



**Saint Matthew**  
LUTHERAN CHURCH

# St. Matthew's Messenger

**St. Matthew Evangelical Lutheran Church**

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## Greetings People of God:

At the end of the month we will observe Reformation Day, chosen for the traditional anniversary of Martin Luther posting his 95 Theses on the church door in Wittenberg on the Eve of All Saints Day (All Hallows Eve—Halloween), October 31, 1517. Of course, Luther didn't wake up that morning and think up 95 arguments against contemporary faith practices. He developed his disputations—and the volumes of theology that followed—after years of prayer, study, translation, worship, and conversation. On Reformation Sunday, we will commemorate his contributions to the Church by wearing red and singing A Mighty Fortress, but perhaps the best way to honor Luther's legacy is by study.

To that end, allow me to alert you to two learning opportunities in the month of October. First, we will meet every other Tuesday (October 3, 17, and 31) for bible study. In response to the survey conducted a few months ago, this study will meet in the Window Room with the option for Zoom online participation at 6:30PM. We will focus on the gospel readings for the following two upcoming Sundays. For something a little different, I also invite you to Camp Sequanota's Adult Day Workshop, Thursday, October 12, from 9-2:30. I'll be presenting on the topic of spiritual themes in Robert Frost's poetry. You can ask me for more details or call camp (814-629-6627) to make a reservation, which includes lunch.

9:30AM Sunday school has also resumed for the year. I hope you find a study that suits your needs and that, following the legacy of those who have gone before, you make life-long learning part of your faith practice.

*Peace,*  
*Pastor Traci*

**Sequanota  
Adult Day Workshop**

**Faith & Robert Frost:  
Spiritual Insights from  
Mother Nature's Poet Laureate**

**October 12th, 9AM-2:30PM  
Bowersox Center  
with Pastor Traci Marriott**

## Dear friends and family of St. Matthew!

After considerable soul searching, and almost 30 years with St. Matthew, my decision to retire comes with mixed emotions, but it is time for me to pursue some personal projects and spend more quality time with my family, especially my grandchildren.



I want to thank you for the opportunities and support you have given me over the years. I have enjoyed being able to work on my professional skills while meeting many coworkers and professionals along the way and I am very pleased with the work that I have done. Among the many enjoyable aspects of my position are the friendly relationships that I have developed here, and I want to thank everyone for the memories. Some of my fondest memories include watching the little children growing into mature adults and growing meaningful relationships with my fellow members here at St. Matthew.

Thank you for your care and concern over the past 30 years. Thank you for the beautiful luncheon reception, birthday cards, retirement cards and gifts. Special thanks to the Fellowship Committee and Council. Although I will miss you all, I am excited for what is yet to come! I wish all of you at St. Matthew the best!

*Sincerely,  
Loretta Tremmel*

### Youth Hosted Halloween Party at the Lutheran Home in Hollidaysburg Sunday, October 29, 2023



The youth (and families, and young at heart) of the Blair-Huntingdon Conference are invited to help make Halloween happen for the residents of the Lutheran Home in Hollidaysburg. Wear your costume and meet at the Home at 5:30PM on Sunday, October 29th, to decorate and then host the residents in Halloween fun. (Event should be over and cleaned up by 8PM).

### Christ Claysburg Celebrates 175 Years!



You are invited to Christ Claysburg's Anniversary Service: Sunday, October 8th at 3PM

### Bible Study

Join us for Bible Study, every other Tuesday (3, 17, and 31) at 6:30PM, either in person (Window Room) or online (by Zoom: ID 814-793-2413; Passcode 16662). We will focus on the Gospel reading for the following two upcoming Sundays.





## Blanket Sunday

October 1, 2023

Blanket Sunday is a ministry that is traditionally held on the first Sunday of October.

Persons in every congregation of the Allegheny Synod are invited to give a special offering for the purchase of blankets for Lutheran World Relief. You will find this special offering envelope in your offering booklets. If you have an offering number instead of an offering booklet, please write your **“offering number or name”** and **“blankets”** on a **pew envelope or on a plain white envelope**. Your contribution of \$5.00 buys a sturdy blanket which provides shelter, warmth, and security to someone in the world facing disaster.

Blanket Sunday is the largest single donation of blankets that takes place throughout the year.

