

## *All Saints Sunday*

**November 7, 2021**

8:30 a.m. Worship in Sanctuary

10:30 a.m. Worship in the Sanctuary



**In response to rising case numbers and in an effort to continue being able to worship in person, we strongly request that everyone mask when inside the building regardless of vaccination status.**

### **Announcements**

#### **Confession and Forgiveness**

**☞** In the name of the Father, and of the ☩ Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **☞ Amen.**

**☞** Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

**☞** Have mercy on us, O God.

**☞ We confess that we have sinned against you and against our neighbor. We have built walls instead of tables and have turned away the stranger. We have sought glory for ourselves and have treasured that which does not satisfy. Help us to love as you love, to welcome those you send, and to treasure mercy and justice. Turn us from our ways to your ways, and free us to serve those in need. Amen.**

**☞** God, who makes all things new, forgives your sins for ☩ Jesus' sake and remembers them no more. Lift up your heads and your hearts. Yours is the kingdom of God. **☞ Amen.**

#### **Procession and Musical Interlude (*Shall We Gather at the River*)**

**☞** The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **☞ And also with you.**

## \*PRAYER OF THE DAY

☐ *Let us pray ...* O God, you show forth your almighty power chiefly by reaching out to us in mercy. Grant us the fullness of your grace, strengthen our trust in your promises, and bring all the world to share in the treasures that come through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. ☑ **Amen**

### First Reading: Isaiah 25:6-9

<sup>6</sup>On this mountain the LORD of hosts will make for all peoples a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wines, of rich food filled with marrow, of well-aged wines strained clear.

<sup>7</sup>And he will destroy on this mountain the shroud that is cast over all peoples, the sheet that is spread over all nations; <sup>8</sup>he will swallow up death forever. Then the Lord GOD will wipe away the tears from all faces, and the disgrace of his people he will take away from all the earth, for the LORD has spoken.

<sup>9</sup>It will be said on that day, Lo, this is our God; we have waited for him, so that he might save us. This is the LORD for whom we have waited; let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation.

☐ The word of the Lord. ☑ **Thanks be to God.**

### PSALM 24 (*To be read responsively.*)

<sup>1</sup>The earth is the LORD's and all that is in it, the world, and those who live in it;

<sup>2</sup>**for he has founded it on the seas, and established it on the rivers.**

<sup>3</sup>Who shall ascend the hill of the LORD? And who shall stand in his holy place?

<sup>4</sup>**Those who have clean hands and pure hearts, who do not lift up their souls to what is false, and do not swear deceitfully.**

<sup>5</sup>They will receive blessing from the LORD, and vindication from the God of their salvation.

<sup>6</sup>**Such is the company of those who seek him, who seek the face of the God of Jacob.**

<sup>7</sup>Lift up your heads, O gates! and be lifted up, O ancient doors! that the King of glory may come in.

<sup>8</sup>**Who is the King of glory? The LORD, strong and mighty, the LORD, mighty in battle.**

<sup>9</sup>Lift up your heads, O gates! and be lifted up, O ancient doors! that the King of glory may come in.

<sup>10</sup>**Who is this King of glory? The LORD of hosts, he is the King of glory.**

## **Second Reading: Revelation 21:1-6a**

<sup>1</sup>I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. <sup>2</sup>And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. <sup>3</sup>And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, “See, the home of God is among mortals. He will dwell with them; they will be his peoples, and God himself will be with them; <sup>4</sup>he will wipe every tear from their eyes. Death will be no more; mourning and crying and pain will be no more, for the first things have passed away.”

<sup>5</sup>And the one who was seated on the throne said, “See, I am making all things new.” Also he said, “Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true.” <sup>6a</sup>Then he said to me, “It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end.”

