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**Greetings People of God:**

In the last few weeks I have been overwhelmed by how GREEN our surroundings have become, now that the leaves have fully returned to the trees. It's also allergy season, but that's a different story.

The first Sunday of June will be our last festival (Holy Trinity) before the long season after Pentecost, what we sometimes call "ordinary" time or what the altar guild calls the "green" season. We use the color green all throughout the summer and early autumn, not because of the botanical growth outside, but to symbolize growth in the church, the natural outcome of the Holy Spirit enlivening the body of Christ as we read happened at Pentecost. We call it "ordinary" because there aren't special feast days during this time, but we're also reminded that growth should be the ordinary, not extraordinary, task of the church.

We can look at growth in at least two ways: the church growing wider, because more people become active members in it, or the church growing deeper, because we who are already part of it are enriching our discipleship through worship, study, prayer, service, fellowship, and giving. We like wider growth: it's easier to quantify and it's deceptively easy for us to think of it as other people's responsibility to become disciples. But delving deeper in our own spiritual practice can actually lead to both kinds of growth; it's what makes us as the church a force for good such that other people want to be a part of what God is up to in, with, and through us.

In this thriving, verdant season, how do you plan to grow?

*Peace,*  
 +*Pastor Traci*



Connecting Christ, Creation & Community

*June 22 - 25, 2023*

Sequanota Conference Center and Camp, Jennerstown, PA 15547

**Where are you searching for God?**

Come to our brand new event, Well Festival. This unique new experience is open to everyone. Come by yourself, bring your friends and family, or invite your whole church! Well Festival is a long weekend of growth and learning designed to bring God's people closer together.

As a time of learning, Well Festival offers different "Tents" (areas of learning.) Each of our tents will have a different theme for the long weekend teaching different faith-based lessons on topics ranging from the environment to social justice. These lessons will be taught by a wide variety of faith leaders with the main goal of helping you grow your faith in whatever area interests you most.

**Tents (areas of faith-based learning):**

- Environment
- Devotional
- Economics, Justice & Advocacy
- Food & Health
- Practical Theology
- Music
- Arts & Media
- Open Space for discussion

**Learn More**



[www.sequanota.com/well](http://www.sequanota.com/well)

## Martinsburg Food Pantry

The Food Pantry will be open for food distribution on Thursdays, June 1 and June 15 from 9:00 until 11:00 a.m.

Those helping will be 3 or 4 people from St. John's UCC besides the regular volunteers to distribute food.

**Following are the most needed items for June:** Cereal, Fruit, Ravioli, Rice or Pasta Sides, Mashed Potatoes and Paper Items.

Many thanks for the monetary gifts given, but it would be also appreciated to see items in the church basket, too, each month. *Linda K. Smith*



### Breaking Bread

June 12, 2023

5:00 – 6:30 p.m.

Martinsburg Church of God

123 Market St., Martinsburg, PA 16662

Cost: FREE, Just like God's Love!



### Summer Worship

9:30 a.m. worship in the sanctuary



Welcome to the Family of St. Matthew through Letter of transfer, Barry and Carla Brumbaugh on Sunday, May 21, 2023.



Thank you so much for your generous donation to Rocky Boy's Hunger Grant Program. We appreciate the donation very much.

*Our Saviour's Lutheran Church*

A poster for "Lutheran Day at the Altoona Curve". The title "Lutheran Day at the Altoona Curve" is written in large, red, cursive font. Below it, "Sunday, August 13th" is written in white. The Altoona Curve logo is on the left. A baseball is in the foreground on a green field. Text at the bottom says "Tickets - \$7.00 each" and "Please Register with the Synod Office by Friday, August 1st." A dark oval contains the text "Game Begins at 6:00pm" and "Fireworks following the game." The background shows a stadium at night with lights.

### 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 "**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.





## A Stewardship Minute June 2023

Justice means exercising fairness in all our actions. The Old Testament prophets were profoundly emphatic about showing our obedience to God by being just, by being fair, in all our dealings as we live out our lives. The prophet Micah said: "What does the Lord require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God." (Micah 6:8)

A Christian minister tells of sitting next to a woman in the waiting room of a hospital. He said to his wife later that he could scarcely remain in his seat because she reeked of the acrid smell of tobacco. But, when the woman said to her husband who was sitting on her other side, "I feel so sorry for my mother. She has so little money to live on," the pastor had the following thought: "If she simply quit smoking and gave her mother the money she spent for a pack of cigarettes each day, she could at least help her mother have a meal or two daily." Obviously, the woman had a kind thought regarding her mother's welfare, but apparently, she did not consider how she might help relieve her mother's woes.

