



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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SUNDAYS IN APRIL



Resurrection of Our Lord/Easter Day

8:30am Worship Service
9:30am Easter Breakfast
(No Sunday School or Adult Forum)
11:00am Worship Service
Baptism: Lucas Jackson Malatack



Second Sunday of Easter

8:30am Worship Service
9:45am Sunday School
Adult Forum: *Trends in the Delaware Mission District (Southwestern NJ ELCA Congregations)*
11:00am Worship Service



65th Anniversary of Saint Matthew

8:30am Worship Service
9:45am Sunday School
Adult Forum: *Saint Matthew's 65th Anniversary*
11:00am Worship Service with First Communicants



Fourth Sunday of Easter

8:30am Worship Service
9:45am Sunday School
Adult Forum: *Trends in U.S. Christianity*
11:00am Worship Service

Holy Week Schedule



Maundy Thursday, 4/2

10AM Worship Service at Trinity Episcopal Church
7:30PM Worship Service at SMLC

Good Friday, 4/3

10AM Children's Service at SMLC
12PM Community Service at Trinity Episcopal Church
7:30 PM Tenebrae Service at SMLC

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This is Christ's church. There is a place for you here.
We are the church that shares a living, daring confidence in God's grace.
Liberated by our faith, we embrace you as a whole person —
questions, complexities and all.

Join us as we do God's work in Christ's name for the life of the world.



Pentecost Vigil Wed., May 20 7pm at SMLC

Delaware Mission District will hold a Pentecost Vigil at Saint Matthew –

Wed. May 20, 7pm.

The preacher will be the new president of The Lutheran Theological Seminary at Philadelphia, The Rev. Dr. David Lose. There will also be a combined choir.

The Delaware Mission District is comprised of the 32 ELCA congregations in Burlington, Camden, Gloucester, Salem and Cumberland counties, and Pastor Ingrid Wengert is the Dean.

PASTOR'S MESSAGE

Saint Matthew Lutheran Church (SMLC) was officially formed on April 16, 1950, which makes this our 65th anniversary year! Sixty-five is the age when an *individual* begins slow down and think about retirement. However, as a congregation, we're still rather young, especially in comparison with our 32 sister congregations in southwestern NJ (Burlington, Camden, Gloucester, Salem & Cumberland counties), of which 19 are older – the oldest being in Elmer, founded in 1726. Seventeen of the other 18 congregations were planted after the Civil War and before World War II. There are also 12 congregations younger than we are, the youngest planted in Camden in 2007, namely, Bridge of Peace.

SMLC was the first post-WWII Lutheran congregation planted in the NJ suburbs of Philadelphia. As the baby boom was in full swing in 1950, it's fitting that Saint Matthew began as a Sunday School in the Lutheran Home, Moorestown at the urging of young mother Dorothy Shockey and her husband, the Rev. Ralph Shockey, Superintendent of the newly-opened Lutheran Home.

The congregation has been served by eleven clergy over the course of 65 years – including 3 associate pastors – of which two became presidents (e.g. bishops) of the NJ Synod. We have also been faithfully led by an abundance of gifted lay people, not to mention the countless parishioners who have spent energy, time, money and heart in serving the gospel, church and their neighbor through Saint Matthew.

Anniversaries are a good time to recognize and appreciate our history, give thanks for the risks taken and gifts given by all who've served, and even remember lessons learned over the years. Life in the year 2015 barely resembles that in 1950, when many households didn't yet own a TV set and had a single income, people dressed up when flying on airplanes, and redlining was a common practice, so that Caucasians might live in all-white neighborhoods, including nearby Levittowns. Much has changed. But not everything. The human condition is the same as in all of history - we're self-centered "turned in on the self." Since 1950, Lutheran worship is still very recognizable, and actually has many more connections to early Christian worship (e.g., weekly Communion) and fewer to American evangelical Christian worship (e.g., revivals, no sacraments) – all through the introduction of 3 new hymnals (1958, 1978, 2006).

