

# Worship in the Home

## Second Sunday of Advent, Year B

### December 6, 2020



*In this time of world-wide crisis, congregations throughout this church are not able to gather for worship as the body of Christ. While we cannot be together in person, we can hear the word of God and hold each other in prayer.*

## Prelude

## Announcements

## Greeting

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with us all. **Amen.**

## Opening Hymn

### *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!

## **Prayer of the Day**

Let us pray...Stir up our hearts, Lord God, to prepare the way of your only Son. By his coming strengthen us to serve you with purified lives; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

## **Lighting of the Advent Candles**

Blessed are you, O God. Help us to hear John the Baptist calling us to prepare the Lord's way. Show us how to welcome others as Christ has welcomed us. **Amen.**

## **First Reading: Isaiah 40:1-11**

<sup>1</sup>Comfort, O comfort my people, says your God. <sup>2</sup>Speak tenderly to Jerusalem, and cry to the city that it has served its term, that its penalty is paid, that it has received from the LORD's hand double for all its sins.

<sup>3</sup>A voice cries out: "In the wilderness prepare the way of the LORD, make straight in the desert a highway for our God. <sup>4</sup>Every valley shall be lifted up, and every mountain and hill be made low; the uneven ground shall become level, and the rough places a plain. <sup>5</sup>Then the glory of the LORD shall be revealed, and all people shall see it together, for the mouth of the LORD has spoken."

<sup>6</sup>A voice says, "Cry out!" And I said, "What shall I cry?" All people are grass, their constancy is like the flower of the field. <sup>7</sup>The grass withers, the flower fades, when the breath of the LORD blows upon it; surely the people are grass. <sup>8</sup>The grass withers, the flower fades; but the word of our God will stand forever.

<sup>9</sup>Get you up to a high mountain, O Zion, herald of good tidings; lift up your voice with strength, O Jerusalem, herald of good tidings, Lift it up, do not fear; say to the cities of Judah, "Here is your God!" <sup>10</sup>See, the LORD GOD comes with might, with an arm to rule; God comes bearing the reward, preceded by the recompense. <sup>11</sup>The LORD will feed the chosen flock like a shepherd; God's arms will gather the lambs, God's bosom will carry them, and the LORD will gently lead the mother sheep.

## **Psalm 85:1-2, 8-13**

**Second Reading:** 2 Peter 3:8-15a

**Gospel:** Mark 1:1-8

<sup>1</sup>The beginning of the good news of Jesus Christ, the Son of God.

<sup>2</sup>As it is written in the prophet Isaiah, “See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you, who will prepare your way; <sup>3</sup>the voice of one crying out in the wilderness: ‘Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight the paths of the Lord,’ ” <sup>4</sup>John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. <sup>5</sup>And people from the whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem were going out to him, and were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. <sup>6</sup>Now John was clothed with camel’s hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. <sup>7</sup>He proclaimed, “After me one who is more powerful than I is coming; the thong of whose sandals I am not worthy to stoop down and untie. <sup>8</sup>I have baptized you with water; but the one who is coming will baptize you with the Holy Spirit.”

### **Reflection**

We are indeed like grass. And we rightly join the crowd coming to John, confessing our sins. So we wait for the day of God, the day when the more powerful one comes, when the shepherd God gently leads the hurt exiles home, when all the earth and sky will be made new, when righteousness and peace will kiss each other. We wait. When will that day come? The Gospel of Mark itself is waiting: the book is named “the beginning of the good news.” When will we receive the good news itself? Now. Here. The whole Gospel book shows us the crucified and risen Jesus Christ who is to be seen now among us, especially when we are able to assemble, when we remember how Christ has baptized us together in the Holy Spirit. But Christ is also seen among all the little, needy, waiting ones of the world. He is seen in the hiddenness of our homes whenever the voice of the word of God is heard. He is the powerful one hidden in our waiting world, God with us in the withering grass. The healing has begun. Jesus Christ by the poured out Spirit makes of us, even in these hard times, heralds to say to our cities — to say with our words and our deeds — “Here is your God.”

