



**Saint Matthew**  
LUTHERAN CHURCH

**St. Matthew's Messenger**  
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**“CHANGE”**

**Dear People of God:**

In June I will pass two benchmarks as a pastor. First, having been ordained at the Allegheny Synod Assembly in 2012, this month marks my ninth year as a minister of Word and Sacrament. Second, as of this month I will have spent as much time serving at St. Matthew during COVID as before COVID.

I remember asking the call committee here how they would know, a year or two down the road, whether I ended up being the “right” person for this call. They (wisely, I thought) avoided naming any specific programs or performance goals and merely said that there would be some change and things would be different. I don’t think we could have envisioned quite how different things would be, although that of course had very little to do with me and very much to do with a world-wide crisis and our ongoing response to it.

The future is beginning to look brighter as risk abates enough to ease restrictions. We continue to act cautiously out of care and concern for those who haven’t yet completed a vaccination cycle or who are unable to receive that protection, especially younger children. But as we begin to move out of the most critically hazardous days, it is worth remembering that we are not going back to the way things were; we are discovering and participating in things being made new.

Over the centuries, God’s people have weathered all sorts of storms and witnessed God’s presence in ever-changing circumstances. After 40 years in the desert, the Israelites did not go back to Egypt, however often they claimed they wanted to. The generation that was exiled to Babylon was not the same generation that returned to Israel and Judah; the promised land was new to them—an entirely different home.

In a way, we can’t go back either. This year has changed us, so as we come together again, we need to attend to who we are *now*, not who we remember being *then*. Yet as always, we live in hope, because God who proved faithful in our past walks with us in the present and promises to lead us into the future. Let us therefore go forward—not back—in good courage.

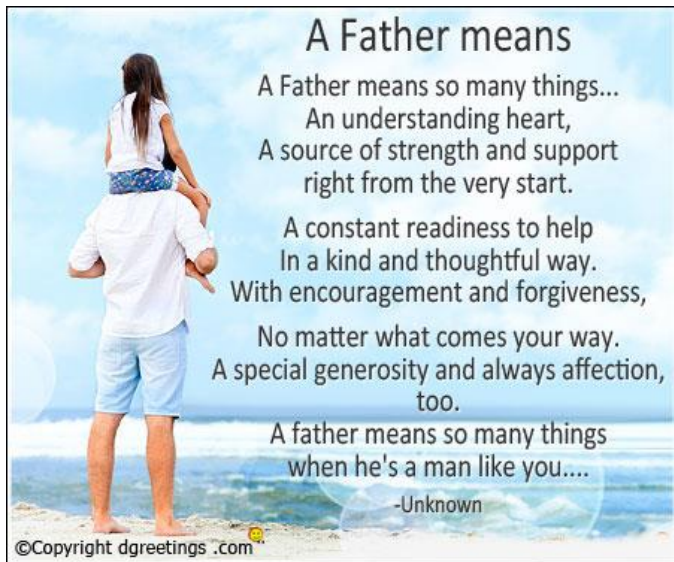
**+Pastor Traci**



**Yoga Devotions**

**Every Wednesday in June at 5:00 p.m.**  
**Saturday, May 12 at**  
**10:00 a.m.**

Join us in the side yard at St. Matthew for an hour of yoga centered on a focus verse from scripture. Bring your mat; this is appropriate for any ability level.



## Martinsburg Food Pantry



The Food Pantry will be open for distribution for food on Thursdays, June 3 and June 17 from 9:00 until 11:00 a.m.

Volunteers from St. John's UCC will be helping to distribute food along with the regular volunteers.

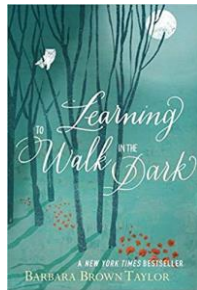
**Following are items most needed for June:** Beverages, Mashed Potatoes Gravy, Baked Beans, and Peanut Butter.

Donations of food can be placed in Food Pantry Box at the C & S Market. Any donations are greatly appreciated.

**Thank You! Linda K. Smith**

## June Book Discussion

Learning to Walk in the Dark by Barbara Brown Taylor



In the church we talk a lot about being the light, but faith is often formed in the darker seasons of our lives. Barbara Brown Taylor helps us think about what we have to learn from those less-than-sunny times.

Discussion with Pastor Traci on Zoom, Thursday, June 24 at 3PM or 7PM.



