



Saint Matthew Lutheran Church
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The Messenger

Mission Statement:

Saint Matthew Lutheran Church is a community of disciples reaching out through Christ in loving worship, witness and service.

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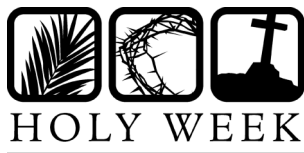
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SUNDAYS IN APRIL

April 6 ~ Lent 5

8:30am and 11am Worship Services

9:45am Sunday School, Adult Forum, First Communion



April 13 ~ Palm Sunday

8:30am and 11am Worship Services

(Deadline for ordering Easter Flowers, see last pg.)

9:45am Sunday School, Adult Forum, First Communion

April 17 ~ Maundy Thursday

10am Worship at Trinity Episcopal Church

**7:30pm Worship at SMLC with First Communion
for Second Graders**

April 18 ~ Good Friday

10am Children's Good Friday Service* at SMLC

*(*See pg. 3 for more details)*

12pm Community Service at Trinity Episcopal Church

7:30pm Tenebrae Service at SMLC

April 20 ~ Easter Sunday

8:30am and 11am Worship Services

9:30am Easter Breakfast in Fellowship Hall *(See pg. 3)*

(Flowering the Cross ~ The tradition continues as Carmen von Wrangell leads the children in decorating the Cross after the Easter Breakfast.)

April 27 ~ Second Sunday of Easter

8:30am and 11am Worship Services

9:45am Sunday School and Adult Forum



April 20

8:30am ~ Worship

**9:30am Easter Breakfast
in Fellowship Hall**

(See pg. 3 to RSVP)

11am ~ Worship

(No Sunday School or Adult Forum)

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PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Recently I consulted my Holy Bible, King James Version, Red Letter Edition. The Red Letter, as some of you may know, refers to the New Testament, and there is a note that states "with all the words recorded therein as having been spoken by our Lord printed in RED". I often go to this Bible when I feel the readings in other bibles I own (The Living Bible and NIV Study Bible) leave me a little empty. You know, it's when I feel like something I'm reading now is not quite like what I remember reading in the past.

My Red Letter edition was presented to me at St. Matthew Lutheran Church, York, PA, on Sept 25, 1955 (I was one month away from my 9th birthday) by the Sunday School Superintendent, Mr. Niles Lewis. Anyway, the point here is I found a letter inside (No it wasn't lost. I knew it was there. I've read it many times over the years). The letter was postmarked Dec. 4, 1959 (I was 13) and was from Pastor Fred (Fred Shilling) our Youth Pastor. I was very active in Luther League at the time, as it was my primary method of meeting and socializing with boys and, most importantly, girls my age from several schools in our urban setting.

I feel compelled to share the content of the letter with you for several reasons, it is short and to the point, made me feel good about myself at 13, and as I read it over the years, it made me realize God had a plan for me if I would stay the course. You see, Pastor Fred's little letter helped me over the years, to stay the course and be able to serve this congregation today (I'm 67 now, and 43 years later that letter still has meaning). I am forever grateful to Pastor Fred for taking those few minutes to send me this personal note. So, here it is.

Dear Dick,

Thanks for the splendid way you handled the discussion group last Sunday. You showed an ability to lead the leaguers in an excellent manner. Keep up the good work. All such experiences will be very valuable to you as you grow in years and in wisdom in serving the Lord and others. See you Sat. night at 7:30.

—Sincerely, Pastor Fred

I have long forgotten the discussion group details, but I have come to learn the meaning of the last sentence (growing in years and wisdom). You may have had a Pastor Fred in your life. Whether you have or not, you personally have opportunities in your life to have a positive and motivating impact on young people in our church community and family. If they are not your kids, learn their names, greet them by name, ask them questions, narrow that generation gap, get involved in youth programs, challenge and motivate them to participate in the life of the church, recognize their good works in and out of church, volunteer to be a Confirmation Mentor, volunteer to serve on the Youth and Family Ministry. You never know the lasting power and impact your own faith and wisdom, as witnessed by your actions and words (no matter how brief), may have on our youth. They are the future of Christ's church on earth.

—God's Peace Be With You, Dick

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PASTOR'S MESSAGE

First Communion Class for 2nd Graders

Classes are **April 6 and 13, 9:45am**, with First Communion, itself, being on **Maundy Thursday, April 17, 7:30pm**.

Children's Good Friday Service

April 18, 10–11am

Interactive experience that moves from welcoming Jesus with palms (Palm Sunday) to tasting foods from the Last Supper (Maundy Thursday) to the crosses of Good Friday, and ending in the sanctuary with a very brief worship service with the crosses. If possible, please bring a cross from home (wall-sized crosses preferable to necklaces).



LENTEN BIBLE STUDY

Holy Week with Matthew (Chapters 21 – 28)

Tuesday evenings at 7:30pm

4/1 Crucifixion: Chapter 27

4/8 Resurrection: Chapter 28

LENTEN VESPERS

"Prayer: Let My Prayer Rise Before You As Incense"

7:30pm – 8pm Wednesdays during Lent

4/2, 4/9

As part of the vespers service, we will use the ancient Jewish practice of burning incense (very lightly so as not to trigger breathing issues), per Psalm 141:2 "Let my prayer rise before you as incense, the lifting up of my hands as the evening sacrifice."