But in the end, the main thing that has stayed the same is the One around whom we gather – Jesus Christ. This is Christ's church, who has faithfully worked through and at times even in spite of our foremothers and fathers (and us!). He has been the constant – going all the way back to the first Easter Sunday in Jerusalem, and forward to the first Lutheran congregations planted in NJ in 1726, through 1950 in Moorestown ... to Easter Sunday at SMLC, 2015.

Although Christ is the same, yesterday, today and forever, he uses ever-changing language and culture as tools to convey the meaning of the gospel so as to engage people in each age. Thus, anniversaries are also a good time to recognize the now: Saint Matthew Lutheran Church in 2015. Christ has shaped us into a unique community of faith, with gifts and good news to share with our neighbors, still calling us to discern together how best to do so, and to encourage one another to steadfastly continue in this 65 year-young mission. To hear more about our history, attend Adult Forum on 4/19 which will be led by Rozella Bower, our congregation's archivist and renowned storyteller.

—Pastor Ingrid F. Wengert

PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Oh, how you all must/or should be praying for spring as I am. The Lenten vespers services have been a breath of fresh air so to speak. It calms my soul on Wednesday evenings and I find it as refreshing and soothing as the couple of days of sun and warmer weather we have experienced recently.

The Congregation Council, Facility Planning Task Force (FPTF), and Memorial Fund Trustees are hard at work in a number of related areas. Council is working on the agenda for the June 7, 2015 Semi-Annual Congregation Meeting (mark your calendar and save the date). This meeting routinely includes reports from all the committees as well as elections for new council members. This years agenda may, I say "may" as this is a work in progress, include the following:

1. Recommendation from Council to the congregation to consider approving amendments to our church's constitution.
2. Presentation by the FPTF regarding cost estimates for our church campus accessibility and improvement projects.
3. Memorial Fund (MF) Trustee recommendations for changes to the MF by-laws regarding the Council's authority to borrow money from the MF.

Regarding item #1 above, Council is preparing to present amendments to our church constitution for congregation approval for the second time. If you remember, Council recommended the congregation approve the constitution amendments at last June's semi-annual congregational meeting. At that meeting the Congregation voted to have Council provide additional education regarding the amendments. Additionally, the Congregation desired additional time to digest the nature of the changes. As a result, there was a 5 week Constitution Amendment Educational Program delivered via the Adult Forum with sessions lead by Wayne Becker and supported by Pastor Wengert. Now it is time to ask the Congregation to once again to consider approving the amendments that will get us in step with processes and procedures consistent with the ELCA Model Constitution for Congregations.

I will keep you informed on these topics through May and June as our plans for the Semi-Annual Congregation Meeting agenda are solidified.

In the meantime there is so much to look forward to, including our celebration of Easter, the Cross, the Resurrection and April showers which bring May's flowers. Spring and May flowers are truly a metaphor for the death and resurrection of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. Thanking God for the seasons, and especially spring. —*God's Work, Our Hands, Dick*

NOTE: All Chairs, Council Members & Staff need to submit their reports for the Semi-Annual Meeting to the office by May 1st.

2014-15 Council Officers

President:
Dick Graybill

VP & Mutual Ministry:
Chair: Kris Burns

Secretary:
Lorraine Horton

Treasurer:
Tom Cassel



Council Members

Evangelism:
Pete Boal

Fellowship & Parish Life:
Brandie Plasket

Property:
Steve Cathcart

Social Concerns:
Bob Ganskopp

Spiritual Life:
Pete Boal

Stewardship:
Jack Horton

Worship & Music:
Peter Jensen

Youth & Family:
OPEN

Youth Rep.:
Taylor Nieto

Alternate Youth Rep.:
Kylee Miller



Evangelism: Pam Bowen

**Facilities Planning
Task Force:** Jim Merrill

Memorial: Bill Acheson

Property: Brian Schultz

YOUTH & FAMILY



Sunday, April 19

Children will receive Communion for the first time during the 11am service on the third Sunday of Easter, 4/19. A celebratory reception will follow.

We moved it from Maundy Thursday in Holy Week, which was very fitting in some ways, but it was very near to 9-year old bedtimes and the liturgy also ended very somberly—looking towards Good Friday in silence. We look forward to a new experience!