## Home Communion Visits

Pastor Traci is available for home communion visits, either inside for those fully vaccinated or outside for those not fully vaccinated. To schedule, please call the office or cell (814-935-9267).



## Welcome to the Family of St. Matthew through Adult Baptism...

- Samantha (Sammie) Mixell on Sunday, May 30, 2021. Sammie is the fiancé of Michael Tremmel.
- Lyndsay Yon on Sunday, May 30, 2021. Lyndsay is the fiancé of Daniel Tremmel.

## Change of Address

**Shari Gilbert, Carrie Lively & Lucas-Jon Gilbert**  
 620 Spring Hill Dr  
 Waynesboro, PA 17268  
 814-935-1614

## 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](http://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)





## A Stewardship Minute June 2021

Timothy was still a young man when he received a letter from the man we call St. Paul. In that letter Paul told Timothy how to conduct himself with the following words: “Let no one despise your youth, but set the believers an example in speech and conduct, in love, in faith, in purity.” (I Timothy 4:12)

I call your attention to the words: “Set the believers an example in speech and conduct.” On the night before our Savior was crucified, he showed love and humility by washing the feet of his followers. When finished he said, “I have set you an example, that you also should do as I have done to you.” (John 13:15)

There is a story of a widow who was left with five children. She lived on a farm and taught her children how to work hard, how to serve God, and how to give oneself totally for the kingdom of God. She had an old-fashioned wooden coffee grinder that she used to save a healthy portion of her earnings. Each Sunday she would empty the grinder and take the money to worship as the family’s offering to God.

This month’s *Stewardship* points out that the power of her stewardship was memorable. She did what Paul told Timothy to do: “Set an example in speech and conduct, in love, in faith, in purity.” As a result of her example, her children grew up into wonderful adults ... for it was of one who loved the Lord with heart, mind, soul, and strength.

**Prayer:** *Stir up faithfulness and service in us, dear Lord, to the end that we may glorify you in the totality of our lives. Amen*

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

You can now find the Monthly *Stewardship Pamphlet* on the website under “Link” at [stmatthewlc.com](http://stmatthewlc.com).



### Attendance for May 2021

No regular attendance was observed since Covid-19 started March 15, 2020 for St.

Matthew. However, since we started having in-person worship Inside & Outside our average attendance was 32.



## Flower Committee Announcements

Worship and Music Committee agreed with a recommendation from the Flower Committee that when worship is scheduled in the sanctuary, flowers will be placed on the altar as usual. For the next several months, that will happen on the first Sunday of the month. Flowers for the June 6<sup>th</sup> worship service are sponsored. If you would like to sponsor flowers as a memorial or honorarium, please contact Margie Smith. The price for flowers is \$30.

Church members are encouraged to sponsor memorial/honorarium flowers. The number of Sundays that flowers are donated for memorials has decreased in recent years. It has been suggested that sharing flower memorials/honoraria with another parishioner will reduce the cost by half, as well as make it easier for donors to use or share the flowers after the service.

Donors are reminded to pay for the flowers in a timely manner, preferably on/or before the date of the memorial. Payment may be made in cash or check made payable to St. Matthew Flower Fund. You can place the payment in the appropriate mailbox in the hallway outside the church office.

The Flower Committee appreciates your support for the memorial flowers and your cooperation with information stated above.



## Worship for June according to the following schedule:

### First Sunday of the month:

9 AM worship in the sanctuary; 10:30 AM worship in the fellowship hall

### Second, Third, and Fourth Sundays:

9 AM worship, weather permitting, using the yard, drive, sidewalk, or kitchen Patio

### Wednesdays

6:30 PM worship in the Sanctuary



## Prayers and Blessings are asked for...

Samantha Mixell and Michael Tremmel who plan to marry on Saturday, June 19, 2021 at 3:00 p.m. They ask the congregation of St. Matthew to remember them in their prayers, that God may bestow His richest blessings upon them in their life together as husband and wife.

## Transformational Ministry

We will ALL lift our needs up in prayer on a daily basis together in our homes for the month of June.

*We pray for all those that suffered and are suffering with Covid-19. We pray for our high school seniors and college graduates that are starting a new journey in life. May they have the wisdom and the knowledge to choose the path for their new journey. Amen*

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



## Congratulations to Our 2021 Graduates!

**Ashley M. Smith** – She graduated from California University of Pennsylvania in December 2020 after earning a Master’s Degree in Sport Management. She is employed by ProCare as an Athletic Trainer for Bedford Junior and Senior High School.

