



Saint Matthew
LUTHERAN CHURCH

St. Matthew's Messenger

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Greetings, People of God:

Having returned from camp just in time for the first of the Bread of Life Sundays, I am overwhelmed with a renewed appreciation for God's abundance. Beginning with the story of the feeding of the 5,000, our lectionary spends five weeks in the sixth chapter of John where Jesus teaches that he is the bread of life. Bread, which in one form or another has been the most basic sustenance for most of the world's population throughout most of history, is one of several signs in John's gospel of God's generous and abundant provision.

Abundance is not the same as excess. I was reminded of that at camp last week, going through the buffet line and taking only as much as I was hungry enough to eat. At home I have a tendency to cook more than a single portion; I either eat too much, get bored with days of the same leftovers, or end up wasting what the dog won't eat—something I really don't like to do. The feeling of sufficiency that comes from enjoying three predictable, reasonably-sized meals (and an evening snack) is just one of the ways we experience abundance without burdening ourselves with excess at camp—along with the rustic but comfortable accommodations and the knowledge that a 15 year old camp t-shirt is still considered the epitome of style.

From turning water into wine, to multiplying loaves for thousands, to directing a catch of fish big enough to break the nets, Jesus keeps teaching his disciples that God is a god of abundance. When we look at the world through a lens of scarcity, worrying that there won't be enough, we're missing out on God's promise of abundance. The abundance is to be shared, for sure, but God doesn't turn us loose in the world without providing what we need.

As we soak up rays and rest in the shade of trees lush with the deep green leaves of summer, may we give thanks that all we have needed God's hand has provided.

*Peace,
Pastor Traci*



Thank you to the Endowment Fund Committee for the generous donation of \$500.00 to the Martinsburg Ministerium PIN (Person In Need) Fund to assist with local needs and financial counseling for recipients. Much appreciated!

Linda K. Smith



Thank you for the tasty “Young @ Heart” meal, cards and calls during my recuperation from knee surgery. Special thanks to the girls helping with the flowers on altar. So great to have a church family and pastor.

Margie Smith



Endowment Committee and People of St. Matthew, Thank you for the monetary gift from the St. Matthew endowment fund to assist with my college expenses at St. Francis University. I truly appreciate the congregation’s ongoing support of my academic and athletic endeavors. I am blessed to be part of such a wonderful church family.

Jeff Hoenstine



Dear Church Family,

I am very appreciative of the generous gift from the Third Century Fund to further my post-graduate education at the University of Richmond School of Law this fall. Also, I am incredibly grateful for the past gifts for my undergraduate studies at Juniata College. During this summer, it was wonderful to be able to attend worship services at St. Matthew when my work schedule permitted. This fall I plan to attend the Epiphany Lutheran Church (ELCA) in Richmond, which is at one end of Monument Avenue in Richmond while the First English Lutheran Church (ELCA) is on the east end of Monument and is where my Great Aunt Elaine was a member during her 16 years in Richmond, VA. If you are in this area, you are welcome to visit with me.

Again, thank you for the very generous scholarship to continue my post-graduate studies

*Gratefully,
Olivia Rose Day*

Martinsburg Food Pantry



Volunteers from the Martinsburg Mennonite Church will be helping to distribute food on Thursday, August 15 from 9:00 until 11:00 am, along with the regular helpers.

If anyone harvests more vegetables or fruit than can be used, we will welcome it on the dates the pantry is open.

Items most needed for August: Cereal, Hamburger Helper, Ravioli, Mashed Potatoes, Peanut Butter

*Many thanks for all your donations,
Linda Smith*

Supplies for Food Pantry (K-5)

When you are shopping, the Food Pantry is providing school supplies again for the school children in August.

These following items are needed, and you can place them in the school box 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)



**Lutheran Day at the
Altoona Curve
Sunday, August 18, 2024
Game begins at 6:00 p.m.
Tickets are \$7:00 each
Register with the Synod Office
by Friday, August 4, 2024**



A Stewardship Minute AUGUST 2024

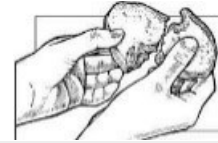
“Stewardship means responsible use of that which we hold in trust from God, but which God has loaned for our blessing and enrichment while on this earth.”

This means that everything of worth we have is on loan to us from our God: Our bodies, our brains, our talents, possessions, and the time we have here on earth. Whatever we have is on loan to us from our loving Creator. The only thing we will have left at the time of our death is our spirit. The bottom line regarding our time here on earth, whether short or long, is the quality of our stewardship. Either we are faithful and diligent servants of God or we are not. Recall Jesus’ message about judgment day found in Matthew 25? He said that on judgment day, the sheep representing good stewards would be on his right hand and the goats representing the poor stewards would be on his left hand. The sheep would be welcomed into the kingdom and the goats would not have that honor. The sheep represented the good and faithful servants of the Lord and the goats were the opposite.

The good stewards had fed the hungry, given them water to drink, found clothes for the poor, visited the sick, welcomed the stranger, and even visited those in prison. Good stewards are a caring, loving, giving and thoughtful group of the Lord’s people. The others are not. They are a selfish group with little concern about the needs of the poor, the sick, the hungry, the friendless, and the mistreated. Jesus said, “I am among you as one who serves.” (Matthew 22:27) He was...and you and I should be people who serve as well.

