

Greetings People of God:

Sometimes Christian theology trips and tumbles down from the many biblical examples of our redeeming God bringing good out of humanity's evil, to the toxic positivity of insisting that every cloud has a silver lining, yet farther to the puzzling claim that everything—somehow even hate and evil—must be part of our good and loving God's plan. The God of abundant life and patient mercy doesn't inflict misery or injustice on us or use unholy means to achieve a good end, but God does walk through trials with us and helps to heal and restore us.

Perhaps you're aware that I ended my part in this summer's youth trip with an emergency hospitalization. Though I am certainly NOT grateful for that happening, I was able to experience God taking my no good, very bad day and bringing something really beautiful out of it. At their own suggestion, the students who were still on the trip asked the leaders if they could use some of their free time to make me get well cards. I'm grateful both for their kindness and that I'm part of a community that is helping to form the faith of their generation—young people who witnessed suffering and responded by asking, "Can we do something about it?"...and did.

In this month of Thanksgiving, we'll be talking about the many ways in which our partnership in this congregation not only gives glory to God and serves others but is also a blessing to us. We are taught to give God our first fruits as a sign of trust that God will provide for us, but observing a day of Thanksgiving at the end of the year lets us look back at how abundantly we have been blessed—and to look forward with renewed energy to continue giving of ourselves out of gratitude.

May you find your inventory of blessings full!

~Pastor Traci

Special dates

- Daylight-Saving Time ends, *November 5, 2022*
- All Saint's Day, *November 6, 2022*
- Veterans Day, *November 11, 2022*
- Christ the King Sunday, *November 20, 2022*
- Thanksgiving, *November 24, 2022*
- First Sunday of Advent, *November 27, 2022*



Set your clocks back one hour before you go to bed on Saturday, November 5, 2022

Much Gratitude

Mr. Dave Lehman
Roaring Spring, PA 16673

Dear Dave,

The Church Council of St. Matthew Lutheran Church want to extend our heartfelt thanks to you for all of the hours and years you spent reviewing our records, doing our audits and making sure all financial matters were performed and accounted for in a proper and accurate manner. We sincerely appreciate your dedication and contributions.

*In Christ's service,
Jim Barley
On Behalf of Church Council
St. Matthew Lutheran Church*

2022 Veterans



Veteran's Day originated as "Armistice Day" on November 11, 1919, the first anniversary of the end of World War I. Congress passed a resolution in 1926 for an annual observance, and November 11 became a national holiday beginning in 1938. Veteran's Day is not to be confused with Memorial Day—a common misunderstanding, according to the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs. Memorial Day (the fourth Monday in May) honors American service members who died in service to their country or as a result of injuries incurred during battle, while Veteran's Day pays tribute to all American veterans—living or dead—but especially gives thanks to living veterans who served their country honorably during war or peacetime.

On Sunday, November 6th, St. Matthew will honor veterans who have served in the military. Please check the list below of veterans who have served in the military. All veterans will be honored, including inactive and deceased. If you know of someone who is missing from the list, or you have a family member you wish to be honored during the service, please contact Lori in the church office as soon as possible.

Dale Allison*
 Pete Barley*
 Alan Brubaker
 Lester Buehart*
 Bryan Bush
 Jim Calvert*
 Cletus Carberry*
 Clyde Claycomb*
 Robert "Bob" Creps*
 Michael Corcoran
 Kermit Daniel*
 LeMar Daniel*
 Edward DeAngelis*
 P. Robert Dickson
 Melody Estep
 Andy Freyer*
 Matt Freyer
 Donald Garner*
 Jeff Garner
 George Gilbert Sr
 George Gilbert Jr
 Harold Grove

Cpt. Donald Grove
 Robert V. Gunnett
 Bob Guyer
 Colin Guyer
 Kyle Guyer
 Mark Guyer
 Greg Haffling
 Charles Henzler
 Dean Hinish*
 Rodger Hoover
 Dante Iachini*
 Joseph Iwanski*
 Charles Kreider*
 Henry Lamborn
 Mike Lamborn
 David Lehman
 Les Loomis
 Kenneth Long*
 Liam McGregor
 Richard A. McGraw*
 Harold Mountain*
 Seth Orczeck

Scott Paul
 Timothy Perry*
 Boyd E. Piper *
 Walter Piper
 John Replogle
 Paul E. Rummel*
 John Sell*
 Dan Sinal
 Elwood Smith*
 Nathan Smith
 Sheldon O. Smith*
 John Lee Snyder
 Michael L. Snyder
 William Stahl
 Jim Stewart
 Ralph Stouffer*
 William Straesser*
 John Szymckec*
 Milo "Bud" Uber*
 Laura Webb
 Jay Webb
 James Weyant*

*Deceased



November 2022

The Stewardship Minute and the Stewardship Bulletin insert is no longer an option from Parish Publishing.

