

Second Sunday of Advent

December 5, 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**

P Blessed be the Holy Trinity, † one God, who alone does wonders, who lifts up the lowly, who fills the hungry with good things. **G Amen.**

P Let us confess our sin, trusting in the tender mercy of our God.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P God for whom we wait,

G **in the presence of one another, we confess our sin before you. We fail in believing that your good news is for us. We falter in our call to tend your creation. We find our sense of self in material wealth. We fear those different from ourselves. We forget that we are your children and turn away from your love. Forgive us, Blessed One, and assure us again of your saving grace Amen.**

P God, in Christ Jesus, has looked with favor upon you! Through the power of the Holy Spirit, † your sins are forgiven. You are children of the Most High, inheritors of the eternal promise, and recipients of divine mercy. God strengthens you anew to follow the way of peace. **G Amen.**

*PRAYER OF THE DAY

☐ *Let us pray ...* Stir up our hearts, Lord God, to prepare the way of your only Son. By his coming give to all the people of the world knowledge of your salvation; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. ☑ Amen.

* LIGHTING ADVENT CANDLES

ADVENT LIGHTING HYMN *O Come O Come Emanuel* (vs 2)



1 O come, O come, Em - man - u - el, and ran - som cap - tive
2 O come, O Wis - dom from on high, em - brac - ing all things
3 O come, O come, O Lord of might, as to your tribes on
4 O come, O Branch of Jes - se, free your own from Sa - tan's



Is - ra - el, that mourns in lone - ly ex - ile here
far and nigh: in strength and beau - ty come and stay;
Si - nai's height in an - cient times you gave the law
tyr - an - ny; from depths of hell your peo - ple save,



un - til the Son of God ap - pear.
teach us your will and guide our way. Re-joice! Re-joice!
in cloud, and maj - es - ty, and awe.
and give them vic - t'ry o'er the grave.



Em - man - u - el shall come to you, O Is - ra - el.

Text: *Psalterium Cantionum Catholicarum*, Köln, 1710; tr. composite
Music: VENI, EMMANUEL, French processional, 15th cent.
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First Reading: Malachi 3:1-4

¹See, I am sending my messenger to prepare the way before me, and the Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to his temple. The messenger of the covenant in whom you delight—indeed, he is coming, says the LORD of hosts. ²But who can endure the day of his coming, and who can stand when he appears?

For he is like a refiner's fire and like fullers' soap; ³he will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver, and he will purify the descendants of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, until they present offerings to the LORD in righteousness. ⁴Then the offering of Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasing to the LORD as in the days of old and as in former years.

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

Luke 1:68-79 (*To be read responsively.*)

⁶⁸Blessed are you, Lord, the God of Israel, you have come to your people and set them free.

⁶⁹**You have raised up for us a mighty Savior, born of the house of your servant David.**

⁷⁰Through your holy prophets, you promised of old to save us from our enemies,
⁷¹from the hands of all who hate us,

⁷²**to show mercy to our forebears, and to remember your holy covenant.**

⁷³This was the oath you swore to our father Abraham: ⁷⁴to set us free from the hands of our enemies,

free to worship you without fear, ⁷⁵holy and righteous before you, all the days of our life.

⁷⁶And you, child, shall be called the prophet of the Most High, for you will go before the Lord to prepare the way,

⁷⁷**to give God's people knowledge of salvation by the forgiveness of their sins.**

⁷⁸In the tender compassion of our God the dawn from on high shall break upon us,

⁷⁹**to shine on those who dwell in darkness and in the shadow of death, and to guide our feet into the way of peace.**

Second Reading: Philippians 1:3-11

³I thank my God every time I remember you, ⁴constantly praying with joy in every one of my prayers for all of you, ⁵because of your sharing in the gospel from the first day until now. ⁶I am confident of this, that the one who began a good work among you will bring it to completion by the day of Jesus Christ. ⁷It is right for me to think this way about all of you, because you hold me in your heart, for all of you share in God's grace with me, both in my imprisonment and in the defense and confirmation of the gospel.