Prayer: Lord of all, we remember that you lived a life of caring and serving. Stir up our own zeal and concern that we may follow your lead closely day by day, year by year. In your name we pray. **Amen**

A Stewardship Minute is available online: at www.parishpublishing.org.



Breaking Bread

August 12, 2024

5:00 – 6:00 p.m.

Martinsburg Church of God

123 Market St., Martinsburg, PA 16662

Cost: FREE, Just like God’s Love!

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.”

**SERVING GOD AND US
AUGUST 2024**

Date	August 4	August 11	August 18 <i>Kreider Farm 11:00 a.m.</i>	August 25
Lectors	Steve Oswalt	Gabby Decker	Jean Sinal	Jane Hoenstine
Altar Guild	Elaine Buchart Janet Stewart	Elaine Buchart Janet Stewart	Elaine Buchart Janet Stewart	Elaine Buchart Janet Stewart
Offering Counters	Beth Garner Jim Barley	Beth Garner Jim Barley	Beth Garner Jim Barley	Beth Garner Jim Barley
Audio/Video	Camden Kuster	Camden Kuster	Camden Kuster	Camden Kuster
Ushers	Tina Harclerode	Steve Oswalt	Melissa Fetzer	Randy McGraw
Assist. Min.	Elaine Smith	Amanda Decker	Jim Barley	Jane Fagans

Anniversaries for August

04 Chris & Michelle Cronrath	11 Jimmy & Lori Reimer	25 Les & Sandy Loomis
06 Russell & Anita Hoover	15 Barry & Carla Brumbaugh	26 Richard & Cindy Snyder
07 Jason Close & Jessica Orzeck	18 Michael & Catherine Corcoran	29 Carlos & Amanda Lamborn
08 Jay & Mary Baker	21 Matthew & Heather Nelson	30 John E. & Doris L. Waddick

Birthdays for August

01 Laura Webb	14 James Negley	24 Anita Hoover
05 Tracey Michelone	Austin Repogle	26 Connor Neely
06 Destarta Carberry	15 Jaelynn Tremmel	27 Calleigh Wright
08 Christopher Bush	16 Dennis Brown	28 Gunnar Buchart
09 Sabrena Beyer	Steve Oswalt	30 Tina Harclerode
12 Benjamin Decker	19 Linda Smith	Matthew Parks
Jacob Russell	20 Peggy Steinfurth	31 Rachel Bithell
13 Isaac Russell	21 Erica Kaurudar	Jamie Richardson
14 C J Gahagan	Dr. Lanny Ross	

2024 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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NO HIGHLIGHTS BY COUNCIL. NO JULY MEETING.



Blessing of Backpacks and Those Who Carry Them

Calling all backpacks,
briefcases, lunchboxes and those
who carry them to join us Sunday,
August 25th for a special blessing as
we begin the new school year.

**Sunday, August 25th during the
9:30 a.m. worship service.**

St. Matthew Lutheran Worship/Church Picnic

11:00 a.m. at Ed Kreider's Farm



Chicken, table service, and
beverage will be provided.
Bring a covered dish to share,
sides, salads, and desserts.

Bring a chair and 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.

Young at Heart Luncheon



The Fellowship and Social Ministry Committees would like to thank Thrivent Action Team for their generous donation for the 2024 Young at Heart Luncheon. We served 56 participants, 18 with servers and kitchen staff, and sent 10 to go meals for our home bound. De Cree entertained all with piano music and Pastor Traci and Martie Gilbert lead everyone in a hymn sing.

Thank you again to everyone who gave their time and talents in making the 2024 Young at Heart Luncheon a success.



Community Mending Meal at St. Matthew



***Favorite clothing in need of repair?
Give it another chance!***

Bring laundered clothes that need mending to work on yourself or get help from our sewers. Materials, machines, & expertise provided.

Free Light Lunch Served at 11:30AM

**LUNCH & SIMPLE MENDING
JOIN US FOR BOTH OR EITHER**

**St. Matthew Lutheran Martinsburg Fellowship Hall
115 E Penn Street (Maple Street Parking Lot)
Wednesday, August 21st from 11AM--1PM**

Come join us at
Lutheran Day
at the
Altoona Curve



Sunday, August 18

Game begins at 6 pm

Please order your tickets by Sunday, August 4; email alleghenysynodcurvetickets@gmail.com or call/text 814.934.9941. Please mail payments to the Synod Office, 701 Quail Ave., Altoona, PA 16602

**Tickets -
\$7.00/each**



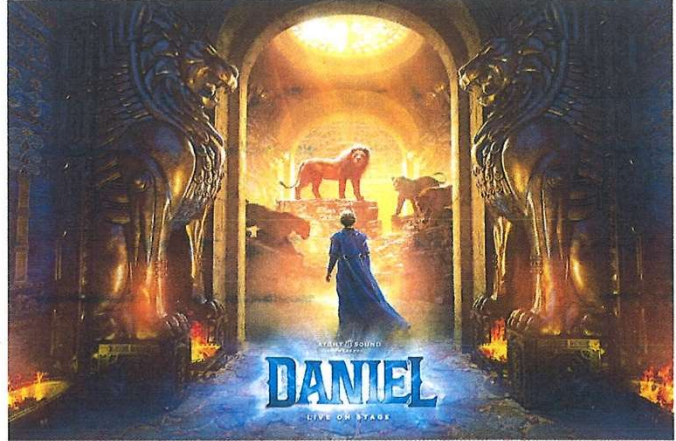
Performance by Christian band The Gathering before the game. Fireworks following the game!