### Dr. Smith's Resignation

Dr. Adam Smith has announced his resignation as St. Matthew's Pianist/Accompanist in advance of a move to the Lancaster area. October 22nd will be Adam's last Sunday with us; he has graciously offered to return to play a holiday concert on Friday, December 15th, to benefit Camp Sequanota. We extend our appreciation for his sharing the gift of music with us for the past four years and wish him and his family many blessings in the future.

### Help Wanted: Pianist/Organist

St. Matthew Lutheran Church of Martinsburg is seeking an accomplished pianist or organist to accompany liturgical worship services 2 to 3 Sundays per month. If interested, contact Rev. Traci Marriott at 814 935-9267 or [revtracimariott@gmail.com](mailto:revtracimariott@gmail.com) for more information and application.

### Martinsburg Food Pantry



The Food Pantry will be open for food distribution on Thursdays, October 5 and October 19 from 9:00 a.m. until 11:00 a.m. Curryville Church of the Brethren will supply 3 or 4 people to help distribute food in addition to the regular helpers.

**Items most needed for October:** Beverages, Vegetable Soup, Fruit, Pasta Sides and Paper Towels.

We appreciate your prayers and support! Thank You!  
*Linda K. Smith*



Congratulations to the Guyer family on the birth of two new babies: Gemma Louise, born on September 11, 2023, daughter of Cody and Colleen Guyer; and Colter Raymond, born on September 2, 2023, son of Colin and Katelyn Guyer. Cody and Colin are sons of Mark and Deb Guyer and grandsons of Gloria Guyer.

### Changes of Address:

Cody and Colleen Guyer  
5550 Middle Falls St  
Dublin, OH 43016

Kyle and Ashley Guyer  
192 Lynette Way  
Cumberland, IN 46229

Colin and Katelyn Guyer  
17007 Horsehead Rd  
Brandywine, MD 20613

### Free Community Dinner



### Martinsburg Community Meal

Breaking Bread Food Ministry has been shown every month on the second Monday from 5:00 p.m. until 6:30 p.m. at the Martinsburg Church of God Fellowship Hall, located 123 S. Market St., Martinsburg. This meal is "free" because God's love is free. Everyone is welcome. Take-out and delivery are also available. Contact Pastor Jim Shaffer 814-793-4375 for free delivery or questions.

Other Churches have offered to help with these monthly meals. St. Matthew Social Ministry Committee is planning to help with the dinner on Monday, November 13<sup>th</sup>.

## All Saints Sunday, November 5, 2023



Please submit any names you would like recognized on All Saints Sunday to the church office by completing the form below. **November 1, 2023** is the deadline. You can also submit names using our Email address:

stmatthewmartinsburg@gmail.com

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Person submitting: \_\_\_\_\_

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## 2022 Audit

The full church audit of 2022 is available in the church office.



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*“Money is deeply and significantly symbolic. It isn’t just a silver coin or a piece of engraved paper; it represents our time and our talents as well. It is symbolic because when we give of our money, we are giving of ourselves. And the contrary is also true; when we withhold our money, we are withholding of ourselves.”*

Real stewardship means more than giving money for God’s work on earth. It involves offering all that we are and all that we have to serve our Creator who is the Giver of all in the first place: body, mind, spirit, talent and energy. Stewardship is fulfilling God’s plan for us as we live, serve, and give our all for the one who made us and keeps us here on earth.

There is a story about a man who understood the requirements of being a faithful steward. Another man observed his seemingly tireless work on behalf of his church and the community asked the man why he did so much to serve God and needy people in the town where he lived. The worthy steward replied by saying that he believed God was Lord and King over all the earth. He believed it was a privilege to serve as a servant and use his life to work on behalf of the kingdom of God. He might also have said that we Christians often pray for God’s Kingdom to come and for God’s will to be done on earth as it is in Heaven. If that is so, why shouldn’t we try to help make the prayer come true by being worthy servants of the Lord here and now?

