



ST. MATTHEW
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LUTHERAN CHURCH

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The **WORD**

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OUR MISSION STATEMENT: The mission of St. Matthew Evangelical Lutheran Church, as a fellowship of believers in the triune God, is to learn about and to be involved in the community and the world around us; to provide assistance in areas of need through local and worldwide organizations; and to provide a ministry to our members, friends, and neighbors through worship, witness, education and service in the name and in the spirit of our Lord Jesus Christ.

**AUGUST
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**FUN ON
THE LAWN;
FUN IN
FELLOWSHIP HALL**



**IT'S
ALL
GOOD!!!**

Pastor's Page

ONE-ANOTHERING

One of the joys I have discovered in serving this congregation over the last few months has been the **love** that the participants show to each other in the weekly Brown Bag and Bible study on Wednesdays at noon.

The group meets weekly in the fellowship hall. Some bring sandwiches, some bring soup or a takeout order from a fast food restaurant; some bring last night's leftovers. And *some just come as they are*.

The BBB group starts by checking in with each other about how the week is going. And then the group prays for a lengthy list of folks that has been accumulated. A petition included each week, at the end of the prayer, stands out to me: *“and for those who have no one else to pray for them.”*

There is *a spirit of fellowship and caring* amidst the Bible study that occurs. In essence, the group puts the scripture being learned into action.

TAKING IT ON THE ROAD

Recently, the group was in between studying the books of Esther and Ruth, and it was decided to take BBB on the road, to Mildred Collins' new place. Mildred was a gracious hostess and arranged for us to

meet in a comfortable sun room setting.

We studied a chapter out of Brian McLaren's book *We Make the Road by Walking*. McLaren examines who our neighbor is in this world (hint: it's everybody, even those who are different than us).

Brown Bag & Bible with Mildred Collins



The Apostle Paul uses the phrase “one another” **at least 26 times** in his Epistle writings. **The prime directive is for us to love another**, in mutual love.

As our meeting time progressed that day, and as I watched those gathered around that table, sharing what that Pauline phrase “love one another” meant in the world in which we live, it occurred to me that we were “one-anothering”, putting faith in action.

FAITH IN ACTION

Thanks be to God for the ways in which this congregation shows love to our neighbors, inside and outside our walls.

Just to name a few ways: St Matthew members care for each other through the *Just Because* ministry, provide a



Faithfully Serving Our Brothers and Sisters at Zion Lutheran

community meal monthly at Zion Lutheran in East Petersburg, and put together quilts and school kits for those in need across the globe.

Good Friends Making Great Quilts



My prayer is that we continue to find ways to “one-another” in our changing world.

We can also enjoy one-anothering right in the corner of Fellowship Hall. Stop by to lend your hand with the jigsaw puzzle set up there. Everyone can help to create the beautiful picture that we will have when it is finished.

Are You Puzzled?



REGULARLY SCHEDULED EVENTS:

Bear Claw & Coffee

Every Wednesday, 9—11am
S. Clyde Weaver

Brown Bag & Bible Study

Every Wednesday, 12 noon—1 pm
Fellowship Hall

Chancel Choir

Thursday at 7:00pm—on **SUMMER HIATUS**

Church Council

2nd Tuesday of the Month—7pm

Community Meal

Third Monday of the Month, 5pm

Zion Lutheran, East Petersburg

Evangelism Committee Meeting

The third Sunday of the month following worship.

Finance Meeting

The Sunday *preceding* Church Council—9am

Koffee Klatch

2nd Thursday of the Month
12 noon in Fellowship Hall

St. Matthew Seniors

1st Tuesday of the Month—day & time may vary
(*On HIATUS for JULY & AUGUST*)



Monday August 21st

Tossed Salad

Barbecue Sandwich

Potato Salad

Dessert

***Helping hands to
prepare, serve and clean up
are always appreciated.***

***Contact Barb Elsen
for more information.***

SOCIAL MINISTRY



During August we will be focusing on supplies and monetary donations for **LWR personal care kits**. Please see the display in the foyer for taking tabs to purchase requested items.



Families often arrive in a refugee camp, or other place of safety,



scared, vulnerable, and dirty from travel. The simple items included in a Personal Care Kit allow them to wash away dirt and sweat with the reminders of someone's care and concern for them in their plight.

Please contact Sheila Charles if you have questions. 471-2013.