⁸For God is my witness, how I long for all of you with the compassion of Christ Jesus. ⁹And this is my prayer, that your love may overflow more and more with knowledge and full insight ¹⁰to help you to determine what is best, so that in the day of Christ you may be pure and blameless, ¹¹having produced the harvest of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ for the glory and praise of God.

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

***Gospel:** Luke 3:1-6

The holy gospel according to Luke.

Glory to you, O Lord.

¹In the fifteenth year of the reign of Emperor Tiberius, when Pontius Pilate was governor of Judea, and Herod was ruler of Galilee, and his brother Philip ruler of the region of Iturea and Trachonitis, and Lysanias ruler of Abilene, ²during the high priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John son of Zechariah in the wilderness. ³He went into all the region around the Jordan, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins, ⁴as it is written in the book of the words of the prophet Isaiah, "The voice of one crying out in the wilderness: 'Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight. ⁵Every valley shall be filled, and every mountain and hill shall be made low, and the crooked shall be made straight, and the rough ways made smooth; ⁶and all flesh shall see the salvation of God.'"

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

SERMON

Pastor Traci

***HYMN OF THE DAY**

Blessed Be the God of Israel

ELW # 250



1 Blessed be the God of Is - ra - el who comes to set us free
2 With prom - ised mer - cy will God still the cov - e - nant re - call,
3 My child, as proph - et of the Lord you will pre - pare the way,



and rais - es up new hope for us: a Branch from Da - vid's tree.
the oath once sworn to A - bra - ham, from foes to save us all;
to tell God's peo - ple they are saved from sin's e - ter - nal sway.



So have the proph - ets long de - clared that with a might - y arm
that we might wor - ship with - out fear and of - fer lives of praise,
Then shall God's mer - cy from on high shine forth and nev - er cease



God would turn back our en - e - mies and all who wish us harm.
in ho - li - ness and righ - teous - ness to serve God all our days.
to drive a - way the gloom of death and lead us in - to peace.

Text: Carl P. Daw Jr., b. 1944, based on Luke 1:68-79

Music: FOREST GREEN, English folk tune

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***CREED**

☐ Let us confess our faith through the words of the Apostles' Creed.

☑ **I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen

***Prayers of the Church**

☐ In this season of watching and waiting, let us pray for all people and places that yearn for God's presence.

- P** You send messengers into the world to proclaim the day of your coming. Make our bishops, pastors, deacons, and lay preachers confident in their preaching, that their words and our lives witness to your grace. Hear us, O God. **C** **Your mercy is great.**
- P** Send your Spirit to all living creatures that are endangered. Provide them with shelter and care, and bring us into right relationship with the earth that you create and call good. Hear us, O God. **C** **Your mercy is great.**
- P** Send leaders to our nations, cities, schools, and businesses to work on behalf of those who have lost parents, spouses, and loved ones; immigrants; the imprisoned; those living in poverty; and all who are oppressed. Make them bold in their commitments to justice and reconciliation. Hear us, O God. **C** **Your mercy is great.**
- P** Send your servants to care for those who suffer. Use our ministries and our lives to reach out with compassion to those who are hungry, oppressed, lonely, or ill. Grant them healing and wholeness. Hear us, O God. **C** **Your mercy is great.**
- P** Send prophets to speak difficult truths, even when they are poorly received. Embolden those who ask hard questions and challenge accepted ways. Instill in youth and elders alike a passion for pointing to Jesus in all things. Hear us, O God. **C** **Your mercy is great.**
- P** We remember your saints, both those publicly celebrated and those more humbly remembered. Confident that your work will be completed, we live in faith until the day of your coming. Hear us, O God. **C** **Your mercy is great.**
- P** God of new life, you come among us in the places we least expect. Receive these prayers and those of our hearts, in the name of Jesus. **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** It is indeed right and salutary that we should at all times and in all places offer thanks and praise to you, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everliving God. You comforted your people with the promise of the Redeemer, through whom you will also make all things new in the day when he comes again to judge the world in righteousness.

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

Holy One, the beginning and the end, the giver of life:

Blessed are you for the birth of creation.

Blessed are you in the darkness and in the light.

Blessed are you for your promise to your people.