**Prayer:** *Lord of us all, make us restless until we find rest by loving and serving you. Help us to remember daily that Jesus lived on earth as one who served. Guide us so that we may do the same. In his name. Amen*

## 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.

## SERVING GOD AND US OCTOBER 2023

Date	October 1	October 8	October 15	October 22	October 29
<b>Acolytes</b>	Gavin Kuster	Ben Decker	Caleigh Wright	Norah Kuster	Gabby Decker
<b>Lectors</b>	<b>Andrea Paul</b>	<b>Jeff Hoenstine</b>	<b>Janet Stewart</b>	<b>Gavin Kuster</b>	<b>Camden Kuster</b>
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Elaine Buchart Janet Stewart	Elaine Buchart Janet Stewart	Elaine Buchart Janet Stewart	Elaine Buchart Janet Stewart	Elaine Buchart Janet Stewart
<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>Beth Garner Jim Barley</b>
<b>Audio/Video</b>	Camden Kuster	Camden Kuster	Camden Kuster	Camden Kuster	Camden Kuster
<b>Ushers</b>	<b>Paul Decker</b>	<b>Tina Harclerode</b>	<b>Steve Oswalt</b>	<b>Melissa Fetzer</b>	<b>Randy McGraw</b> (Reformation Sunday)
<b>Assist. Min.</b>	Tina Harclerode	Melissa Fetzer	Youth	Stacy Kuster	Steve Oswalt

### Anniversaries for October

01	George & Martie Gilbert	07	Camden & Veronica Hoover
02	Michael & Jamie Richardson	09	Tyson & Terri Rodgers
04	Greg & Julie Dick R. Troy & Jennifer Metzler James & Tonya Walter	15	James & Linda Negley Titus & Beverly Smith
05	Dr. Ramon & E. Kaye Burket Robert & Pat Mountain	21	Alvin & Kim Lee
		22	Andrew & Jenna Lenhart

### Birthdays for October

01	Ruth Marshall	09	Troy Metzler	16	P. Jeannie Smith
03	Tyler Rodgers	12	James Barley		Norm Tremmel Sr.
04	P. Robert Dickson William Dickson Kyle Guyer		Martin Burket Titus Smith	17	Chase Buchart
05	Beverly Smith	13	Shari Gilbert	20	Kelsiee Hoover
06	Ryan Smith Whitney Smith	14	Dwight Johnson Dennis Smith Emily (Walter) Scholly	23	Carol Replogle
08	George Gilbert Jr. Cindy Snyder	15	Debra Guyer	29	Zachary Tremmel
				31	Henry Lamborn Sandy Loomis Lori Reimer

### 2023 COUNCIL DIRECTORY AND MINISTRY STAFF All phone numbers start with (814) unless otherwise noted.

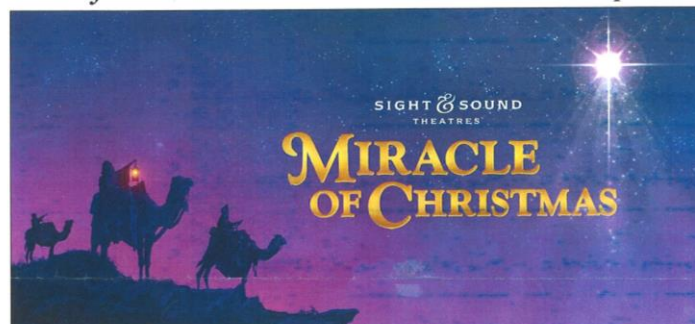
Pastor	Rev. Traci Marriott	935-9267	Christian Ed.	Jean Sinal	793-9507
Admin. Assist.	Jen Ripka	935-3801	Evangelism	Michael Lamborn	793-4212
Financial Bookkeeper	Laura Orczeck	224-1208	Stewardship	Vacant	
President	Martie Gilbert	793-4461	Finance	Jim Barley	793-4623
Vice President	Greg Haffling	793-9827	Social Ministry	Tina Harclerode	317-5312
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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			

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## HIGHLIGHTS BY COUNCIL IN SEPTEMBER

1. Plans are underway for youth Sunday School and Peggy Steinfurth will be leading the adult class when she is available.
2. Registration is open for the December 8-10 Synod youth event. Parents will pay \$10, and St. Matthew will provide the remainder of the registration fee.
3. The social ministry committee is preparing for the Young at Heart luncheon on September 26.
4. Installation of the wheelchair platform lift into the fellowship hall has begun.
5. Proposals for the concrete work at the Maple Street entrance have been received and will be addressed by the property committee.
6. The church financial audit was completed by Barry Brumbaugh. All was found to be in good shape and the summary documents will be made available to the congregation.
7. Jennifer Ripka was hired to replace Lori Tremmel, who is retiring, and began orienting to her duties as administrative assistant.
8. Accepted Dr. Adam Smith's resignation as St. Matthew's pianist/accompanist effective in October with date to be determined. The position will be advertised.
9. Began reviewing the gift acceptance and use policy with the goal of having the congregation approve the finalized document at the December congregational meeting.