**Sunday, April 20
9:30am**

Join us for the Annual Easter Breakfast celebration in Fellowship Hall.

Menu:

Eggs, bread, meat potatoes, danish

(If you wish to donate a pastry item, sign up on the bulletin board in the foyer.)

Suggested Donation at Door:

\$5pp or \$10 per Family

RSVP:

Complete the bottom section and place in the offering plate

Name: _____

How many will be attending the breakfast? _____

VIEWS FROM THE VICAR

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And just like that we are smack dab in the middle of Lent. I apologize for this month's article being a bunch of random notes, but that's the result of things getting increasingly busy as we approach Easter and many things floating through my head. First, if you haven't been able to make it to the Lenten Vespers on Wednesday nights, try very hard to do so; I've been to many midweek Lenten services, and I can honestly say (without any hint of partiality) that the Wednesday night Lenten Vespers at SMLC are the most beautiful midweek Lenten services I have been to. Additionally, the Holy Week services will help bring Lent to a close as we turn to Easter morning. Mark your calendars for the special services and join us (and even bring a friend).

Also, we now have a podcast on iTunes! Visit the iTunes store in the app, and search for "Saint Matthew Lutheran Church." The podcast will have the audio of the weekly sermons, as well as other offerings, including videos, such as Pastor Ingrid's video about Lent, and occasional Adult Forums. It's an especially great way to stay connected when you're out of town.

Finally, I always love Pastor Ingrid's sermons, but I think she's turned it up a notch this Lent. I'm still reflecting on her beautiful words, "the scandalous little meal of forgiveness and grace" from her sermon from the Second Sunday in Lent. And that's just an example of what has been happening this season at Saint Matthew's. But the season isn't over, and there is still time to join us in the many services and activities. I hope to see you as we continue our Lenten journey!

Peace and blessings, always— Vicar Ryan

ADULT FORUM

Sundays 9:45am in the Library

3/30 - Capital Campaign

4/6 - Live Civilly

4/13 - Rev. Sara Lilja

ST. MATT READERS

Monday, April 28, 7:30 PM

The Yellow Birds by Kevin Powers

QUILTING GROUP

We will meet **Tuesday, April 8 and 29, 9:30am** in Fellowship Hall. We need sewers and tie-ers. Material donations as well as cash donations are welcome (to purchase batting). For more info, contact Virginia Sheppard 856.235.6255 or Elise Korman 856.786.2022.

WOMEN OF THE ELCA

Morning Circle ~ Friday, April 11, 10am

The Morning Circle will meet in Shockey Lounge to make hearts and decorate totes for the Bosnia IST participants to give to the children at the Friendship Camps. For patterns contact Virginia Sheppard 856.235.6255. Lunch will follow at Due Amici, Branch Pike, Cinnaminson.

CONGREGATION CORNER

2014 Phone Directory is now in your mailslot; please make the following correction:
Florence Chatas 856-234-4030

Thank You, Thank You!

- **Pat & Ron Brodie** for another successful Fastnacht Celebration!
- **Nancé & Bert Carlson** for planning and leading the Bridge of Peace Concert!

CAPITAL APPEAL

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Our Home Maintenance

In 1971, the congregation of Saint Matthew Lutheran Church, acted with great courage, to establish the physical plant that would be utilized by generations to come as their spiritual home.

Now, in 2014, one of those generations (Ours) is being asked to display the same courage so this spiritual home will be here for additional generations to come. We need to maintain and enhance our physical plant for our benefit and those of future generations.

Our Property Team has identified a number of equipment replacements that will be required in the near future, and Congregational surveys have identified requested enhancements. The Facilities Task Force continues to study longer term issues such as accessibility.

1. Replace roofing in Education wing/Main building
2. Replace main boiler
3. Air conditioning for Fellowship Hall was identified on the Mission 2015 Facilities Survey as the highest priority, along with the library and education wing.
4. The four restrooms, not including the church office or choir room, need at least major cosmetic upgrades.
5. Replace carpeting in Shockey Lounge and Education wing.
6. Pay for the sanctuary air conditioner we had to replace last summer.

The total cost of this work is estimated to be \$200,000. Consider coming to the **March 30th Adult Forum** to hear the details. Pledge cards will be sent to the congregation on April 21, 2014. Please give this work your prayerful consideration.

—Jack Horton, Chair

PROPERTY



SAVE THE DATE: Spring Clean-up Day is scheduled for Saturday, April 12, 9AM to noon (Raindate April 19). Work needs to be done both inside the church and outside the church. Pews are polished with Pledge, windows are cleaned, and dusting is done inside the church. Outside, leaves are raked and the parking lot is cleaned off with blowers. Rakes, blowers and tarps are needed for this outside work. Please consider helping in this stewardship opportunity.

—Brian Schultz, Chair

IN THE COMMUNITY

Egg Hunt ~ Saturday, April 12, 10am: Hundreds of youngsters will scramble for prize-filled eggs during Moorestown's Annual Easter Egg Hunt. This year, the Easter Egg Hunt will be held on the front lawn of the Moorestown Community House. Photo Albums of past MBA events including the Easter Egg Hunt can be seen in Facebook, on the "Moorestown Business Association" Page.

Habitat for Humanity ~ Wednesday, April 2, 8:30-10am: Habitat for Humanity Burlington County and Thrivent Financial are pleased to invite you to attend Habitat's own *Home Dedication Ceremony* at Habitat's new home 530 E. Rt. 38 in Maple Shade. The ceremony celebrates the new location and re-opening of Habitat for Humanity Burlington County's offices and ReStore.