"Quilting Workshops" is our September focus. Monetary contributions will be accepted to help pay for our supplies. We will gladly accept clean or new material - must be 100% cotton (no religious, flag, patriotic, or military symbols). Have fun buying a few yards or spools of thread. Your choice of color and pattern. We have two more workshops scheduled: August 19th and September 16th from 1:00 to 4:00. Come and join the fun!

SAVE the DATE!! Sunday, October 8th is Lutheran World Relief In-Gathering Sunday. We hope to assemble 100 school kits



and 100 personal care kits. Then the kits and at least 100 quilts need to be packed (74 finished quilts to date and still counting).

We need volunteers to help assemble and pack. Thank you for the generous amount of undies, school kit supplies, and monetary donations during June and July. Any questions, contact Sheila Charles (471-2013).

Evangelism Committee Report for August Newsletter

Fun on the Lawn Continues

August 10 – 6 to 8 pm; Rain or Shine

This month we hope for not-so-humid weather so we can enjoy our beautiful lawn! Barb Emmerich even has more games lined up. And this month we will feature all sorts of icy cold treats – so eat dinner before you come – or – eat dessert first with us!

Bring a lawn chair if you can, please.

Arlene Volk
Evangelism Chair



Do You Have a New Neighbor?

The new resident welcome packs are ready! Nancy Maurer has done a nice job of assembling informative items and fun things for people new to the area. There are two versions so it does not matter if you live in Grandview or not. One pack is for new Grandview residents and one is for new neighbors elsewhere. We want to reach out to **all** our new neighbors!

Please contact Nancy Maurer or Arlene Volk if you have someone new living near you. We would love to be helpful to them as they settle in and we also hope they will visit us here at St. Matthew.

Arlene Volk
Evangelism Chair



St. Matthew Seniors

We are still on hiatus in August, but are gearing up for a trip to **Brickerville** on **September 5, 2017**. We will have lunch at the restaurant, then explore the shops for the remainder of the afternoon. We'll carpool from the church at 11:30, in time for lunch at noon. Look for the sign-up sheet in the foyer.

Hope you can join us!

DID YOU KNOW?

The two Pennsylvania ELCA seminaries, Gettysburg (founded 1826) and Philadelphia (founded 1864) merged on July 1 to become one seminary with two campuses. The new seminary that was formed as a result of the merger is named United Lutheran Seminary.

The other six ELCA seminaries are:

Lutheran Theological Southern Seminary (Columbia, SC)

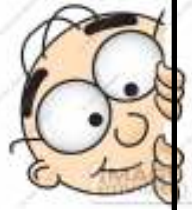
Trinity Lutheran (Columbus, OH)

Lutheran School of Theology at Chicago

Luther Seminary (St Paul, MN)

Wartburg Theological Seminary (Dubuque, IA)

Pacific Lutheran Theological Seminary (Berkeley, CA)



August

Birthdays

Jordan Eckman—8/4

Lindsay Herr—8/4

Nancy Bitzer—8/12

Vicky Suter—8/14

Linda Martin—8/15

Paul Kilgore—8/20

Jan Bentz—8/21

Mary Burkhardt—8/24

George Resh—8/24

Chase Hall—8/29

Patrick Herr—8/29

A Note of Thanks:

Dear St. Matthew Members,

Thank you for the care package you sent during my finals week. It was a great surprise! I am staying on in Pittsburgh this summer to continue taking some classes and I will also be working as a paramedic. I will be graduating next spring with a BS in Emergency Medicine and plan to continue schooling to obtain my Physician Assistant degree.

Thank you again for thinking of me.

Sincerely,
Colin Zimmerman

A Gift from Lunda Shaub:

CREAMY RICE PUDDING

4 Cups Milk

Scant cup of Sugar

2/3 Cup Converted Rice



Mix, put on stove and boil 50 to 60 minutes (covered).

Then add 2 beaten eggs, 3 cups milk, pour into pudding and stir.

Bring to a boil for 5—10 minutes,
Add 2 tsp, vanilla.

After cool, put cinnamon on top if desired.

