



Saint Matthew
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St. Matthew's Messenger

St. Matthew Evangelical Lutheran Church

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Dear People of God:

Each October we commemorate the Reformation, remembering Martin Luther's legendary, if perhaps not historical, posting of the 95 Theses on the eve of All Saints Day. In the last 500 years, the church has undergone more changes than what first made Luther's list, so much so that one recent campaign in the ELCA used the motto "Always Being Made New" to remind us that our reforming work is never done.

Luther taught us to begin each new day by making the sign of the cross—in thanksgiving that we are forgiven and as a reminder that baptism calls us to renew daily our struggle of sanctified living. In other words, our own reformation is a life-long process of growing in grace and being transformed more fully into the people God created us to be. It's a process that isn't, or shouldn't be, finished on this side of the grave.

One of the blessings of being a lectionary preacher is discovering new truths in old texts. I rarely go back and read my old sermons, but when I do, I notice that scripture hardly ever spoke to me then in the same way it's speaking to me now. I'd like to think that those old sermons are theologically sound, but I certainly hope that I've learned something new since I preached on those passages three or six or nine years ago. What helps is approaching scripture with a healthy dose of doubt—assuming that I don't know everything about it no matter how many times I've read it before. Certainty is the enemy of learning; when we think we already know it all, we don't leave much room for God to teach us something new.

We all have lived through many changes in recent months; we may be more than usually susceptible to nostalgia and a longing for the faith of our past. Yet the faith of 20 years ago or 10 years ago or maybe even 10 months ago is probably not well-suited for this time or for carrying us into the future that only God can envision. In the spirit of ongoing Reformation, may we recommit ourselves to deeper learning and being open to the ways that God is making us new.

*Peace be with you,
Pastor Traci*

Worship Schedule for October

In October, we will offer two Sunday services each week

8:30 AM Oct. 3,10,17,24,31; Worship Outside—Full Sung Liturgy of Word & Sacrament (Communion)

In case of rain, the service will move to the Fellowship Hall and will be a spoken liturgy.

10:30AM Oct. 3,10,17,24,31; Worship in the Sanctuary—Full Spoken Liturgy of Word & Sacrament (Communion)

This will be the recorded and live-streamed service.

Sunday School is every Sunday at 9:30 a.m.

Catechism Hay Ride—Saturday, October 16 at 4PM

For the whole families of our catechism students, our next cooperative event with St. James and St. Luke will be a special catechism hay ride at the Orczeck's farm on Saturday, October 16 at 4PM. Dinner will be provided.



Sexton Needed

Sexton employment is available at St. Matthew for cleaning of the church and maintenance of the grounds for approximately 15 to 20 hours weekly. If interested please contact

the church office at 814-793-2413 for more information.



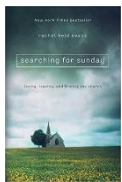
Blanket Sunday

October 3, 2021

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.



Book Study: Searching for Sunday

Our next book study will be “Search for Sunday” by Rachel Held Evans. We will meet by Zoom at 4PM and 7PM on

Thursday, October 21 (Sections 1-3) and Thursday, October 28 (Sections 4-7). Please join us for whichever time is most convenient for you. The Zoom link will be sent through the church email the week of the 21st; please contact Pastor Traci directly if you are having difficulties with Zoom.

Pastor on Vacation

Pastor Traci will be on vacation from Thursday, October 7 through Sunday, October 10. In case of a pastoral emergency, you may contact Pastor Amanda McCaffery at 814-327-9471.



Dear Friends of Breezewood Trucker Traveler Ministry

2021 Fund Raising (Take Out) Banquet

Dinner:

Chopped Salad

Glazed Pork Loin

Duchess Potatoes

Roasted Vegetable Medley

Dessert

Fresh Ginger Bread with Lemon Curd

Saturday, October 23rd at the

Everett Church of Brethren

119 East Second St, Everett, PA

MEAL PICK UP: 4:30 – 6:30PM

Cost of meal is \$15.00.

Deadline for reservations is October 12th.

Payment is due with reservation.

Please contact **Dixie Divens at 717-816-0379 or djdivens@centurylink.net** to make your reservations. Please send payment to postal address listed below by October 12th; please write name(s) in the memo line of the check.

We appreciate your prayerful involvement!

Your input makes a difference! God’s Blessings to each of you.

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With Deepest Sympathy

Prayers and Christian Sympathy are asked for....

- Mary Ann Satterfield and family upon the death of her mother, Anna Klepser, Friday, September 3, 2021.
- Family and Friends upon the death of Gerald Hoover, Friday, September 17, 2021.



October 2021

In 2 Corinthians 8, Paul held up the generosity of the Macedonian churches to those in Corinth. It seemed his desire was that they show some kind of proof for their appreciation of the Lord's blessing and sustaining power to them. He urged them, therefore to bring to completion the great work begun earlier in their ministry: *"Now finish the work, so that your eager willingness to do it may be matched by your completion of it, according to your means. For if the willingness is there, the gift is acceptable according to what one has, not according to what he does not have."* (2 Corinthians 8: 11-12)

Apparently they had forgotten, like we often do, the passion with which they had started to serve the Lord. We, too, could use this urging of Paul's periodically. He wanted to bring the churches in Corinth from their relaxed attitude toward giving and sharing, and found it necessary to remind them of their oneness in the body of Christ. The Corinthians had begun to take pleasure in what others were doing for God's kingdom and the sustaining of the earthly churches, and had forgotten their own part.