ANOTHER YEAR OF GOD'S GRACE

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This is a special month in the history of Saint Matthew Lutheran Church. Sixty-four years ago on April 16, 1950, the church was chartered in a service in the Moorestown Community House. Many of us know the story of how our congregation came to be, but it is always good to look back to that time and to reflect on how far we have come.

We have much for which to be thankful as we enter into our 65th year:

- The **dream** of The Rev. Ralph Shockey and his wife Dorothy to have a Lutheran church in Moorestown when he became superintendent of the new Lutheran Home in 1947.
- The **inspiring** worship services which brought enough people to move from the Lutheran Home to the Moorestown Community House, which led to the charter in 1950.
- The **vision** of those "pioneers" to purchase the original Presbyterian church property at 318 Chester Avenue in November 1950.
- The **diligence** of men and women to remodel the sanctuary, maintain the property and encourage others to join the new congregation.
- The **exciting** growth of the congregation to the point that more space was needed for Sunday school classes and thus, a new education building in 1962.
- The **commitment** to long range planning which led to building a new facility for a sanctuary, library, lounge and offices and joining it to the education building and the old parish hall.
- The **joy and celebration** at the dedication in September 1972 when architect Herman Hassinger said he hoped it would be a "legacy to the future, an inspiration to the present and an echo of the past."
- The **commitment** of gifted pastors and associates through the years we've been together: Kenneth Frickert, J. Brooks Moore, Edwin L. Ehlers, Herluf M. Jensen, Edward Dufresne, Carl T. Uehling, Bruce Bassett, Gordon L. Huff, Nancy Hoops Truscott, Mark Hoffman and Ingrid F. Wengert. We had several seminary interns and we also called our first lay rostered person, Associate in Ministry William Lawrence.
- The **dedication** of various staff members to support pastors and each other and many congregation council members who were committed to serving the church.
- The **willingness** of so many during those 64 years who have shared time and talents to do such things as altar guild, choirs, musical productions, lay readers, ushers, greeters, acolytes, crucifers, Vacation Bible school, activities with Camden churches, Stephen Ministry, committees for many different projects, and groups for women, seniors, youth, drama, fellowship, Bible studies, maintenance, reading and countless other things.
- The **caring hearts and generous gifts** of so many to support the NJ Synod and the ELCA; for the hungry, for Thanksgiving baskets, for disaster relief, for helping to settle refugee families, for "servant trips", for purchasing the property next door, and to establish a beautiful Garden of Remembrance for the interment of ashes of congregation members.
- **Sharing with the community** to help charter MEND, develop a partnership with Bridge of Peace Community Church in Camden, hosting the Moorestown Ministerium Food Pantry, hosting the homeless, welcoming non-profit organizations to use our facilities and so much more.

As we give thanks for the past, we look forward to the future, knowing that we "can do all things through Christ who gives us strength." To God be the glory!

—*Rozella Bower*

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

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VBS Information Meetings for Volunteers & Parents:

Sundays, March 30 and April 27, following the 11am service in the Library;
bring any questions.

Registration Begins April 1st: Complete the form below or go online
<https://vbs.cph.org/tools/churchInfo.aspx?Church=8D80B91A>

VBS Dates: July 14-18, 6-8:30PM at SMLC

Ages: 3 years through 5th Grade

Theme: "Jesus Gives Amazing Grace"

*"For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is
not your own doing; it is the gift of God." —Ephesians 2:8*



Volunteers: Please sign up on the bulletin board in foyer.

Prayers: For VBS leaders called to serve and for children to join

For more info, please contact Lisa Merrill, VBS Coordinator, momm6434@hotmail.com.



Vacation Bible School Registration

Child's name _____ One form per child, please.

Grade completed _____ Birthday _____ Age _____

Parents' names _____

Home address _____

Home phone _____ Alternate phone _____

Emergency contact person _____ Relationship to student _____

Home phone _____ Alternate phone _____

Food allergies ☐ (Y) ☐ (N) (List:) _____

Medical concerns ☐ (Y) ☐ (N) (Explain:) _____

Family doctor _____ Doctor's phone _____

Siblings attending VBS (names and ages) _____

Church affiliation _____ Church membership at _____

People who may pick up the child _____

VBS leaders have permission to photograph/film the minor (s) designated above in any manner or form for any lawful purpose associated with this VBS program.

Parent's signature _____

SUNDAY SCHOOL INSIGHTS

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Hello Congregation,

We are Chaz Steiner and Jen Reppert. We have the pleasure of engaging your 7th and 8th grade students for Sunday school. We maintain curriculum consistent with that week's church worship service to ensure continuity between attending service and class.

However, we infuse our lesson with integration of historical perspective and then relate it to their daily lives. The key is to provide a message a bit more subtle than pure lecture. The best result is the give back we get from these bright young adults, your sons and daughters, as they have much to offer. They have opinions, goals, plans, dreams, and observations that further enhance the experience for everyone in attendance.

On behalf of Jen and I, we thank you for the opportunity to spend this quality time with them. You need to know that your young adults are in a good place for both nurturing their religious experience as well as their place in this world.