*Bethany Lutheran & St. James Lutheran Churches present:*



**MIRACLE OF CHRISTMAS**  
SIGHT & SOUND THEATRE IN LANCASTER, PA  
**FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 10, 2023**  
**\$165 per person**

*This holiday season, travel back in time to Bethlehem as the original Christmas story unfolds all around you. Journey alongside Mary and Joseph, a flock of surprised shepherds, and three wisemen—along with their camels! There may be no room at the inn, but God has a lowly stable prepared as the angels announce the coming of the Messiah!*

*Experience MIRACLE OF CHRISTMAS as it comes to life on stage with massive sets and live animals in this cherished holiday production.*

**PRICE INCLUDES:** Reserved First Floor Seating—3 PM SHOW  
Motorcoach Transportation  
Hoss's Steak & Sea House, Carlisle (lunch on own)  
Gratuity & Taxes for Meal Service

**DEPARTURE:** 9:00AM Lowes Parking Lot (Altoona)

**DEADLINE FOR RESERVATIONS:** October 1, 2023

**FOR RESERVATIONS AND INFORMATION:**

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



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>1 18th Sun. after Pentecost</b> 9:30 am Sunday School 10:30 am Worship in Sanctuary World Communion Sunday	<b>2</b> 5:45 pm Flag Retirement Ceremony, Dairy Bams MCMP 6:00 pm Nominating Committee, WR 6:00 pm Cub/Boy Scouts, SR	<b>3</b> 6:30 pm Bible Study WR/Zoom	<b>4</b> 1-4 pm Pastor in Office 5:00 pm Yoga, FH 6:30 pm Staff Support Meeting WR/Zoom	<b>5</b> 9-11 am Food Pantry, Allegheny St.	<b>6</b> Pastor's Sabbath	<b>7</b>
<b>8 19th Sun. after Pentecost</b> 9:30 am Sunday School 10:30 am Worship in Sanctuary 3:00 pm Christ Claysburg's 175 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary Service	<b>9</b> 6:00 pm Cub/Boy Scouts, SR	<b>10</b> 6:30 pm Council Mtg., WR/Zoom	<b>11</b> 1-4 pm Pastor in Office	<b>12</b> 9:00 am Adult Day Workshop at Sequanota with Pastor Traci	<b>13</b> Pastor's Sabbath	<b>14</b>
<b>15 20th Sun. after Pentecost</b> 9:30 am Sunday School 10:30 am Worship in Sanctuary Early Bird Deadline for The Weekend Youth Event	<b>16</b> 6:00 pm Cub/Boy Scouts, SR	<b>17</b> 6:30 pm Bible Study WR/Zoom	<b>18</b> 1-4 pm Pastor in Office 5:00 pm Yoga, FH	<b>19</b> 9-11 am Food Pantry, Allegheny St.	<b>20</b> Pastor's Sabbath	<b>21</b> 8:30 am Allegheny Synod Women's Convention, Newry Lutheran Church
<b>22 21st Sun. after Pentecost</b> 9:30 am Sunday School 10:30 am Worship in Sanctuary Messenger Deadline	<b>23</b> 6:00 pm Cub/Boy Scouts, SR	<b>24</b> 12:30-3:00 pm Knotty Ladies, QR	<b>25</b> 10:00 am Employee Meeting, FH 1-4 pm Pastor in Office 5:00 pm Yoga, FH	<b>26</b> 6:00 pm-8:00pm Community Trick or Treat	<b>27</b> Pastor's Sabbath	<b>28</b>
<b>29 Reformation Sunday</b> 9:30 am Sunday School 10:30 am Worship in Sanctuary 5:30 pm Youth Hosted Halloween Party, Lutheran Home	<b>30</b> 6:00 pm Cub/Boy Scouts, SR	<b>31</b> 12:30-3:00 pm Knotty Ladies, QR 6:30 pm Bible Study WR/Zoom	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			