**Nathan J. Smith** – On May 18, 2020, Nathan J. Smith graduated from the U. S. Army’s Advanced Individual Training-Geospatial Engineering. He was recognized as having the second highest GPA in his class. He is now stationed in Wiesbaden, Germany.

**Austin Replogle** – Graduated from Spring Cove High School.

### New Address

#### Janet Kreider

437 Givler Dr Rm 313  
Martinsburg, PA 16662

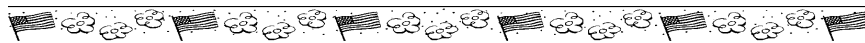
If you would like to call her you need to call the nurses station and they will take a phone to her.

#### Donna Gearhart

437 Givler Dr Apt 207  
Martinsburg, PA 16662  
814-793-3189

#### Janelle Dennis

4136 Kibraney Ave  
North Las Vegas, NV 89084-4944



## June Anniversaries

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|----|--|----|--|
| 2  | Joey & Lori Tremmel                      | 15 | Carl & Dawn Alexy                        |
| 3  | Colin & Debra Hoover                     | 16 | David & Jackie Lightner                  |
|    | Mike & Connie Lamborn                    | 24 | William & Dorothy Stahl 60 <sup>th</sup> |
| 10 | E. Allen & Stacy Kuster 15 <sup>th</sup> | 28 | Larry & Sharon E. Frederick              |
| 11 | David & Audrey Stern 50 <sup>th</sup>    | 30 | Jeff & Beth Garner                       |
| 13 | Derek & Leah Park                        |    |  |

## Birthdays for June

- |   |                   |    |                     |    |                 |
|---|-------------------|----|---------------------|----|-----------------|
| 2 | Rodger S. Hoover  | 7  | Sarah Detwiler      | 19 | Lottie Ebersole |
|   | Ashley Zanfino    | 8  | Mary E. Creps       |    | Donald Grove    |
| 4 | Jane C. Hoenstine |    | Stacey M. Kensinger | 21 | Kim E. Lee      |
|   | Audrey Stern      | 12 | Seth Gunnett        | 23 | Terri Rodgers   |
| 5 | Jack Howsare      |    | Andrew Smith        | 25 | Paul Decker     |
| 6 | Warren Daniel     | 13 | Michael Tremmel     | 27 | Madison Rodgers |
|   | Sheena Tremmel    | 16 | Max A. Baker        | 28 | Nathan Smith    |
|   |                   |    |                     | 29 | Bill Selby      |

**2021 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	<b>Vacant</b>	
President	Melissa Fetzer	793-2735	Stewardship	Greg Haffling	793-9827
Vice President	Peggy Steinfurth	515-6205	Finance	Jim Barley	793-4623
Secretary	Elaine Smith (434)	981-0560	Social Ministry	Peggy Freyer	614-4552
Treasurer	Beth Garner	793-3966	Worship & Music	Jane Fagans	793-4401
Financial Secretary	Anna Klepser	793-2094	Staff Support	Kaye Burket	224-5224

**HIGHLIGHTS BY COUNCIL IN MAY 2021**

- Plans continue for 5 summer catechism events and Sunday school for 24 youth, nursery through 12<sup>th</sup> grade, starting with Rally Day in September.
- Discussed progress of in-person worship that began on May 2.
- Voted to approve the updated Child Protection Policy. Education sessions are planned for June.
- The finance committee will evaluate the feasibility of making contributions to our missionary families, Holy Family Lutheran Church, Yellow Knife, NW and Rocky Boy Indian Reservation, Box Elder, MT.
- Even though the Bishop was approached by the county emergency management officer to offer vaccine clinics in churches in Blair County, it was considered not to be safe since St. Matthew continues to limit access to our building for worship services and church activities at this time.

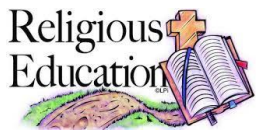
**Giving**

2021 April		Year to Date as of 4/30/2021	
<b>Current</b>	<b>\$16,089.34</b>	<b>Current</b>	<b>\$51,450.92</b>
<b>Benevolence (Synod)</b>	<b>\$1,128.50</b>	<b>Benevolence (Synod)</b>	<b>\$5,453.50</b>
<b>Youth and Camping</b>	<b>\$757.50</b>	<b>2nd Qrt. Youth &amp; Camping</b>	<b>\$757.50</b>

