



**Saint Matthew**  
LUTHERAN CHURCH

# St. Matthew's Messenger

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### Dear Siblings in Christ:

I was sitting outside the other day and spotted the first splash of red leaves in the otherwise green forest. That also happened to be the day I said goodbye to beloved friends who are moving across the country and the day I found out that a dear colleague died unexpectedly—losses that seemed even more poignant with that first sign of summer's end. After all the years I spent as a student and a teacher, September feels like potential and fresh beginnings—sharpened pencils and new school clothes. But autumn has always represented a season of loss—leaves literally falling off of trees.

If you are familiar with the book of Ecclesiastes—*For everything there is a season [turn, turn, turn]*—you know that our theology embraces change and its shadow, loss, as normal, predictable, even necessary and useful gears in the cycle of human life. What you may not know is that Ecclesiastes almost didn't make it into the canon; the rabbis worried that its realism was a little too bleak and feared that its focus on the absurd and ephemeral nature of the human experience might drive students to nihilism and despair. (Like any potentially banned book, I highly recommend it.)

Simply put, it's human nature to resist facing the suffering inherent in loss, even when we know loss is inevitable, even when we know loss is necessary to make space for growth, health, or what may turn out to be a more fruitful season of life. We train ourselves to see God primarily in blessings; when our blessings seem to leave us, we struggle to experience God's presence.

Grieving change or loss is honest and healthy. It is also an invitation to see the Divine in the negative spaces—for God is most certainly there as well. In this change of seasons, may we contemplate how God works as much in the falling leaves of autumn as in the budding flowers of spring.

*Peace,*

*Pastor Traci*



### Worship Schedule for September

**Worship** on the 11th is 9:30 a.m. in the sanctuary, not outside.

This will be a brief service of Word & Sacrament

Worship will be at the Morrisons Cove Memorial Park at 11:00 a.m., Sunday, September 11, 2022

**Rally Sunday** is September 18 at 9:30 a.m. Fellowship Hall

**We are going to one service on September 18<sup>th</sup> at 10:30 Worship.**

**Adult Sunday School** will begin on Sunday, September 25 at 9:30 a.m. in the Window Room

**Youth Sunday School** will begin on Sunday, October 2 at 9:30 a.m. in the Christian Ed. Wing



Many thanks to all for your prayers, cards, emails and support during my husband's illness since December 2021.  
*Lori & Norm Tremmel*



### Martinsburg Food Pantry

Volunteers from Memorial Church of the Brethren will be helping distribute food at the pantry on

Thursdays, September 1 and September 15 from 9:00am until 11:00 am. During harvest time, if you have any extra vegetables or fruit, it would be very appreciated on the dates we are open.

**Items most needed for September:** Juice, Pasta Sides, Macaroni, Tomato Sauce and Paper Towels. Thanks for the school supplies given in August!

*Linda Smith*

### 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 14. Closer to this date, more information will be given for those wanting to help.



### A Stewardship Minute September 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](http://stmatthewlc.com).

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

**A Stewardship Minute** is available to subscribers of **Stewardship** at

[www.parishpublishing.org](http://www.parishpublishing.org).



### Sight and Sound Bus Excursion to see *David!*

Join the Lutheran Churches of Blair County for this exciting excursion to see Sight & Sounds live on stage production of David on Wednesday, October 19<sup>th</sup>, 2022. **Price per individual will be \$155.** This will include your transportation, your ticket to a 11am show, and a meal at Hershey Farms.

There will be two locations to which you can arrive for the bus: Lowes Parking Lot in Altoona at 6:30am or Walmart Parking Lot in East Freedom at 6:45am (we will have a sign-up sheet and plan to seat you accordingly by church group). We hope to arrive back within the area sometime around 7:30pm.

More information is on the Narthex Bulletin Board or you can call Duane Bordell at 814-944-2585.

