



Dear People of God:

Generations of Lutherans have fond memories of national gatherings in major cities across America. The ELCA's Gathering for senior high school youth usually rotates around the country every three years, but because of COVID, the Gathering was first postponed until this summer and then cancelled entirely. The next Gathering will be in New Orleans in July of 2024.

When the Gathering was cancelled, the Allegheny Synod asked the Synod's youth team to plan an alternative event for our senior high school youth. A few congregations decided to plan trips on their own, but appreciating the way Synod events enrich our connection to the wider Church, St. Matthew chose to work with St. Luke Roaring Spring, Laurel Trinity Jennerstown, and Grace State College to plan a trip to Washington DC and Caroline Furnace Lutheran Camp, the outdoor ministry site of the Virginia Synod.



*St Matthew, St Luke, & Laurel Trinity Youth
Sunset on the way to the Lincoln Memorial*

We began the trip with a visit to the Washington National Cathedral and a walking tour around the White House and the WWII, Lincoln, and Vietnam Veterans Memorials. Our second day included the US Holocaust Memorial, a brief walk through the National Gallery of Modern Art (following a surprise shower and sprint off the Mall), and a walk past the Capitol and Supreme Court on the way to the Lutheran Church of the Reformation, our host for pizza and a presentation by a representative of Lutheran Immigration & Refugee Services. After a long day of walking, we took the Metro back to our hotel. Our last day in the city included a private tour of the National Archives, which Amy Garner Carpenter arranged for us with her brother-in-law; we were the very first people to see a newly de-classified document! In the afternoon we visited the Smithsonian Museums of African American History & Culture, Natural History, and American History.

After reaching Caroline Furnace, I left the youth in the capable hands of the other chaperones while I took an unplanned side excursion to Hershey Medical Center. However, I know that they spent their time at the camp swimming and canoeing in the lake, doing group building, Bible study, and worship, and illustrating thoughtful get well cards for me. It was a privilege to spend time in our nation's capital with this delightful (and blessedly well-behaved) group, some of whom were making their first trip to Washington. We are all grateful for the congregation's support of the youth which allows us to participate in fun fellowship and learning events like this one. If you see one of our senior high members in church, ask them about their experience.

With Gratitude,
Pastor Traci



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 the generous gift of \$1,000 from the St. Matthew Third Century Fund. The gift is greatly appreciated for my tuition for the 2022-2023 term at Juniata College as this fall, I will begin the second semester of my junior year. I continue to pursue studies in pre-law and have had many educational opportunities both within and outside of the classroom. During the Spring of 2022, I experienced traveling with Juniata's Mock Trial team to the National Competition in Lancaster, PA where we placed in the top four percent of all national teams. In May I studied abroad in the Czech Republic and gained valuable knowledge of the culture, history, and politics of that country. Again, thank you for your generosity.

Olivia Day

Thank you for making and serving the funeral luncheon. It was delicious as always. Thank you for getting all the donated food. Also, thank you for your graciousness and kindness.

Kay McGraw & Family

Thank you for your generous \$500.00 emergency gift to help the people of Ukraine, who are enduring unimaginable hardship and suffering.

*Ambassador Daniel Speckhard (ret.)
President and CEO*

Thank you for your gift to Good Shepherd Rehabilitation Network. We are so thankful for your \$218.00 from your Children's Day Donations.

*Gloria Pugliese
Associate Vice President, Development*

Thank you for all the prayers, cards, blowers and condolences given to us in regard to the passing of Dick. It was so very thoughtful and comforting. Also, we appreciated all the wonderful food and all the memorials given in his name. Sending love to you all.

Kay McGraw and family

Martinsburg Food Pantry

Volunteers from the Martinsburg Mennonite Church will be helping to distribute food on Thursdays, August 4 and August 18 from 9:00 - 11:00 a.m., along with the regular volunteers.

Items most needed for August: Tuna, Fruit, Ravioli, Rice Sides and Cereal. Also, garden produce on days that the Food Pantry is open would be greatly appreciated. Thank You!

Many thanks for your donations! Linda Smith

Supplies for Food Pantry (K-5)



We'll be collecting school supplies to give children going back to school in August and September. Please look for items when you shop and place them in the "school bus" at church in the Fellowship Hall.

- Crayola Crayons (24 colors)
- 12 pack of #2 pencils & large erasers
- Crayola washable markers (10 colors)
- Crayola colored pencils (24 color set)
- Highlighters (yellow, pink & green)
- Elmer's large glue sticks (.77 oz.)
- 8½x11 spiral notebooks (3 hole punched)
- Elmer's washable school glue (4 oz bottle)



Summer Worship

9:00 a.m. worship, weather permitting, using the yard, drive, sidewalk, or kitchen Patio. If it rains worship will be in the Sanctuary

10:30 a.m. worship in the sanctuary

Sunday, Aug. 21: Worship Service will be at the Kreider Farm at 11:00 a.m. with a bag lunch to follow.