Perhaps each of us should examine ourselves and consider how we are treating others. Are we concerned about justice for them? Are we kind and thoughtful to them? And do we practice being righteous in our lives to make sure we honor Christ in our everyday lives?

**Prayer:** *Lord, enable us to be complete stewards in every way. Help us to be found worthy of living in eternity with you. In your name we pray. Amen*

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



Thank you so much for your prayers and phone calls as I recover from my shoulder surgery. Continued prayers are needed as it will be a long recovery.

**Lori Tremmel**



**Jeffrey Hoenstine** -Is graduating with high honors from Central High School on June 1, 2023. He is graduating with a 4.0 GPA and was a member of the National Honor Society and Spanish Honor Society.

Along with his academic successes, Jeff has accomplished many outstanding athletic achievements such as holding the Pennsylvania record for career touchdown passes, winning 3 Football District Championships, 2 Baseball District Championships, and won the State Baseball Championship in 2022. He was also named class 3A Football player of the year, 2022 Altoona Mirror Athlete of the year and 2022 Mr. PA Football.

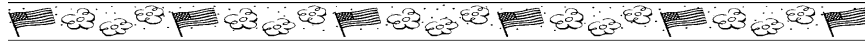
He will be continuing his academic and athletic career at Saint Francis University to play football and is majoring in physical therapy. He will also be continuing his football career at St. Francis.

**Christopher Bush** – Graduated from Saint Vincent College on Saturday, May 13, 2023. He was awarded a Bachelor of Science Degree in Biology with a minor in Mathematics. He received a Dean's List recognition while attending Saint Vincent.

During his four years at Saint Vincent, he was a member of the men's swim team and served as a Co-captain during his Senior year. He was named PAC (President's Athletic Conference) Rookie of the week his Freshman year and each subsequent year, he received PAC swimmer of the week recognition for outstanding performance during a swim meet. He was awarded All-PAC Second team accolades during his four years at Saint Vincent. During the PAC Championships at Grove City College his Junior year Christopher was named to the PAC Sportsmanship team.

Christopher's plans after graduation will be to attend the University of Pikeville in Pikeville, KY. He plans to study Optometry and obtain a Doctorate in Optometry.

**Alyssa Clark** - Graduated from the University of Connecticut with a Ph.D. in Human Development and Family Sciences. As for my future plans, starting this fall I will be working as a visiting assistant professor at the College of Wooster (in Ohio) in the Psychology Department.



## June Anniversaries

2	Joey & Lori Tremmel	15	Carl & Dawn Alexy 60 <sup>th</sup>
3	Colin & Debra Hoover 45 <sup>th</sup>	16	David & Jackie Lightner
	Mike & Connie Lamborn 45 <sup>th</sup>	19	Michael & Samantha Tremmel
10	E. Allen & Stacy Kuster	24	William & Dorothy Stahl
11	David & Audrey Stern	28	Larry & Sharon E. Frederick
13	Derek & Leah Park	30	Jeff & Beth Garner

## 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

## SERVING GOD AND US JUNE 2023

Date	June 4	June 11	June 18	June 25
<b>Acolytes</b>	Jeffrey Hoenstine TBD TBD	No Acolytes during the Summer.		
<b>Lectors</b>	<b>Elaine Smith</b>	<b>Martie Gilbert</b>	<b>TBD</b>	<b>Jane Fagans</b>
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Tina Harclerode	Tina Harclerode	Tina Harclerode	Tina Harclerode
<b>Offering Counters</b>	<b>Beth Garner Jim Barley</b>	<b>Beth Garner Jim Barley</b>	<b>Beth Garner Jim Barley</b>	<b>Beth Garner Jim Barley</b>
<b>Audio/Video</b>	Camden Kuster	Camden Kuster	Camden Kuster	Camden Kuster
<b>Ushers</b>	<b>Jeff Garner</b>	<b>Mike Lamborn</b>	<b>Martie Gilbert</b>	<b>Stanley Smith</b>
<b>Assisting Ministers</b>	<b>Steve Oswalt</b>	<b>Jim Barley</b>	<b>Jane Hoenstine</b>	<b>Greg Haffling</b>

### Always Be A Student

*By Joanna Fuchs*

Keep on learning, 2023 graduate,  
Though your graduation's done;  
Your whole life's an education  
That has only just begun.