Martinsburg Booster Association presents



THEATRES
IN LANCASTER, PA

**WEDNESDAY,
OCTOBER 23, 2024**



DANIEL

\$170 per person

Taken from his people, Daniel is exiled far from home in the powerful kingdom of Babylon. Now this faithful servant must navigate his new life inside a palace filled with golden statues and shifting empires. As royal pressures mount, Daniel is faced with a dangerous choice. Will his trust in the one true God remain steadfast through every test of faith?

From the fiery furnace to the infamous den of lions, DANIEL is a spectacular theatrical experience for the whole family.

PRICE INCLUDES:

- Roundtrip Motorcoach Transportation
- via Raystown Transit
- Reserved Main Floor Seating at 11:00am show
- Dinner stop made on return—Hoss's in Carlisle (on own)

DEPART: 7:00 AM from Morrison Cove Park

DEADLINE for RESERVATIONS and FINAL PAYMENT: September 13, 2024

PAYMENT: Check payable to Duane Bordell or CASH

For Reservations and Information:

Contact Duane Bordell, Raystown Transit Service at 814-944-2585
1117 Logan Blvd, Altoona, PA 16602



Open HOUSE

August 27th 11:00am - 1:00pm

**OPEN CONCEPT
MOVE-IN
READY!**



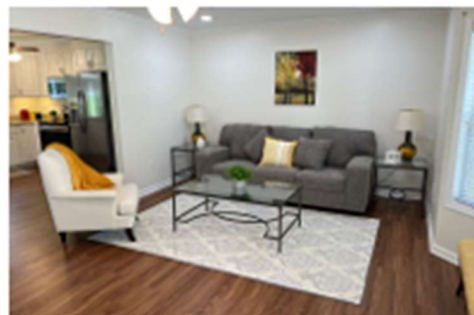
Come and see the beautiful landscapes and pristinely landscaped campus of Homewood at Martinsburg!

Imagine a maintenance free lifestyle while enjoying all of the pleasures of retirement!
Enjoy a delectable complimentary meal complete with Homemade Gob Cake!

ASK THE REALTOR:

Special guest Tracey Shade from Perry Wellington Realty who will be available to answer questions on downsizing.

- What can I do to enhance the marketability of my home?
- Is it true that I need to paint my home in all neutrals?
- My roof is 25 years old...do I need to replace it?



Property Features

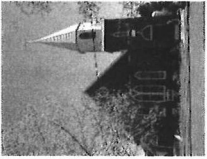
- Living Room
- Dining Room
- Sunroom
- 2 Bedrooms
- Kitchen
- 2 Bathrooms
- One Car Garage
- Storage

RSVP by August 20, 2024

Call Juls at **814.793.1314** or register at www.homewoodmartinsburg.com



**Cottage Open House - 602 Diamond Circle
Homewood at Martinsburg - 437 Givler Drive, Martinsburg, PA 16662**



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
FH—Fellowship Hall CE-Christian Ed Office CL-Church Lounge QR-Quilt Room WR- Window Room K—Kitchen In case of emergency, Pastor Traci maybe reached at 814-935-9267 Jen will be in the Office Mon.-Fri. from 9:00 am-12:00 pm				1 9-11 am Food Pantry, Allegheny St.	2 Pastor Sabbath	3 Fellowship Hall in Use 1-7 p.m.
4 11th Sun. after Pentecost 9:30 am Worship in Fellow- ship Hall Of the Land and Seasons	5	6 6:30 pm Council Mtg., WR/Zoom	7	8	9	10
11 12th Sun. after Pentecost 9:30 am Worship in Fellow- ship Hall Service of the Word	12	13	14	15 9-11 am Food Pantry, Allegheny St.	16	17
Pastor Traci is on vacation from 8/7—8/16. In case of emergency call Pastor Ralph Hamer 814-215-7333.						
18 13th Sun. after Pentecost 11:00 am Worship at the Kreider Farm Lunch will follow the service 6:00 p.m. Curve Game	19 6:00 pm Worship & Music Meeting, Zoom	20	21 9:00 am Employee Mtg., FH 11:00 am—1:00 pm, Mending Meal ,FH 1-4 pm Pastor in Office	22	23 Pastor Sabbath	24
25 14th Sun. after Pentecost 9:30 am Worship Backpack Blessing during worship	26 6:30 pm Social Ministry Meeting., Zoom	27 12:30-3:00 pm Knotty Ladies, QR	28 1-4 pm Pastor in Office	29	30 Pastor Sabbath	31