## Homily

### Hymn of the Day *Comfort, Comfort Now My People* ELW # 256



- 1 "Com - fort, com-fort now my peo - ple; tell of peace!" So says our God.
- 2 For the her - ald's voice is cry - ing in the des - ert far and near,
- 3 Straight shall be what long was crook - ed, and the rough - er plac - es plain.



Com-fort those who sit in dark - ness mourn-ing un - der sor - row's load.  
call - ing us to true re - pen - tance, since the reign of God is here.  
Let your hearts be true and hum - ble, as be-fits God's ho - ly reign.



To God's peo - ple now pro-claim that God's par - don waits for them!  
Oh, that warn - ing cry o - bey! Now pre - pare for God a way.  
For the glo - ry of the Lord now on earth is shed a - broad,



Tell them that their war is o - ver; God will reign in peace for-ev - er.  
Val - leys, rise to greet the Sav - ior; hills, bow down in hum-ble fa - vor.  
and all flesh shall see the to - ken that God's word is nev - er bro - ken.

## Prayers of Intercession

On this second Sunday of Advent, let us pray for this weary world:

Come to the church, O faithful God. Assist all who minister in the church. Show us what is your way and where are your paths, and awaken all the baptized to the guidance of your Holy Spirit. Come to the Jewish people, O covenant God, at this their festival of Hanukkah. End the world's anti-Semitism, and bring peace to Jerusalem. O God, be gracious to us: **In mercy, restore us.**

Come to the earth, O creating God. As the seasons change, protect all that lives. Mend the wounds of environmental damage, and restore balance to ecosystems. O God, be gracious to us: **In mercy, restore us.**

Come to the nations, O sovereign God. Inspire governmental officials to strive for peace within their land and between countries. Remember the people of Afghanistan and Ethiopia. Guide the nations towards cooperative efforts when facing global issues. Come to our country, O righteous God. Teach us how to end discrimination and to value diversity. Bring political parties into helpful conversation with each other. Assist the unemployed, and uphold people with physical and intellectual disabilities. O God, be gracious to us: **In mercy, restore us.**

Come to all who are facing the coronavirus, O compassionate God. Protect the vulnerable. Heal the sick. Embrace the dying. Sustain medical workers. Prepare a vaccine. End this scourge. Come to all who suffer, O merciful God. Empower us to feed the hungry in our nation and around the world. Gather into your healing embrace those who are afraid, lonely, sick, or struggling with depression. We pray especially for . . . O God, be gracious to us: **In mercy, restore us.**

Come, O tender-hearted God, to each one of us, and receive our silent prayers. O God, be gracious to us: **In mercy, restore us.**

Come to us, O eternal God, as you came to the saints. We remember especially St. Nicholas in his care for children, and those we name before you now: . . . Bring us with them through our wilderness into the fulfillment of your promises. O God, be gracious to us: **In mercy, restore us.**

Come near to us, O God, and receive our prayers for the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who taught us to pray:

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.**

## **Benediction**

The Creator of the stars bless our Advent waiting, the long-expected Savior fill us with love, the unexpected Spirit guide our journey, + now and forever. **Amen.**

## Closing Hymn

## *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.

## Sending

Go in peace. Prepare the way of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

**For those worshipping in real time from home, join us for Fellowship on Zoom immediately following the service:**

**596-621-1441, passcode 8675309**

## **December's Special Envelope**

This month you will find an envelope marked "Christmas Offering". The designation for this offering is to help make up the deficit in the annual budget. If you are a monthly or quarterly contributor and would like to donate to this offering, please use a "PEW" envelope and mark "Christmas" along with your name or offering number.

