God wants us to fulfill, enabling us to have the greatest satisfaction a human can have.

A pastor tells of visiting a 90-year-old man named Frank who had given his all to God. Frank was so joyful and so God-oriented that he had a ministry to others going without leaving home. Little children would knock on his door to receive a joyful reception, a story or two, and sometimes a piece of candy. Men and women who had lost a mate visited him often because he comforted them. Frank’s pastor visited him often because he felt that Frank was the most Christ-like person he knew. Invariably, Frank would hand a monetary gift for the church to the pastor before he left. Knowing that Frank was not well-to-do, he would say, “Frank, you keep that gift. Our church is doing well financially right now. We can get by without your offering.” And old Frank would say cheerily to the pastor, “I’m not giving to the church because the church needs it, I’m giving because I need to give it for my spirit’s sake.”

Prayer: *Almighty and loving God, grant us the wisdom to be faithful servants on behalf of you and your Kingdom. Amen*

Sight and Sound Bus Excursion to see *Moses*!



Join the Martinsburg Boosters for this exciting excursion to see Sight & Sound live on stage production of *Moses* on Wednesday, October 4, 2023. **Price per individual will be \$160.**

From the banks of the Nile River to the depths of the Red Sea, *MOSES* is a spectacular entertainment experience for the whole family! Set adrift as a baby, he is an unlikely hero—until God calls him to lead His people out of Egypt and into the Promised Land. Journey with Moses as he ventures through the wilderness, encounters God at the burning bush, and ascends to the top of Mount Sinai. Experience one of the Bible’s most epic stories as *MOSES* comes to life with massive sets, special effects, and live animals in this original stage production.

Price Includes:

- Round Trip Motorcoach Transportation
- Reserved Main Floor Seating 11 am show
- Dinner stop made on return-Hoss’s in Carlisle (on own)

Depart:

- 7 am from Morrisons Cove Park

Reservation Deadline:

- August 20, 2023

Payment:

- Check payable to Duane Bordell or Cash

For More Informaton:

Contact Duane Bordell,
Raystown Transit Service at 814-944-2585
1117 Logan Blvd., Altoona, PA 16602

SERVING GOD AND US JULY 2023

Date	July 2	July 9	July 16	July 23	July 30
Lectors	Carla Brumbaugh	Peggy Steinfurth	A J Hoenstine	Jane Fagans	Allen Kuster
Altar Guild	Jean Sinal	Jean Sinal	Jean Sinal	Jean Sinal	Jean Sinal
Offering Counters	Beth Garner Jim Barley	TBD Jim Barley	Beth Garner Jim Barley	Beth Garner Jim Barley	Beth Garner Jim Barley
Audio/Video	Camden Kuster	Camden Kuster	Camden Kuster	Jay Hoenstine	Camden Kuster
Ushers	Ed Kreider	Paul Decker	Tina Harclerode	Steve Oswalt	Melissa Fetzer
Assist. Min.	Jean Sinal	Stacy Kuster	Mike Lamborn	Melissa Fetzer	Tina Harclerode

Anniversaries for July

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| 1 Jim & Jane Fagans 45 th | 15 Mike & Christine Panek |
| Keith & Andrea McGraw | 16 Paul & Marjorie Helsel |
| 3 William & Cheryl Gigante | Dr. Murray & Sharon Smith |
| 4 Rachel Kensinger & Tammy White | 26 Shawn & Wendy McCauley |
| 10 Zane & M. Jane Staily | 26 Greg & Julie Russell |
| 14 Casey & Jessica Hoover | 29 A J & Jane Hoenstine |
| 15 Mark & Lori Johnson | |

