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St. Matthew's Messenger

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Dear People of God:

By the rivers of Babylon—there we sat down and there we wept when we remembered Zion. On the willows there we hung up our harps. For there our captors asked us for songs, and our tormentors asked for mirth, saying, “Sing us one of the songs of Zion!” How could we sing the Lord’s song in a foreign land? (Psalm 137:1-4)



If it seems to us as though we will never return to the Lord’s house, we should know that we are not alone as displaced people in the history of the faithful. Scripture reminds us that God’s children periodically experienced separation from the place they called home, the place where they understood God to be present. Removed from Jerusalem and the promised land, those who went into exile during the Babylonian conquest could not imagine worshipping God outside of the temple. Yet God is not so narrowly contained.

As we continue to live through our own sort of exile, our ongoing labor of love, rooted in our care and concern for the health and well-being of each other and our wider community, we may sing with new insight, “Surely, in temples made with hands God the Most High is not dwelling” (ELW #652 Built on a Rock). And, as we look for where God is present outside of our church building, we have the chance to perceive the Spirit working through conditions that only exist because our routines have been so profoundly disrupted.

May you be pleasantly surprised by the new and creative ways God reaches out to you in this unplanned and unwelcome season, when God is nevertheless as faithful as ever.

+ *Pastor Traci*





OUTDOOR WORSHIP SERVICE

An outdoor worship service is planned for Sunday, August 9, 2020 at 10 AM, at the Ed Kreider Farm. Directions to the Kreider Farm are below:

Directions: From Martinsburg, take 164 East to Fredericksburg. Turn **left** on Clover Creek road and follow for 2¾ miles to Kreider Lane on the right.

THERE IS NO PICNIC THIS YEAR.

The Worship and Music Committee along with the Re-opening Task Force are working to determine how and when to safely gather for worship in person. Worshiping outdoors will enable members of the congregation to gather with less risk than indoor worship. It will still be necessary for attendees to exercise caution.

Guidelines to follow if you plan to attend worship on August 9:

- Bring your own chair.
- Hand sanitizer will be available.
- No rest room facilities will be available unless for an emergency.
- The service will not be live streamed, but will be recorded and uploaded shortly after the service is over.
- Print your bulletin or use electronic device (download and save the file before the service; cell coverage is at a minimum at the farm). If you bring a paper bulletin, take it home with you.
- You are required to wear a mask. If you are unable to wear a mask, we invite you to continue worshipping on line. (Masks will be available in case you forget yours.)
- Your name and contact information will be recorded (in case contact tracing becomes necessary).
- Wear appropriate clothing and shoes so you are comfortable in an outdoor setting.
- If it rains, the service will be live streamed at the church and recorded as usual. We will not meet in person. Lori will send an email indicating cancellation of the outdoor worship if it is raining.
- The worship service will include communion. Pre-packaged wafers and wine will be prepared and placed on a table for you to pick up before the worship service. Following the service you can discard packaging in the trash can provided.
- Practice social distancing. Whenever possible keep at least six feet from anyone who is not part of your own household. We realize it has been a while since most of us have seen each other, but refrain from the urge to hug or shake hands. A simple wave and hello is good.
- Even though we are gathering outdoors, if you are exhibiting symptoms, awaiting test results, or have been in contact with someone who may have been exposed to the virus, you will need to stay at home. We invite you to worship digitally.

We are looking forward to this unique worship experience.

*Thank you,
Pastor Traci & The Worship & Music Committee*

Martinsburg Food Pantry

The Food Pantry will be open for distribution of food on Thursdays, August 6 and August 20 from 9:00 until 11:00am. We have continued serving those in need during this coronavirus crisis with the help of those giving their time and those generously donating food and monetary gifts. In these summer months we have noticed a decrease in families that have come for help, and we are assuming families are getting help in other places that meet their needs. Church volunteers helping in August will be Martinsburg Mennonite Church along with some regular volunteers. We are encouraging masks and social distancing. Following are items most needed for August: scalloped potatoes, spaghetti, tomato sauce, canned fruit, peanut butter & jelly. Since some churches still have not opened, donations of food can be placed in the box provided at C & S Market, or a check can be marked Martinsburg Food Pantry and be mailed to Linda Smith at 118 Spring St., Martinsburg, PA 16662. Many thanks for all the help given!



