



Saint Matthew
LUTHERAN CHURCH

St. Matthew's Messenger

St. Matthew Evangelical Lutheran Church

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Greetings People of God:

Several weeks ago I bought a book of patterns to knit hats inspired by the landscapes of the National Parks. Then I started shopping for the yarn required for the patterns: three trips to yarn shops plus two online vendors for some very specific colors and types of yarn. I am proud to say I've finished two and a half hats...but I have yarn for at least a half dozen more patterns. The running joke among us crafters is that shopping for the yarn and knitting the project are two entirely different hobbies. But the yarn doesn't serve its purpose if it is never knit.

Sometimes our faith lives can feel that same way. We spend a lot of time studying scripture and listening to (or preaching) sermons, but that's only the first half of our calling; putting all of that spiritual knowledge into practice in our daily lives is the reason why we study in the first place. We spend time each week in worship, so we've got the "loving God" part down, but Jesus tells us that loving our neighbors is inextricably linked to that same commandment.

A friend's church uses the terminology of a "second hour" to talk about deepening faith formation and practice. If we think of worship, gathering around word and sacrament, as our "first hour" then a good question to ask is What are we going to do with our second hour? Serve on a committee, help with a meal, facilitate a youth event, make an LWR quilt, attend a fellowship event? There are plenty of ways to grow, even in just one more hour—and plenty of folks already spending a second hour (or third, or fourth...) who would love to share that time with someone who hasn't tried it before.

What might you "knit" with the "yarn" you've collected? A cold world waits to find out.

Peace,
Pastor Traci

Journey to Bethlehem

There will be a brief meeting immediately following worship on Sunday, October 6th to gauge interest in reviving the Journey to Bethlehem community Christmas program. We will need actors, tour guides, and helpers to set up and tear down the backdrops and props. If you are interested in helping in any way, please plan to meet in the back of the sanctuary following worship. If you are interested but unable to attend that day, please let Pastor Traci or Jane Fagans know.

Farewell for the Bishop

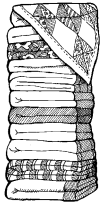
The Allegheny Synod Council has planned a drop-in farewell for Bishop Paula for Sunday, October 6 from 3:00 pm – 5:00 pm at Evangelical Lutheran in Duncansville. All are welcome. Light refreshments will be served.

Blanket Sunday

October 6, 2024

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.

Martinsburg Food Pantry



The Food Pantry will be open for food distribution on Thursdays, October 3 and October 17 from 9:00am until 11:00am. The Covenant Brethren Church, Curryville will supply 3 or 4

people to help distribute food in addition to regular helpers.

Items most needed for October: Cereal, Mashed Potatoes, Macaroni, Soup, Crackers.

We appreciate your prayers and support with food, paper products or monetary donations!

Looking ahead, we will be having a "Mitten Tree" to provide the need for hats, mittens, gloves, scarves for elementary school children and for children of food pantry. When you are shopping, please purchase any of these items.

*Thank you,
Linda Smith*



Thank you to all the members of St Matthew who reached out with prayers, cards and other expressions of sympathy after the recent death of my sister. It was all very much appreciated.

Beth Garner



St. Matthew's Church,

Thank you for your gift to the PIN (Person in Need) fund. This will help us assist several families in need. We especially help with emergency needs such as electricity, water or fuel bills. Sometimes we assist with rent payments. In these current times people are especially in need. Your gift really helps us as we have given nearly triple the amount from the normal over the last two years.

Sincerely,

J. Brant Leidy

Treasurer - Martinsburg Ministerium



Martinsburg Community Thanksgiving Meal



The Martinsburg Community Thanksgiving Meal will served be at 5pm Monday November 11, 2024, at the Church of God. St Matthew's Lutheran Church will provide the deserts for this community meal. The Social Ministry Committee needs the congregation's support to complete this task. Word from the pews say we have numerous good cooks/bakers in our congregation. We are looking for desserts that emphasize TASTE OF FALL/THANKSGIVING. A sign-up list will be on the bulletin board till October 31. You can deliver your deserts to the Church of God by 4 pm or drop off at St Matthew's by 3:30 pm and the Social Committee will see they arrive safely to the Church of God. In the past the Community Thanksgiving Meal has served up to 150 people. The Social Committee appreciates the congregation's prayers and support for this event.

*Lottie Ebersole,
Committee Chairman*

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 6:00 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 11th.

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.

All Saints Sunday, November 3, 2024



Please submit any names you would like recognized on All Saints Sunday to the church office by completing the form below. **October 30, 2024** is the deadline.