Thank you, Jen and Chaz



BOSNIA IST

Five members of Saint Matthew couldn't help but decide to participate in the Bosnia International Servant Trip, especially after hearing about it from a Bosnian visitor at a December youth group meeting. Please meet the five participants from Saint Matthew: **Taylor Buran, Amelia Burns, Kim English and son, Kaiden Potere, and Ben Slauch** (a veteran of the trip; he participated in 2008).

We're off to a late start in preparation, but we're planning to do much hard work to get there. We're hoping for the congregation to help us raise half of the cost of the trip per person through these planned fundraisers:

- Visit the Bosnia bulletin board (in the foyer near the coffee pot) on Sundays. You're invited to take an envelope and donate an amount of your choice via the envelope.
- Thanks to The Villani Family, the contributions for the Easter Breakfast will be put toward the trip.
- Chick-fil-A Restaurant (located at 58 Centerton Rd., Mt. Laurel in Wegmans Shopping Center) on **April 24, 5-8:30pm**, 20% of all purchases during that time will go towards the trip; flyers will be available soon or say at the time of purchase "fundraiser for Saint Matthew Bosnia Trip."

—Pastor Ingrid Wengert

Butterfly Pretzels

Celebrate being a new creation by making this fun spring snack.



What you need:

- 45 miniature twist pretzels (to make 20 butterflies)
- Cookie sheet covered with parchment paper
- Light cocoa and multi-colored Candy Melts (available at craft stores)
- Disposable decorating bags
- M&M's, Skittles, sprinkles, cinnamon drops, etc.

What you do:

1. Break five pretzels into pieces for antennae.
2. On cookie sheet, arrange pairs of whole pretzels as shown.
3. Melt Candy Melts in microwave, separating colors into different bags.
4. Pipe melted brown candy down the center to hold pretzels together, making a head and body. Press on two pretzel pieces for antennae.
5. Pipe other melted candy into the pretzel holes.
6. Add M&M's and other decorations into melted candy on the wings. Let cool. Enjoy!

Bridge of Peace Food Pantry: The delivery of food in February was much needed and items were exactly the things that were depleted from the shelves. Thanks to all who have given and driven the food.

Share your Easter joy by giving non-perishable food items to Saint Matthews for Peace Center Food Pantry at Bridge of Peace Church in Camden and place them on the bottom shelves under the mailboxes in the foyer. This month the food pantry needs the following items:

- Mac and Cheese
- Pasta
- Pasta Sauce
- Jelly
- Powdered Milk
- Spam
- Tuna
- Chicken
- Fruit
- Soup

NOTE: All non-perishable items are deeply needed and appreciated; please remember to check expiration dates.



Remember our Lord's command, "...love your neighbor as yourself..."—Mark 12:31

Drivers Needed: Please sign up on the large bulletin board, if you are able to deliver food on the first Sunday of the month, after the 11am service. There are helpers to load your car from SMLC and helpers to unload when you reach Bridge of Peace. For more info, contact Lisa Merrill 856.414.0273, momm6434@hotmail.com.

Casseroles & Salads: Please continue to sign up to supply casseroles and salads for BOP youth group casserole dinners. Next casserole drop-off date is **Sunday, April 13**. These casseroles are one-dish meals and are very simple with only rice or pasta, some beef or chicken & veggies, usually made with cream soups or gravy. Share your recipe by submitting it to the church office so we can feature it in the next *Messenger*.

Serving: Garden Salad and Casseroles (no nuts and no seafood please)

We need: 5 people to make 13 x 9 x 2 inch casseroles

Paper plates, bowls, plastic utensils, napkins, cups, etc. are needed for serving the dinners. Place near mailboxes in foyer or in office, marked **"BOP YOUTH DINNER"** on items.

Bridge of Peace Property: Bridge of Peace buildings are in need of some repairs. General maintenance and skilled craftsmen are needed. Please men and women there are many ways you can serve in this area.

—Lisa Merrill
Bridge of Peace Communicator

ALL WERE WOW'ED! And God was surely pleased at the benefit concert held here at Saint Matthew on March 16; 165 people gathered and successfully raised money for a ministry that all the congregations care about. The concert was truly a blessing for the relationship between all the congregations; \$4,810.35 was freely given by those blessed.

Nance' Carlson coordinated and directed this concert of performers, including the St. Matt's Players. The story of creation was truly enjoyed, especially by the children, as puppets were paraded during the reading of the creation story. Select members from each congregation read inspiring scriptures. Hymns, led by The Rev. J. Bert Carlson, were sung by all and could be heard from outside. Soloists, duets and choirs from churches throughout this region gave stellar performances, some receiving standing ovations. The talents and gifts of poets and musicians filled the event. Lisa Merrill directed the talented Bridge of Peace Dance Worship Group. The children were a huge hit and truly inspired all 165 people to cheer and applaud.

Thanks to Sue Kuhn and the refreshment committee for serving and all who provided delicious baked goods. God bless all who performed and gave time, talents and generous gifts.

The psalmist David described the spirit-filled message of this Benefit Concert in Psalm 33:

PSALM 33

Rejoice in the LORD, O you righteous. Praise befits the upright.