**Readings for the Week: Monday** (commemoration of Ambrose, Bishop of Milan, 397) Psalm 27. **Tuesday** Isaiah 4:2-6. **Wednesday** Luke 1:5-17. **Thursday** Psalm 126. **Friday** Philippians 3:12-16. **Saturday** Habakkuk 3:13-19. **Third Sunday of Advent** (commemoration of Lucy, martyr, 304) Isaiah 61:1-4, 8-11; Psalm 126 *or* Luke 1:46b-55; 1 Thessalonians 5:16-24; John 1:6-8, 19-28.

**Reflection text:** Gordon Lathrop. **Intercessory Prayer:** Gail Ramshaw

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## **St. Matthew Masks Are Here!**

Contact us to have one sent or delivered to you. Help spread the Good News, not the virus, and love your neighbors when you need to be out in public. (Free will contributions are gladly accepted.)

## **Schedule**

### **Meetings**

Tuesday, December 8: 6:30 PM Council Meeting via Zoom

Sunday, December 13: 11:00ish AM Annual Congregational Meeting via Zoom

### **Online Worship**

Sunday: Service of the Word Livestream 9:30 AM

Monday, Wednesday, Friday: Christmas Carols with Dr. Smith (recorded)

Tuesday: Morning & Evening Prayer 9 AM & 9 PM

Wednesday: Holden Evening Prayer 7 PM

Thursday: Morning Prayer 9 AM, Advent Devotions 7 PM (on Zoom)

### **Online Study**

Tuesday — Friday: Midday Kids' Devotions

**Nathan Smith's address** while in the Army: SPC Smith, Nathan, B Company, 169th Engineer Battalion, 1st Engineer Brigade, 6221 Iowa Avenue, Forth Leonard Wood, MO 65473

**Prayers are needed for our homebound:** Shirley Acker, Carl & Dawn Alexy, Verna Blough, Fred Brandenburg, Clyde Claycomb, Betty Helsel, Doris Henderson, Gene Henry, Jere Hess, Gerald Hoover, Janet Kreider, Ginny Sell, Dan Sinal, Don Smith, Nancy Uber, Joy Williams.

**Prayer Concerns:**, John Aljets, Amy & Family, Pastor Denise Arpino, Randy Barrett, Helena Bassler, Barry Brumbaugh, Kelly Burk, Diane Cappel, Todd Chipperfield, Dwight Ciccotelli, Greg Comer, Melissa Fetzer, Brian Fleck, Ruth Fletcher, Jim Freyer, Amy Haffling, Erika Hallam, Betty Helsel, Gene Henry, Dan Hershberger, Jeff Hoenstine, Marilyn Horton, Amber Itle, Jenny, Darren Kreutzer, Kristen Malloy, Rick McIntyre, Ryder McDermitt, Betty McDowell, Nathan, Jim Negley, Zowe Orczeck, Aunt Mica, Elaine Ormsby, Deb Peters, Alana Rhodes, Paul Ruth, Kaleb Sollenberger, Barbara Smith, Connie Smith, Drew Smith, Luther Steele, Michael Sutton, Wyatt Sweinhart, Joyce Taylor, Cindy Thomas, Carol Weyandt, Pete Williams, Ashley Zanfino, Jody Zelanko, and for our **Missionaries: Rev. Lesley Hand, On Eagle's Wings, Elizabeth Hendrickson.**

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

**Specialist Training in the Army:** Nathan Smith



## 2021 Offering Envelopes

Everyone who is a confirmed member or **is a visitor and has requested envelopes** receives Offering Envelopes. Included in this "Bulletin" is a NEW Time and Talent Sheet and a Commitment Card for 2021.

**Electronic Offerings:** If you would like to have funds given directly from your savings or checking please call Lori or Laura at 814-793-2413 to get more info. It is only a 5-minute process.

If you already give Electronically and would like to increase your offerings, checking please call Lori or Laura at 814-793-2413 to get more info. It is only a 5-minute process.

Time and Talent sheets from previous years are deleted and a NEW TIME & TALENT SHEET needs to be completed EVERY YEAR.





