



Saint Matthew
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St. Matthew's Messenger

St. Matthew Evangelical Lutheran Church

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Alleluia! Christ is Risen!

Although Easter Day was almost as late as it could be this year, you may have noticed that Mother Nature seems to have missed the memo. I worked from home the day after Easter and did most of that from my living room, watching the neighbor's tree, covered in pink blossoms, bending under the increasing weight of wet, heavy snow. Spring is here, but not quite. The fresh new season is upon us, yet winter is still holding on.

This is as good an illustration as any of how we exist in the world. We know the good news of Jesus' resurrection, yet we struggle with the death-dealing ways in which evil still grips our human experience. War, poverty born of exploitation, and systemic injustice resulting from all kinds of —isms make hope and joy elusive for too many of our neighbors, close and far away. We read scripture's promises of a restored creation and our future in the unfailing care of God, yet grief, pain, brokenness, illness, and loss continue to scar our personal lives.

The battle rages within ourselves as well. In baptism, we are consecrated as freed and forgiven saints of God, yet the struggle toward godly living is one in which we fail daily. Luther encouraged us to remember our baptism every day because we need to be renewed in grace every day. As simultaneously sinners and saints, we are, at best, always works in progress. We live in a perpetual "already...but not yet" contradiction.

Over the next few weeks, our days should grow longer, sunnier, and less likely to be punctuated by unexpected snow squalls. May we enjoy these days as a reminder of God's promises ever inching toward fruition, and may we be inspired to warm our hearts ever more toward others.

*Peace and Sunshine,
+Pastor Traci*

Updated Covid-19 Protocols:

For those who need to remain vigilant because of age, underlying health issues, vaccination status, or close contact with vulnerable populations, we recommend attending worship at 8:30 AM, when we will remain masked for the duration of the service. Masks are optional at 10:30 AM. Remember that singing remains an increased risk, and masks are available in the narthex for anyone who feels more comfortable taking that precaution for themselves or on behalf of others.



Martinsburg Food Pantry

The Food Pantry will be open for distribution of food on Thursday, May 5 and May 19 from 9:00-11:00 a.m. Those helping will be

from the Martinsburg Church of God along with the regular volunteers.

Following are items most needed for May: **Cereal, Scalloped Potatoes, Hamburger Helper, and Cleaning Supplies.**

Many thanks for your monetary gifts, food and other items donated to the Food Pantry!

Linda K. Smith



On behalf of the Fellowship Committee, thank you to the Council Committees who prepared and served Fellowship Meals during Lent. All the soups and sandwiches were Delicious. It was good to offer this fellowship time and everyone who participated in the meals were greatly appreciative.

Thank you for making extra for the meals that were delivered to the homebound members.

Jane Fagans & Fellowship Committee

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Thank you for your donation of \$151.00 towards our Year End Appeal at Camp Sequanota.

Rev Nathan Pile

We appreciate you being a valuable part of the On Eagle's Wings family and the many ways in which you bring God's light and presence to bear in our lives. Thank you so much for the generous donation of \$1,762.25.

Rev. Lesley Hand, Exe. Dir.

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Your donation of \$50.00 to the Lutheran World Relief is much appreciated.

Ambassador Daniel Speckhard, President & CEI



A Stewardship Minute May 2021

Tithing is part of the larger principle that followers of Jesus know as Christian stewardship. Tithing is important, but is only one part of that broader concept. The idea of Christian stewardship, in contrast to the tithe, includes three basic principles: *God is the owner of all of life; each individual is a steward of all that God has entrusted to us; and, each person must give an accounting of their stewardship.*

It is important for those who tithe to clearly perceive the relationship of their regular giving to the rest of the dedication that they make to God. It has nevertheless been true that others, as they have practiced the stewardship of their money, have felt the urgent need to dedicate their talents and their lives to God, as well.

They are also concerned about how they use their time. The days and years at their disposal is a sacred trust. They are stewards of time as long as they live. People in the 21st century are aware of the significance of time as never before in human history. The idea that this is a leisurely and unhurried existence has been replaced by a rush to accomplish everything immediately, as if there might not be a tomorrow in which to do it.

As part of their stewardship, tithers will also be concerned with the total impact of their lives upon others. They will recognize that their influence should be extended to help make a more Christian world!

Prayer: Dear Lord, please give me the strength to be a good steward of your grace, dedicating my time, talents and treasure to your work. *Amen*

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

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You can now find the Monthly Stewardship Pamphlet on the website under "Link" at [stmatthewlc.com](http://stmatthewlc.com).  
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St. Matthew's Website www.stmatthewLC.com

Have you checked out the website lately?