Your diploma is the first big step,  
For knowledge is the special key  
To winning what you want in life  
And being who you want to be.

If you'll always be a student,  
You'll find the secrets to success  
And travel on the golden road  
To peace and happiness.



## 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			

### HIGHLIGHTS BY COUNCIL IN MAY 2023

1. Elaine Smith was appointed to the Council secretary vacancy for the remainder of the year.
2. Worship will begin at 9:30 a.m. for the summer starting on June 4, 2023.
3. Cove Flooring is to replace the outdoor carpeting at the Maple Street entrance.
4. Voted to contract with Monte Beach for repair of water lines to the bathrooms near the quilting room. This will include replacement of the fixtures in the nearer bathroom and removal of the fixtures in the farther bathroom. Building funds will be used.
5. New phone/WiFi installation by CrowsNest was completed on April 26, 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. Installation is likely to take place later in the year.
7. Reviewed plans to cover medical absence for Lori Tremmel, administrative assistant.
8. Appointed Barb Wilt to fill the vacancy created by the death of Dave Lehman on the St. Matthew Endowment Committee (Third Century Fund). The term will expire on December 31, 2023.



#### You Gave us the World

You gave us the world, with your love and care,  
 Your strength and wisdom, always there,  
 You showed us how to stand tall and be brave,  
 And be kind and compassionate in every way.

Through thick and thin, you were always our guide,  
 Your love and support, we cannot hide,  
 Dad, we're grateful for all that you do,  
 We love you so much, Happy Father's Day to you!

~ Julian Brydie

# Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser

*To Benefit Allegheny Synod Youth Mission Trip  
to Sarasota, Florida for Hurricane Ian Disaster Relief*

**Saturday, June 3rd**  
**5:00PM-7:00PM**



## **St. Matthew Lutheran Church**

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**Suggested Donation: \$8.00 per meal**

### **Meal Includes:**

Pasta with Delgrossos Sauce  
Meatballs  
Roll & Butter  
Drink & Dessert

Eat-In  
or

Takeout  
available



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SOCIAL MINISTRIES  
*We Touch Lives*

# VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

## We Need Help With

- One-on-one visits
- Assisting with Activities
- Providing Entertainment
- Transporting Residents to and from activities & Beauty Shop

We need volunteers for a variety of activities with passionate and committed people involved to provide the best for the residents of the Lutheran Home

**Join Us!**



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
FH—Fellowship Hall CL—Church Lounge QR—Quilt Room WR— Window 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	CE-Christian Ed Office QR-Quilt Room WR- Window Room K—Kitchen In case of emergency, Pastor Traci maybe reached at 814-935-9267	6:30 pm Endowment Committee. Mtg., WR	1-4 pm Pastor in Office 5:00 pm Yoga, FH	9-11 am Food Pantry, Allegheny St.	Pastor's Sabbath	3 5-7 pm Spaghetti Dinner, FH
4 <u>Holy Trinity</u> 9:30 am Worship in Sanctuary	5 6:00 pm Worship & Music Mtg., via Zoom	6 6:30 pm Endowment Committee. Mtg., WR	7 1-4 pm Pastor in Office 5:00 pm Yoga, FH	8	9 Pastor's Sabbath	10
11 <u>2nd Sun. after Pentecost</u> 9:30 am Worship in Sanctuary 4:00 Pre-Assembly Worship Service, 1st Lutheran Altoona	12	13 6:30 pm Synod Bible Study Digitally 7:00 pm Council Mtg., WR/Zoom	14 1-4 pm Pastor in Office 5:00 pm Yoga, FH	15 9-11 am Food Pantry, Allegheny St. 6:30 pm Synod Bible Study Digitally	16 Pastor's Sabbath	17 8:30 am Synod Assembly, Convention Center
18 <u>3rd Sun. after Pentecost</u> <i>Father's Day</i> 9:30 am Worship in Sanctuary	19	20	21	22	23	24
25 <u>4th Sun. after Pentecost</u> 9:30 am Worship in Sanctuary Wellness Festival at Sequanota.	26	27 12:30-3:00 pm Knotty Ladies, QR	28 10:00 am Employee Meeting, FH 1-4 pm Pastor in Office 5:00 pm Yoga, FH	29	30 Pastor's Sabbath	

Wellness Festival at Sequanota. Pastor Traci may be reached at 814-935-9267