2020 April		Year to Date as of 4/30/2020	
<b>Current</b>	<b>\$15,216.60</b>	<b>Current</b>	<b>\$60,776.00</b>
<b>Benevolence (Synod)</b>	<b>\$1,805.50</b>	<b>Benevolence (Synod)</b>	<b>\$7,188.00</b>
<b>Youth and Camping</b>	<b>\$1,184.50</b>	<b>2nd Qrt. Youth &amp; Camping</b>	<b>\$1,184.50</b>

2019 April		Year to Date as of 4/30/2019	
<b>Current</b>	<b>\$15,977.09</b>	<b>Current</b>	<b>\$66,618.00</b>
<b>Benevolence (Synod)</b>	<b>\$1,507.00</b>	<b>Benevolence (Synod)</b>	<b>\$6,150.55</b>
<b>Youth and Camping</b>	<b>\$1,288.00</b>	<b>2nd Qrt. Youth &amp; Camping</b>	<b>\$1,721.00</b>

2021 Income vs Expenses		
<b>Current</b>	<b>April</b>	<b>Year to Date as of 4/30/2021</b>
Actual	(\$275.42)	(\$12,939.38)
Per Budget	(\$2,490.99)	(\$22,870.41)
<b><u>Benevolence</u></b>		
Per Commitment to Synod	(\$1,038.17)	(\$3,213.17)



## Upcoming Catechism Events

### June—Monday the 21st, 6-8PM, Pizza Party at Portstown Park in Huntingdon

We'll enjoy outdoor dinner together and answer the question "Why Confirmation?" for those beginning instruction this year and for those who are regrouping after the pandemic interrupted catechism. The whole family is invited (RSVP to Pastor Traci). Please wear a mask before and after eating.

### July—Wednesday-Thursday the 28th-29th, Pedal-Paddle Campout in Ohiopyle, PA

We're cautioned not to have the lock-in you asked for...but how about a campout? We'll leave at noon on Monday in caravan to the Kentuck Knob Campground in Ohiopyle, camp out overnight, then enjoy an adventure: 10 mile bike ride up the Allegheny Passage Rail Trail, float back down to Ohiopyle on the Middle Youghiogheny River; return late Tuesday. The whole family is invited (all children in the family must be over 8 years old for the pedal-paddle trip; RSVP to Pastor Traci). More information and organization to come; in the mean-time, direct questions to Pastor Traci.

### August—Sunday the 22nd, 5-6PM\*, Hike-Bike-Drive Picnic on the Lower Trail

Choose your own adventure: walk, run, hike, bike, or drive to the Williamsburg pavilion on the Lower Rail Trail. Arrive by 5PM for a picnic supper. We'll look at an overview of the topics and schedule for the 2021-2022 learning year. Walk, run, hike, bike, or drive back to where you started. The whole family is invited (RSVP to Pastor Traci). Please use a mask before and after eating while we are gathered.



### **Inservice for Adults Volunteering with Children and Youth**

The Staff Support Committee is sponsoring two educational sessions at the church on **Sunday, June 6, 2021**, at 10:00 a.m. and at 11:30 a.m. for adults volunteering with the children and youth of our St. Matthew community. Any adult, whether they have or have not volunteered in the past, who desires to volunteer is requested to attend. We will be providing education about the updates for our St. Matthew's Child Protection Policy including identifying and reporting child abuse. This will be an opportunity to complete necessary forms to secure or renew background checks that are required this year. If you have a Pennsylvania State Police criminal background clearance and a Pennsylvania Child Abuse History Clearance that are current and do not expire in 2021, please bring copies to the session. A packet of information for both new and previous volunteers will be available in the Church office prior to the Inservice. If you have any questions about whether you should attend or about the content of the Inservice, please contact Kaye Burket at 814-224-5224 or Pastor Traci at 814-935-9267.

**To accommodate the worship service schedule and the Notaries time, this is the schedule for notarizing....**

9:00 a.m. - First Worship Service (Sanctuary)

10:00 - 10:15 a.m. - Notary available for those needing updated Affidavits in the first training session (Desk inside Maple Street Door) **(ID is required for Notary Services)**

10:15 - 10:30 a.m. - Notary available for those needing updated Affidavits who are attending second Worship service (Desk Maple St.) **(ID is required for Notary Services)**

10:15 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. First Child Protection Training Session (Sanctuary)

10:30 a.m. Second Worship Service (Fellowship Hall)

11:30 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. Second Child Protection Training Session (Fellowship Hall)

(The time for the training sessions may only take 30 minutes.)