Blessed are you in the prophets' hopes and dreams.

Blessed are you for Mary's openness to your will.

Blessed are you for your Son Jesus, the Word made flesh.

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.

Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:

☩ Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

With this bread and cup we remember your Word dwelling among us, full of grace and truth. We remember our new birth in his death and resurrection. We look with hope for his coming. **☩ Come, Lord Jesus.**

Holy God, we long for your Spirit. Come among us. Bless this meal. May your Word take flesh in us. Awaken your people. Fill us with your light. Bring the gift of peace on earth. **☩ Come, Holy Spirit.**

All praise and glory are yours, Holy One of Israel, Word of God incarnate, Power of the Most High, one God, now and forever. **☩ Amen.**

***LORD'S PRAYER**

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

☩ 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

℟ Come to Christ's banquet. Feast on God's gift of grace.

Communion Hymn

There's a Voice in the Wilderness

ELW # 255



1 There's a voice in the wil - der - ness cry - ing, a
 2 O Je - ru - sa - lem, her - ald good tid - ings, as -
 3 But the word of our Sav - ior is faith - ful, the



call from the ways un - trod: Pre - pare in the des - ert a
 cend to the heights and sing! Pro - claim to a des - o - late
 arm of our God is strong, who stands in the midst of the



high - way, a high - way for our God!
 peo - ple the com - ing of their king.
 na - tions and soon will right the wrong.



The val - leys shall be ex - alt - ed, the
 Like flow'rs of the field we per - ish, like
 Lord, feed your flock like a shep - herd, the



loft - y hills brought low; make straight all the crook - ed
 grass our works de - cay; the pow'r and the pomp of
 lambs so gent - ly hold; in pas - tures of peace now



plac - es where God, our God, may go!
 na - tions shall pass like a dream a - way.
 lead them, and bring them to your fold.

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Post Communion Prayer

☐ Most High God, you have come among us at this table. By the Spirit's power, form us to be bearers of your word sharing gifts of mercy and grace with all, through Christ Jesus, our host and our guest. ☑ **Amen.**

Blessing

☐ The God of hope fill us with all joy and peace in believing, so that we may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit, through Christ Jesus for whom we wait. ☑ **Amen.**

Everyone Is Invited To Sing The Sending Hymn While Remaining Masked

*SENDING SONG

Prepare the Royal Highway

ELW # 264



1 Pre - pare the roy - al high - way; the King of kings is near!
2 God's peo - ple, see him com - ing; your own e - ter - nal king!
3 Then fling the gates wide o - pen to greet your prom - ised king!
4 His is no earth - ly king - dom; it comes from heav'n a - bove.



Let ev - 'ry hill and val - ley a lev - el road ap - pear!
Palm branch - es strew be - fore him! Spread gar - ments! Shout and sing!
Your king, yet ev - 'ry na - tion its trib - ute too may bring.
His rule is peace and free - dom and jus - tice, truth, and love.



Then greet the King of glo - ry, fore - told in sa - cred sto - ry:
God's prom - ise will not fail you! No more shall doubt as - sail you!
All lands will bow be - fore him; their voic - es join your sing - ing:
So let your praise be sound - ing for kind - ness so a - bound - ing:



Ho - san - na to the Lord, for he ful - fills God's word!

Dismissal

☐ Go in peace. Christ is near. ☑ **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude

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.

Advent Devotional Items are located in the Narthex. Please take them home with you.

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.) – Andrea Paul

Our Acolyte (10:30 a.m.) – Jay Hoenstine

Our Audio/Video Tech – Camden Kuster

Our Offering Counters – Jim Barley, Beth Garner

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

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, Joan Partner, Ginny Sell, Dan Sinal, Don Smith, Bill Stahl, Joy Williams.