Birthdays for July

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|-------------------|-------------------|--------------------|
| 3 Glenn Baker | 11 Scott Paul | 25 Julie Dick |
| 5 Sharon Hicks | Barb Wilt | 26 Douglas Bush |
| William Stahl | 15 Martie Gilbert | Amy Haffling |
| 8 Marjorie Helsel | 18 Jordan Smith | Dr. Shawn Orczeck |
| Shaffer Johnson | Wyatt Sweinhart | Carol Rugh |
| Cora Sweinhart | 19 Melissa Fetzer | 27 Arnold Moore |
| 9 Jerry Allen | 21 Tom Fishburn | Calleigh Wright |
| Jeffrey Hoenstine | Dan Tremmel | 28 Kylee Frederick |
| Brandi Ross | 22 Tripp Crilly | Larry Frederick |
| Jeremy Smith | Brandon Oswalt | 30 Beth Rager |
| Janet Stewart | 24 Audrey Hite | |

2023 COUNCIL DIRECTORY AND MINISTRY STAFF

All phone numbers start with (814) unless otherwise noted.

Pastor	Rev. Traci Marriott	935-9267	Christian Ed.	Jean Sinal	793-9507
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Treasurer	Beth Garner	793-3966	Staff Support	Kaye Burket	224-5224
Financial Secretary	Vacant		Sexton	Phil Claar	215-0885
Property	Ed Kreider	793-4302			

Share the Harvest



The “Share the Harvest” table is up and running. In the months to come, if you have extra fruit or vegetables to share with members of the congregation, please bring your items and place them on a table in the Narthex. Members will be able to help themselves to items as desired. Any remaining produce after Sunday morning will be given away at the discretion of the donor.

“Let us share God’s harvest with others.”

HIGHLIGHTS BY COUNCIL IN JUNE 2023

1. The spaghetti dinner fund-raiser brought in more than \$1,000 towards the youth mission trip to Florida in July.
2. For 6 weeks in August and September there will be an opportunity for St. Matthew members to meet with neighboring Lutheran congregations to study the new ELCA social statements.
3. Reviewed distributions totaling \$6,056.37 from the Third Century fund by the endowment committee.
4. Barb Wilt was appointed to the endowment committee to complete Dave Lehman's term through 12/31/23 and Laura Orczeck was elected chairperson.
5. The worship and music and fellowship committees are planning for the church picnic and outdoor worship at the Ed Kreider farm on August 20, 2023.
6. Progress continues for getting all the required paperwork, approvals, and permits to install the new chairlift from the main entrance level to the fellowship hall.
7. The repairs of the bathrooms near the quilting room were completed under the estimated bid.
8. An assessment of the deterioration of the concrete steps at the Maple Street entrance will be conducted to determine the best way to remedy the situation. Orange cones have been placed to alert people using the entrance to be cautious.
9. Council will take a break from meeting during the month of July unless a need arises.



2023 ALSM ANNUAL AUXILIARY APPEAL

Allegheny Lutheran Social Ministries (ALSM) is celebrating 75 years of service to ALSM residents who have limited funds. The Auxiliary supports ALSM'S senior communities through benevolent care and gifts to enhance the daily lives of residents by funding life enrichment programs. Auxiliary members have contributed more than \$2 million annually in benevolent care to those ALSM residents with limited funds. St. Matthew has always been a significant contributor to this benevolent care program. Any amount of gift will be greatly appreciated. A gift of just \$10.00 provides a meal for a resident. St. Matthew's appeal will run for the months of July and August. Please fill out the form in the bulletin insert and return with your gift (cash or check) to the church office or to Martie Gilbert. Forms are located at the Usher's Station in the Narthex. Please prayerfully consider giving to this very life sustaining appeal.

To support this appeal, please place Cash or **CHECK PAYABLE TO – “ALSM AUXILIARY”** in a plain envelope along with indication and names if this is in “Honor” or “Memory” gift. Please make sure your name is included and give to Martie Gibert, Key Lady. **(Deadline for donations is Sunday, August 27, 2023.)**

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On Eagle's Wings

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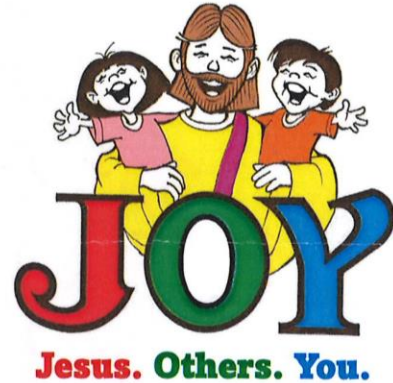
Website: oneagleswings.us

8th June 2023

Dear friends,

JOY! (Jesus.Others.You) What a fantastic name for a Bible Camp! Northern children will know Jesus’ JOY this year as they learn how they can put Jesus first in their lives, then others, then themselves, just like the disciples in Bible times.