² *Praise the LORD with the lyre; make melody to him with the harp of ten strings.*

³ *Sing to him a new song; play skillfully on the strings, with loud shouts.*

⁴ *For the word of the LORD is upright, and all his work is done in faithfulness.*

⁵ *He loves righteousness and justice; the earth is full of the steadfast love of the LORD.*

⁶ *By the word of the LORD the heavens were made, and all their host by the breath of his mouth.*

⁷ *He gathered the waters of the sea as in a bottle; he put the deeps in storehouses.*

⁸ *Let all the earth fear the LORD; let all the inhabitants of the world stand in awe of him.*

⁹ *For he spoke, and it came to be; he commanded, and it stood firm.*

¹⁰ *The LORD brings the counsel of the nations to nothing; he frustrates the plans of the peoples.*

¹¹ *The counsel of the LORD stands forever, the thoughts of his heart to all generations.*

¹² *Happy is the nation whose God is the LORD, the people whom he has chosen as his heritage.*

¹³ *The LORD looks down from heaven; he sees all humankind.*

¹⁴ *From where he sits enthroned he watches all the inhabitants of the earth—*

¹⁵ *he who fashions the hearts of them all, and observes all their deeds.*

¹⁶ *A king is not saved by his great army; a warrior is not delivered by his great strength.*

¹⁷ *The war horse is a vain hope for victory, and by its great might it cannot save.*

¹⁸ *Truly the eye of the LORD is on those who fear him, on those who hope in his steadfast love,*

¹⁹ *to deliver their soul from death, and to keep them alive in famine.*

²⁰ *Our soul waits for the LORD; he is our help and shield.*

²¹ *Our heart is glad in him, because we trust in his holy name.*

²² *Let your steadfast love, O LORD, be upon us, even as we hope in you.*

—Lisa Merrill
Bridge of Peace Communicator

Live Civilly/Moorestown Ministerium Food Pantry and the Feinstein Foundation Challenge

Over the last three years, the pantry at Saint Matthew has gone through an evolution of sorts. What started as a family project, graciously supported by and backed by the Saint Matthew Congregation, has grown into a community-wide effort serving more than 200 people monthly. During these three years, Live Civilly has continued to support the pantry through volunteer, food and financial contributions as the Ministerium Partners have increased their participation. All the while, the number of patrons increases monthly and the need in our community grows larger.

In an effort to help offset financial needs, Live Civilly has recently become one of the many independent, hunger fighting agencies in the United States to take The Feinstein Foundation Challenge. The Feinstein Foundation (located in Rhode Island) is an organization which for the last 16 years has donated collaborative funds to independent, local, 501c3 non-profits that fight hunger. For every can of peas, box of pasta, jar of peanut butter or dollar you donate to Live Civilly (Live Civilly/Moorestown Ministerium Pantry) between now and April 30, The Feinstein Foundation will provide complimentary funds. The more donations Live Civilly receives, the more money the Foundation will allocate toward Live Civilly.

Additionally, any donations (cash or in-kind) directed to the ExCELS Snack Program, the Live Civilly/Moorestown Ministerium Food Pantry or any other Live Civilly nutritional outreach vehicle will count toward this challenge. Donations from the Food For All Campaign, which is running through the Moorestown Twp. Public Schools, will count toward this effort as well. The Food For All monthly food drive will occur on the 2nd Friday of each month in each of the six Moorestown schools. The bounty from this event will be shared with the Live Civilly/Moorestown Ministerium Pantry, the Bethel AME Food Pantry, and the First Baptist Church Food Pantry.

For more information about Live Civilly or the Feinstein Foundation Challenge, please contact Kahra Buss at kahra@livecivilly.org.

Lunch Bunch ~ Thursday, April 10, 7pm

A ministry that provides a full lunch, once a month, to the homeless patrons of the New Visions Center in Camden, NJ.

Drop-off your goodies—cookies, cakes, or brownies; place them on a disposable plate and mark it for "Lunch Bunch;" simply leave them on the desk outside the Church Office.

Interfaith Hospitality Network ~ April 13-20

Community Response for Homeless Families

If you are able to help with driving, staying overnight, cooking meals, please sign up on the bulletin board in the foyer. For more info contact Barry Grahn, bgrahn1@comcast.net or 856-3031389.



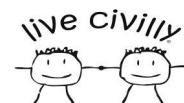
Hand-Up Sunday April 13

The Ministerium food pantry is in need of:

Canned pasta
Canned fruit
Canned chicken, ham
Stove top stuffing
Baked beans
Rice
Pasta sauce
Snacks
Cake mix
Jello

If you can volunteer your time, email Cara Lowy, clowcarpediem@aol.com. If you can donate food, contact Cathy Roberts 856.234.0778; 609.744.3637.

Moorestown Ministerium Food Pantry is affiliated with



SOCIAL CONCERNS (continued)

ELCA Observing World Malaria Day ~ April 27, 2014

The goal is to raise \$250,000—enough to start a program in Namibia. With nearly 10,000 congregations, this is an opportunity for all of us to come together and help raise these funds. Save the date and plan your giving for this world wide program. If you are unable to attend church on that date and wish to donate, simply make your check payable to "Saint Matthew Lutheran Church" with "Malaria" in the memo.

—Bob Ganskopp, Chair

Auxiliary at Lutheran Care

We are collecting useable items for June Day and our monthly "Tony's Table" now run by Lorraine Horton and Dave Frech. We collect books, useable "stuff," i.e. pots, china, small appliances, radios, purses, scarves, and stuffed animals. If you have questions, please call me and I will try to solve your problem on creative recycling.

—Elise Korman, President

CROP Walk ~ Starting from Saint Matthew

Toot the horns! Beat the drums! Here comes the 40th CROP Walk!