Prayer Concerns: Amy & Family, Pastor Denise Arpino, Diane Baer, Cindy Barnes, Randy Barrett, Diane Cappel, Greg Comer, Brian Fleck, Jim Fritz, Shelby Gerrity, George Gilbert Sr., Dan Hershberger, Joe Hinton, Shearl Hite, Barrett Hoover, Marilyn Horton, Darren Kreutzer, Karrie McCall & Family, Betty McDowell, Rick McIntyre, Nathan, Aunt Mica, Murtle Miller, Deb Peters, Randy Potts, Dan Ross, Dorothy Ross, Paul Ruth, Barbara Smith, Don Smith, Luther Steele, Dawn Theofield, Cindy Thomas, Norm Tremmel, Carol Weyandt, Jean White, 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)

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 – Question & Answer Session for 2022 Proposed Budget 9:30 a.m.
in Sanctuary

Sunday School 9:30 a.m.

Worship in Sanctuary 10:30 a.m.

Picture taking in Fellowship Hall for Pictorial Directory,
following worship

Candy Making in the Kitchen 12:00-2:00 p.m.

Monday - Boy Scouts 6:30 p.m. FH

Wednesday Yoga 5:00 p.m. FH

Sunday – Sunday School 9:30 a.m.

Worship in Sanctuary 10:30 a.m.

Congregational Meeting following worship

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Worship Schedule for December

In December we will have ONE Sunday service each week.

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

This will be the recorded and live-streamed service.

Christmas Eve Services: December 24 will have two traditional Candlelight
Communion Services at 7:00 and 9:00 p.m.

Sunday, December 26 will be a **recorded service** on Facebook at 10:30 a.m. of the
Lessons & Carols

Readings for the Week:

Monday Psalm 126; Isaiah 40:1-11; Romans 8:22-25. **Tuesday** Isaiah 19:18-25; 2 Peter 1:2-15. **Wednesday** Isaiah 35:3-7; Luke 7:18-30. **Thursday** Isaiah 12:2-6; Amos 6:1-8; 2 Corinthians 8:1-15. **Friday** Amos 8:4-12; 2 Corinthians 9:1-5. **Saturday** Amos 9:8-15; Luke 1:57-66. **3rd Sunday of Advent** Zephaniah 3:14-20; Isaiah 12:2-6; Philippians 4:4-7; Luke 3:7-18.

Mitten Tree



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

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!

New Photo Directory: Carlos Lamborn will be taking pictures for the new photo directory after the 10:30 a.m. service for the first three (3) Sundays of December. There will be no charge for the pictures and if you would like a copy of the picture so you can have it reproduced just ask Carlos or Mike.



Name Tags: In the Narthex are name tags that the Evangelism Committee would like for us to use so we can get to know one another again since the Pandemic. Please return them at the end of the service.

Cove Christmas Love: The Martinsburg Area Association of Churches are collecting items this year to distribute items to families that are most in need for a blessed Christmas. A special checking account is maintained to manage monetary funds designated for this program. St. Matthew has a box in the Narthex marked “**Merry Christmas Cove Christmas Love**”.

Deadline is Monday, December 7th. If you have any questions please call Pastor Chris at Memorial Church of the Brethren at 814-793-2422. Please make checks payable to “**Cove Christmas Love**” and mail to **Pastor Brant Leidy, Martinsburg Grace Brethren Church, 300 S Mulberry St., Martinsburg, PA 16662**

Nominating Committee Needs Volunteers

Age: 18 – 100 years old

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

Social Ministry Committee – Tina Harclerode - 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 – Rev. Ed Harshbarger -encourages members' use of their time, talents and treasures as a response to the generosity of God's love for us.

Nominating Committee -- responsible for the new slate of members for Council each year. Usually, meets once in October and November.

Peggy Freyer

Martie Gilbert

Ruth Marshall

Peggy Steinfurth

Congregational Treasurer – Beth Garner

The Congregational Meeting is scheduled for Sunday, December 12 during the 10:30 a.m. worship service. If no more volunteers offer to fill the open positions before the meeting then nominations will be taken from the floor.

Please call Peggy Steinfurth at 515-6205 or talk to one of the committee members to volunteer.

Martinsburg Food Pantry

On Thursday, December 16 the food Pantry will be open for distribution of food from 9:00 a.m. until 11:00 a.m. Volunteers from participating churches will be assisting in the distribution of food, along with the regular volunteers. We anticipate many Food Drives in December.