"Strive for equality" was Paul's urging to the Corinthians. Since Christ bore the total weight of our salvation on himself, could we not at least share in the earthly ministry as a body so that *"He who gathered much does not have too much and he who gathered little does not have too little?"* (2 Corinthians 8:15)

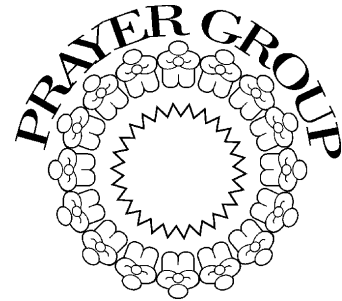
Prayer: *Do not, O Lord, allow us to grow weary in well-doing. Stir us up to exercise our total stewardship, that our efforts may always please you.*
Amen

St. Matthew Evangelical Lutheran Church Free Website Link for Stewardship Brochure

You can easily read the full version of *Stewardship* on our website (stmatthewLC.com). Each month the link will bring the current issue every month. Click the link for **"Bulletins & Announcements"** and you will see the link for **"Stewardship"**.



Many Thanks to our former Sexton, Bill Brown, for his dedicated work here at St. Matthew over the past three years.



Phone Prayer Chain Needs Volunteers

Due to sickness, aging and death the Phone Prayer Chain needs of volunteers. The phone prayer chain helps those who do not have internet to pray for those that are in need of prayer. If you would like to volunteer on the Phone Prayer Chain call the office at 814-793-2413.

To start a prayer on the Phone Prayer chain:

- Make sure you have the person or families permission.
- Call Ruth Marshall at 793-3107 and share the prayer request with her. She will then share the prayer request with the next person on the prayer chain and with the church office.

Directions for Prayer Chain Members. . .

In a **clockwise manner**, please call the next person on the Prayer Chain. If he/she is unable to be contacted, you should continue in a clockwise direction, until a member of the Prayer Chain, is contacted.

Those members of the chain not contacted at this time, should be informed of the prayer request by the contact person.

If You have internet you can e-mail your prayer request to
stmatthewluth@aol.com



Anniversaries for October

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| 01 George & Martie Gilbert | 05 Dr. Ramon & E. Kaye Burket |
| 02 Michael & Jamie Richardson | 09 Tyson & Terri Rodgers |
| 04 R. Troy & Jennifer Metzler | 15 James & Linda Negley |
| James & Tonya Walter | Titus & Beverly Smith |
| Greg & Julie Dick | 21 Alvin & Kim Lee |

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 |
| 04 P. Robert Dickson | Martin Burket | 17 Chase Buchart |
| William Dickson | Annette Ritchey | 20 Kelsiee Hoover |
| Kyle Guyer | Titus Smith | 23 Carol Replogle |
| 05 Beverly Smith | 13 Shari Gilbert | 29 Zachary Tremmel |
| 06 Ryan Smith | 14 Dwight Johnson | 30 Shirley Acker |
| Trevor Smith | Dennis Smith | 31 Henry Lamborn |
| Whitney Smith | Emily Walter | Sandy Loomis |
| 08 George Gilbert Jr. | 15 Debra Guyer | Lori Reimer |
| Cindy Snyder | | |



All Saints Sunday, November 7, 2021

Please submit any names you would like recognized on All Saints Sunday to the church office by completing the form below. **November 1, 2021** is the deadline. You can also submit names using our Email address: stmatthewluth@aol.com or use the website: stmatthewLC.com

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Person submitting: _____



Martinsburg Food Pantry

The Food Pantry will be open for food distribution on Thursdays, October 7 and 21 from 9:00 a.m. until 11:00 a.m. Curryville Church of the Brethren will supply 3 or 4 to help in addition to the regular helpers.

Items most needed for October: Fruit. Ravioli, Pasta Sides, Peas & Personal Supplies.

Many Thanks for all the school supplies given!