You can now find the Monthly Stewardship Pamphlet on the website under "Helpful Links" at stmatthewlc.com.

If you would like a paper copy notify the church office so one will be provided for you.



Prayers and Congratulations go to ...

- ❖ Matt and Sam Freyer upon the birth of a daughter, Isabella Sophia, on Friday, September 30, 2022. Isabella is the granddaughter of Peggy Freyer.
- ❖ Dr. Aaron and Katlyn Brumbaugh upon the birth of a daughter, Emma Grace, on Sunday, October 2, 2022. Emma is the granddaughter of Barry and Carla Brumbaugh.

Martinsburg Food Pantry

Volunteers from Mt. Pleasant United Church of Christ will be assisting the regular helpers with food distributions on Thursdays, November 3 and November 17 from 9:00 a.m. until 11:00 a.m.

Several churches will provide Thanksgiving dinners to those that can prepare this dinner themselves.

Food most needed for November are:

Juice/Beverages, Fruit, Cereal, Mashed Potatoes, Gravy, Stuffing Mix, and Tomato Sauce. Many

Thanks! *Linda Smith*

Mitten Tree

The first Sunday in Advent, December 4, you will see our annual Mitten Tree in the narthex. Please be thinking as you shop, and bring school-age children's mittens, gloves, hats, scarves, earmuffs or socks to be hung on the Mitten Tree from December 4th until December 18th. These will be distributed by the school nurses at the Spring Cove Elementary Schools for needy children. Donations of money can be given by marking a pew envelope "Mitten Tree". Let's help children have a warmer Winter!

Martinsburg Community Meal

Breaking Bread Food Ministry will be held the second Monday, November 14 at the Martinsburg Church of God Fellowship Hall, located 123 S. Market St., Martinsburg from 5:00 p.m. until 6:30 p.m. Everyone is welcome to this free meal. Take-out and delivery are available. Contact Pastor Jim Shaffer 814-793-4375 for free delivery or questions. St. Matthew Social Ministry Committee members will be helping with the dinner on Monday, November 14. We plan to help financially, serve the dinners and provide homemade desserts—pumpkin cupcakes, pumpkin rolls and cookies. Anyone wanting to help, please see Tina Harcelrode, Chairperson.



They will receive blessing from the Lord and vindication from the God of their salvation. Psalm 24:5

All Saints Sunday

On Sunday, November 6th we will remember those from our congregation and friends who have, by God's grace, joined that "Company of Heaven" since All Saints' Sunday of 2021.

- Steve Ayers
- Diane Baer
- Cinthia Barnes
- Donald G. Barnes
- Catherine E. Bowser
- Clyde Claycomb
- Tim Cleveland
- Zach Cleveland
- Kathryn (Kate) Dambeck
- Tom Forshey
- Carol (Judy) Fries
- Rev. Charles Haffling
- Ruth H. Hoenstine
- Richard (Dick) McGraw
- Thomas Morgan
- Eileen Ropelewski
- Jeanne Skillington
- Rev. Walter Startzel
- Dawn Theofield
- Carol Weyandt
- Ginny Zeek

Birthday Celebration Saturday, November 12, 2022 12:30 p.m.

Rev. Ed Harshbarger will be 90 years young in November and his family is planning a birthday celebration here at St. Matthew in the Fellowship Hall. The congregation is invited You can RSVP by completing the form below or you can Email the church office at: stmatthewluth@aol.com. **November 7, 2022** is the deadline.

Menu: Chicken, Potatoes, Beverage, and Cake.

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Contact Name: _____
_____ # of Adults _____ # of Youth



Advent Concert

Dr. Smith has graciously offered to share his musical gift in an Advent concert, Monday, December 19 at 7PM, followed by cookies and cocoa, with a free will offering to benefit Camp Sequanota. If you are interested in supporting Camp in advance through this event, please note “Sequanota Concert” on your donation and specify how you want your name to appear in the program.

Snow Camp

Catechism students and friends grade 6 and up are invited to Snow Camp at Sequanota, January 27-29, 2023. See Pastor Traci for more details.



Cove Christmas of Love

It’s time to think about children who will get very little or nothing for Christmas. These children within the area covered by the Martinsburg Association of Churches will receive **new** toys, books and blankets with the help of contributions from people in the community.

Please bring your donations to the church and place in the Christmas box located in the Narthex. Monetary contributions are also welcome. Checks are to be made out to “Cove Christmas Love and placed in the offering plate.

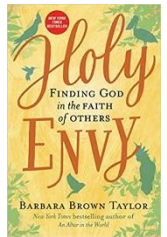
All donations of gifts and monetary are due by Monday, December 12, 2022.