The following food items most needed are: **Canned Meat, Cereal, Scalloped Potatoes, Pineapple, & Hamburger Helper.**

Many thanks to all who generously gave to the Food Pantry this year. It is greatly appreciated! *Linda K. Smith*



Dear Members of St. Matthew Lutheran Church:

The 2021 Annual Congregational Meeting is scheduled for Sunday, December 12th at 10:30 a.m. Here in, and for your review, is a copy of the 2022 Ministry Proposal (Congregational Budget) for St. Matthew Lutheran Church.

The budget process begins with all committees providing their budget requests to the finance committee, who then review the individual proposals and ultimately agree on a budget. Church Council then reviews the budget, and in this case, approved it at their November 9th meeting.

The overall budget for 2022 reflects a decrease of 1.4% from 2021. The congregation will be asked to approve this proposed 2022 Budget at the annual meeting.

The congregation will also be asked to approve the following 2022 recommendations for Venture in Faith, which are the same as 2021:

- First Quarter- Local Needs
- Second Quarter- Youth and Camping
- Third Quarter- On Eagle's Wings and Missionaries
- Fourth Quarter- United Lutheran Seminary (both Gettysburg and Philadelphia).

The congregation will also be asked to approve the 2022 recommendations for Special Envelopes, which are identical to what was used in 2021:

- Easter- Breezewood Truck Ministry
- Children's Sunday- Good Shepherd Children's Home
- Harvest Home- ALSM
- Blanket Sunday- Lutheran World Relief
- Christmas Eve- St. Matthew Current Expense

If, after reviewing the budget and the recommendations for Ventures in Faith and Special Envelopes, if you have questions or concerns, there will be a **question and answer session today, November 28th and December 5th at 9:30 a.m. in the Sanctuary.** You may also contact Jim Barley by phone (814-793-4623) or by email (jimbarley@gmail.com).

*In response to God's love, St. Matthew Lutheran Church
Shares God's word and serves all people.*