On **May 4, 2014**, we will gather at Saint Matthew at 1:30pm to register.

Stepping off at 2pm together. Route maps for 1, 3 and 5 miles will be available. During the month of April, walkers can sign in for donation packets. It is the combination of walkers and donors that will get us to the goal of making this the best walk ever. Twenty-five percent of the money raised stays in the community. To donate online go to www.cropwalk.org/Moorestown; all money donated between now and April 30th will be tripled by matching funds. Look for Mae Trebing at a table in the foyer during April. Start early recruiting donors.

—Mae Trebing

Bridge of Hope South Jersey

Bridge of Hope South Jersey needs a mentoring group of 10 people, male or female, for single moms in the program. It only takes a willingness to establish an ongoing "ministry of friendship" with a homeless single mother and her children. Look on <http://southjersey.bridgeofhopeinc.org>; click the drop down menu for more details or contact Eloise Williams 856.235.4959.

—Eloise Williams

OLDER WISER LUTHERAN SENIORS

Thursday, April 3, 12 Noon

Featuring: The Hardly Ables Retiree String Band

We're going to have some String Band music in April., so dust off those golden slippers or spray paint some sneakers and get ready to strut—just like you used to! This ailing, graying octet (we will have three) of used-to-be's, who in their prime went up Broad Street with spring in their steps, sequins on their backs and music in their hearts, will be sharing their talent with us. Despite their name, the "Hardly Ables" can still strum a banjo, plink a mandolin, rattle a squeeze box, and blow a sax with the best of them.

—Bob Ganskopp



SPIRITUAL LIFE

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Bible Studies

Monday, 10:30am, 10:30am, with Wayne Becker.

Tuesday, 6:30am, Men's Bible Study led by the Rev. Dallas Dorward

Tuesday, 7:30pm, Lenten Bible Study (*see pg. 3*)

Recovery Bible Discussion: Mondays, 6-7pm in the Lounge for people who are in a 12-step recovery process with AA or NA.

Media-Movie-Munchies: Not scheduled for April

Stephen Ministry ~ Trustworthy on the Caregivers Compass



Trustworthy—What does that mean? The dictionary defines it as 'that which can be depended upon; deserving confidence, reliable, faithful.' What does it mean for Stephen Ministers to be trustworthy? Stephen Ministers trust in the Lord. *Psalm 121:1-2 '...from where will my help come? My help comes from the Lord, who made heaven and earth.'*

Stephen Ministers trust what has been taught in extensive training and trust in the Stephen Leaders, Pastor Wengert, and peer support. As Stephen Ministers, we must trust and have confidence in ourselves and be dependable. Care receivers rely on us to live up to our promise to provide confidential care and to stick with them for the long haul. Even when care giving becomes difficult, a Stephen Minister remains committed to the caring relationship.

Confidentiality is an essential component of being trustworthy. What happens in a caring relationship is never told, and the identity of the care receiver is always kept confidential during peer supervision meetings. We, Stephen Ministers, follow through on our promises to the congregation, our Stephen Leaders, and our fellow Stephen Ministers by faithfully attending continuing education classes once a month and the twice-a-month peer supervision sessions.

Stephen Ministers want to establish a "Safe House" with and for care receivers. It is a place where it is okay to share about themselves and to begin to trust. Grace-Based Acceptance is the foundation. In a non-judgmental manner a person is accepted, valued, and cherished. In *John 15:2*, Jesus taught, 'Love each other as I have loved you.' We, Stephen Ministers, use active listening by focusing all our attention on the care receiver. It requires personal involvement, empathy, and commitment. We reflect feelings, clarify, and share understanding. We use prayer with care receivers throughout the caring relationship, trusting in God as the Great Healer. Grace-Based Acceptance, Listening, Empathy, and Confidentiality are elements creating Trust. Trust is the door through which care receivers enter to begin sharing and healing.

—Marian Duda

In Our Prayers



Convalescing:

Barbara Duffy
Charlie Lange
Debby Madiraca
Cathy Roberts
Ron Roberts
Walter Trebing
Roy Werner

Homebound/Other:

Nancy Beth Abele
Grace Barone
Nancé Carlson
Evelyn Frintner
Dot Jensen
Bette Kelley
Lynn Krudewig
Shane Gibson
Neil Gilmour
Bette Higginbotham
Mike Hoffman
Lance Jensen
Lois Lukasik
Alexis Schoenhofer

Serving in Military:

Tommy Bowen
Beth Eilers
Karl Frerking
Miles Haroldson
Brendan Keegan
Doug Lohr, Jr.
Danny Merrill
Janal Thomas
Steve Thompson

Partners in Ministry:

Bridge of Peace

Camden, NJ
www.bridgeofpeace.com

Stephen Deal

ELCA Missionary in
Costa Rica

Leaving a Footprint



This article is the forth in a series to Saint Matthew's members to inform and encourage greater awareness of your ***Saint Matthew Memorial Fund***. This month we discuss the question, "**Can things other than money be donated to Saint Matthew – and if so, what and why?**"

First the **WHY**... Simply put we all want to take care of our families on a daily basis "financially" and in our estate plans by passing those assets to them. But do our estate plans (wills and final bequests) need to also remember and care for the God's work through the church, that is the gospel of Jesus Christ?