Attendance for June 2022

- Average Sunday Worship 2022 – 55 (4wks.)
- Average Sunday Worship 2019 – 81 (5wks.)



A Stewardship Minute August 2022

The Stewardship Minute and the Stewardship Bulletin insert is no longer an option from Parish Publishing.

You can now find the Monthly Stewardship Pamphlet on the website under “Helpful Links” at stmatthewlc.com.

If you would like a paper copy notify the church office so one will be provided for you.

A Stewardship Minute is available to subscribers of Stewardship at www.parishpublishing.org.



Sight and Sound Bus Excursion to see *David!*

Join the Lutheran Churches of Blair County for this exciting excursion to see Sight & Sounds live on stage production of David on Wednesday, October 19th, 2022. **Price per individual will be \$155.** This will include your transportation, your ticket to a 11am show, and a meal at Hershey Farms.

There will be two locations to which you can arrive for the bus: Lowes Parking Lot in Altoona at 6:30am or Walmart Parking Lot in East Freedom at 6:45am (we will have a sign-up sheet and plan to seat you accordingly by church group). We hope to arrive back within the area sometime around 7:30pm.

More information is on the Narthex Bulletin Board or you can call Duane Bordell at 814-944-2585.

**Deadline for Payments/Reservations is
September 1st, 2022.**

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 “Giving” button, (at the left side of the main screen)
- 3) Follow the onscreen instructions to create an online profile and to schedule your recurring contributions.

QRCode Offerings:

- 1) Hold your mobile phone in the camera position over the “QR Code”
- 2) A link will pop up on your phone and tap the link
- 3) Follow the instructions on your phone.



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.”**

St. Matthew Lutheran Worship/Church Picnic Sunday, August 21, 2022

11:00 a.m. at Ed Kreider’s Farm

Please bring your Bag Lunch and lawn chair. Come join us. All are welcome!

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.



New Sanctuary Lamp

The church council recently approved the purchase of a new sanctuary candle at the recommendation of the Music and Worship Committee.

The current sanctuary lamp, which is suspended from the ceiling, is quite fragile due to age and has become increasingly difficult to light and remain lighted. The lamp was placed in the sanctuary on February 10, 1985, and was dedicated to the memory of former pastor Rev. Paul J. Keller who served as minister to St. Matthew Lutheran Church from, January 1, 1942 to his passing on September 8, 1961. Rev. Keller is the father to Mary Lou Hinish.

At the request of Mary Lou the new sanctuary lamp will be dedicated in memory of the Rev. Paul J. and Luella Keller. Luella Keller was very active in the church serving in WELCA, junior choir director and Sunday School teacher.

The new sanctuary lamp will be placed on a stand which will be installed on the left side of the altar. The stand will be similar to the offering plate stand which is located to the right of the altar. Keith McGraw is constructing the stand in memory Stephen Hinish. The sanctuary lamp will be dedicated and placed into service at the end of the summer.



SERVING GOD AND US AUGUST 2022

Date	August 7	August 14	August 21 <i>Kreider Farm</i> <i>11:00 a.m.</i>	August 28
Lectors	Andrea Paul	Linda Smith	Martie Gilbert	Carla Brumbaugh
Altar Guild	Jean Sinal	Jean Sinal	Jean Sinal	Jean Sinal
Offering	Beth Garner	Beth Garner	Beth Garner	
Counters	Jim Barley	Jim Barley	Jim Barley	
Audio/Video	Camden Kuster	Camden Kuster	Camden Kuster	Camden Kuster
Ushers	Greg Haffling	Jeff Garner	Paul Decker	Mike Lamborn

Anniversaries for August

04 Chris & Michelle Cronrath	11 Jimmy & Lori Reimer	26 Richard & Cindy Snyder
06 Russell & Anita Hoover	18 Michael & Catherine Corcoran	29 Carlos & Amanda Lamborn
07 Jason Close & Jessica Orczeck	21 Matthew & Heather Nelson	30 John E. & Doris L. Waddick
08 Jay & Mary Baker 30 th	25 Les & Sandy Loomis 60 th	

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	27 Calleigh Wright
08 Christopher Bush	17 Verna Blough	28 Gunnar Buchart
09 Sabrena Beyer	19 Linda Smith	30 Tina Harclerode
12 Benjamin Decker	20 Peggy Steinfurth	Matthew Parks
Jacob Russell	21 Erica Kaurudar	31 Rachel Bithell
13 Isaac Russell	Dr. Lanny Ross	Jamie Richardson
14 C J Gahagan		Dorothy Ross
Austin Replogle		

2022 COUNCIL DIRECTORY AND MINISTRY STAFF

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

Pastor	Rev. Traci Marriott	935-9267	Property	Ed Kreider	793-4302
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Financial Secretary	Vacant		Staff Support	Kaye Burket	224-5224
			Sexton	Phil Claar	215-0885