Social Ministry Committee

November Book Study—“Holy Envy”

by Barbara Brown Taylor

Join in a series of discussions on “Holy Envy: Finding God in the Faith of Others” narrating how teaching a World Religions class at a local college helped Taylor, a Christian minister, delve deeper into her own faith. Tuesdays at 4 PM on Zoom.



- 11/15 Introduction through Chapter 4
- 11/22 Chapters 5-8
- 11/29 Chapters 9-Epilogue



Thank you to everyone at St. Matthew’s for all of your well wishes and prayers. I truly appreciate your kindness.

Andrea McGraw



Thank you to everyone that remembered Jeff with prayers, cards and in other ways, either before, during or after his heart surgery. A special thank you to Pastor Traci for her visits and support. It is all very much appreciated. He is doing quite well, for which we are very thankful.

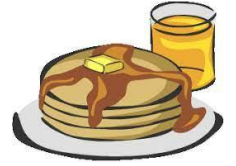
Jeff and Beth Garner

Office Closed

The church office will be closed Thursday, November 24th and Friday, November 25th. In case of emergency please call Pastor Traci at 814-935-9267. The office will resume regular hours on Monday, November 28, 2022.



**Boy Scout Troop 358
Pancake Breakfast
Saturday, November 5, 2022**



St. Matthew Lutheran Church

6:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.

All – You – Can – Eat

Pancakes, Sausage, Juice, Coffee and Water

Free Will Donations accepted at the door.

Baked Goods available for purchase also.

ALL PROCEEDS BENEFIT THE SCOUTS AND THEIR ACTIVITIES

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!!!



Fellowship Meal

A Fellowship Meal has been scheduled for Sunday, November 6, 2022, at Noon.

Please bring a dish to share, i.e. your favorite side dish, salad, or dessert.

The Fellowship Committee will provide ham loaf and beverages. Table service will be provided as well.

It has been several years since the congregation participated in this annual event.

We hope you will be able to join us to share a meal together and enjoy a time of fellowship.



Generosity is all around us, but sometimes we have to look for it. In the feeding of the 5,000 story in the Bible, significant generosity happened once the child shared (John 6:9). That is how it is here. Once we begin to share, we will see that God has blessed us with plenty.

Building a Culture of Generosity is the theme of our fall stewardship appeal. This theme points us to the generosity that we have witnessed around our church over the last year, but also points us to know that we can grow into this in even more profound ways.

When the pandemic began in March of 2020, many of us worried there would not be enough. Our ministry remained strong and in fact, many of us recognized just how critically important this community is to our faith.

Our grateful response in generosity helps to demonstrate to us and to the world around us that in fact God has provided us everything and we have enough, even enough to share.

In the weeks ahead, you will be hearing more about generosity. Articles, bulletin inserts, mission moments, letters and more will be used to share this story and our hopes for an even more robust ministry next year.

So, in the coming weeks, please engage the materials. Pray about how you can become more generous. Then, on intent Sunday, December 4, please bring your intent card* with you to declare the generosity that you intend to share with this congregation.

Thank you for being part of this exciting congregation. Pray for our common work together as we continue to reach out with the Gospel.

*Intent cards will be made available at the end of the month.

Giving

2022 September		Year to Date as of 9/30/2022	
Current	\$9,118.73	Current	\$114,963.53
Benevolence (Synod)	\$697.50	Benevolence (Synod)	\$11,569.50
On Eagles Wings/Missions	\$511.50	3rd Qrt. OEW/Missions	\$2,541.00
2021 September		Year to Date as of 9/30/2021	
Current	\$11,633.66	Current	\$114,769.38
Benevolence (Synod)	\$931.00	Benevolence (Synod)	\$10,289.00
On Eagles Wings/Missions	\$776.00	3rd Qrt. OEW/Missions	\$3,419.50
2020 September		Year to Date as of 9/30/2020	
Current	\$9,057.39	Current	\$131,544.69
Benevolence (Synod)	\$2,042.00	Benevolence (Synod)	\$16,110.50
On Eagles Wings/Missions	\$875.00	3rd Qrt. OEW/Missions	\$3,299.50
2019 September		Year to Date as of 9/30//2019	
Current	\$16,884.03	Current	\$143,096.47
Benevolence (Synod)	\$2,000.50	Benevolence (Synod)	\$14,502.05
On Eagles Wings/Missions	\$1,453.50	3rd Qrt. OEW/Missions	\$3,564.00
2022 Income vs Expenses			
Current	September	Year to Date as of 9/30/2022	
Actual	\$(5,818.90)	(\$39,102.02)	
Per Budget	(\$9,200.85)	(\$49,912.72)	
<u>Benevolence</u>			
Per Commitment to Synod	(\$1,469.17)	(\$7,930.50)	

There were 4 Sundays in September 2022 and 2021 and 2020.