You can also submit names using our

Email address: stmatthewmartinsburg@gmail.com

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Person submitting: _____



OCTOBER 2024

The October issue of **Stewardship** has a story about farmers who won awards for their success in farming. Each of them were found to be wise managers of their land, their animals, their farm equipment, their water source, their farm buildings, and whatever else was in their domain. One farmer said that good stewardship of his family farm was woven into their way of management and care, so much so, “that it is both a conscious and unconscious response.”

It seems clear that anyone who uses his or her God-given brain-power, talent and energy can be successful. Indeed, with God’s guidance, if fully followed, success will be inevitable!

For instance, as a young man in 1902, J. C.

Penney, started a retail store in Wyoming. His store did well for a while, but during a period of depression, the business completely failed. During this dark period of his life Mr. Penney decided to allow God to be his Senior Partner as he started a business all over again. The business grew and grew spreading all over our country, ultimately employing thousands of workers. Mr Penney also tithed his income and contributed to many worthy. If still alive, Mr. Penney could tell us how successful any of us might be. It starts by having God as our Senior Partner.

Prayer: *Dear Lord, teach us to always rely on you for guidance in our lives. Encourage us to understand how good our lives can be if you are always our loving Companion. Through Christ our Lord. Amen*

SERVING GOD AND US OCTOBER 2024

| Date | October 6 | October 13 | October 20 | October 27 |
|--------------------------|-----------------------------------|-----------------------------------|-----------------------------------|--|
| Acolytes | Norah Kuster | Ben Decker | Jay Hoenstine | Ben Decker Norah Kuster Gavin Kuster |
| Lectors | Lori Tremmel | Norah & Stacy Kuster | Andrea Paul | Jane Hoenstine |
| Altar Guild | Jean Sinal Tonya Walter | Jean Sinal Tonya Walter | Jean Sinal Tonya Walter | Jean Sinal Tonya Walter |
| 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 | Ed Kreider | Paul Decker | Steve Oswalt | Tina Harclerode |
| Assist. Min. | Jim Barley | Melissa Fetzer | 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 | 21 | Alvin & Kim Lee |
| | | 22 | Andrew & Jenna Lenhart |

Birthdays for October

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|----|--|----|--------------------------------|----|--|
| 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 | 23 | Carol Replogle |
| 08 | George Gilbert Jr. Cindy Snyder | 15 | Debra Guyer | 29 | Zachary Tremmel |
| | | | Emily (Walter) Scholly | 31 | Henry Lamborn Sandy Loomis Lori Reimer |

2024 COUNCIL DIRECTORY AND MINISTRY STAFF

All phone numbers start with (814) unless otherwise noted.

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|------------------------|---------------------|----------|-----------------|-----------------|----------|
| Pastor | Rev. Traci Marriott | 935-9267 | Christian Ed. | Jean Sinal | 793-9507 |
| Admin. Assist. | Jen Ripka | 935-3801 | Evangelism | Vacant | |
| Assist. Admin. Assist. | Laura Orczeck | 224-1208 | Stewardship | Vacant | |
| President | Martie Gilbert | 793-4461 | Finance | Jim Barley | 793-4623 |
| Vice President | Greg Haffling | 793-9827 | Social Ministry | Lottie Ebersole | 232-6665 |
| Secretary | Carla Brumbaugh | 932-4082 | Worship & Music | Tina Harclerode | 317-5312 |
| Treasurer | Beth Garner | 793-3966 | Staff Support | Kaye Burket | 224-5224 |
| Property | Ed Kreider | 793-4302 | Sexton | Phil Claar | 215-0885 |

HIGHLIGHTS BY COUNCIL IN SEPTEMBER

1. Committee chairpersons should have their 2025 budgets turned in to Jim Barley by October 8.
2. The Youth Christmas program will be held on Sunday, Dec. 22, 2024.
3. The youth will not be making and selling peppermint bark this year due to many activities scheduled for December including the Youth Weekend in Huntingdon Dec. 6-8.
4. Mending Meals are scheduled for Sept. 18 and Oct. 16. There will be no Mending Meals November through February.



Eagle Scout Project

Fundraising for Northern Bedford High School Fencing Club to purchase new equipment and expand the NBC Fencing program.



Sunday October 20 - Duncansville & Bedford
I am excited to team up with Hoss's. Please consider visiting Hoss's in Duncansville or Bedford on **Sunday 10/20/2024** to help raise money for my project.

Present a printed paper copy of this coupon Sun 10/20/2024 at Hoss's in Duncansville or Bedford. Hoss's will then donate 20%+ of your total check paid to my Eagle project.

DISTRIBUTING INVITATIONS ON HOSS'S PROPERTY IS STRICTLY PROHIBITED AND WILL DISQUALIFY OUR ORGANIZATION! Thank you for your cooperation!