☐ The word of the Lord. ☑ **Thanks be to God.**

## **Gospel: John 11:32-44**

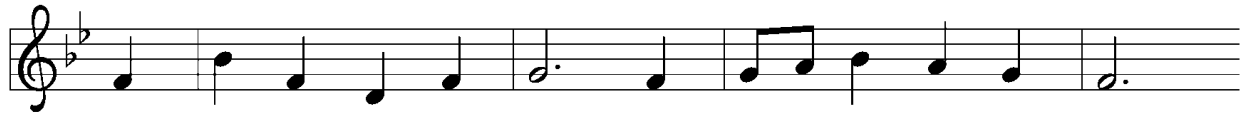
The holy gospel according to John.

### **Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>32</sup>When Mary came where Jesus was and saw him, she knelt at his feet and said to him, “Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died.” <sup>33</sup>When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who came with her also weeping, he was greatly disturbed in spirit and deeply moved. <sup>34</sup>He said, “Where have you laid him?” They said to him, “Lord, come and see.” <sup>35</sup>Jesus began to weep. <sup>36</sup>So the Jews said, “See how he loved him!” <sup>37</sup>But some of them said, “Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man have kept this man from dying?”

<sup>38</sup>Then Jesus, again greatly disturbed, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone was lying against it. <sup>39</sup>Jesus said, “Take away the stone.” Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to him, “Lord, already there is a stench because he has been dead four days.” <sup>40</sup>Jesus said to her, “Did I not tell you that if you believed, you would see the glory of God?” <sup>41</sup>So they took away the stone. And Jesus looked upward and said, “Father, I thank you for having heard me. <sup>42</sup>I knew that you always hear me, but I have said this for the sake of the crowd standing here, so that they may believe that you sent me.” <sup>43</sup>When he had said this, he cried with a loud voice, “Lazarus, come out!” <sup>44</sup>The dead man came out, his hands and feet bound with strips of cloth, and his face wrapped in a cloth. Jesus said to them, “Unbind him, and let him go.”

☐ The Gospel of the Lord. ☑ **Praise to you, O Christ.**



1 For all your saints, O Lord, who strove in you to live,  
 2 For all your saints, O Lord, who strove in you to die,  
 3 They all in life and death, with you, their Lord, in view,  
 4 For this, your name we bless and hum - bly pray a - new  
 5 To God, the Fa - ther, Son, and Spir - it, ev - er blest,



who fol - lowed you, o - beyed, a - dored, our grate - ful hymn re - ceive.  
 who count - ed you their great re - ward, ac - cept our thank - ful cry.  
 learned from your Ho - ly Spir - it's breath to suf - fer and to do.  
 that we like them in ho - li - ness may live and die in you.  
 the One in Three, the Three in One, be end - less praise ad - dressed.

Text: Richard Mant, 1776-1848, alt.

Music: FESTAL SONG, William H. Walter, 1825-1893

**RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS BY TRANSFER: RON & PATRICIA CARNELL**

**\*CREED**

**☐** We believe in one God,

**☑** the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

## \*Prayers of the Church

- P** Eternal God, you hold firm amid the changes of this world. Hear us now as we pray for the church, the world, and everyone in need.
- P** Merciful God, we give thanks for all missionaries who have brought your message of hope to new communities and wiped tears away. Continue to raise up courageous missionaries to share your gospel of hope. Hear us, O God. **C Your mercy is great.**
- P** Creating God, we praise you for abundant harvests and the goodness of creation. Create communities of care for your earth so that all land, water, and soil will be celebrated and cherished by future generations of saints. Hear us, O God. **C Your mercy is great.**
- P** God of peace, we give you thanks for nations of peace that serve as a refuge for all whose homelands are afflicted with violence. Strengthen those who continue to work for peace and support all veterans who carry the scars of war. Hear us, O God. **C Your mercy is great.**
- P** God of healing, we give you thanks for health care workers who labor around the clock to answer cries for help. Bring wholeness to all who struggle with post-traumatic stress disorder, anxiety, depression, addiction, and all who long for healing in any way. Hear us, O God. **C Your mercy is great.**
- P** God of justice, we praise you for the feeding ministries and for all meals that bring people together for nourishment and fellowship. Bless chefs, bakers, servers, dishwashers, communion assistants, and meal ministry coordinators. Hear us, O God. **C Your mercy is great.**
- P** God of the ages, we give you thanks for the saints of this congregation who have inspired, challenged, loved, and taught us (*those who have died during the past year may be named*). Wipe away our tears and lead us by their example until we feast together on your holy mountain. Hear us, O God. **C Your mercy is great.**
- P** God our protection and strength, we entrust to you all for whom we pray. Remain with us always, through Jesus Christ, our Savior. **C Amen.**