- ❖ You can find a monthly calendar of events
- ❖ Weekly copies of the Sunday Bulletin
- ❖ Monthly copies of "The Messenger"
- ❖ Links to ELCA important sites
- ❖ Online giving options
- ❖ And so much more

We also are on Facebook:

www.facebook.com/stmatthewlc



Holy Baptism

Welcome to the family of St. Matthew through Holy Baptism Maddox Andrew Meck. Maddox is the son of Brandon Meck and Alexcia Acosta of Martinsburg. Grandparents are Darin and Heather Meck and Great Grandmother is Linda Smith.



Annual Directories

Are done and in a box on the table in the Narthex. Please take your copy home with you. If you know a sick or shut-in please take their copy to them. If I happened to miss providing you with a copy please put your name on the tablet and one will be there the following Sunday.



The Knotty Ladies

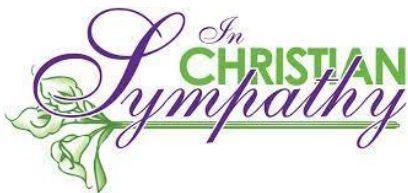
For those who may have forgotten our mission, or for new members not familiar with this group of ladies, we are St. Matthew's blanket group. We make knotted blankets that we send to New Windsor, MD.

From there they are distributed around the world.

We meet in the basement (Quilt Room) from 12:30 to 3:00 p.m. on the fourth Tuesday and the fifth Tuesday if there is one. We will meet on May 24 & 31.

During that time we knot the blankets. There is also opportunity at other times to help with preparations of materials used in the blankets and final binding.

Come join us for this time of service and fellowship. **All are welcome!**



Prayers and Christian Sympathy are asked for ...

Margie Smith and family upon the death of her sister-in-law, Ginny Zeek, Sunday, April 3, 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.



Birthdays for May

1	Les Loomis Travis P. Smith	7	Kathryn A. Panek	19	Elaine L. Buchart Blake Peese
2	Shanda Imler Nelson Lamborn Mary N. Nelson	8	Joshua A. Smith	20	John L. Snyder
3	Melinda F. Miller	9	Greg Haffling Bonnie Ross	21	Michael T. Panek Joel M. Smith
4	Linda J. Brown Travis S. Hoover Marjorie A. Replogle	13	Dan Sinal	22	Connor Johnson
5	Marjorie Detwiler Michael B. Panek	15	Kevin Smeltzer	26	Colin Guyer Dottie Stahl
		17	Alyssa Clark Robert M. Kensinger	27	Jenna L. Lenhart
		18	Bob Guyer Rev. Traci Marriott	28	Mark Johnson
				29	Deborah McGregor

May Anniversaries

1	Ed & Kara Bennett	18	Stephen & Kimberly Oswalt
2	Shari Gilbert & Carrie Lively	22	Joshua & Mandy Smith
7	John & Nell Snyder	24	Jason Close & Jessica Orczeck Whitney & Emily Smith
11	Larry & Catherine Irvin 60 th Ronald & Robin Robison	27	Shawn & Laura Orczeck
15	Michael & Joanna Sutton		
16	John & Deborah McGregor 30 th		
17	Robert F. & Patricia J. Winston		



Upcoming Youth Events

Intergenerational Day at Camp Sequanota

Saturday, May 14th

9:30am—4:30am

“God’s Great Creation”

For All Ages—Youth and Youth Groups Welcome with Chaperones

Register at www.sequanota.com

\$8/Person Ages 5 and Under—Free

(Optional Overnight Accommodations Friday Night—\$20/person)

Confirmation Camp

Sunday, June 19th—Thursday, June 23rd

A supplemental week to your confirmation program where Pastors, Youth Leaders, and Lay Ministers join their confirmands for a week of learning in a camp environment.

Go to www.sequanota.com for registration and pricing information.

2022 Upcoming Events at Sequanota

Spring Work Day **Saturday May 7, 2022; starts at 9 AM**

Cost: **Free and includes lunch.**

Grab your work gloves and a sturdy pair of shoes to help prepare camp for the upcoming season. Contact the camp office for more information or to let us know how many volunteers to expect. **Sign Up Online.**

Sign Up Online

Mother's Day Banquet **Sunday, May 8, 2022**

2 Seatings: 11:30 AM or 1:30 PM -- Reservations required

Cost: **Free will donation.**

Celebrate the mothers in your life with a lovely meal. Indoor and covered outdoor tables available. This year the buffet will be served. Your table will be dismissed to the buffet line once your entire group is present. Contact the camp office to make a reservation for your group. RSVP: (814) 629-6627

Spring Benefit Dinner **May 13, 2022**

Cost: **Suggested donation of \$55/person**

4:45 PM Tours of camp

5:15 PM Appetizers & Social Time

6:00 PM Dinner

6:30 PM Entertainment & Annual Report

An evening of fellowship to support camp and raise money to help kids attend summer camp. Three meal options for those attending in person: two meat options, one vegetarian. Please choose one when RSVP-ing. If you are unable to attend in person but would like to hear a camp update, please join us on Zoom for summer staff introductions, camp songs, and the annual report presentation. **RSVP Online.**