**Deadline for Payments/Reservations is September 1<sup>st</sup>, 2022.**



*With Deepest Sympathy*

## Prayers and Christian Sympathy are asked for...

- > Carol Rugh, Steve Claycomb and family upon the death of their father, Clyde Claycomb, Saturday, August 13, 2022.
- > The family of Steve Ayers upon his death, Monday, August 15, 2022.
- > The family of Jeanne Skillington upon her death, Saturday, August 13, 2022.



## Share the Harvest

The "Share the Harvest" table is in the Narthex and will be there until October. 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."*



## Rally Sunday

**Sunday September 18th**

All school-age (pre-school through adults) students are invited to come and join us at 9:30 a.m. on September 18<sup>th</sup> in the Fellowship Hall for our Rally Day celebration. Sunday School classes will officially begin for the **Adults** in the Window Room on **Sunday, September 25<sup>th</sup>**, and for the **Youth** in the Sunday School Classrooms on **Sunday, October 2, 2022.**

*"Let's learn and grow in our Christian Faith!"*

## Allegheny Synodical Women's Organization

33<sup>rd</sup> Annual Convention  
Christ Lutheran Church  
206 Walnut St, Claysburg, PA  
Saturday, October 22, 2022

## Prayer Vigil

Saturday, October 1<sup>st</sup>, from 6:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m. St. Matthew Lutheran Church will hold our annual World Wide Prayer Vigil in observance of World Wide Communion Sunday, October 2<sup>nd</sup>. Members are asked to commit one half hour to pray for any concerns of a personal, church, or worldwide nature. We hope to have enough participation to fill a twelve-hour time period with continuous prayer. The sign-up sheet is located on the Narthex Bulletin Board.



## Prayers and Blessings are asked for...

Lyndsay Yon and Daniel Tremmel who plan to marry on Saturday, September 10, 2022, at 3:00 p.m. They ask the congregation of St. Matthew to remember them in their prayers, that God may bestow His richest blessings upon them in their life together as husband and wife.

## 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](http://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.



## Community Service at the MCMP

Sunday, September 11, 2022 at 11:00 a.m.

**God's Work. Our Hands. Event will follow the Community Service.**

“God’s work. Our hands.” Sunday is Sunday, September 11, 2022. This day is an opportunity to celebrate who we are as the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America – one church, freed in Christ to serve and love our neighbor.

Service activities offer an opportunity for us to explore one of our most basic convictions as Lutherans: that all of life in Jesus Christ – every act of service, in every daily calling, in every corner of life – flows freely from a living, daring confidence in God’s grace.

\*NOTE: There will be a BRIEF Word and Sacrament Worship service in the Sanctuary at St. Matthew at 9:30 a.m.

### SERVING GOD AND US SEPTEMBER 2022

Date	September 4	September 11 <i>Community Service</i>	September 18 <i>Rally Sunday</i>	September 25
<b>Acolytes</b>	NA	NA	<b>Gavin Kuster</b>	<b>Gabby Decker</b>
<b>Lectors</b>	<b>Mike Lamborn</b>	NA	<b>Elaine Smith</b>	<b>Kaye Burket</b>
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Cindy Snyder Jeannie Smith	Cindy Snyder Jeannie Smith	Cindy Snyder Jeannie Smith	Cindy Snyder Jeannie Smith
<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>Audio/Video</b>	Camden Kuster	NA	Camden Kuster	Camden Kuster
<b>Ushers</b>	<b>Melissa Fetzer</b>	<b>Tina Harclerode</b>	<b>Martie Gilbert</b>	<b>Stanley Smith</b>

### *Anniversaries for September*

02 Robert & Emily Gunnett 30 <sup>th</sup>	09 Matt & Tina Harclerode	18 Paul & Amanda Decker
03 Dennis & Margie Smith	15 Eric & Jennifer Frederick	18 Stanley & Michele Smith
09 Tom & Bobbie Fishburn 55 <sup>th</sup>	John & Carol Replogle 60 <sup>th</sup>	20 Stephen & Lottie Ebersole
Greg & Amy Haffling	16 David & Elizabeth Bithell	23 Rick & Shanda Imler