## \*GREAT THANKSGIVING

- P** The Lord be with you. **C And also with you.**
- P** Lift up your hearts. **C We lift them to the Lord.**
- P** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
- C It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

**P** You are indeed holy, almighty and merciful God. You are most holy, and great is the majesty of your glory.

You so loved the world that you gave your only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but have eternal life.

We give you thanks for his coming into the world to fulfill for us your holy will and to accomplish all things for our salvation.

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

**C Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

Remembering, therefore, his salutary command, his life-giving passion and death, his glorious resurrection and ascension, and the promise of his coming again, we give thanks to you, O Lord God Almighty, not as we ought but as we are able; we ask you mercifully to accept our praise and thanksgiving and with your Word and Holy Spirit to bless us, your servants, and these your own gifts of bread and wine, so that we and all who share in the body and blood of Christ may be filled with heavenly blessing and grace, and, receiving the forgiveness of sin, may be formed to live as your holy people and be given our inheritance with all your saints.

To you, O God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory in your holy church, now and forever. **C Amen.**

**\*LORD'S PRAYER**

**P** Lord, remember us in your kingdom, and teach us to pray:

**C Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.**

**For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen**

**P** A feast of love is offered here for you and for all the saints.

## Communion Hymn

## Shall We Gather at the River

ELW # 423



- 1 Shall we gath - er at the riv - er, where bright an - gel feet have trod,
- 2 On the mar - gin of the riv - er, wash - ing up its sil - ver spray,
- 3 Ere we reach the shin - ing riv - er, lay we ev - 'ry bur - den down;
- 4 Soon we'll reach the shin - ing riv - er, soon our pil - grim - age will cease;



with its crys - tal tide for - ev - er flow - ing by the throne of God?  
we will walk and wor - ship ev - er, all the hap - py gold - en day.  
grace our spir - its will de - liv - er, and pro - vide a robe and crown.  
soon our hap - py hearts will quiv - er with the mel - o - dy of peace.

### *Refrain*



Yes, we'll gath - er at the riv - er, the beau - ti - ful, the beau - ti - ful riv - er;



gath - er with the saints at the riv - er that flows by the throne of God.

Text: Robert Lowry, 1826–1899  
Music: HANSON PLACE, Robert Lowry

## Post Communion Prayer

**P** Blessed Jesus, at this table, you have been for us both host and meal. Now send us forth to extend our tables and to share your gifts until that day when all feast together at your heavenly banquet. **C** Amen.

## Blessing

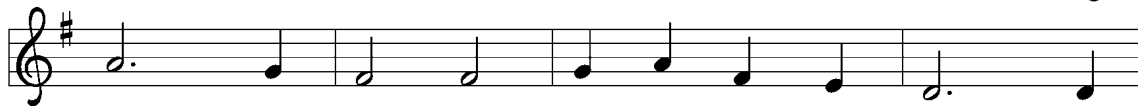
**P** God, the beginning and the end, who has written your name in the book of life, **+** bless and keep you in grace and peace from this time forth and forevermore. **C** Amen.