Mentor Dinner Tuesday, May 27 6:30pm

(NOTE: New Date)

8th Grade Confirmation Students are introduced to their mentors as the last part of the Confirmation program.

Bread for the Journey (to Bosnia)

Hello Fellow Members of Saint Matt's,

My name is Ella Peterson, and I was just confirmed this past fall. When I thought about what I wanted to do with my Confirmation gift money, I realized that I wanted to go and help people. So, this summer I will be traveling with the NJ Synod Team to Bosnia and Herzegovina, to visit their schools and run day camps.

As many of you know, Bosnia and Herzegovina suffered a genocide in the 1990's, and though there has been healing, the scars are still there. I will be going with my mother, Sara Lilja, and the rest of the team in June. However to get there, I need your help! On **April 26th and May 3rd**, I will be having a "Bread for the Journey" fundraiser in the foyer after each service. I will have an assortment of breads available for a donation, including bread made from a recipe from the war to sample as well.

Thank you very much for your support and prayers. If you have any questions, feel free to call 856-234-4842, or email me at ellijapeterson@gmail.com. —*Ella Peterson*

Christus Academy

Christus Academy is in Camden, New Jersey and every week a portion of our offering that we collect during our Sunday school class goes to this organization.

Christus seeks to provide excellence in Christian education in a small safe school environment to Camden youth with a primary goal of preparing their students for college. Students attending Christus improve their academic skills; develop the ability to think analytically and creatively while rewarding each student's accomplishments and advance the student's spirituality through foundations in faith.

—*Eric Peper and Nina Thomas*
5th & 6th Grade Sunday School Teachers

Attention: Sunday School Families

Please remember to return your ELCA World Hunger piggy banks. Thank you!



WORSHIP & MUSIC

Children's Good Friday Service

April 3, 10–11am

(For children 3yrs through 4th Grade;

First Communicants are urged to attend)

This service is great for children to experience Holy Week in an active way.

- ♦ We begin by welcoming Jesus with palms (**Palm Sunday**)
- ♦ Then we follow him to the Last Supper, tasting foods and praying in the garden (**Maundy Thursday**)
- ♦ Finally, we follow him to the cross* and burial, but we expect that Jesus has a surprise for us on Easter Sunday! (**Good Friday**)

**Children should bring a cross from home (not jewelry), and we will use it during the Good Friday action in the sanctuary.*

—Pastor Ingrid Wengert

Who is that Easter Butterfly?

Penelope Armstead-Williams (PJ) was born in St. Louis, MO and moved to Moorestown, NJ from Greeley, CO at the age of 7. She has been a member of Saint Matthew since that time. She is the daughter of Michael J. Williams and Valerie Armstead. Her older sister is Cassandra (Cassie) and her younger sister is Veronica (Ronnie). She is a graduate of Moorestown High School.



PJ is a dancer, singer, actor and choreographer, who received her BFA in Dance from NYU's Tisch School of Arts and a BA in Economics from NYU's Stearns School of Business. As a dancer, PJ has performed nationally and internationally with Philadanco, nathantnceRituals, Tania Isaac Dance, Urban Bush Woman, Loco 7 Puppet Theatre, Rebuild Pakistan and Liberation Dance. PJ's musical theater credits include, *Wicked!* (San Francisco and 1st national touring company) and several productions of *West Side Story*, as Anita. PJ resides in New York, NY.

—Submitted by Valerie Armstead

FELLOWSHIP & PARISH LIFE

Calling All Knitters, Crocheters & Quilters

Tues., April 14 & 28

9:30am in Fellowship Hall



St. Matt Readers

7:30pm in Library

♦ **Mon., April 27**

Prudence

By: David Treuer

♦ **Mon., June 22**

Lila

By: Marilynne Robinson

♦ **Mon., Sept. 28**

Go Set a Watchman

By: Harper Lee



Media-Movie- Munchies

No MMM in April

♦ **Fri., May 1, 7pm**

Featuring: *Philomena*

♦ **Fri., June 5,
6:30pm**

Possible Pizza Party
Featuring: *Boyhood*

OLDER WISER LUTHERAN SENIORS (OWLS)

Wednesday, April 8, Noon

(Change in Program*)