Think about it—should we instead be saying, "God I trust you with my life's financial resources so much that I'm going to put some of it into your reach so that you can use it your way?" We already talked about how Saint Matthew's will be a faithful steward to your legacy and his legacy.

Now the **WHAT**... We wrote about the benefits of donating stocks (and bonds) as a way beyond checks to step out in faith. You can also gift possessions like real estate and unneeded automobiles - to name a few. Real estate donations provide highly beneficial tax results with the tax deduction determined by the current market value of the property, as opposed to the cost of the property when it was purchased (possibly skipping capital gain taxation). Sometimes the donation can relieve you and your heirs of the burden of maintenance and strife that can result from inheriting or passing a tangible property- freeing financial assets to pass without complication.

In closing the reminder — What's your footprint? Do you wish a footprint that provides witness to your heirs about the importance of your Christian faith and the church in your life? Remembering the ***Saint Matthew Memorial Fund*** is one way your faith can be transferred to the next generation.

A bequest to our church can be any asset, investment, monetary amount or percentage designated to the Saint Matthew Memorial Fund. You can specify a specific congregational ministry or the general Memorial Fund, which will allow for a large collective future endeavor, creating a lasting legacy and also the flexibility for a major outreach, new mission or church expansion/facility upgrade.

Contact any committee member with questions: Bruce Arruda, Mary Beckett, Joel Boehmler, Judy Jochumsen and John Terpak.

A qualified CPA and attorney should be sought for all decisions in gifting and estate planning. Thank you for your consideration in remembering Saint Matthew Lutheran Church during your legacy planning and estate plan updates.

—Submitted by Mary Beckett

MEMORIAL FUND SCHOLARSHIPS

Scholarships will be awarded this year to college bound high school seniors. Students who currently are enrolled in colleges will be not be eligible. Applications are available on the tables in the church foyer. The deadline for submitting applications is **Sunday, May 25, 2014**.

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS - APRIL 2014

DATE	TIME & CHOIR	ACOLYTE	CRUCIFER	ASSISTING MINISTERS	COMMUNION ASSISTANT	GREETER	HEALING PRAYERS	READER	USHER	ALTAR GUILD
Apr. 06	8:30 AM	Alex Trabold		Karen Widin	Vicar Ryan	Cara Lowy	Joy Wadleigh	Brian Sena	Duda Team	Sue Kuhn
					George Boehmler					Sue Acheson
										Lorraine Horton
	11:00 AM CHOIR	Courtney Aguilar		Bob Ganskopp	Vicar Ryan	Sue Acheson	Sue Kuhn	Sue Kuhn	Otto Team	
					Rene Cherson					
Apr. 13	8:30 AM CHOIR BELL CHOIR	Giovanni Saura	Matthew Molesan	Mae Trebing	Vicar Ryan	Virginia Sheppard	Rozella Bower	TBA	Duda Team	Cathy Roberts
					Carol Cathcart					Lynn Ganskopp
										Toni Hopkins
	11:00 AM CHOIR BELL CHOIR	Emily Cornish	Ashley Cornish	Jack Horton	Vicar Ryan	Joyce Schultz	Marilyn Dager	TBA	Otto Team	Joy Wadleigh
					Lori Cornish					
Apr. 17	7:30 PM	Molly Baker		Bill Lawrence	Pat Brodie			Rozella Bower		
					Sandy Meany					
Apr. 18	7:30 PM	Samantha Bansky		Sue Kuhn				TBA		
Apr. 20	8:30 AM CHOIR BELL CHOIR	Matthew Grahm	Christopher Grahm	Vicar Ryan	Joel Boehmler	Mae Trebing	Sue Kuhn	Michael Rieker	Duda Team	Sandy Meany
					George Boehmler					Bernie Williams
										Jana Frable
	11:00 AM CHOIR BELL CHOIR	John Cowan	Holly Keifer	Vicar Ryan	Ray Fausak	Marge Dorward	Bobbie Murakami	Bobbie Murakami	Otto Team	Lisa Merrill
					Ed Hammond					Joyce Buss
Apr. 27	8:30 AM	Hannah Steiner	Matt Miller	Wayne Becker	Lou Naylor	Joyce Valore	David Frech	Kahra Buss	Duda Team	Jackie Diepold
					Carol Cathcart		Sue Kuhn			JoAnn Lawrence
										Maureen Lange
	11:00 AM CHOIR	Julia Niedzwiecki	Matt Niedzwiecki	Bob Ganskopp	Laura Jacoby	Lynne Ganskopp	Carmen	Bob Ganskopp	Otto Team	Willie Thomas
					Rene Cherson		von Wrangell			



28 Shannon Lange
 28 Caroline Scheipe
 28 Marie Vogel
 29 Pat Davis
 30 Tyler Lukridge
 30 Maureen Lange

BIRTHDAYS

April

1 Joe Buss, Jr.
 1 Dorothy Koch
 2 Jacob Nice
 5 Valerie Bobenrath
 5 Florence Fogel
 6 Bob Gibson
 7 Katy Giberson
 7 Billy Killian
 8 Alexandria Faino
 8 Dawn Scheipe
 10 Christina Pennypacker
 10 Michael Trimble
 10 Susan Jackson
 12 Anne MacFarland
 12 Jason Johnson
 12 Giovanni Saura
 13 Eric Jackson
 13 Cara Lowy
 13 Susan Hawbecker
 13 Matthew McKinney
 13 Corey Johnson
 15 Taylor Buran
 15 Mike Trabold
 17 Marilyn Dager
 18 Kyle Schoenberger
 19 Johanna Flothmeier
 20 Brian Widin
 20 Lilianna Saura
 20 Mary Keifer
 22 Alison Annese
 24 Noah Breitenfeld
 25 Erica Nikoo
 26 Kimberly Collins
 27 Rose Ann Civitella