## January 2021 Offering Envelopes will be mailed in December 2020 to your homes.

As the Christmas season gets closer, we begin to set our minds on things like peace, love, and joy. But we know that not everyone in our community experiences these things, especially in these uncertain and trying times. For some, the holidays bring a reminder of grief, depression, loss, and desperate need.

**Among the Martinsburg Churches** a collective vision is to impact the lives of those around us, letting all that we do be done in love (I Corinthians 16:14), we believe direct involvement in the community is extremely important. It is our hope that we can count on your support as we gear up for our annual “Cove Christmas Love” event, which reaches out to families in need during the holiday season. As a part of our mission, we distribute toys, grocery store gift cards and other items to area families with children under the age of 16. By asking your congregation to stand behind this project and provide donations of gift cards, new toys, as well as monetary donations, you can help us in our mission to give every child a Merry Christmas, one gift at a time.

Donations may be mailed in, or pickup arrangements may be made and the deadline is December 8<sup>th</sup>.

**On behalf of our team, I want to thank you for any consideration you may give to our cause!**

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us.

**Chris Garretson, 210 N. Wall Street, Martinsburg PA 16662**

**Pastor, Memorial Church of the Brethren Office (814)793-2422**

**Coordinator, Cove Christmas Love, Mobile (814)254-8328, Martinsburg Association of Area Churches Email: [PastorChrisG@outlook.com](mailto:PastorChrisG@outlook.com)**

### **MITTEN COLLECTION “BOX”**

**Please drop off** (in the mail slot by the Maple St. Entrance) school-age children’s mittens, gloves, hats, scarves, earmuffs or socks to be placed in the Mitten Box from NOW until December 20<sup>th</sup>. These will be distributed by the school nurse at the Spring Cove Elementary Schools for needy children. Donations of money can be given by mailing to St. Matthew Lutheran Church and in the memo line write **“Mitten BOX”**, and the money will be used to purchase needed items. ***Let’s help children have a warmer winter!***

## Committees Need Volunteers

**Vice President – Needs Volunteer** - responsible for attending Council meetings and fill in if President in absent.

**Christian Ed. Committee – Needs Volunteer** - responsible for enlightening and overseeing our religious education among our youth and adults.

**Evangelism Committee – Needs Volunteer** - responsible for conducting the meetings and overseeing the activities of connecting our members and fellow neighbors.

**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 Sheena Tremmel at 515-2962 to volunteer your **Time** to God. Or you may talk to one of the committee members:

Shelley Clinich

John Lear

Linda Smith

Peggy Steinfurth



## Announcing our 2020 Annual Congregational Meeting

The meeting is set for Sunday, December 13<sup>th</sup> at the conclusion of the Worship Service (10:30 a.m.) by ZOOM (**either by phone or online**). The agenda includes: adopting the 2021 Proposed Budget, which is enclosed with this bulletin, and election of the 2021 Council Members.

President                      Melissa Fetzer (2<sup>nd</sup> term)

Vice President              **Need Candidate**

Council Secretary        Elaine Smith (2<sup>nd</sup> term)

Christian Ed.                **Need Candidate**

Evangelism                 **Need Candidate**

Property                     Ed Kreider (1<sup>st</sup> term)

**NOTE:** If, after reviewing the budget and the recommendations for Ventures in Faith and Special Envelopes, you have questions or concerns, please contact Jim Barley by phone ( 814-793-4623 ) or by email ([jimbbarley@gmail.com](mailto:jimbbarley@gmail.com)).

## **Notice of Annual Congregational Meeting**

This year's annual meeting will be conducted by Zoom video conferencing on Sunday, December 13 at 10:30 AM following online worship. You do NOT have to have a computer or internet access to participate. You can call into the meeting on your telephone using one of the provided numbers. Anyone who wants to practice using Zoom before the annual meeting should call in or log onto the weekly Zoom fellowship time following worship any Sunday. For assistance using Zoom, please call Pastor Traci (814-935-9267) before the day of the annual meeting.