HIGHLIGHTS BY COUNCIL IN JULY 2022

1. No highlights; Council didn't meet in July.

Giving

2022 June		Year to Date as of 6/30/2022	
Current	\$12,503.62	Current	\$81,796.94
Benevolence (Synod)	\$909.00	Benevolence (Synod)	\$8,214.50
Youth and Camping	\$665.00	2nd Qrt. Youth & Camping	\$3,055.50
2021 June		Year to Date as of 6/30/2021	
Current	\$11,456.70	Current	\$75,022.84
Benevolence (Synod)	\$681.00	Benevolence (Synod)	\$6,953.50
Youth and Camping	\$725.64	2nd Qrt. Youth & Camping	\$2,350.14
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 and Camping	\$1,020.00	2nd Qrt. Youth & Camping	\$3,605.50
2019 June		Year to Date as of 6/30//2019	
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
2022 Income vs Expenses			
Current	June	Year to Date as of 6/30/2022	
Actual	\$(3,696.16)	(\$16,957.75)	
Per Budget	\$(5,815.96)	(\$28,120.56)	
<u>Benevolence</u>			
Per Commitment to Synod	\$(1,257.67)	(\$4,785.50)	

There were 4 Sundays in June 2020, 2021 and 2022.



Lutheran Day at the Curve
 Sunday, August 21, 2022
 Tailgate 4:00 p.m. at the Synod Office
 Hot Dogs and Drinks provided.
 Bring a side to share
 Game starts at 6:00 p.m.
 \$7/ticket –



Registration is available by completing the form below and either put in the offering plate or return to the church office with complete payment.

Ticket Order Form

Contact Name	
Contact Phone Number	

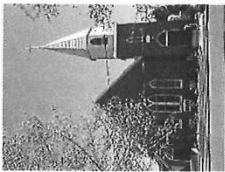
Number of Adults/Children 3+		X \$7.00	= \$
Number of Children Ages 2 and under*		FREE	= \$0.00
Total Amount Enclosed			= \$

Number Attending Tailgate _____

Tickets will NOT be mailed, but must be picked up in-person at the Synod Office the week prior, at the Tailgate, or at the Gates at 5:30pm.

Children ages 2 and under must sit on an adults lap to receive a free ticket. Otherwise, they will need a ticket for a seat at the cost of \$7.

Order Deadline - August 12th

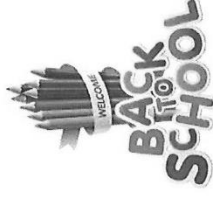


August 2022

St. Matthew Lutheran Church

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 6:00 pm Worship & Music Mtg., Zoom	2 6:30 pm Stewardship Mtg., Zoom	3	4 9-11 am Food Pantry, Allegheny St.	5 Pastor's Sabbath	6
	<div style="border: 2px solid black; padding: 5px;"> Pastor Traci is at Sequanota this week. You can call her cell 814-935-9267. </div>					
	<div style="border: 2px solid black; padding: 5px;"> Lori will be in the office from 9:00 am—11:30 am this week. </div>					
7 10h Sun. after Pentecost 9:00 am Outside Worship 10:30 am Worship in Sanctuary 12-6 pm Fellowship Hall in use	8	9 6:30 pm Council Mtg., Zoom	10 1-4 pm Pastor in Office 5:00 pm Yoga, FH	11	12 Pastor's Sabbath	13
14 11th Sun. after Pentecost 9:00 am Outside Worship 10:30 am Worship in Sanctuary	15 6:30 pm Social Ministry Mtg., Zoom	16	17 2-4 pm Pastor in Office 5:00 pm Yoga, FH	18 9-11 am Food Pantry, Allegheny St.	19 Pastor's Sabbath	20
	<div style="border: 2px solid black; padding: 5px;"> Lori Tremmel on vacation. Laura Orzeck will be in the office Mon.-Fri. 9 am—12 pm </div>					
21 12th Sun. after Pentecost 11:00 am Worship at the Kreider Farm Bag lunch will follow the service 6:00 pm Synod Day @ the Curve	22	23 12:30-3:00 pm Knotty Ladies, QR	24 10:00 am Employee Mtg., FH 1-4 pm Pastor in Office 5:00 pm Yoga, FH	25	26 Pastor's Sabbath	27
28 13h Sun. after Pentecost 9:00 am Outside Worship 10:30 am Worship in Sanctuary	29	30 12:30-3:00 pm Knotty Ladies, QR	31 1-4 pm Pastor in Office 5:00 pm Yoga, FH	FH—Fellowship Hall CE-Christian Ed Office CL—Church Lounge QR—Quilt Room K—Kitchen In case of emergency, Pastor Traci maybe reached at 814-935-9267 Lori will be in the Office Mon.-Fri. from 9:00 am-12:00 pm		