We have made a change to our April 8th program: The Rev. Jim Hughes is able to accommodate us on that date, so, he will be doing his drama program on "Thomas." We all enjoyed Rev. Hughes on his last visit, so, I'm sure we will have the same experience this time. **Please bring a sandwich; beverages and dessert will be provided.**

**Reason for the change: we have received some feedback from several people who have visited the Chocolatrium and have learned that the tour does not show candy being made. Secondly, the lunch is very small and we thought it was not worth the \$29pp charge. —Bob Ganskopp*

Thursday, May 7, Noon

Guest Speaker, Earnest Kaufman

A remarkable 94-yr old Holocaust survivor will be with us on May 7th as he recounts his amazing life story. Please bring a sandwich; beverages and dessert will be provided.



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

EVEREST, Conquering Challenges with God's Mighty Power

Sunday, July 12 through July 16, 6-8pm

For 3 yr. olds through 5th Graders

For description of theme visit:

<http://www.group.com/vbs/everest>



Volunteers Wanted:

We need Volunteers to chaperone, bake, pre-registration help, decorating, banner designing, greeters, there is a need you can fulfill. If interested, please contact Lisa Merrill, momm6434@hotmail.com or 856.414.0273. Sign-up sheet is on bulletin board. Mark your calendars for our next VBS Meetings: **May 3**, following 11am worship and **June 28**, following 9:30am worship service.

To Register Children:

Please complete form on last page of newsletter or go to St. Matthew's website www.stmatthew-lutheran.org.

SOCIAL CONCERNS

Lunch Bunch ~ April 9, 7pm in Teen Den

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 cookies, cakes, or brownies; place them on a disposable plate and mark it for "Lunch Bunch."

CROP Walk ~ May 3, 1:30pm at SMLC

A ministry to help end hunger. Twenty-five percent of money raised is returned to Moorestown to support its 3 food pantries.

It is time to sign up for the CROP Walk. We start at St. Matthew, sign in at 1:30PM; stepping off at 2PM. There are choices of routes, 1, 3 and 5 miles. Walkers of all ages are welcome. If you are unable to walk, please give. This is the team work that gets the job done. The money raised will help the food pantries at Bethel, First Baptist and the Live Civilly/Moorestown Ministerium food pantry at SMLC. Any questions, look for Mae Trebing in the foyer, call her 609-239-4042 or ironhorse2102@gmail.com.

Spring Fling ~ May 16, 10am-3pm

Think Spring with Lutheran Crossings Auxiliary

The square bins located under the tables in the entrance hall of St. Matthew are being filled by a steady flow of donations. Thanks to your contributions of jewelry, wallets, purses and decorative items the Lutheran Crossings Auxiliary is able to continue its mission of providing enjoyable activities for Crossings residents.

On the second Thursday of each month Dave and I sell donated items to visitors, employees and residents of Lutheran Crossings. All proceeds derived from the sales benefit the residents, helping to provide birthday and holiday parties. The Auxiliary recently contributed \$10,000 towards a new van.

"Spring Fling" will replace June Day, traditionally held on the grounds of the Crossings, as our annual fundraiser. The date for that event will be **Saturday, May 16th**. Dave and I, along with other volunteers, will sell donated items on a much larger scale. If you have larger items for the Spring Fling you may contact Dave.

Both Dave and I have had serious back issues in the past. Overly packed boxes or very heavy, bulky furniture may pose a problem for us. We find, also that large glass items just don't sell. If you have questions, we are available to talk to you. Thank you for considering us.