Phone Number Change

814-935-4493 Audrey Hite.



Congratulations go to Dr. Aaron and Katelyn Brumbaugh upon the birth of a daughter, Sophie Mae, on Tuesday, June 30, 2020. Grandparent are Barry and Carla Brumbaugh

Change of Address

Andrew & Jenna Lenhart

11223 Old Frederick Rd
Thurmont, MD 21788-2931

Jim Calvert

916 Hickory St Lutheran Home
916 Hickory St
Hollidaysburg, PA 16648-2248



A Stewardship Minute August 2020

Faith is often a powerful countervailing force to the ravages of worry. People who worry and take on the world's problems often have little faith. Partnering with God, however, can lighten your load. It was Christ who said: "...do not worry about your life..." (Matthew 6:25).

In the absence of faith, many people worry about the challenges of life and have difficulty meeting them by themselves. When we seek God's will and work on behalf of the kingdom of God, however, everything begins to fall into place. Is not God capable of showing us how to handle problems in life that each of us may be facing? And will not God lead us to victory if we love and trust him? God holds each of us in the hollow of his loving hand. The Bible tells us so. The book of Revelation has God speaking to the church in Smyrna these words: "Be faithful until death, and I will give you the crown of life." (Revelation 2:10)

This month's issue of **Stewardship** emphasizes that members of a congregation should trust God to lead them as they deal with the needs and challenges of their church, as well. God wants every church to be throbbing with life, to preach Christ, and to give and serve on behalf of the Kingdom everywhere.

After all, if God is for us as individuals and as a congregation, who or what can be against us ultimately? Worrying about problems facing our church will only work against us, but faith in God concerning such matters will work amazingly for us.

Prayer: Loving God, Jesus taught us that you are for us and never against us. Make our faith strong and vibrant so that we may live as you would have us live, individually and as a congregation as well. In Jesus' name. **Amen.**

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Transformational Ministry

We will meet monthly to address the needs in general as well as one specific need for the month. We will ALL lift our needs up in prayer on a daily basis.

Our August special prayer request is for:

Our society is facing very difficult times. We have Covid-19, which is causing death, sickness and mental stress. We have social disorder, rioting, and homicides.

Let us pray: *Oh LORD, we pray that you will instill your spirit in all our people, causing healing for the sick, comfort for the grieving, and patience and understanding for all of us.*

Thank you for all you provide for us. Amen!

Please join us in daily prayer as we lift these concerns to the Lord.



Attendance for June 2020

No regular attendance was observed since Covid-19 started March 15, 2020 for St. Matthew. We worshiped online through Facebook and Zoom with an average attendance of 100 viewers.

Chapel Service Attendance None
because of Covid-19

Average Sunday Worship attendance 2019
– 84 (4 wks.)



Outdoor Home Visits

While the weather cooperates, Pastor Traci is available for socially distanced outdoor home visits which can include communion. Call Pastor at 814-935-9267 if you would like to arrange a visit.



Thanks so much for the generous donation of \$500.00 from the 3rd Century Fund to Camp Kesem. The camp helps many children deal with emotions of a loved one having or dying from cancer.