*Everyone Is Invited To Sing The Sending Hymn While Remaining Masked*



1 For all the saints who from their labors rest, who  
2 Thou wast their rock, their for - tress, and their might; thou,  
*Stanzas 3-5 below.*

6 But then there breaks a yet more glo - rious day: the  
7 From earth's wide bounds, from o - cean's far - thest coast, through



thee by faith be - fore the world con - fessed, thy  
Lord, their cap - tain in the well - fought fight; . .

saints tri - um - phant rise in bright ar - ray; the  
gates of pearl streams in the count - less host, . .



name, O Je - sus, be for - ev - er blest.  
thou, in the dark - ness drear, their one true light.

King of glo - ry pass - es on his way.  
sing - ing to Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost:



Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!



3 Oh, blest com - mu - nion, fel - low - ship di - vine, we fee - bly strug - gle,  
4 And when the strife is fierce, the war - fare long, steals on the ear the  
5 The gold - en eve - ning bright - ens in the west; soon, soon to faith - ful



they in glo - ry shine; yet all are one in thee, for all are  
dis - tant tri - umph song, and hearts are brave a - gain and arms are  
ser - vants com - eth rest; . . . sweet is the calm of par - a - dise the



thine. Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!  
strong.  
blest.

Text: William W. How, 1823-1897

Music: SINE NOMINE, Ralph Vaughan Williams, 1872-1958

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## Dismissal

☞ Led on by the saints before us, go in peace to serve the Lord. ☞ **Thanks be to God.**

## Postlude

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**Please be advised that worship services are recorded and/or live-streamed on social media.**

**Today's Altar Flowers** are placed to the Glory of God and in the memory of loved ones by Mike and Connie Lamborn.

**MESSENGERS:** There is a sign-up sheet on the Narthex bulletin board if you would like a PAPER Messenger each month.

### **Serving God and Us**

Our Pastor – Rev. Traci Marriott

Our Pianist/Organist – Dr. Adam Smith/Mary Nelson

Our Administrative Assistant – Lori Tremmel

Our Assistant Administrative Assistant – Laura Orczeck

Our Sexton – Phil Claar

Our Lector (10:30 a.m.) – Jane Hoenstine

Our Audio/Video Tech – Camden Kuster

Our Offering Counters – Jim Barley, Beth Garner

**Fourth Quarter Ventures in Faith to “*United Lutheran Seminary*”**

### **Phone Prayer Chain Needs Volunteers**

Due to sickness, aging and death the Phone Prayer Chain is in need 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.

### **Introducing Philip Claar**

Philip Claar of Roaring Spring has accepted the position of Sexton for St. Matthew and will begin his service on November 2, 2021. Mr. Claar comes highly recommended and is anxious to begin his duties at St. Matthew. Please welcome Mr. Claar when you see him!

## **Office Hours This Week:**

Pastor Traci – Wednesday 1-4 p.m.

Office Hours – Mon. - Fri., - 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. (Lori)

## **This Week Events**

- Today – Worship in Sanctuary 8:30 a.m.  
Sunday School 9:30 a.m.  
Worship in Sanctuary 10:30 a.m.
- Monday - Christian Ed Meeting 6:30 p.m. via Zoom  
Boy Scouts 6:30 p.m. FH
- Tuesday - Bible Study 4:00 p.m. via Zoom  
Council Meeting 6:30 p.m. via Zoom
- Wednesday Yoga 5:00 p.m. FH
- Thursday – Book Study via Zoom 4:00 & 7:00 p.m.
- Sunday – Worship in Sanctuary 8:30 a.m.  
Sunday School 9:30 a.m.  
Worship in Sanctuary 10:30 a.m.

## **Worship Schedule for November**

In November, we will offer two Sunday services each week.

**8:30 AM Worship in the Sanctuary**—Full Spoken Liturgy of Word & Sacrament  
(Communion)

**10:30AM Worship in the Sanctuary**—Full Spoken Liturgy of Word & Sacrament  
(Communion)

This will be the recorded and live-streamed service.