*Dave Frech 609-320-5244
Lorraine Horton 856-780-5202*



Hand-Up Sunday April 12

The Live Civilly/Moorestown Ministerium Food Pantry is in need of:

- ♦ Canned pasta
- ♦ Canned fruit
- ♦ Canned chicken, ham
- ♦ Rice
- ♦ Complete Pancake Mix
- ♦ Syrup
- ♦ Pasta sauce (*canned*)
- ♦ Peanut Butter (*small*)
- ♦ Jelly (*small*)
- ♦ Snacks

For Monetary Donations:

Make check payable to
St. Matthew Church
with "Food Pantry"
in the memo

For youth volunteers

contact:
Kahra Buss



856.313.9853

For adult volunteers

contact:
Brian & Cara Lowy
flyerzfan@comcast.net



Food Pantry at Bridge of Peace

Please place donations under mailboxes in our foyer. The Peace Center Food Pantry at BOP helps to feed their neighborhood and beyond. This month the food pantry needs the following items:

- ♦ Cereal
- ♦ Peanut Butter & Jelly
- ♦ Dry Milk
- ♦ Parmalat
- ♦ Evaporated Milk
- ♦ Soups & Stews (w/meat)
- ♦ Spam
- ♦ Tuna
- ♦ Ham
- ♦ Chicken (canned)

NOTE: *Please check expiration dates.*

For Monetary Donations:

Make check payable to
St. Matthew Church
with
"Camden Food Pantry"
in the memo

Drivers Needed:

Please sign up on the 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.

BRIDGE OF PEACE

Youth Group Supper Casseroles, Salads, Beverages & Dessert

- 30 – 40 youth & adults meet at Bridge of Peace every Tuesday, beginning with supper.
- SMLC provides a full course supper the 3rd Tuesday of each month
- Sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board
- Leave donations in Teen Den refrigerator (or nearby it) **by Sunday, April 19, 11am.**

Other items to donate anytime:

Sturdy paper plates, plastic utensils, cups, napkins, apple juice, lemonade, water and condiments i.e. salad dressing, ketchup, mustard etc. These items can be placed in the teen den or in the foyer near the mailboxes clearly marked **"BOP Youth Supper."**

—Lisa Merrill, BOP Communicator
momm6434@hotmail.com



WOMEN OF THE ELCA

Friday, April 10, 10am in Shockey Lounge

During this past year we had two blessings for the 25 quilts that are ready to be delivered to LWR to be used for disaster relief or sent overseas. We also received the \$2.25 donation for each quilt requested to help with distribution costs. Thanks again to our small group of quilters. —Virginia Sheppard

CROSS ROADS CAMP & RETREAT

Come and visit Cross Roads Camp and Retreat Center. Learn all about their summer and year-round opportunities. Take a tour of the camp, hear stories, ask questions and finish with a delicious lunch in the dining hall. Check out Cross Roads Camp by coming to a Saturday Open House (10:30am-Lunch). RSVP 908.832.7264 by the Monday before. Tour starts at 10:30 from the Lodge. **OPEN HOUSE DATES: April 25, May 16, June 6**

Cross Roads Camp & Retreat Center
29 Pleasant Grove Rd, Port Murray, NJ 07865
(1 1/2 hours from Moorestown—in the rolling hill country of northwest NJ, the Skylands Region)

SPIRITUAL LIFE

Bible Studies

All are Welcome!

- ♦ **Monday, 10:30am** in Lounge with Wayne Becker
- ♦ **Coming in May: 5/7, 5/14, 5/21, 5/28**
NOTE: Moved to Thursday evenings, 7:30pm
1st John: Book of Light and Love
Led by Pastor Ingrid Wengert



Stephen Ministry

Congregation is invited to attend lecture on dementia



Continuing Education Coordinator, Rev. Peggy Marks, and Training Coordinator, Joy Wadleigh, have invited Meredith Baker, Director of Brightview Greentree in Marlton to educate their combined classes about living with diseases characterized by nerve cell deterioration. Meredith Baker oversees a senior living residential home which includes Wellspring Village for Alzheimer's care.

The presentation will be held in the church library on **Tuesday, April 14, 7:30pm**. The Stephen Leader Team is welcoming interested members of the congregation, as well, to learn more about living with progressive decline in thinking and memory.
—Sue Kuhn

May Friendship Day ~ May 1, 12 Noon

Sponsored by Church Women United

Church Women United of Moorestown will have their celebration of May Friendship Day on May 1. It will be at the Evergreens on Bridgeboro Road. Tickets will be available soon. The theme is "Journey of the Caregiver," with Sue Harris as the speaker. For more info call or email Mae Trebing 609-239-4942
ironhorse2102@gmail.com.