There were 5 Sundays in September 2019.



Dr. Adam Smith, Piano

AN ADVENT CONCERT

7PM - Monday, December 19th

St. Matthew Lutheran Church

115 East Penn Street, Martinsburg

Free Admission - Free Will Offering to Benefit

Camp Sequanota



2022 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.	Lori Tremmel	696-3802	Evangelism	Michael Lamborn	793-4212
Assist. Admin. Assist.	Laura Orczeck	224-1208	Stewardship	Rev. Ed Harshbarger	650-5584
President	Melissa Fetzer	793-2735	Finance	Jim Barley	793-4623
Vice President	Martie Gilbert	793-4461	Social Ministry	Tina Harclerode	317-5312
Secretary	Elaine Smith	(434) 981-0560	Worship & Music	Jane Fagans	793-4401
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 OCTOBER

1. The stewardship initiative will begin on November 6 and continue until the congregational meeting in December with announcements before worship each Sunday, bulletin inserts, and mailings to encourage members to set a giving goal for 2023.
2. Year to date, the congregation is experiencing a \$39,000 deficit in giving as compared to expenses and is approximately \$9,000 behind the Benevolence pledge.
3. The family of Steve Ayers sent a memorial gift and a letter with complimentary comments about the relationship that Steve shared with the St. Matthew congregation.
4. Youth will participate in the liturgy monthly. They will also make candy as a fundraiser in December and plan for a Christmas program during worship on December 18.
5. The social ministry committee is planning to help with the community meal at the Church of God on November 14.
6. The finance committee is working on the 2023 budget.
7. Communion will be offered at the front of the sanctuary during the festival Sundays for the rest of the year, then weekly starting in January 2023.
8. There will be a fellowship meal following the service on November 6.
9. Completion of the technology project in the fellowship hall is scheduled for October 17.
10. The nominating committee is seeking candidates for Council president, vice president, and secretary, and 2 nominating committee members.

Snow Camp 2023

"Come to the Table"

Friday-Sunday, January 27-29

Camp Sequanota, Jennerstown PA

6th - 12th Grade

Games, Crafts, Food, Sledding, Worship, & Learning

Accommodations in Sequanota's Winterized Cabins

Register from December 15 to January 20 at www.sequanota.com

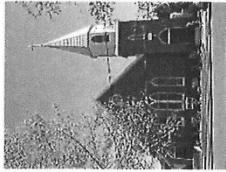
\$80-includes food, lodging, materials

Families are asked to pay \$10; St. Matthew will cover the rest.

Please contact Pastor Traci with any questions.

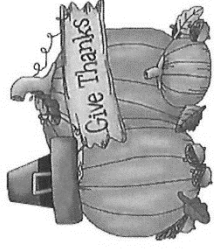
****Adult Helper(s) Wanted!****







November 2022

St. Matthew Lutheran Church
115 E Penn St., Martinsburg, PA 16662-1127
814-793-2413



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
6 <u>All Saints Sunday</u> 9:30 am Sunday School, 10:30 am Worship in Sanctuary 11:30 am Fellowship Meal 12:00 pm Confirmation Event following the meal	7 6:00 pm Worship & Music Mtg., Zoom 6:00 pm Boy Scout, SR	8  Election Day 6:30 pm Council Mtg., Zoom	9 1-4 pm Pastor in Office 5:00 pm Yoga, FH	10 9-11 am Food Pantry, Allegheny St.	11 Pastor's Sabbath	12 12:30 pm Pastor Ed's Birthday Celebration, FH
13 <u>23rd Sunday after Pentecost</u> 9:30 am Sunday School, 10:30 am Worship in Sanctuary	14 5:00-6:30 pm Co-Hosting Community Meal, Church of God, Mburg. 6:00 pm Boy Scout, SR	15 4:00 pm Book Study, Zoom	16 1-4 pm Pastor in Office 5:00 pm Yoga, FH	17 9-11 am Food Pantry, Allegheny St.	18 Pastor's Sabbath	19
20 <u>Christ the King Sunday</u> Youth Sunday 9:30 am Sunday School, 10:30 am Worship in Sanctuary December Messenger Deadline	21 6:00 pm Boy Scout, SR	22 10:00 am set up tree and decorate for Advent 12:30-3:00 pm Knotty Ladies, QR 4:00 pm Book Study, Zoom	23 10:00 am Employee Mtg., FH 1-3 pm Pastor in Office	24  Office Closed Fellowship Hall in use all day	25 Office Closed	26
27 <u>1st Sunday of Advent</u> 9:30 am Sunday School, 10:30 am Worship in Sanctuary	28	29 12:30-3:00 pm Knotty Ladies, QR 4:00 pm Book Study, Zoom	30 1-4 pm Pastor in Office 5:00 pm Yoga, FH			