### *Birthdays for September*

02 James Negley	11 Lily Lightner	22 Amy M. Carpenter
04 Jennifer L. Winston	Lucy Lightner	Linda Negley
05 Jennifer L. Frederick	12 Michelle Cronrath	Lori Tremmel
06 Hal B. Grove	13 George R. Gilbert Sr.	23 Cheryl L. Gigante
Alex W. Hoover	14 Sally F. Neely	Laura Orczeck
07 Vivian Beach	15 Kylie Gunnett	24 Martha Metz
H. Jean Sinal	Tera A. Hutto	Bruce Ross
08 Stanley C. Smith	16 Tyler Oswalt	25 Rick Imler
Nell Snyder	18 Brandon Meck	Lauren Smith
10 Bonnie Casey	19 Preston Weaver	27 Mary Ann Satterfield
Cody Guyer	20 Kay Howsare	29 Charles Henzler
Mark Guyer	21 Sharon Smith	Matthew D. Lehman
	Wade T. Smith	30 Robin R. Robison
	22 Greta L. Buchart	

**Report of electronic Council vote on endowment fund distribution**

On June 27, 2022 Council president, Melissa Fetzer, emailed Council members asking them to review the distribution of funds from the St. Matthew Endowment Fund and reply in the affirmative to accept the proposal, or call her to discuss any issues. The distribution list is attached.

On June 29, 2022 Council president, Melissa Fetzer, emailed Council members to inform them that she had received enough “yes” votes to pass the distribution of the endowment fund.

*Respectfully submitted by Elaine S. Smith, council secretary*

St. Matthew Lutheran  
Endowment Fund  
2022

**Requests for Funding ---FINAL**

1	CAMP KESEM	<u>500</u>
2	COMMUNITY MEALS	<u>200</u>
3	SCHOLARSHIP- OLIVIA	<u>1000</u>
4	BOY SCOUT CAMP-SMITH	<u>250</u>
5	CAMP SEQENOTA -ROOF	<u>2500</u>
6	MUSIC- KEYBOARD	<u>COUNCIL FUNDED</u>
7	SEQUNOTA SUMMER STAFF	600
7	SML SENIOR HIGH TRIP	<u>655</u>
	TOTAL	<u><u>5705</u></u>



**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 AUGUST 2022**

1. The Christian Education committee reviewed the Sunday School roster and is planning for Rally Sunday on September 18 to start the church school year.
2. The Social Ministry committee is planning a service project in conjunction with the community worship service at Memorial Park on September 11.

**Giving**

2022 July		Year to Date as of 7/31/2022	
<b>Current</b>	<b>\$13,081.39</b>	<b>Current</b>	<b>\$94,878.33</b>
<b>Benevolence (Synod)</b>	<b>\$1,839.00</b>	<b>Benevolence (Synod)</b>	<b>\$10,053.50</b>
<b>On Eagles Wings/Missions</b>	<b>\$1,426.00</b>	<b>3rd Qrt. OEW/Missions</b>	<b>\$1,426.00</b>

2021 July		Year to Date as of 7/31/2021	
<b>Current</b>	<b>\$13,378.98</b>	<b>Current</b>	<b>\$88,401.82</b>
<b>Benevolence (Synod)</b>	<b>\$1,046.50</b>	<b>Benevolence (Synod)</b>	<b>\$8,000.00</b>
<b>On Eagles Wings/Missions</b>	<b>\$1,335.50</b>	<b>3rd Qrt. OEW/Missions</b>	<b>\$1,335.50</b>