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 will be available on the tables in the church foyer. The deadline for submitting applications is **Sunday, May 24, 2015**.

—Bill Acheson, chair



IN OUR
Prayers

Convalescing:

- ♦ Mary Cross
- ♦ Marian Duda
- ♦ Douglas Gee
- ♦ Barry Grahn
- ♦ Joyce Hagen
- ♦ Helen Hopkins
- ♦ Herb Hopkins
- ♦ Karen Terpak
- ♦ Charles von Wrangell

Homebound/Other:

- ♦ Nancy Beth Abele
- ♦ Grace Barone
- ♦ Nancé Carlson
- ♦ Evelyn Frintner
- ♦ Phil Hall
- ♦ Doris Holmes
- ♦ Dot Jensen
- ♦ Betty Kelley
- ♦ Lynn Krudewig
- ♦ Shane Gibson
- ♦ Neil Gilmour
- ♦ Mike Hoffman
- ♦ Lois Lukasik
- ♦ John Parkin
- ♦ Bud Radey
- ♦ Alexis Schoenhofer
- ♦ Walter Trebing

Serving in Military:

- ♦ David Boehmler
- ♦ Beth Eilers
- ♦ Carson Griffis
- ♦ Danny Merrill
- ♦ Janal Thomas

Partners in Ministry:

- ♦ **Bridge of Peace**
www.bridgeofpeace.com
- ♦ **Christus Academy**
www.christusacademy.org
- ♦ **Lutheran Disaster Response** www.elca.org
- ♦ **Stephen Deal**
ELCA Missionary-Costa Rica

Happy Birthday April

1 Dorothy Koch
 1 Joe Buss, Jr.
 2 Jacob Nice
 5 Florence Fogel
 6 Bob Gibson
 7 Katy Giberson
 8 Dawn Scheipe
 10 Michael Trimble
 10 Susan Jackson
 11 Ryan Paetzold
 12 Giovanni Saura
 12 Anne MacFarland
 12 Jason Johnson
 13 Cara Lowy
 13 Eric Jackson
 13 Matthew McKinney
 13 Susan Hawbecker
 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
 27 Rose Ann Civitella
 28 Shannon Lange
 28 Caroline Scheipe
 29 Pat Davis
 30 Tyler Lukridge
 30 Maureen Lange



PROPERTY

- ♦ A zone valve was replaced in the office heating system. Additional insulation was also added to minimize heat loss below the windows.
- ♦ A coupler on a circulating pump for the main boiler had to be repaired by a contractor.
- ♦ The Township of Moorestown did a final inspection of the installation of the Shockey Lounge air conditioner. The Township will also inspect the Education Wing roof in the near future.
- ♦ The elevator was inspected by the State of New Jersey. This semi-annual inspection requires a drop test to be performed by a licensed elevator company. The phone in the elevator was replaced.
- ♦ Snow and ice removal costs to date are \$2600. This compares to the budgeted amount of \$3000.



—Brian Schultz



TROOP 42



Troop 42 is gearing up for our March Backpacking overnight camping trip on the Batona trail. The scouts will need to pack everything they need and carry it on their backs. That will include carrying their food. They will camp on the trail. The scouts will be cooking their food either on backpacking stoves or open fires; I can't wait to see what the scouts will make.

The Troop also went back to Jack Frost for a little one day Sunday skiing. The conditions were fabulous. I couldn't believe that it was still March; it was more like January conditions. If the ski weekend sounds like fun and is something you would be interested in doing, please come check us out. We meet in the Teen Den every Tuesday night 7-8:30PM. Any questions, you can email the troop at bsatroup42mtlaurel@gmail.com.

—Pete Mirabella

ELCA NEWS

Young Adults: Living a LIFE in service

Did you know that there are five ELCA-affiliated full-time volunteer programs? Yes, five! These Lutheran Immersion and Formation Experiences (LIFE) seek to give space for people to offer their gifts in service to the world and provide space for robust vocational exploration. Together, they are LIFE in Service. Who is the LIFE in Service network? They are: ALT Year, Border Servant Corps, Lutheran Volunteer Corps, Urban Servant Corps and Young Adults in Global Mission. Together, they have more than 225 volunteers serving annually within the United States and around the world, and more than 3,200 alumni continuing to live out the value of service in the world.