Group #130585



THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!!

Early Christmas Shopping Opportunity!

Homewood's

Annual Fall Bazaar

Thursday, October 3rd

Friday, October 4th

10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. each day

In the Givler Cultural Center

Choose from a wonderful selection of handmade crafts, gift baskets, and delicious food. Enjoy Chef Wes's soups, sandwiches, and desserts! Treasures for everyone!

Yard Sale is back!

2309 Cross Cove Road

8 am—12pm FRIDAY ONLY

437 Givler Drive, Martinsburg, PA 16662

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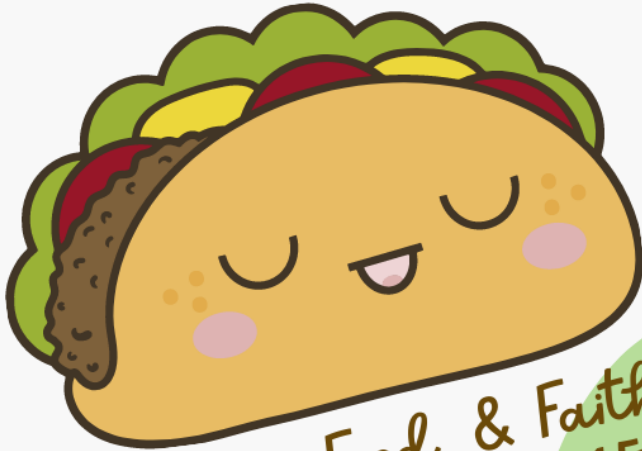
www.homewoodmartinsburg.com

Proceeds benefit the Homewood Auxiliary and will be used to purchase items that enhance the lives of Homewood residents.

HOMEWOOD
AT MARTINSBURG



Talk-O Tuesday



Fellowship, Food, & Faith Conversation
Tuesday, October 15th at 6PM
La Fiesta at the Airport
RSVP to the office by Noon

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**

Wednesday, October 16th from 11AM--1PM

St. Matthew Lutheran Martinsburg Fellowship Hall
115 E Penn Street (Maple Street Parking Lot)



Join Pastor Traci & Otto at St. Matthew for
TRICK OR TREAT

*No Trick or Treaters in your neighborhood?
No problem! We had over 100 ghosts
& goblins visit at church last year.*

6-8PM
Thursday
October 31




Throw on a costume &
join us to give out candy.
Shopping for Trick or Treat?
Grab an extra bag for St. Matthew.
(Please drop off by Wednesday the 30th)



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| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
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| | | 1 | 2 1-4 pm Pastor in Office | 3 9-11 am Food Pantry, Allegheny St. | 4 Pastor Sabbath | 5 |
| 6 20th Sun. after Pentecost 9:30 am Sunday School 10:30 am Worship in Sanctuary Journey to Bethlehem Meeting Immediately After Worship 3-5:00 pm Farewell for Bishop Paula, Evangelical Lutheran, Duncansville | 7 6:30 pm Staff Support Committee Meeting, WR/Zoom | 8 6:30 pm Council Mtg., WR/Zoom | 9 1-4 pm Pastor in Office | 10 | 11 Pastor Sabbath | 12 |
| 13 21st Sun. after Pentecost 9:30 am Sunday School 10:30 am Worship in Sanctuary | 14 | 15  6:00 pm Talk-O Tuesday Bible Study, La Fiesta Mexican Restaurant, Airport | 16 1-4 pm Pastor in Office 11:00 am—1:00 pm, Mending Meal ,FH | 17 9-11 am Food Pantry, Allegheny St. | 18 Pastor Sabbath | 19 9:00 am-1:00 pm, Lutheran Women's Retreat, TBA |
| 20 22nd Sun. after Pentecost 9:30 am Sunday School 10:30 am Worship in Sanctuary | 21 | 22 12:30-3:00 pm Knotty Ladies, QR 1-4 pm Pastor in Office 6:30 pm Social Ministry Committee Mtg. Zoom | 23 | 24 | 25 Pastor Sabbath | 26 |
| 27 Reformation Sunday 9:30 am Sunday School 10:30 am Worship in Sanctuary 6:00 pm Lutheran Home Halloween Party | 28 | 29 12:30-3:00 pm Knotty Ladies, QR | 30 1-4 pm Pastor in Office | 31 6-8:00 pm Trick or Treat, Maple Street En- trance | FH—Fellowship Hall CL—Church Lounge WR— Window Room K—Kitchen In case of emergency, Pastor Traci may be reached at 814-935-9267 Jen will be in the Office Mon.-Fri. from 9:00 am-12:00 pm | |