**Prayers are needed for our homebound:** Shirley Acker, Carl & Dawn Alexy, John Aljets, Vivian Beach, Verna Blough, Fred Brandenburg, Clyde Claycomb, Betty Helsel, Jere Hess, Audrey Hite, Ruth Johnson, Audrey & Dan Kensinger, Janet Kreider, Ginny Sell, Dan Sinal, Don Smith, Bill Stahl, Joy Williams.

**Prayer Concerns:** Amy & Family, Pastor Denise Arpino, Cindy Barnes, Randy Barrett, Diane Cappel, Greg Comer, Brian Fleck, Jim Fritz, Shelby Gerrity, George Gilbert Sr., Dan Hershberger, Marilyn Horton, Darren Kreutzer, Karrie McCall & Family, Betty McDowell, Rick McIntyre, Nathan, Aunt Mica, Murtle Miller, Joan Partner, Deb Peters, Paul Ruth, Barbara Smith, Luther Steele, Cindy Thomas, Norm Tremmel, Carol Weyandt, Pete Williams, Jim & Ginny Zeek, Jody Zelanko, and for our **Missionaries: Rev. Lesley Hand, On Eagle's Wings, Elizabeth Hendrickson.**

**Our college students:** Christopher Bush, Olivia Day, Jacob Orczeck.

**Those Serving in the Army Overseas:** Nathan Smith (Germany)

## Martinsburg Food Pantry

The Food Pantry will be open for food distribution on Thursday, November 18<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 a.m. until 11:00 a.m. Mt. Pleasant United Church of Christ will supply 3 or 4 to help in addition to the regular helpers.



**Items most needed for November:** Mushroom Soup, Scalloped Potatoes, Stuffing Mix, Mixed Vegetables, Pineapple. Many Thanks for all the school supplies given!  
*Linda K. Smith*

### Readings for the Week:

**Monday** Psalm 94; Ruth 1:1-22; 1 Timothy 5:1-8. **Tuesday** Ruth 3:14-4:6; 1 Timothy 5:9-16. **Wednesday** Ruth 4:7-22; Luke 4:16-30. **Thursday** Psalm 16; Daniel 4:4-18; 1 Timothy 6:11-21. **Friday** Daniel 4:19-27; Colossians 2:6-15. **Saturday** Daniel 4:28-37; Mark 12:1-12. **Twenty-third Sunday after Pentecost** Daniel 12:1-3; Psalm 16; Hebrews 10:11-14 (15-18) 19-25; Mark 13:1-8.

## Bible Study

### NOVEMBER Zoom Bible Study

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

November 9: Job 1:1-1; 2:1-10

November 16: Job 23:1-9, 16-17

November 23: Job 38:1-7 [34-41]

November 30: Job 42:1-6, 10-17

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/5966211441?pwd=VIE2MVdMT3drcjIxTFhLK2RLNkRUQT09>

Meeting ID: 596 621 1441

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## 2021 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 7<sup>th</sup>, 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*	Harold Grove	Scott Paul
Pete Barley*	Cpt. Donald Grove	Timothy Perry*
Alan Brubaker	Robert V. Gunnett	John Replogle
Lester Buchart*	Bob Guyer	Paul E. Rummel*
Bryan Bush	Colin Guyer	John Sell*
Jim Calvert*	Kyle Guyer	Dan Sinal
Cletus Carberry*	Mark Guyer	Elwood Smith*
Clyde Claycomb	Greg Haffling	Nathan Smith
Robert "Bob" Creps*	Charles Henzler	Sheldon O. Smith*
Michael Corcoran	Dean Hinish*	John Lee Snyder
Kermit Daniel*	Rodger Hoover	Michael L. Snyder
LeMar Daniel*	Dante Iachini*	William Stahl
Edward DeAngelis*	Joseph Iwanski*	Jim Stewart
P. Robert Dickson	Charles Kreider*	Ralph Stouffer*
Andy Freyer*	Henry Lamborn	William Straesser*
Matt Freyer	Mike Lamborn	John Szymckec*
Donald Garner*	David Lehman	Milo "Bud" Uber*
Jeff Garner	Les Loomis	Laura Webb
George Gilbert Sr	Kenneth Long*	Jay Webb
George Gilbert Jr	Richard A. McGraw*	James Weyant*
	Harold Mountain*	<b>*Deceased</b>



## All Saints' Sunday

Today, November 7<sup>th</sup> we remember those from our congregation and friends who have, by God's grace, joined that "Company of Heaven" since All Saints' Sunday of 2020.