### **Log In for Zoom:**

Topic: Annual Meeting

Time: Dec 13, 2020 10:30 AM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

### **Join Zoom Meeting**

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

Meeting ID: 596 621 1441

Passcode: 8675309

### **One tap mobile**

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+1 669 900 9128 US (San Jose)

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St. Matthew Lutheran Church Proposed Budget 2021

	2021 Proposed Budget	2020 Budget	2019 Actual	2018 Actual	2017 Actual
<b>MINISTRY OF THE PASTOR</b>					
Base Salary/Housing Allowance	\$56,081.00	\$54,873.00	\$53,815.12	\$10,724.32	\$0.00
Social Security Allowance	\$4,290.00	\$4,198.00	\$4,039.92	\$652.84	\$0.00
Transitional Pastors Stipend				\$24,000.75	\$26,925.00
Total Compensation	\$60,371.00	\$59,071.00	\$57,855.04	\$35,377.91	\$26,925.00
Pension Contribution	\$7,245.00	\$7,089.00	\$6,822.93	\$0.00	\$0.00
Medical	\$9,478.00	\$8,624.00	\$7,817.92	\$2,622.64	\$0.00
Disability and Death	\$1,329.00	\$1,300.00	\$1,535.03	\$9.00	\$0.00
Disability Insurance Supplement		\$450.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Retirement Support		\$414.00	\$397.44	\$0.00	\$0.00
Health Care Deductible Payment					
Total Benefits	\$18,052.00	\$17,877.00	\$16,573.32	\$2,631.64	\$0.00
<b>TOTAL COMPENSATION &amp; BENEFITS OF THE PASTOR</b>	\$78,423.00	\$76,948.00	\$74,428.36	\$38,009.55	\$26,925.00
<b>PROFESSIONAL REIMBURSEMENT</b>					
Automobile Reimbursement	\$3,000.00	\$3,000.00	\$2,269.68	\$317.95	\$400.38
Continuing Ed, Books & Periodicals	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$1,002.74	\$77.16	\$588.53
Assembly/Conference Expense	\$600.00	\$600.00	\$461.00	\$143.00	\$426.00
Other Professional Exp	\$1,100.00	\$1,100.00	\$1,397.38	\$18.88	\$12.45
Transition Pastors Mileage and Lodging				\$9,243.52	\$10,785.42
<b>TOTAL PROFESSIONAL REIMBURSEMENT</b>	\$5,700.00	\$5,700.00	\$5,130.80	\$9,800.51	\$12,212.78
<b>VISITATION MINISTRY</b>					
Pastor of Visitation					
Social Security Allowance					
<b>TOTAL VISITATION MINISTRY</b>					
<b>PARISH ADMINISTRATION</b>					
Parish Administrative Assistant	\$31,272.00	\$30,600.00	\$30,599.94	\$29,618.00	\$26,367.26
Employer's SS Taxes Parish Admin Ass't	\$2,392.00	\$2,341.00	\$2,224.38	\$2,126.44	\$1,847.69
Employee Benefits Parish Admin Ass't	\$13,676.00	\$13,655.00	\$13,093.08	\$14,161.66	\$11,429.07
Assistant to Administrative Assistant	\$2,938.00	\$2,875.00	\$2,064.51	\$1,697.25	
Employer's SS Taxes Ass't Admin Ass't	\$255.00	\$220.00	\$161.34	\$112.45	
Office Supplies	\$3,000.00	\$3,300.00	\$2,956.78	\$2,586.16	\$2,718.75
Postage	\$1,200.00	\$1,800.00	\$1,381.71	\$1,370.16	\$1,587.89
Telephone	\$3,000.00	\$3,000.00	\$2,927.98	\$2,841.07	\$1,997.98
Maintenance and Repairs	\$1,800.00	\$2,000.00	\$3,366.35	\$1,523.26	\$916.58
Computer Program & Updates	\$1,750.00	\$1,750.00	\$1,627.00	\$1,882.91	\$1,894.09
Copier Lease	\$4,500.00	\$4,500.00	\$4,134.60	\$4,150.70	\$3,960.13
Misc. Expenses	\$200.00	\$200.00	\$0.00	\$141.70	\$161.88
<b>TOTAL PARISH ADMINISTRATION</b>	\$65,983.00	\$66,241.00	\$64,537.67	\$62,211.76	\$52,881.32
<b>WORSHIP AND MUSIC</b>					
Supply Pastors Compensation	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	(\$75.00)	\$1,063.14	\$1,575.00
Organists' Stipends	\$8,200.00	\$8,200.00	\$7,162.40	\$3,950.00	\$4,282.28
Adult Choir Dir. Stipend	\$2,250.00	\$2,250.00	\$250.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Organ, Piano, and Carillon	\$700.00	\$700.00	\$300.00	\$870.00	\$350.00
Choir Music	\$150.00	\$150.00	\$152.60	\$34.67	\$107.24
Worship Supplies	\$1,500.00	\$1,500.00	\$2,552.92	\$1,481.25	\$1,807.78
Devotional Guides	\$400.00	\$400.00	\$259.25	\$413.50	\$396.50
Bulletins		\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$70.90
Flower Fund	\$100.00	\$100.00	\$0.00	\$21.95	\$90.00
Journey to Bethlehem	\$500.00	\$0.00	\$501.91	\$0.00	\$591.86
Audio Tech Person	\$1,375.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
<b>TOTAL WORSHIP AND MUSIC</b>	\$16,175.00	\$14,300.00	\$11,104.08	\$7,834.51	\$9,271.56
<b>EVANGELISM</b>					
Evangelism Projects	\$1,000.00	\$2,000.00	\$229.65	\$298.20	\$255.43
<b>TOTAL EVANGELISM</b>	\$1,000.00	\$2,000.00	\$229.65	\$298.20	\$255.43
<b>FELLOWSHIP</b>					