It brings us JOY to know that you support us through your offerings, prayers, and time. Thank you! You continue to make a world of difference in the lives of northern children and their families.



Bible Camp is about JOY—children's JOY over discovering that they belong to Jesus’ family, and

knowing that He loves them more than they can imagine. They often have so much fun at Bible Camp that they do not want to leave at the end of the day. “Do we have to go home? Can we stay longer?” they say. Jayden and Dan even hid in closets and cupboards! They really wanted to stay in the place where they knew Jesus’ loving presence.

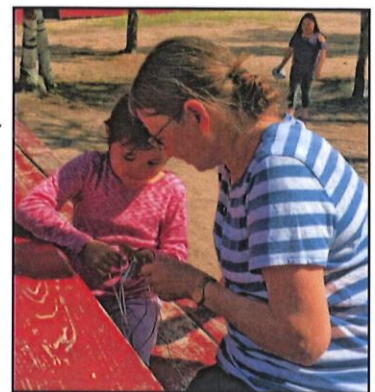
“Can he get down from there?” Isaiah wanted to know when he hid in a closet (to avoid cleaning up!) and saw the old church crucifix. This led to a deep conversation about how Jesus showed His love for us through dying on the cross, and how He gives us JOY today through rising to new life.

JOY comes through receiving loving attention. Busy lives and large families often mean that northern children crave individual attention. “You came a long way



in an airplane just to be with me?” Jody asked. Her face lit up with a huge smile when we answered, “Yes!” Imagine the impact of knowing that people who are not related to you travelled long distances just to be with you. To play games, and to listen to your story. To make crafts with you, and help you discover your gifts. To teach you about Jesus, and to pray with you.

Will you join me in bringing Jesus’ JOY to children this summer and beyond? Every gift is significant. A gift of \$34 will send a Bible Camp in a Bag backpack to a child in a new community such as the remote hamlet of Salluit in Nunavut. Gifts of \$100 or more will help send a volunteer team to a community for an in-person Bible Camp.



In love. faith. and gratitude,

Rev. Lesley Hand, Executive Director


Robin Abrol, Director of Ministry



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>FH—Fellowship Hall CE-Christian Ed Office CL-Church Lounge QR-Quilt Room WR—Window Room K—Kitchen</p> <p>In case of emergency, Pastor Traci maybe reached at 814-935-9267</p> <p>Lori will be in the Office Mon.-Fri. from 9:00 am-12:00 pm</p>						1 Fla. Hurricane Relief Sr High Trip
<p>2 5th Sun. after Pentecost 9:30 am Worship in Sanctuary</p>	3	<p>4 Independence Day</p>  <p>Office Closed</p>	5	6	7	8
<p>9 6th Sun. after Pentecost 9:30 am Worship in Sanctuary</p>	10	11 1:30-2:30 pm Fellowship Hall in Use	12 1-4 pm Pastor in Office 5:00 pm Yoga, FH	13	14 Pastor's Sabbath	15
<p>16 7th Sun. after Pentecost 9:30 am Worship in Sanctuary</p>	17	18	19 1-4 pm Pastor in Office 5:00 pm Yoga, FH	20	21 Pastor's Sabbath	22
<p>23 8th Sun. after Pentecost 9:30 am Worship in Sanctuary</p>	24 6:30 pm Social Ministry Mtg., Zoom	25 12:30-3:00 pm Knotty Ladies, QR	26	27 10:00 am Employee Meeting, FH 1-4 pm Pastor in Office	28 Pastor's Sabbath	29
<p>30 9th Sun. after Pentecost 9:30 am Worship in Sanctuary Brief Council Meeting following worship in Sanctuary</p>	31 Chaplain at Sequanota Pastor Traci may be reached at 814-935-9267					