*Gerald Beach*

*Janet Beck*

*Richard Bogh*

*Herbert Brown*

*Sandra Robinette Crossman*

*Peggy Ferry*

*Lavetta Galves*

*Donna Gearhart*

*Nora Graybill*

*Donld Greenleaf*

*Bill Hainaut*

*W. Gene Henry*

*Doris Henderson*

*Dean S. Hinish*

*Stephen D. Hinish*

*Gerald R. Hoover*

*Barbara Ann Iachini*

*Jozef Iwanski*

*Anna Klepser*

*Jackie Michaels*

*Ralph Mielnik*

*Tim Winey Moorhead*

*Mikayla Ross*

*Susie Salowe*

*Kevin Sanders*

*Walter Smith*

*Betty Tipton*

*Nancy Uber*

*Edmund Weise*

*Larry Zeek*

## Hunter's Blessing

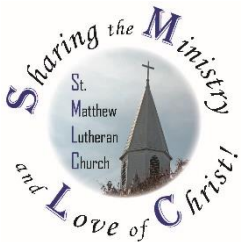
**Sunday, November 14, 2021**

**11:30 a.m. at the Maple St. Entrance**

All Hunters are invited to a blessing for the 2021 Hunting Season. Feel free to wear your blaze orange or camo. (Please just bring yourself, not your gear.)

## Our Annual Commitment Card

**Please complete the card below and return in the offering plate or to the church office by November 30, 2021.**



### St. Matthew Evangelical Lutheran Church Stewardship Commitment Card 2022

Mission in the Parish \$ \_\_\_\_\_ (wkly. or mthly) circle one  
(Current Expense)

Mission in the World \$ \_\_\_\_\_ (wkly. or mthly) circle one  
(Benevolence)

Ventures in Faith \$ \_\_\_\_\_ (wkly. or mthly) circle one

Building Fund \$ \_\_\_\_\_ (wkly. or mthly) circle one

**Total Giving** \$ \_\_\_\_\_ (wkly. or mthly) circle one

**(Please circle one) → Weekly or Monthly**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ OR 2021 Env. # \_\_\_\_\_

(Please print your name or your offering envelope number.)

### St. Matthew Ev. Lutheran Stewardship Commitment Card 2022

Mission in the Parish \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
(Current Expense)

Mission in the World \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
(Benevolence)

Ventures in Faith \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Building Fund \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Total Giving** \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**KEEP THIS SECTION FOR  
YOUR RECORDS**



## Coming Soon on November 28, 2021

The first Sunday in Advent is coming soon, and our “*Mitten Tree*” will be in the Narthex!

Please bring elementary school – age children’s mittens, gloves, hats, scarves, earmuffs or socks to be hung on the “*Mitten Tree*” from Sunday, November 28<sup>th</sup> until Sunday, December 19<sup>th</sup>.

These will be distributed by the school nurse at the Spring Cove Elementary Schools for children needing these items. Donations of money can be given by marking a pew envelope “*Mitten Tree*”, and the money will be used to purchase needed items.

*Let’s help children have a warmer winter!*

## The Lutheran Magazine

The Lutheran is where members find news and views on faith, Scripture, mission, advocacy and more impacting daily life. The magazine is a resource for education, outreach and evangelism while providing a forum for discussion on issues of the day. If you would like to donate towards your yearly subscription you may do so by marking “Lutheran” in the “Other Position” on your offering envelope or on a pew envelope. The yearly subscription is \$8.95.