Linda K. Smith



Bible Study

October Zoom Bible Study

Tuesdays at 4PM, we'll meet on Zoom for Bible Study using the Semi-continuous Old Testament readings from Job:

October 5: Job 1:1-1; 2:1-10

October 12: Job 23:1-9, 16-17

October 19: Job 38:1-7 [34-41]

October 26: Job 42:1-6, 10-17

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/5966211441?pwd=VIE2MVdMT3drdkIxTFhLK2RLNkRUQT09>

Meeting ID: 596 621 1441

Passcode: 8675309

Dial by your location

+1 301 715 8592 US (Washington DC)

+1 312 626 6799 US (Chicago)

+1 646 558 8656 US (New York)

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2021 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	Mike Lamborn	793-4212
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Vice President	Peggy Steinfurth	515-6205	Finance	Jim Barley	793-4623
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Treasurer	Beth Garner	793-3966	Worship & Music	Jane Fagans	793-4401
Financial Secretary	Anna Klepser	793-2094	Staff Support	Kaye Burket	224-5224

HIGHLIGHTS BY COUNCIL IN SEPTEMBER

1. Sunday school students participated in Rally Sunday and attended the community ministerium worship service on September 12. They helped with clean-up afterwards as a community service activity.
2. The finance committee reminds committees to turn in their estimated budget requests before the October 12, 2021 council meeting.
3. The evangelism committee continues to generate ideas for outreach activities.
4. Council voted to accept a proposal from Cambria Glass and Insulation for replacement of the Maple Street doors.
5. Council supported the worship and music committee in its strong recommendation that masks are worn regardless of vaccination status when worshipping in the sanctuary.

Giving

2021 August		Year to Date as of 8/31/2021	
Current	\$14,733.90	Current	\$103,135.72
Benevolence (Synod)	\$1,358.00	Benevolence (Synod)	\$9,358.00
On Eagles Wings/Missions	\$1,308.00	3rd Qrt. OEW/Missions	\$2,643.50
2020 August		Year to Date as of 8/31/2020	
Current	\$16,149.14	Current	\$122,487.30
Benevolence (Synod)	\$1,667.50	Benevolence (Synod)	\$14,068.50
On Eagles Wings/Missions	\$1,450.50	3rd Qrt. OEW/Missions	\$2,424.50
2019 August		Year to Date as of 8/31/2019	
Current	\$14,133.33	Current	\$126,212.44
Benevolence (Synod)	\$1,499.00	Benevolence (Synod)	\$12,501.55
On Eagles Wings/Missions	\$850.50	3rd Qrt. OEW/Missions	\$2,110.50

2021 Income vs Expenses		
Current	August	Year to Date as of 8/31/2021
Actual	(\$6,557.99)	(\$29,262.08)
Per Budget	(\$3,846.43)	(\$45,506.95)
<u>Benevolence</u>		
Per Commitment to Synod	(\$808.67)	(\$7,975.33)

There were 4 Sundays in August in 2019
 There were 5 Sundays in August in 2020 and 2021



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
3 Blanket & Worldwide Communion Sunday 8:30 am Worship Yard/FH 9:30 am Sunday School 10:30 am Worship in Sanct.	4 12-3 pm Laura in Office 4:00 pm Zoom Bible Study 6:30 pm Staff Support FH	5 1-4 pm Pastor in Office 5:00 pm Yoga	6 9:00 am Food Pantry, Allegheny St.	7 9:00 am Food Pantry, Allegheny St.	8 Pastor's Sabbath	9 6 am-6pm Prayer Vigil
10 20th Sun. after Pent. 8:30 am Worship Yard/FH 9:30 am Sunday School 10:30 am Worship in Sanct. Pastor Traci on vacation	11 9 am-12 pm Laura in Office 12-3 pm Laura in Office 4:00 pm Zoom Bible Study 6:30 pm Council Mtg., Zoom	12 9 am-12 pm Laura in Office 1-4 pm Pastor in Office 5:00 pm Yoga	13 9 am-12 pm Laura in Office 1-4 pm Pastor in Office 5:00 pm Yoga	14 9 am-12 pm Laura in Office	15 Pastor's Sabbath 9 am-12 pm Laura in Office	16 4:00 pm Catechism Hayride, Orczek Farm
17 21st Sun. after Pent. 8:30 am Worship Yard/FH 9:30 am Sunday School 10:30 am Worship in Sanct. 4:30 pm Hayride, Orczek's Farm	18 <u>Luke, Evangelist</u>	19 4:00 pm Zoom Bible Study	20 1-4 pm Pastor in Office 5:00 pm Yoga	21 9:00 am Food Pantry, Allegheny St. and 5:00 pm 10:00 am Employee Mtg. CE 4:00 pm Pastor Traci's Book Study (Sec. 1-3) Zoom 7:00 pm Pastor Traci's Book Study (Sec. 1-3) Zoom	22 Pastor's Sabbath	23
24 22nd Sun. after Pent. 8:30 am Worship Yard/FH 9:30 am Sunday School 10:30 am Worship in Sanct.	25 November Messenger Deadline	26 4:00 pm Zoom Bible Study	27 1-4 pm Pastor in Office 5:00 pm Yoga	28 <u>Simon & Jude, Apostles</u> 4:00 pm Pastor Traci's Book Study (Sec. 4-7) Zoom 7:00 pm Pastor Traci's Book Study (Sec. 4-7) Zoom	29 Pastor's Sabbath	30
31 Reformation Sun. 8:30 am Worship Yard/FH 9:30 am Sunday School 10:30 am Worship in Sanct.				FH—Fellowship Hall - CE-Christian Ed Office - In case of emergency, Pastor Traci may be reached at 814-935-9267		Lori or Laura will be in the Office most days from 9:00 am-12:00 pm