Since spring of 2013, directors and representative of these organizations have engaged in more intentional conversation. Building from long-standing relationships, they have identified goals and ways to collaborate to continue success as individual organizations and as a network. In addition to producing joint recruiting materials, they are collaborating their presence at large scale ELCA events. Look for LIFE in Service in Detroit at both the Youth Ministry Network Extravaganza in January 2015 and at the ELCA Youth Gathering in summer 2015.

Curious to read more? Find links to all LIFE in Service programs at: <http://ELCA.org/en/Our-Work/Congregations-and-Synods/Young-Adult-Ministry/Ministries>.

All programs share a commitment to supporting their participants' journey of self-reflection, cultivating authentic community, serving justly in the world and nurturing sustainable relationships with their partner organizations. The individual programs vary in age and education requirements, so please read more about each to learn about where you or someone you know may find a good fit.

IN THE COMMUNITY

**Moorestown Community Band
Swing into Spring Concert
Friday, April 17, 8pm**
The William Allen Middle School
N. Stanwick Rd., Moorestown



Little Luther

Astronomical sales of a tiny figurine of the Protestant Reformation figure Martin Luther, have confounded its maker, Playmobil, by becoming the fastest-selling Playmobil figure of all time.

The German toy manufacturer announced that the first edition of 34,000 pieces sold out in less than 72 hours, forcing the company to urgently request its factory in Malta to produce more of the so-called "little Luthers."

Fans have been warned that the next batch will not be available until the end of April.

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS - APRIL 2015

DATE	TIME & CHOIR	ACOLYTE	CRUCIFER	PRESENTATION OF GIFTS	*ASST. MIN. COMM ASSIST	GREETER	HEALING PRAYERS	READER	USHER	ALTAR GUILD
Apr. 2 Maundy Thursday	7:30 PM CHOIR	Audrey Reppert	none	none	*Brian Slaugh Cookie Davis Walt Davis	none	none	Michael Rieker		
Apr. 3 Good Friday	7:30 PM CHOIR	Jeffery Blanford	none	none	none	none	none	none		
Apr. 5 EASTER	8:30AM CHOIR	Chris Williams	Molly Baker	Blanford	*Karen Widin Mike Barbaccio Joel Boehmler	Virginia Sheppard	Dave Frech	Wayne Becker	Lange Team	Jackie Diepold JoAnn Lawrence Maureen Lange Willie Thomas Linda Kastner
11:00AM CHOIR		Emily Cornish	Alex Trabold	Buran	*Paul Otto Lori Cornish Alyssa Cherubino	Marge Dorward	Rozella Bower	Rozella Bower	Hammond Team	
Apr. 12	8:30AM	V. Anthony Cariello	Andrew Rauscher	Buss	*Wayne Becker Anna Buss Pat Brodie	Mae Trebing	Joy Wadleigh	Brian Slaugh	Lange Team	Joyce Valore Joyce Schultz Chris Cassel Carol Cathcart
11:00AM		Ricky Hall	Allen Hall	Daniel Burns	*Bob Ganskopp Ray Fausak Ruth Fausak	Ray Kuhn Sue Kuhn	Marilyn Dager	Alice Eilers	Hammond Team	
Apr. 19	8:30AM CHOIR	Samantha Bansky	Kylee Miller	Butler	*Mae Trebing Alice Graybill Dick Graybill	Joyce Valore	Sue Kuhn	Ray Fausak	Lange Team	Sue Kuhn Lorraine Horton Sue Acheson Barbara Duffy
First Comm.	11:00AM	Alexis Aguiar	Courtney Aguiar	Buyser	*Jack Horton Ray Kuhn Brandie Plasket	Lynne Ganskopp	Bobbie Purzycki	Rene Cherson	Hammond Team	
Apr. 26	8:30AM	Holly Keifer	Griffin Keifer	Campbell	*Mike Rieker Carol Cathcart Dave Frech	Randy Zellner	Karen Widin Sue Kuhn	Linda Kastner	Lange Team	Cathy Roberts Lynne Ganskopp Toni Hopkins Joy Wadleigh
11:00AM CHOIR		Amanda Forrest	Caroline Milstead	Cariello	*Peter Jensen Lisa Merrill Jim Merrill	Joyce Schultz	Sue Kuhn	Bob Ganskopp	Hammond Team	