St. Matthew Lutheran Church Proposed Budget 2021

	2021 Proposed Budget	2020 Budget	2019 Actual	2018 Actual	2017 Actual
Fellowship Expenses	\$1,500.00	\$1,500.00	\$1,195.21	\$1,179.11	\$1,103.23
<b>TOTAL FELLOWSHIP</b>	<b>\$1,500.00</b>	<b>\$1,500.00</b>	<b>\$1,195.21</b>	<b>\$1,179.11</b>	<b>\$1,103.23</b>
<b>CHRISTIAN EDUCATION</b>					
Synod Assembly (3 delegates)	\$400.00	\$400.00	\$292.00	\$286.00	\$378.00
SCS Christmas Gifts		\$100.00	\$0.00	\$38.02	\$80.07
Rally Day Expenses	\$100.00	\$100.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
After School Fellowship Activities		\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Vacation Church School	\$1,500.00	\$750.00	\$19.93	\$0.00	\$1,019.41
Library Expenses		\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
The Lutheran	\$1,000.00	\$1,200.00	\$1,009.14	\$1,044.98	\$1,071.40
Curriculum & Supplies	\$800.00	\$1,300.00	\$1,287.61	\$538.31	\$812.11
St. Matthew Youth Events	\$500.00	\$500.00	\$205.17	\$0.00	\$11.99
National Youth Gathering Advisor		\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,000.00	\$0.00
Advent and Lenten Workshop	\$200.00	\$200.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
FBI Background Checks	\$100.00	\$100.00	\$58.85	\$61.20	\$16.00
<b>TOTAL CHRISTIAN EDUCATION</b>	<b>\$4,600.00</b>	<b>\$4,650.00</b>	<b>\$2,872.70</b>	<b>\$2,968.51</b>	<b>\$3,388.98</b>
<b>YOUTH LEADER</b>					
Conference & Continuing Education	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Youth Leader Salary	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Employer SS Taxes	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
<b>TOTAL YOUTH LEADER</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>
<b>PROPERTY MAINTENANCE</b>					
Insurance	\$5,000.00	\$5,500.00	\$4,286.00	\$7,999.45	\$5,119.00
Electricity	\$14,000.00	\$17,000.00	\$12,599.92	\$13,662.03	\$14,254.45
Janitorial Services	\$15,405.00	\$15,080.00	\$14,867.11	\$14,205.00	\$15,361.10
Employer's SS Taxes	\$1,178.00	\$1,154.00	\$1,179.25	\$1,066.53	\$1,150.17
Repairs and Maintenance	\$3,700.00	\$3,700.00	\$2,529.08	\$4,762.68	\$2,787.11
Utilities (Water/Sewer/Gas/Garbage)	\$3,500.00	\$3,000.00	\$2,850.06	\$2,572.30	\$2,081.35
Operating Supplies	\$1,300.00	\$1,300.00	\$760.23	\$596.35	\$1,074.06
Maint Fees (Snow Plowing & Shoveling)	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00	\$1,384.00	\$1,754.25	\$1,205.50