Anniversaries

Richard & Marilyn Wagner
8/22

WEEKLY SCRIPTURE READINGS:**August 6—Pentecost 9**

Isaiah 55:1—5

Psalm 145:8—9, 14—21

Romans 9:1—5

Matthew 14:13—21

August 13—Pentecost 10

I Kings 19:9—18

Psalm 85:8—13

Romans 10:5—15

Matthew 14:22—33

August 20—Pentecost 11

Isaiah 56:1, 6—8

Psalm 67

Romans 11:1—2a, 29—32

Matthew 15:[10—20] 21—28

August 27—Pentecost 12

Isaiah 51:1—6

Psalm 138

Romans 12:1—8

Matthew 16:13—20

September 3—Pentecost 13

Jeremiah 15:15—21

Psalm 26:1—8

Romans 12:9—21

Matthew 16:21—28

*Just a Reminder:
Don't forget to pick up a Pink
Slip, fill in your favorite
"Joyful Noise" Hymn and
Place it in the Blue Bowl on the
front pew.*

VALUABLE COUPON—Looking for a GREAT OPPORTUNITY to SERVE ST. MATTHEW?

VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED AS:

___ USHERS

___ GREETERS

___ READERS

___ COUNTERS

___ ASSISTING MINISTERS

Please check your preference, fill in your name _____

and Place in the Offering Plate, or you may call the Church Office

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3	4	5
		8:30am– <i>Bridge Buddies Card Club</i> Nat'l Night Out 6-8pm Overlook Park *7pm-Moment of God Bible Study	9-11am Bear Claw & Coffee at Weaver's 12noon Brown Bag & Bible *6:30pm-MT <i>Democratic Committee</i>	*7pm-Moment of God Bible Study		9am-Lydia's Closet Distribution 5pm- Worship Service
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
Pentecost 9 10am—Worship *4pm-Moment of God Worship		*8:30am– <i>Bridge Buddies Card Club</i> 7pm Church Council *7pm-Moment of God Bible Study	9-11am Bear Claw & Coffee at Weaver's 12noon Brown Bag & Bible	12-2pm Koffee Klatch 6-8pm Fun on the Lawn *7pm-Moment of God Bible Study		5pm- Worship Service
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
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20	21	22	23	24	25	26
Pentecost 11 10am—Worship Service 11:30am- Evangelism Mtg. *4pm-Moment of God Worship	5pm- Community Meal	8:30am– <i>Bridge Buddies Card Club</i> *7pm-Moment of God Bible Study	9-11am Bear Claw & Coffee at Weaver's 12noon- Brown Bag & Bible	*7pm-Moment of God Bible Study		5pm- Worship Service
27	28	29	30	31		
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WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

August Schedule

8/6/17

CMIC: Peggy Atkins
 Greeters: Bernie Scheetz and Sylvia Beam
 Ushers: Ray and Lunda Shaub
 Reader: Peg Sampson
 Assisting Minister: Barb Elsen
 Counters: Brenda Stauffer and Brad Charles

8/13/17

CMIC: Ray Shaub
 Greeters: Jan and Hannah Bentz
 Ushers: Pat Smith and Brenda Stauffer
 Reader: Linda McIntyre
 Assisting Minister: Barb Emerich
 Counters: Barb Elsen and Brenda Stauffer

8/20/17

CMIC: Arlene Volk
 Greeters: Carol Rothweiler and Florence Meily
 Ushers: John Volk
 Reader: Linda Tice
 Assisting Minister: Arlene Volk
 Counters: Linda Tice and Carol Rothweiler

8/27/17

CMIC: Phyllis Wright
 Greeters: Phyllis Wright and Judy Miller
 Ushers: Ray and Lunda Shaub
 Reader: Peg Sampson
 Assisting Minister: Mary Miller
 Counters: Brad Charles and Barb Elsen

9/2/17

CMIC: Brenda Stauffer
 Greeters: Betty Sheaffer and Jean Schweers
 Ushers: Barb Elsen
 Reader: Linda McIntyre
 Assisting Minister: Linda McIntyre
 Counters: Brad Charles and Barb Elsen

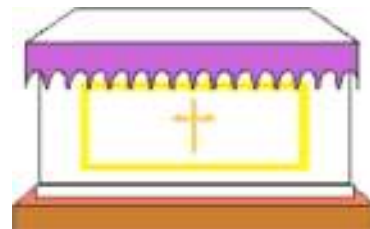
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WORSHIP ASSISTANTS:

*Please check the schedule carefully.
 If you cannot fulfill an assignment,
 please try to find a replacement /
 switch with another person.
 Then please notify Sue so the correct
 names will appear in the bulletin.
 Thank you!*

August Altar Care—
 Barb Elsen and Kay Gontner



CHURCH STAFF:

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Return Service Requested

WORSHIP TIMES

Sunday School—9am *(end 6/16)*

Saturday Evening—5:00pm

Sunday Worship—10:00am

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NEWSLETTER