## Bible Study—Second Attempt

We had no participants for the four-part bible study on the book of Job when it was originally scheduled in the month of October. We’ll try again: Zoom at 4PM on Tuesdays November 9, 16, 23, and 30. Job is a fascinating and timely book that explores the nature of God in times of suffering. \*If there is interest in evening Zoom bible study, we can add that to the schedule as well; please let Pastor Traci know if you are unable to attend during the day but interested in an evening bible study.



## In Case of Emergency

Office hours are Monday - Friday 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. In off hours, if there is an emergency ALL phone calls should go to Pastor Traci at 814-935-9267.



## Nominating Committee Needs Volunteers

**Age:** 18 – 100 years old

Have you ever thought about chairing a Committee; but you don't know what that committee does or what a chairperson does? This year we need a Chairperson for the Staff Committee.

**Staff Committee – Kaye Burket** - responsible for conducting the meetings and overseeing the activities and responsibilities of our working employees.

**Social Ministry Committee – Need Volunteer** - promotes faith in action through social responsibility at the local, state, national and international levels.

**Finance Committee – Jim Barley** – monitors church finances and investments; prepares budget; recommends spending allocations.

**Worship and Music Committee – Jane Fagans** - works with the pastor and music staff to provide meaningful worship experiences.

**Evangelism Committee – Mike Lamborn** -responsible for providing opportunities for and encouraging members to share their faith with each other and with their neighbors.

**Stewardship Committee – Need Volunteer** -encourages members' use of their time, talents and treasures as a response to the generosity of God's love for us.

**Nominating Committee – Needs Volunteers (2)** - responsible for the new slate of members for Council each year. Usually, meets once in October and November.

If you were thinking that chairing a committee is a lot of work; it's not. Responsibilities of chairing a committee, means that you oversee your committee members and attend Council Meetings once a month. Some committees meet once a month, some just once every quarter or once or twice a year.

Please call Peggy Steinfurth at 515-6205 to volunteer your **Time** to God. Or you may talk to one of the committee members:

Martie Gilbert

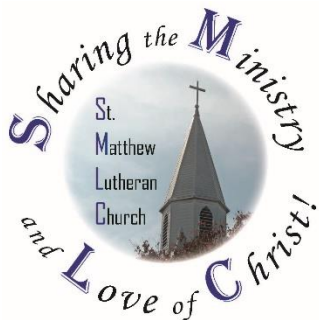
Ruth Marshall

Peggy Steinfurth

Sheena Tremmel

### **Book Study— Searching for Sunday by Rachel Held Evans**

The second half of our book study on “Searching for Sunday” has been postponed until Thursday, November 11<sup>th</sup> at 4PM and 7PM. The whole book is fair game for discussion at either of those times; join us at whichever one is most convenient, and even if you missed the first half, feel free to catch up with us on the second half.



# St. Matthew Lutheran Church

## Time and Talent Opportunities for 2022

God calls each of us uniquely into ministry. When we, as good stewards of the passions and gifts God has given us, respond by joyfully dedicating ourselves to God's work in the world, ministry happens.

**All who participate in the life of St. Matthew are encouraged to "Share the Ministry and Love of Christ" through their time and talents.**

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Home Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone (H) \_\_\_\_\_ (C) \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

God gives each of us unique Spiritual Gifts. What feels like a passion in your heart is the presence of those gifts. Please take a few moments to consider your passions. When our time, talents, and passions are used, joy comes through sharing them to do God's work. Please include interests such as fishing, reading, cooking, sewing, etc. that could be the basis for either forming social groups or contributing to the congregation's ministries. Please list your unique passions/talents/interests here:

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**Please give prayerful thought to the following list and check the boxes for all activities where you are able to serve.**

I would be willing to have my name placed on the ballot to be considered for a leadership role on the St. Matthew Church Council as a member and/or an officer.