Security	\$700.00	\$700.00	\$539.88	\$0.00	\$0.00
Grange Parking Lot		\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
<b>TOTAL PROPERTY MAINTENANCE</b>	<b>\$46,783.00</b>	<b>\$49,434.00</b>	<b>\$40,995.53</b>	<b>\$46,618.59</b>	<b>\$43,032.74</b>
<b>STEWARDSHIP</b>					
Stewardship Education	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$920.91	\$906.47	\$624.37
Offering Envelopes	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$665.41	\$490.03	\$1,964.41
<b>TOTAL STEWARDSHIP &amp; FINANCE</b>	<b>\$2,000.00</b>	<b>\$2,000.00</b>	<b>\$1,586.32</b>	<b>\$1,396.50</b>	<b>\$2,588.78</b>
<b>SOCIAL MINISTRY</b>					
Social Ministry	\$300.00	\$300.00	\$95.54	\$208.08	\$0.00
<b>TOTAL SOCIAL MINISTRY</b>	<b>\$300.00</b>	<b>\$300.00</b>	<b>\$95.54</b>	<b>\$208.08</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>
<b>MISCELLANEOUS</b>					
Miscellaneous	\$500.00	\$500.00	\$411.31	\$393.60	\$332.15
<b>TOTAL MISCELLANEOUS</b>	<b>\$500.00</b>	<b>\$500.00</b>	<b>\$411.31</b>	<b>\$393.60</b>	<b>\$332.15</b>
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$222,964.00</b>	<b>\$223,573.00</b>	<b>\$202,587.17</b>	<b>\$170,918.92</b>	<b>\$151,991.97</b>
	<b>52 Sundays</b>	<b>52 Sundays</b>	<b>52 Sundays</b>	<b>52 Sundays</b>	<b>53 Sundays</b>
Average Weekly Needed per Budget	\$4,287.77	\$4,299.48	\$4,096.94	\$4,413.40	\$4,181.47
<b>Faith Commitment (Allegheny Synod)</b>	<b>\$26,000.00</b>	<b>\$26,000.00</b>	<b>\$26,000.00</b>	<b>\$26,000.00</b>	<b>\$26,000.00</b>
Note: Faith Commitment Increase is %	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
Note: Budget Increase (Decrease) is	-0.27%	4.94%	-7.17%	3.56%	2.50%

**Thanksgiving Dinner:** The folks at Grace Brethren who organized the Ministerium Thanksgiving food distribution were very appreciative of both the food donations and the monetary contributions that allowed them to shop for the specific items they needed to make up complete baskets for the families in need. They lifted up St. Matthew as being instrumental in making that happen.

**Serving God and Us Today**

Our Pastor – Rev. Traci Marriott

Our Pianist – Dr. Adam Smith

Our Administrative Assistant – Lori Tremmel

Our Assistant Administrative Assistant – Laura Orczeck

Our Sexton – Bill Brown

Our Audio/Video Tech – Camden Kuster

Our Offering Counters – Jim Barley, Beth Garner

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