2020 July		Year to Date as of 7/31/2020	
<b>Current</b>	<b>\$11,240.86</b>	<b>Current</b>	<b>\$106,338.16</b>
<b>Benevolence (Synod)</b>	<b>\$1,625.00</b>	<b>Benevolence (Synod)</b>	<b>\$12,401.00</b>
<b>On Eagles Wings/Missions</b>	<b>\$874.00</b>	<b>3rd Qrt. OEW/Missions</b>	<b>\$974.00</b>

2019 July		Year to Date as of 7/31/2019	
<b>Current</b>	<b>\$14,851.35</b>	<b>Current</b>	<b>\$112,079.11</b>
<b>Benevolence (Synod)</b>	<b>\$1,706.00</b>	<b>Benevolence (Synod)</b>	<b>\$11,002.55</b>
<b>On Eagles Wings/Missions</b>	<b>\$1,210.00</b>	<b>3rd Qrt. OEW/Missions</b>	<b>\$1,260.00</b>

2022 Income vs Expenses		
<b>Current</b>	<b>July</b>	<b>Year to Date as of 7/31/2022</b>
Actual	\$(3,887.38)	(\$20,824.75)
Per Budget	(\$5,238.19)	(\$33,358.75)
<b><u>Benevolence</u></b>		
Per Commitment to Synod	(\$327.67)	(\$5,113.17)

There were 5 Sundays in July 2022.

There were 4 Sundays in July 2021, 2020 and 2019.



# September 2022

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
FH—Fellowship Hall CL—Church Lounge WR— Window Room K—Kitchen In case of emergency, Pastor Traci maybe reached at 814-935-9267 Lori will be in the Office Mon.-Fri. from 9:00 am-12:00 pm	CE-Christian Ed Office QR-QUILT Room In case of emergency, Pastor Traci maybe reached at 814-935-9267	6 6:30 pm Christian Ed. Mtg., Zoom	7 1-4 pm Pastor in Office 5:00 pm Yoga, FH	1 9-11 am Food Pantry, Allegheny St.	2 Pastor's Sabbath	3
<b>4 13th Sunday after Pentecost</b> 9:00 am Outside Worship 10:30 am Worship in Sanctuary	5 6:00 pm Boy Scout Sign Up, MCMP	6 6:30 pm Council Mtg., Zoom	7 1-4 pm Pastor in Office 5:00 pm Yoga, FH	8 Lori Tremmel on vacation. Laura Orzeck will be in the office Thur. & Fri. 9 am—12 pm	9 Pastor's Sabbath	10
<b>11 14th Sunday after Pentecost</b> 9:30 am Worship in Sanctuary (BRIEF Service of Word & Sacrament) 11:00 am Community Worship at MCMP God's Work. Our Hands following the service	12 6:00 pm Boy Scout Sign Up, MCMP	13 6:30 pm Council Mtg., Zoom	14 1-4 pm Pastor in Office 5:00 pm Yoga, FH	15 9-11 am Food Pantry, Allegheny St.	16 Pastor's Sabbath	17
<b>18 15th Sunday after Pentecost</b> <b>Rally Sunday</b> 9:30 am Rally Celebration, FH 10:30 am Worship in Sanctuary 1:00 pm Confirmation Field Trip at JB Tree Farm <b>October Messenger Deadline</b>	19 6:00 pm Boy Scout Sign Up, MCMP	20 Pastor Traci away at Bishop's Convo. You may call her cell. 814-935-9267	21	22 10:00 am Employee Mtg., FH	23 Pastor's Sabbath	24 Possible Synod Education Event for Council President and Treasurer.
<b>25 16th Sunday after Pentecost</b> 9:30 am Adult Sunday School, WR 10:30 am Worship in Sanctuary	26 6:30 pm Boy Scout, FH 6:30 pm Social Ministry Mtg., Zoom	27 12:30-3:00 pm Knotty Ladies, QR	28 1-4 pm Pastor in Office 5:00 pm Yoga, FH	29	30 Pastor's Sabbath	