Intergenerational Synod Day **May 14, 2022 from 9:30 AM to 4:30 PM**

Cost: **\$8/person includes lunch and Saturday activities**

Optional expense: \$20/person - Friday overnight accommodations and Saturday breakfast

God's Great Creation - All are invited to join us for a day in the natural world. The day will include planting close to 1,000 trees, games, Bible study, lunch, hikes and outdoor worship. This is a great way to get outside as a family or youth group - to build community and be inspired by God's creation. Families and groups can join us just for Saturday or stay overnight in cabins and make a short weekend of it. **Deadline to RSVP Online 5/1/22.**

Adult Day Workshop **Thursday, May 19, 2022 from 9:00 AM - 2:30 PM**

Cost: **\$10 includes lunch.**

Bring a bible (any translation) and a pen or pencil. Dress comfortably. Leader and topic TBD. Please register with the office by calling (814) 629-6627 or email contact@sequanota.com. **Sign Up Online.**

Summer Pool Passes **June - August 2022**

Cost: **\$100/individual or \$175/family**

Pool passes will be valid June 4, 2022 - August 12, 2022.

- The pool will be open most days from 1:00 - 5:00 PM. but will be adjusted for swimming lessons or other events as needed.
- July 18-22 and July 25-28 the pool will be closed for open swim.
- Daily sign in will be required.
- Adults will be required to obtain and submit free background checks prior to using the pool when summer camp is in session.

ENDOWMENT FUND



THIRD CENTURY FUND (ENDOWMENT FUND)

The Third Century Fund had a good earnings year in 2021 and as a result has \$5,705 for distribution in 2022. You or your committee may request funding in writing by contacting David Lehman, chairperson, or committee members Allen Kuster, Laura Orczeck, Beth Garner or Pastor Traci.

Deadline to submit a request is Sunday, May 29, 2022. Funds will be distributed in June 2022.

The following is from the by-laws of the Third Century Fund and outline the guidelines for fund requests.

PURPOSE

The St. Matthew Evangelical Lutheran Church Mission Endowment Fund is established to encourage responsible Christian stewardship and to promote the mission of the congregation. In response to God's love and mercy, the Endowment Fund seeks to enhance and expand the mission outreach objectives of St. Matthew Evangelical Lutheran Church.

Members and friends of St. Matthew congregation are encouraged to practice responsible Christian Stewardship by making contributions to the Endowment Fund. There are a variety of ways such gifts can be made such as, Cash, Securities, Bequests through wills or living trusts, Life insurance policies, charitable gift annuity and Life estates.

The Endowment Fund provides financial support for the church in a manner that is separate from the expenditures normally funded by the annual operating budget of the congregation,

USE OF THE FUND

All contributions to the St. Matthew Lutheran Church Endowment Fund will be undesignated and added to the principal balance of the fund. The Endowment fund principal balance will be retained and only the dividend income will be used for annual disbursements.

Consideration for awarding fund requests will be given using the following guidelines.

1. Youth of all ages - scholarship support of congregational members and their children; for youth events, for church camps or similar Christian programs and education.
2. Christian outreach ministries and missions of St. Matthew Lutheran Church, its members and the ELCA.
3. Worship and Music - support for the worship of St, Matthew.
4. Capital Projects - major renovations or building projects of St. Matthew.

SERVING GOD AND US MAY 2022

Date	May 1	May 8	May 15	May 22	May 29
Acolytes	Jay Hoenstine	Norah Kuster	Ben Decker	Lily Lightner	Lucy Lightner
Lectors	Nell Snyder	Destarta Carberry	Youth	Greg Haffling	Jane Hoenstine
Altar Guild	Janet Stewart	Janet Stewart	Janet Stewart	Janet Stewart	Janet Stewart
Offering Counters	Beth Garner Jim Barley	Beth Garner Jim Barley	Beth Garner Jim Barley	Beth Garner Jim Barley	Beth Garner Jim Barley
Audio/Video	Camden Kuster	Camden Kuster	TBD	Camden Kuster	Camden Kuster

2022 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	Michael Lamborn	793-4212
President	Melissa Fetzer	793-2735	Stewardship	Rev. Ed Harshbarger	650-5584
Vice President	Martie Gilbert	793-4461	Finance	Jim Barley	793-4623
Secretary	Elaine Smith	(434) 981-0560	Social Ministry	Tina Harclerode	317-5312
Treasurer	Beth Garner	793-3966	Worship & Music	Jane Fagans	793-4401
Financial Secretary	Vacant		Staff Support	Kaye Burket	224-5224
			Sexton – Phil Claar	- 814-215-0885	