I would be willing to serve on the Nominating Committee that secures the nominations for Church Council.

I would like to attend the Allegheny Synod Assembly, either as a voting member or as a visitor.

Serve as a member of the **Evangelism Committee** - responsible for providing opportunities for and encouraging members to share their faith with each other and with their neighbors.

*I can't serve on the committee but I would like to help in the following ways:*

Coordinate Prayer Vigil		Provide rides for church events		Coordinate rides for church events
Assemble and deliver welcome boxes		Be a greeter on Sunday morning		Participate in telephone prayer chain.
Participate in email prayer chain		Schedule Sunday morning greeters		



Serve as a member of the **FINANCE COMMITTEE** – monitors church finances and investments; prepares budget; recommends spending allocations.

*I can't serve on the committee but I would like to help in the following ways:*

Count offerings after worship		Audit annual books	

Serve as a member of the **PROPERTY COMMITTEE** – responsible for maintaining the interior and exterior church property.

*I can't serve on the committee but I would like to help in the following ways:*

Snow removal		Landscaping/gardening	General handyman/ handywoman
Skills you can share:			

Serve as a member of the **SOCIAL MINISTRY COMMITTEE** – promotes faith in action through social responsibility at the local, state, national and international levels.

*I can't serve on the committee but I would like to help in the following ways:*

Blood pressure screenings		Providing meals	Providing transportation
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Serve as a member of the **STAFF SUPPORT COMMITTEE** – oversight of the church staff and child protection clearances for volunteers.

*I can't serve on the committee but I would like to help in the following ways:*

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Serve as a member of the **STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE** – encourages members' use of their time, talent and treasures as a response to the generosity of God's love for us.

*I can't serve on the committee but I would like to help in the following ways:*

Give temple talk		Help develop stewardship programs	Write newsletter articles about stewardship
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Serve as a member of the **WORSHIP AND MUSIC COMMITTEE** – works with the pastor and music staff to provide meaningful worship experiences.

*I can't serve on the committee but I would like to help in the following ways:*

Usher		Read lessons	Acolyte
Communion Assistant		Journey to Bethlehem	Coordinate flowers
Audio/Visual equipment		Assisting Minister	Arrange and/or provide special music

**MISCELLANEOUS** – Gifts, talents and interests that can be shared through various committees:

Decorations/ Centerpieces		Sing	Drama
Sewing		Cooking	Woodworking
Play instrument(s):			
Photography		Office/Administrative	Computer assistance

## New Members

Welcome **Ron and Patricia Carnell** to the family of St. Matthew through transfer.  
Ron and Patricia reside at 507 Silvery Lane, Martinsburg, PA 16662

### Our Annual Commitment Card

Please complete the card below and return in the offering plate or to  
the church office by **November 30, 2021.**



#### St. Matthew Evangelical Lutheran Church Stewardship Commitment Card 2022

Mission in the Parish \$ \_\_\_\_\_ (wkly. or mthly) circle one  
(Current Expense)  
Mission in the World \$ \_\_\_\_\_ (wkly. or mthly) circle one  
(Benevolence)  
Ventures in Faith \$ \_\_\_\_\_ (wkly. or mthly) circle one  
Building Fund \$ \_\_\_\_\_ (wkly. or mthly) circle one  
**Total Giving** \$ \_\_\_\_\_ (wkly. or mthly) circle one

**(Please circle one) → Weekly or Monthly**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ OR 2021 Env. # \_\_\_\_\_  
(Please print your name or your offering envelope number.)

#### St. Matthew Ev. Lutheran Stewardship Commitment Card 2022

Mission in the Parish \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
(Current Expense)  
Mission in the World \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
(Benevolence)  
Ventures in Faith \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
Building Fund \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
**Total Giving** \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**KEEP THIS SECTION FOR  
YOUR RECORDS**