The Tremmel Families

Thank you for all your prayers and concerns while we were in the Middle East. *Kyle & Colin Guyer*

Your support and partnership have been a great blessing through the years! Thank you for the recent donation we received in the mail. It makes a huge difference for the work we do among travelers, truckers, and plaza staff, especially during this time of pandemic. *God bless, Bruce Maxwell, Chaplain*

Church in your house



August Worship Schedule

Sundays: 9:30 AM Worship on Facebook, 10:15ish Fellowship on Zoom
August 9th at Kreider Farm Outdoor Service 10:00 a.m. Bring a chair.
Mondays & Fridays: Hymn Devotions posted at 9 AM
Tuesday & Thursdays: Morning Prayer at 9 AM & Night Prayer at 9 PM
Wednesdays: Holden Evening Prayer at 8 PM

Allegheny Synod Assembly

Dear Friends,

I am writing on behalf of the Allegheny Synod Council. Today, July 18, 2020, the Allegheny Synod Council decided to move our Allegheny Synod Assembly from Sept. 18 – 19, 2020 to June 4 – 5, 2021. The Council has been in prayer about this decision and several factors effected this change.

We had a request from some leaders in the Synod to move the date of the Assembly in order to have more time to discern the call of the Bishop. Also, they recognized that the pandemic has made it difficult for us to communicate and do the group discernment they feel called to in preparation for this important gathering and call process.

The Council also recognized that the order issued on July 15th by Governor Wolf limiting the size of gatherings in Pennsylvania would make it very difficult to meet—even remotely. We want our Assembly to be safe and a success.

Our hope for June 4 -5, 2021 is that we can gather at the Blair County Convention Center. We have begun to think through how we might meet safely and use social distancing. If we are still in a place where Covid-19 prevents us gathering in person, we are working on contingency plans of how we might do the Assembly in a different way. We will be monitoring the situation with the virus throughout the year to make the safest decision on how we might gather.

I have shared with our leaders that I am open to serving until we can call and prepare our Bishop-elect. This is a decision that my family and I have made together. You will be hearing more about a call to prayer for this Assembly and election in the coming weeks.

May God be with you and bless you.

In Christ,

Bishop Michael Rhyne



Dear ULS Community:

As you know, Rev. Dr. Angela Zimmann's tenure as Interim President will come to a close at the end of this month, when she transitions on August 1 back to her position as Vice President for Institutional Advancement, President of the United Lutheran Seminary Endowment Foundation and Adjunct Professor of Homiletics. We are so very grateful and blessed for the sacrifices she has made to lead ULS since last December.



I hope you join us in recognizing Dr. Zimmann's dedication and service to ULS over these past eight months. She was able to dive right in and successfully juggle numerous responsibilities and challenges, the most recent being the impact COVID-19 has had on the ULS community. As soon as the pandemic became a reality, the safety and well-being of the ULS community was a top priority. Decisions to move classes online and have staff and faculty work remotely were made with the utmost care, ensuring communication was timely and transparent.

As Interim President, Dr. Zimmann has been a compassionate listener, faithful leader and ULS ambassador of the highest order. In normal times, we would be able to gather together and thank her in person. While this isn't possible right now, please join us in recognizing Dr. Zimmann's invaluable contributions to ULS and wish her well as she continues to fulfill our mission of equipping people to proclaim the living Gospel.

If you feel called, please consider making a donation to the *United Lutheran Seminary Fund* in her honor (under "Optional" select "In honor of" and type her name). Please join us in applauding the Rev. Dr. Angela Zimmann for the many gifts she has, and will continue to bring to United Lutheran Seminary.

In deepest gratitude,

Rev. Dr. Peter D. Boehringer Chair

United Lutheran Seminary Board of Trustees

Rev. Dr. R. Guy Erwin, President-Elect

United Lutheran Seminary

Anniversaries for August

04	Chris & Michelle Cronrath 30 th	18	Michael & Catherine Corcoran	29	Carlos & Amanda Lamborn 5 th
06	Russell & Anita Hoover	21	Matthew & Heather Nelson	30	John E. & Doris L. Waddick
08	Jay & Mary Baker	25	Les & Sandy Loomis		
11	Jimmy & Lori Reimer	26	Richard & Cindy Snyder		