SMLC, Community Groups
Apr 2014 (Eastern Time)

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
30	31	1	2	3	4	5
		6:30am - Men's Bible Study 9am - Property Com. 1pm - Alanon 7:30pm - Bible Study (L)	10am - O/A (LB) 10am - Staff Mtg 2:30pm - Care One-W 6:30pm - Handbells 7pm - Youth Group 7:30pm - Lenten Vespers 8pm - Adult Choir	12pm - OWLS 7:30pm - HOPE 7:30pm - Scout Comm	10am - FCP (Gym/FH)	10:30am - 11th Step 12pm - New Life AA (LB,
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
LENT 5 8:30am - Worship 9:45am - Adult Forum 9:45am - First Comm. Class 9:45am - Sunday School 11am - Worship 2pm - Recital (Herman)	10am - Recovery Inc. 10:30am - Bible Study 12pm - Food Pantry 5pm - Food Pantry 8pm - Recovery Bible Dis. 7pm - Boy Scouts 7pm - Ministry Night	6:30am - Men's Bible Study 9am - Property Com. 9:30am - Quilt (FH) 1pm - Alanon 7pm - Accessibility Rm 7pm - Stephen Ministry 7:30pm - Bible Study (L)	10am - O/A (LB) 11:30am - Ministerium Mtg. 6:30pm - Handbells 7pm - FCP (110) 7pm - Youth Group 7:30pm - Lenten Vespers 8pm - Adult Choir	7pm - Lunch Bunch 7:30pm - HOPE 7:30pm - Internship Comm.	10am - WELCA	9am - Spring Clean-Up 10:30am - 11th Step 12pm - New Life AA (LB,
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
SMLC Hosts IHN Flower Deadline PALM SUNDAY 8:30am - Worship 9:45am - Adult Forum 9:45am - First Comm. Class 9:45am - Palm Sunday 11am - Worship	10am - Recovery Inc. 10:30am - Bible Study 6pm - Recovery Bible Dis. 7pm - Boy Scouts 7pm - Exec. Comm. 7:30pm - O/A	Newsletter Info Due 6:30am - Men's Bible Study 9am - Property Com. 1pm - Alanon	9am - Piano Tuner 10am - O/A (LB) 6:30pm - Handbells 7pm - Youth Group 7:30pm - Adult Choir	MAUNDY THURSDAY 10am - Service 6:45pm - 1st Comm. 7:30pm - HOPE 7:30pm - Service (1st	GOOD FRIDAY 12pm - Service@Trinity @ 7:30pm - Tenabrae Service	9am - Raindate: Spring 10:30am - 11th Step 12pm - New Life AA (LB,
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
SMLC Hosts IHN EASTER 8:30am - Worship 9:30am - Easter Breakfast 11am - Worship	10am - Recovery Inc. 10:30am - Bible Study 12pm - Food Pantry 5pm - Food Pantry 6pm - Recovery Bible Dis. 6:30pm - Council Fel. 7pm - Boy Scouts 7pm - Cong. Council	6:30am - Men's Bible Study 9am - Property Com. 1pm - Alanon 7pm - Accessibility (Rm 7pm - Stephen Ministry	10am - O/A (LB) 6:30pm - Handbells 7pm - Youth Group 7:30pm - Adult Choir	7:30pm - HOPE		10:30am - 11th Step 12pm - New Life AA (LB,
27	28	29	30	1	2	3
WORLD MALARIA DAY 8:30am - Worship 9:45am - Adult Forum 9:45am - Sunday School 11am - Worship 12pm - VBS Mtg.	10am - Recovery Inc. 10:30am - Bible Study 6pm - Recovery Bible Dis. 7pm - Boy Scouts 7:30pm - O/A 7:30pm - St. Matt Readers	6:30am - Men's Bible Study 9am - Property Com. 9:30am - Quilt (FH) 1pm - Alanon	10am - O/A (LB) 6:30pm - Handbells 7pm - Youth Group 7:30pm - Adult Choir			

Easter Flower Order Form

Please make checks payable to "Saint Matthew Church." Please submit check/cash and order form (together) in offering plate or mail it to the Church Office. **NOTE:** Last day for ordering is **Sunday, April 13**



Your Name: _____ **Envelope #** _____

Indicate the number of plants you wish to order:

_____ **Tulip (\$7)** _____ **Lily (\$7)** _____ **Hydrangea (\$14)**

In Thanksgiving for: _____

In Honor of: _____

In Memory of: _____

LOOKING AHEAD

May 4 ~ Deadline for submitting Annual Reports from Council Members, Chairs & Staff
May 11 ~ Mother's Day Flower Sale; Godspeed to Vicar Ryan Paetzold
May 18 ~ Last Day for Sunday School
May 25 ~ 9:30 AM Worship Service (only one service)
June 5 ~ Ascension Wine & Cheese at the Wengerts

PASTORAL ACTS

Baptism

3/5/14 Valerie Ann Fury; David P. Lukridge

Funeral

3/15/14 Tezanne L. Zeringo

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