*Jim Barley
Finance Committee Chairperson*

St. Matthew Lutheran Church Proposed Budget 2022

	2022 Proposed Budget	2021 Budget	2020 Actual	2019 Actual	2018 Actual
MINISTRY OF THE PASTOR					
Base Salary/Housing Allowance	\$57,350.00	\$56,081.00	\$56,073.12	\$53,815.12	\$10,724.32
Social Security Allowance	\$4,387.00	\$4,290.00	\$4,198.08	\$4,039.92	\$652.84
Transitional Pastors Stipend					\$24,000.75
Total Compensation	\$61,737.00	\$60,371.00	\$60,271.20	\$57,855.04	\$35,377.91
Pension Contribution	\$7,409.00	\$7,245.00	\$7,088.52	\$6,822.93	\$0.00
Medical	\$9,878.00	\$9,478.00	\$8,831.46	\$7,817.92	\$2,622.64
Disability and Death	\$1,358.00	\$1,329.00	\$1,092.84	\$1,535.03	\$9.00
Disability Insurance Supplement			\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Retirement Support			\$413.52	\$397.44	\$0.00
Health Care Deductible Payment					
Total Benefits	\$18,645.00	\$18,052.00	\$17,426.34	\$16,573.32	\$2,631.64
TOTAL COMPENSATION & BENEFITS OF THE PASTOR	\$80,382.00	\$78,423.00	\$77,697.54	\$74,428.36	\$38,009.55
PROFESSIONAL REIMBURSEMENT					
Automobile Reimbursement	\$3,000.00	\$3,000.00	\$671.95	\$2,269.68	\$317.95
Continuing Ed, Books & Periodicals	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$935.50	\$1,002.74	\$77.16
Assembly/Conference Expense	\$600.00	\$600.00	\$25.00	\$461.00	\$143.00
Other Professional Exp	\$1,100.00	\$1,100.00	\$0.00	\$1,397.38	\$18.88
Transition Pastors Mileage and Lodging					\$9,243.52
TOTAL PROFESSIONAL REIMBURSEMENT	\$5,700.00	\$5,700.00	\$1,632.45	\$5,130.80	\$9,800.51
PARISH ADMINISTRATION					
Parish Administrative Assistant	\$31,992.00	\$31,272.00	\$31,200.00	\$30,599.94	\$29,618.00
Employer's SS Taxes Parish Admin Ass't	\$2,447.00	\$2,392.00	\$2,227.35	\$2,224.38	\$2,126.44
Employee Benefits Parish Admin Ass't	\$13,867.00	\$13,676.00	\$13,548.30	\$13,093.08	\$14,161.66
Assistant to Administrative Assistant	\$3,000.00	\$2,938.00	\$641.37	\$2,064.51	\$1,697.25
Employer's SS Taxes Ass't Admin Ass't	\$230.00	\$255.00	\$57.23	\$161.34	\$112.45
Office Supplies	\$2,000.00	\$3,000.00	\$2,132.07	\$2,956.78	\$2,586.16
Postage	\$1,000.00	\$1,200.00	\$1,034.48	\$1,381.71	\$1,370.16
Telephone	\$3,000.00	\$3,000.00	\$2,957.12	\$2,927.98	\$2,841.07
Maintenance and Repairs	\$1,800.00	\$1,800.00	\$822.06	\$3,366.35	\$1,523.26
Computer Program & Updates	\$1,750.00	\$1,750.00	\$1,049.47	\$1,627.00	\$1,882.91
Copier Lease	\$2,604.00	\$4,500.00	\$4,134.60	\$4,134.60	\$4,150.70
Misc. Expenses	\$200.00	\$200.00	\$148.84	\$0.00	\$141.70
TOTAL PARISH ADMINISTRATION	\$63,890.00	\$65,983.00	\$59,952.89	\$64,537.67	\$62,211.76
WORSHIP AND MUSIC					
Supply Pastors Compensation	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$290.82	(\$75.00)	\$1,063.14
Organists' Stipends	\$8,800.00	\$8,200.00	\$7,785.00	\$7,162.40	\$3,950.00
Adult Choir Dir. Stipend	\$2,250.00	\$2,250.00	\$1,100.00	\$250.00	\$0.00
Organ, Piano, and Carillon	\$700.00	\$700.00	\$360.00	\$300.00	\$870.00
Choir Music	\$150.00	\$150.00	(\$50.00)	\$152.60	\$34.67
Worship Supplies	\$1,500.00	\$1,500.00	\$1,841.82	\$2,552.92	\$1,481.25
Devotional Guides	\$150.00	\$400.00	\$316.13	\$259.25	\$413.50
Bulletins	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Flower Fund	\$300.00	\$100.00	\$33.40	\$0.00	\$21.95
Journey to Bethlehem	\$0.00	\$500.00	\$0.00	\$501.91	\$0.00
Audio Tech Person	\$1,375.00	\$1,375.00			
Employer's SS Taxes	\$105.00	\$0.00			
TOTAL WORSHIP AND MUSIC	\$16,330.00	\$16,175.00	\$11,677.17	\$11,104.08	\$7,834.51
EVANGELISM					
Evangelism Projects	\$1,300.00	\$1,000.00	\$246.07	\$229.65	\$298.20
TOTAL EVANGELISM	\$1,300.00	\$1,000.00	\$246.07	\$229.65	\$298.20
FELLOWSHIP					
Fellowship Expenses	\$1,500.00	\$1,500.00	\$427.58	\$1,195.21	\$1,179.11
TOTAL FELLOWSHIP	\$1,500.00	\$1,500.00	\$427.58	\$1,195.21	\$1,179.11