Birthdays for August

01	Laura Webb	15	Jaelynn Tremmel	24	Anita Hoover
05	Tracey Dennis	16	Dennis Brown	26	Connor Neely
06	Destarta Carberry		Steve Oswalt		Christopher Nelson
08	Christopher Bush	17	Verna Blough	28	Gunnar Buchart
	Anna Klepser	19	Linda Smith	29	John Klepser
09	Sabrena Beyer	20	Peggy Steinfurth	30	Tina Harclerode
12	Benjamin Decker	21	Erica Kaurudar		Matthew Parks
	Jacob Russell		Dr. Lanny Ross	31	Rachel Bithell
13	Isaac Russell	23	Stephen Hinsh		Jamie Richardson
14	C J Gahagan				Dorothy Ross
	James Negley				
	Austin Replogle				



DeYogaVotions In the Park For August

Join Pastor Traci Saturdays August 15, and 29 at 9AM at Canoe Creek State Park. Practice will involve focus on breathing and movement with meditation on scripture. Please bring your own mat and mask. Meet to the far right of the main parking area. Check Facebook in case of weather cancellation.

2020 COUNCIL DIRECTORY AND MINISTRY STAFF

Pastor	Rev. Traci Marriott	935-9267	Property	Warren Daniel	935-9249
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HIGHLIGHTS BY COUNCIL IN JULY

1. Council agreed to make a donation to Camp Sequanota in the amount of \$2,050 from our Youth and Camping funds to help the Camp during Covid-19.
2. Council agreed to accept the bid from Melvin Martin for \$4,115.70 for installation of fencing to protect the AC/Heating unit outside the kitchen area.
3. Council agreed to match donations up to the amount of \$1,000 for the ALSM PPE Fund Drive from the congregation during the month of July and August.

Giving

2020 June		Year to Date as of 6/30/2020	
Current	\$12,974.70	Current	\$95,097.30
Benevolence (Synod)	\$1,548.00	Benevolence (Synod)	\$10,776.00
Youth & Camping	\$1,020.00	2nd Qrt. Youth & Camping	\$3,605.50

2019 June		Year to Date as of 6/30/19	
Current	\$16,075.65	Current	\$97,227.76
Benevolence (Synod)	\$1,773.50	Benevolence (Synod)	\$9,296.55
Youth and Camping	\$1,192.50	2nd Qrt. Youth & Camping	\$3,976.50

2020 Income vs Expenses		
Current	June	Year to Date as of 6/30/2020
Actual	(\$1,299.17)	(\$180.34)
Per Budget	(\$5,656.38)	(\$16,689.20)
Benevolence		
Per Commitment to Synod	(\$618.67)	(\$2,224.00)

Ways to Make Donations to St. Matthew

Giving Online: Giving online is easy and allows you to set up automatic recurring contributions and view your complete online giving history from anywhere you have access to the Internet. Simply follow these easy steps:

- 1) Visit the church website at "www.stmatthewlc.com"
- 2) Click on the "Give" button, (on the top white banner)
- 3) Follow the onscreen instructions to create an online profile and to schedule your recurring contributions.

Barcode Offerings:

- 1) Visit "Play Store on your mobile device"
- 2) Find QR Code (this app is free)
- 3) Click on the "Install" the app
- 4) Open the app on your device
- 5) Scan the Barcode: (follow the prompts)



Summer

Find and circle all of the summer words that are hidden in the grid.
The remaining letters spell an additional summer item.

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T Y U G I M Y S E A D B I R S S K E
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ANTS	FISHING	JULY	SUNBURN
AUGUST	FLIES	JUNE	SUNGLASSES
BARBECUE	FLOWERS	MOSQUITOES	SUNSCREEN
BASEBALL	GARDENING	NO SCHOOL	SUNSHINE
BEACH	GOLF	PICNIC	SUNTAN
BEEES	GREEN GRASS	ROLLER BLADES	SWEAT
BICYCLE	HAT	SANDALS	SWIMMING
BLUE SKY	HIKING	SKATEBOARD	U V RAYS
BOATING	HOLIDAYS	SOCCER	WASPS
BREEZE	HOT	SOLSTICE	WATER FIGHTS
CAMPING	ICE CREAM	SPRINKLERS	WATERMELON

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