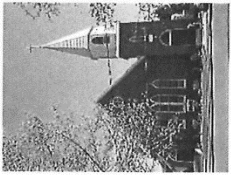
HIGHLIGHTS BY COUNCIL IN APRIL

1. Approved funding for youth and chaperones to attend the Synod Youth Gathering trip to Washington DC and Virginia in July after the families pay a \$100 deposit per student attendee.
2. The Sunday school youth have been practicing chime music for Easter Sunday and planning for Children’s Sunday on June 12.
3. The social ministry committee reported delivering meals to 17 homebound members each week during Lent. A similar number of members were served meals in-person on Wednesday evenings in the fellowship hall prior to Lenten services in the sanctuary.
4. Approved the revisions of the St. Matthew personnel manual after Attorney Aimee Willett’s legal review and as recommended by the staff support committee.
5. Discussed masking policies and the worship and music committee will review at their next meeting.
6. Pastor Traci will call the company to schedule installation of the audio-visual technology needed in the fellowship hall/window room to enable hybrid Zoom/in-person meetings.

Giving

2022 March		Year to Date as of 3/31/22	
Current	\$11,905.70	Current	\$37,151.86
Benevolence (Synod)	\$1,416.00	Benevolence (Synod)	\$4,270.00
Local Needs	\$1,144.00	1st Qrt. Local Needs	\$3,182.00
2021 March		Year to Date as of 3/31/2021	
Current	\$9,837.65	Current	\$35,361.58
Benevolence (Synod)	\$1,103.50	Benevolence (Synod)	\$4,325.00
Local Needs	\$673.50	1st Qrt. Local Needs	\$2,808.49
2020 March		Year to Date as of 3/31/2020	
Current	\$16,812.88	Current	\$45,559.40
Benevolence (Synod)	\$1,503.00	Benevolence (Synod)	\$5,382.50
Local Needs	\$1,162.00	1st Qrt. Local Needs	\$3,393.50
2019 March		Year to Date as of 3/31/2019	
Current	\$21,349.37	Current	\$50,640.91
Benevolence (Synod)	\$1,596.75	Benevolence (Synod)	\$4,643.55
Local Needs	\$1,230.25	1st Qrt. Local Needs	\$3,694.25
2022 Income vs Expenses			
Current	March	Year to Date as of 3/31/2022	
Actual	(\$6,810.31)	(\$14,634.74)	
Per Budget	(\$6,413.88)	(\$17,806.89)	
Benevolence			
Per Commitment to Synod	(\$750.67)	(\$2,230.00)	

There were 4 Sundays in March 2022 and 2021.
There were 5 Sundays in March 2020 and 2019.



May 2022

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	
1 3rd Sunday of Easter 8:30 am Worship in Sanct. 9:30 am Sunday School 10:30 am Worship in Sanct	2 6:30 pm Boy Scouts, FH 6:30 pm Social Ministry via Zoom	3 6:30 pm Stewardship Mtg., Zoom	4 1-4 pm Pastor in Office 5:00 pm Yoga, FH	5 9-11 am Food Pantry, Allegheny St.	6 Pastor's Sabbath	7 9:30 am Work Day at Camp Sequanota	
8 4th Sunday of Easter 8:30 am Worship in Sanct. 9:30 am Sunday School 10:30 am Worship in Sanct	9 6:30 pm Boy Scouts, FH	10 6:30 pm Council Mtg., Zoom	11 1-4 pm Pastor in Office 5:00 pm Yoga, FH 6:30 pm Staff Support Mtg., FH	12	13 Pastor's Sabbath	14 Synod Intergenerational Day	
15 5th Sunday of Easter Youth Sunday 8:30 am Worship in Sanct. 9:30 am Sunday School 10:30 am Worship in Sanct	16 6:30 pm Boy Scouts, FH	17	18	19 9-11 am Food Pantry, Allegheny St.	20	21	
22 6th Sunday of Easter 8:30 am Worship in Sanct. 9:30 am Sunday School 10:30 am Worship in Sanct	23 6:30 pm Boy Scouts, FH	24 12:30-3:00 pm Knotty Ladies, QR	25 11:00 am Employee Mtg., FH 1-4 pm Pastor in Office 5:00 pm Yoga, FH	26	27 Pastor's Sabbath	28	
29 7th Sunday of Easter SUMMER SCHEDULE 9:00 am Outside Worship 10:30 am Worship in Sanct	30 <i>Memorial Day</i> Office Closed	31 12:30-3:00 pm Knotty Ladies, QR	Pastor' at Festival of Homiletics. Pastor is available by cell phone listed above.				FH—Fellowship Hall CE-Christian Ed Office CL-Church Lounge QR-Quilt Room K—Kitchen In case of emergency, Pastor Traci may be reached at 814-935-9267 Lori will be in the Office Mon.-Fri. from 9:00 am-12:00 pm