	2022 Proposed Budget	2021 Budget	2020 Actual	2019 Actual	2018 Actual
CHRISTIAN EDUCATION					
Synod Assembly (3 delegates)	\$400.00	\$400.00	\$0.00	\$292.00	\$286.00
SCS Christmas Gifts	\$100.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$38.02
Rally Day Expenses	\$0.00	\$100.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
After School Fellowship Activities	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Vacation Church School	\$750.00	\$1,500.00	\$150.00	\$19.93	\$0.00
Library Expenses	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
The Lutheran	\$1,200.00	\$1,000.00	\$971.79	\$1,009.14	\$1,044.98
Curriculum & Supplies	\$1,000.00	\$800.00	\$403.35	\$1,287.61	\$538.31
St. Matthew Youth Events	\$500.00	\$500.00	\$22.43	\$205.17	\$0.00
National Youth Gathering Advisor	\$1,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,000.00
Advent and Lenten Workshop	\$200.00	\$200.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
FBI Background Checks	\$100.00	\$100.00	\$35.00	\$58.85	\$61.20
TOTAL CHRISTIAN EDUCATION	\$5,250.00	\$4,600.00	\$1,582.57	\$2,872.70	\$2,968.51
PROPERTY MAINTENANCE					
Insurance	\$5,500.00	\$5,000.00	\$4,589.00	\$4,286.00	\$7,999.45
Electricity	\$10,000.00	\$14,000.00	\$7,882.13	\$12,599.92	\$13,662.03
Janitorial Services	\$15,405.00	\$15,405.00	\$15,411.80	\$14,867.11	\$14,205.00
Employer's SS Taxes	\$1,178.00	\$1,178.00	\$1,187.74	\$1,179.25	\$1,066.53
Repairs and Maintenance	\$3,500.00	\$3,700.00	\$595.26	\$2,529.08	\$4,762.68
Utilities (Water/Sewer/Gas/Garbage)	\$3,500.00	\$3,500.00	\$3,106.83	\$2,850.06	\$2,572.30
Operating Supplies	\$1,200.00	\$1,300.00	\$985.90	\$760.23	\$596.35
Maint Fees (Snow Plowing & Shoveling)	\$1,700.00	\$2,000.00	\$516.00	\$1,384.00	\$1,754.25
Security	\$700.00	\$700.00	\$539.88	\$539.88	\$0.00
Grange Parking Lot			\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
TOTAL PROPERTY MAINTENANCE	\$42,683.00	\$46,783.00	\$34,814.54	\$40,995.53	\$46,618.59
STEWARDSHIP					
Stewardship Education	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$926.52	\$920.91	\$906.47
Offering Envelopes	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$983.85	\$665.41	\$490.03
TOTAL STEWARDSHIP & FINANCE	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00	\$1,910.37	\$1,586.32	\$1,396.50
SOCIAL MINISTRY					
Social Ministry	\$300.00	\$300.00	\$0.00	\$95.54	\$208.08
TOTAL SOCIAL MINISTRY	\$300.00	\$300.00	\$0.00	\$95.54	\$208.08
MISCELLANEOUS					
Miscellaneous	\$500.00	\$500.00	\$178.74	\$411.31	\$393.60
TOTAL MISCELLANEOUS	\$500.00	\$500.00	\$178.74	\$411.31	\$393.60
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$219,835.00	\$222,964.00	\$190,119.92	\$202,587.17	\$170,918.92
	52 Sundays	52 Sundays	52 Sundays	52 Sundays	52 Sundays
Average Weekly Needed per Budget	\$4,227.60	\$4,287.77	\$4,299.48	\$4,096.94	\$4,413.40
Faith Commitment (Allegheny Synod)	\$26,000.00	\$26,000.00	\$26,000.00	\$26,000.00	\$26,000.00
Note: Faith Commitment Increase is %	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
Note: Budget Increase (Decrease) is	-1.40%	-0.27%	4.94%	-7.17%	3.56%

Ventures In Faith:

1st Quarter – Local Needs; 2nd Quarter – Youth & Camping;
3rd Quarter – On Eagles' Wings and Missionaries; 4th Quarter - United Lutheran Seminary (both)



2022 National Youth Gathering Christmas Candy Sale

We are offering our famous:

_____ White Chocolate Peppermint Bark for \$6.25 per half pound

_____ Dark Chocolate Peppermint Bark for \$6.25 per half pound



Orders will be accepted through FRIDAY, DECEMBER 3, 2021

**All proceeds benefit youth attending the
2022 National Youth Gathering.**

Payment is due at pick-up time, Sunday, December 12, 2021.

Payment is due at pick-up. Checks made payable to: **St. Matthew Lutheran Church**

Name: _____

Phone Number: _____

Please place this form in the offering plate, or return it to the office.