SMLC, Contacts, Community Groups, Holidays in United States

Apr 2015 (Eastern Time)

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
29	30	31	1	2	3	4
			10am - O/A (LB) 10am - Staff Mtg. 6:30pm - Handbells 7:30pm - Adult Choir	MAUNDY THURSDAY 10am - Service at 7:30pm - Service	Church Office Closed GOOD FRIDAY School Closed 10am - Children's 12pm - Ministerium	9am - Decorators 10:30am - 11th Step 12pm - New Life AA
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
Easter Sunday	School Closed					
8:30am - Worship 9:45am - Easter 11am - Worship 5pm - Girl Scouts	Church Office Closed 10am - Recovery 10:30am - Bible 12pm - Food Pantry 5pm - Food Pantry	9am - Property Com. 1pm - Alanon 7pm - Boy Scouts 7:30pm - SM	10am - O/A (L) 11:30am - Ministeriu 12pm - OWLS (LB) 7pm - Youth Group	7pm - Lunch Bunch 7:30pm - HOPE (LB,	10am - WELCA	10:30am - 11th Step 12pm - New Life AA
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
HAND-UP SUNDAY 8:30am - Worship 9:30am - Adult 9:45am - First 9:45am - Sunday 11am - Worship 5pm - Girl Scouts	Thomas Jefferson's 10am - Recovery 10:30am - Bible 6pm - O/A 2 (203) 7pm - Exec. Comm. 7:30pm - O/A (L)	9am - Property Com. 9:30am - Quilters 1pm - Alanon 7pm - Boy Scouts 7pm - Facilities 7pm - Stephen 7:30pm - SM	Newsletter Info Due 10am - O/A (LB) 7:30pm - Adult Choir 7:30pm - FCP Bd	7:30pm - HOPE (LB,		10:30am - 11th Step 12pm - New Life AA
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
8:30am - Worship 9:30am - Adult 9:45am - First 9:45am - Sunday 11am - Worship with 5pm - Girl Scouts	10am - Recovery 10:30am - Bible 12pm - Food Pantry 5pm - Food Pantry 6pm - O/A 2 (203) 6:30pm - Council	9am - Property Com. 1pm - Alanon 5pm - Private Mtg. 7pm - Boy Scouts 7:30pm - SM	10am - O/A (LB) 7pm - Youth Group 7:30pm - Adult Choir	7:30pm - HOPE (LB,		10:30am - 11th Step 12pm - New Life AA
26	27	28	29	30	1	2
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Vacation Bible School Registration

One form per child, please



Child's name	Grade completed	Birthday	Age
Parents' names		Home phone	
Home address		Alternate phone	
Emergency contact person & Relationship to student	Home phone	Alternate phone	
Food allergies (List:)			
Medical concerns (Explain:)			
Family doctor		Doctor's phone	
Siblings attending VBS (names and ages)	Church affiliation	Church membership at	
People who may pick up the child	<i>VBS leaders have permission to photograph/film the minor designated above in any manner or form for any lawful purpose associated with this VBS program.</i>		
Parent's signature			

CONGREGATION CORNER & LOOKING AHEAD

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Thank You!

Just a little thank you for the greetings and prayers. It means a lot to have you all in our lives. We are truly blessed and grateful. We keep you in our prayers also.

—David, Donna, & Alexis Schoenhofer

- 5/1** Annual Reports Due from Council Members, Chairs & Staff
- 5/3** CROP Walk, 1:30PM at SMLC
- 5/7** Evening Bible Study, 7:30PM in Lounge
- 5/10** Mother's Day Flower Sale
- 5/17** Last Day of Sunday School
- 5/20** Pentecost Vigil, 7PM at SMLC
- 5/24** Summer Worship Begins, 9:30AM
- 5/27** Mentor Dinner, 6:30PM in Library

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