## Mark your Calendars: Sunday Worship at Camp Sequanota, June 13th

On Sunday, June 13th, we will gather for worship at Camp Sequanota in Jennerstown, PA. Weather-permitting, we'll meet at the Luther League chapel (transportation up the hill is available); in case of rain, we'll use the large pavilion by the large athletic field (follow signs). Worship will begin at 11AM; please arrive a little early if you'll need a golf cart ride up to the chapel. Lunch (BYOLunch) will be immediately following worship at the large pavilion. We will provide beverages, s'mores, and a fire (you can bring your own over-the-fire food if you want to cook). This will be the day of Sequanota's benefit donors' picnic; the pool will be open and available to you in the afternoon. Stay for worship, worship and lunch, worship, lunch, and swimming, or register for the benefit picnic and stay all day. Have extra seats in your vehicle and want to provide a ride? Call the church office. Need a seat in someone's vehicle and want to accept a ride? Also call the church office.

### JUNE 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2	3	4	5
		7 Baccalaureate MCPark	1-4 Pastor's Office Hours 5 Yoga 6:30 Sanctuary Worship		8-5 Allegheny Synod Assembly	8-1 Allegheny Synod Assembly
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
9 Sanctuary Worship 10:30 Fellowship Hall Worship 10:15/11:30 Child Protection Volunteer Training	6 Worship & Music	6:30 Council	1-4 Pastor's Office Hours 5 Yoga 6:30 Sanctuary Worship			10 Yoga
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
11 Worship at Camp Sequanota, Picnic & Open Camp Day			1-4 Pastor's Office Hours 5 Yoga 6:30 Sanctuary Worship		4:00 Wedding Rehearsal	3:00 Mixell & Tremmel Wedding
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
9 Outside Worship	6-8 Catechism Portstown Park Huntingdon		1-4 Pastor's Office Hours 5 Yoga 6:30 Sanctuary Worship	3 & 7 Book Discussion		
27	28	29	30			
9 Outside Worship			1-4 Pastor's Office Hours 5 Yoga 6:30 Sanctuary Worship			

**St. Matthew Lutheran Church**  
**Annual Financial Report – Year Ending December 31, 2020**

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Actual <b>regular</b> Income	\$183,226
Actual <b>regular</b> Expense	\$190,120
Budgeted Expense	\$223,573

Actual **Income** was Less Than actual Expense by \$6,894

Actual **regular** Expense was lower than budgeted Expense by \$33,453

**CASH**

Cash in AFS checking after reconciliation	\$64,647
Savings – All Thrivent accounts	\$624,356
Savings – CD’s Youth (Rosamond Smith)	\$20,000
Youth Activities – National Youth Gathering	\$4,345
Mission Investment – Youth Fund	\$7,796
Straesser Flower Fund	\$1,801
St. Matthew Flower Fund	\$226
The Endowment Fund (ELCA 3 <sup>rd</sup> Century Fund)	\$160,347

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**CHURCH PROJECTS – APPROVED IN 2020 – COMPLETED IN 2021**

**\$11,128:**

To replace the heating and air conditioning in the offices of Pastor Traci and Lori and in the lobby area outside of their offices.

**\$4,291:**

- 1) Install permanent posts and chains at the Grange parking lot to keep unauthorized vehicles from using the lot.
- 2) Install permanent posts in front of the two heat/air units on the north side of the building, adjacent to the parking lot, to protect from vehicle damage.
- 3) Install permanent posts in front of the new heat pump outside of the church offices, adjacent to the parking lot, to protect from vehicle damage.
- 4) Install a chain-link fence around the heat/air unit on the outside wall adjacent to the kitchen, to protect from vandalism and damage.

**UPDATE ON GIVING FOR CURRENT EXPENSES**

In 2020, Giving for Current Expenses totaled	\$183,226
In 2019, Giving for Current Expenses totaled	\$203,770

Giving for current expenses, for the first four (4) months of 2021 is \$9,325  
less than the first four (4) months of 2020

**PAYROLL PROTECTION PROGRAM – LOAN/GRANT**

As a result of the coronavirus pandemic, the United States Congress passed the Cares Act in the Spring of 2020. As part of this Act, there was a loan program to help cover payroll, rent and utilities for small businesses and nonprofit organizations such as our church. In our case, as long as the loan was used for payroll and utilities the loan amount would be forgiven.

On April 20, 2020 the church applied for a \$20,000 loan. The church fulfilled its loan obligations, and on February 25, 2021 the loan was forgiven. The loan then became a grant and, therefore, does not have to be repaid.

This money was very useful as our expenses exceeded our Income.

*Report submitted by the Finance Committee*