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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 SEPTEMBER



15th Sunday after Pentecost

9:30am Communion
(No Evening Service)



RALLY DAY

*Blessing of the Backpackers
Kindergartners Recognized*

8:30am Communion
9:45am Sunday School
Adult Forum: *Introduction & Update on Hopeworks 'N Camden with Dan Rhoton, Executive Director*
11am Communion



17th Sunday after Pentecost

8:30am Communion
9:45am Sunday School
Confirmation Orientation
(7th/8th Graders & Parents)
Adult Forum: *Update on Moorestown Food Pantry with Connie O'Brien*
11am Communion



18th Sunday after Pentecost

8:30am Communion
9:45am Sunday School
Adult Forum: *Addiction 101—Signs, Symptoms, & Causes with Mike Williams*
11am Communion



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.

Highlights this Month:

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PASTOR'S MESSAGE

I've had one of the most demanding and stressful summers in recent years. When innocently asked "How are you? Had a nice summer?" I've thought to myself "No!" or "Do I really tell them? What can I say without sounding too negative?!" Just imagine how people struggle with such innocent questions who are experiencing *truly* difficult times such as dealing with a serious illness or the death of a loved one?

This got me thinking about how caring people (& congregations) might be more intentionally compassionate to people who are going through difficult times. Here are a few thoughts:

- ◆ **Recognize that the question "how are you?" can be emotionally loaded**, and probably best avoided in a public setting. Even adding the single word "today" (how are you *today*?) helps a little with the overwhelming nature of the question.
- ◆ **Approach the person as more than his/her disease or grief**. Recently, a pastor wrote his congregation inviting them not to ask about his health all the time as he wanted to live each day to the fullest and not focus on & discuss his cancer 24/7.
- ◆ **Don't expect a medical update in the case of illness**. When approaching a person, the purpose is to *support them* and not to *expect anything from* them. It can be exhausting to tell the same details over and over again. If the person wants to talk about medical details, then it's certainly a way to support them; otherwise, you may receive the latest information, but at their expense. If you are a person who likes to know the medical details, the question to ask yourself is "how can knowing this help me support them?" If it doesn't, then it might not be necessary to know.
- ◆ **Avoid bumper sticker theology at all costs!** Most of these sayings aren't Christian, anyways (e.g., "All things happen for a reason," etc...). My personal theory is that adages are an attempt by the person *saying* them to make sense of life by coming up with answers. That's because offering compassion to someone as they grieve (or struggle with health treatments) puts us in a vulnerable position, as we can't *fix* anything but merely stand by and watch. Perhaps that's a good way to think about it – we stand *with* them. In doing so, we might simply share that we love or care for them, they'll be part of our prayer life or in our prayers, or simply that we're sorry for their loss or diagnosis. And in the course of a long illness or grief, people never seem to mind hearing a simple "it's good to see you!"

On one hand, there isn't a single way to tend to people going through difficult times, and nobody should be overly worried about saying the right or wrong thing. In the end, people usually discern that whatever is said comes from a place of care and concern. On the other hand, we can always learn more and offer better care to others.

Oh, and me? My summer slowed down nicely in mid-August, and so it's safe to ask me about it! :-)

—Pastor Ingrid Wengert

New Members will be Received November 8

Register online if you would like to join Saint Matthew:

- ◆ Go to the homepage of our church website www.stmatthew-lutheran.org to the right and click on "New Member Registration Form"
- ◆ Or ask for a form from the church office 856.235.2055 Ext. 1.



Pastoral Acts

Baptism:

8/16 Ethan James Merrill

Funeral:

8/29 Christopher Williams

Garden of Remembrance Interment:

8/8 Charles von Wrangell

Marriages:

8/14 Tyler Lowy &
Emily Coates

8/15 Stephen Bertolet &
Michelle Corson

PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Summer is winding down, labor day is upon us and most children are back to school. Even though I am retired, I still seem to rely on summer, for the most part, to set aside a time for relaxation and vacation time with family. That is forced upon us seniors since our children are working and grandchildren are in school, so by default we plug into their vacation schedules.

I must admit that following our June Semi-Annual Congregation Meeting, I kind of unplugged from the business side of this church as Alice and I immersed ourselves in the pleasures of summer, including laying poolside and travel. I was feeling a little guilty that we were not in church every Sunday and missing (not supporting) some of our favorite volunteer activities, such as Lunch Bunch and Tuesday Morning Maintenance Group. But then we travelled to Vail, Colorado for 16 days to vacation with family. This was our third vacation to Colorado and it is here we find a very spiritual and incredibly beautiful house of worship, God's creation!

Awesome is such an over used adjective today, but in this case it is most appropriate. Awesome is an understatement. The mountains reach to the heavens in their grandeur, penetrating the billowing clouds above and leading below to beautiful rocky ridges and lush green valleys where white water creeks, filled with trout, rush downward to so many lakes and rivers.

Here, humanity can come to breathe, hike, bike, fish, search for wildlife, marvel at the wildflowers, Aspen, Lodge Pole Pines, and just plain wallow in the majesty of it all. Here, in his creation, you can feel so close to God. While mankind has certainly designed and constructed some beautiful structures, none can compare with the AWESOME beauty and power of nature. Airline tickets to Denver, \$\$\$ plus some frequent flyer miles: hiking to Lost Lake with children and grandkids, eating PB&J sandwiches on a log, and catching a rainbow trout, PRICELESS!

By the way, you don't need to go to Vail to commune with God in the midst of his creation, you can hit the road to the Great Smokys, the Poconos, the park, downtown, or even your own backyard. The beauty and miracle of God's creation is all around us, big and small, if we just take a moment to look and listen for it.

"The earth is the Lord's and the fulness thereof; the world, and they that dwell therein. For he hath founded it upon the seas, and established it upon the floods." (Psalm 24 1-2)

*God's peace be with you,
Dick*

NOTE:

MINISTRY NIGHT: Monday, Sept. 14, 7pm

2015-16 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:

Brian Sena

Social Concerns:

Barry Grahn

Spiritual Life:

Pete Boal

Stewardship:

Jack Horton

Worship & Music:

Peter Jensen

Youth & Family:

Dennis Lawrence

Youth Rep.:

Kylee Miller



Evangelism: Pam Bowen

Facilities Planning

Task Force: Jim Merrill

Memorial: Bill Acheson

Property: Brian Schultz

Please Keep These College Students In Your Prayers...

Veronica Barger
American Univ.

Jacob Brodie
Drexel Univ.

Samantha Brodie
LaSalle Univ.

Taylor Buran
Widener Univ.

Amelia Burns
Columbia College

Heather Caporaso
Rutgers Univ.

Brianna Cariello
Penn State

Michael Celia
Burlington County College

Ethan Cook
Mercer County College

Connor Ems
Pharmacy School, Rhode Island

Alex Flores
Widener Univ.

Jessica Frech
Alvernia Univ.

Alexander Gilson
Loyola Univ., MD

Julia Gilson
New York Univ.

Dana Jacoby
Slippery Rock Univ.

Laura Jacoby
Shepherd Univ.

Kyle Krosnodomskie
Burlington County College

Alyssa Lukridge
Catholic Univ.

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YOUTH & FAMILY

Sun., Sept. 13

Blessing of the Backpackers 8:30 & 11am

All children are encouraged to bring their backpacks to church; but even those without backpacks, will come forward for a blessing during worship. Kindergartners will receive a gift.



Sunday School, 9:45am

(for 3-yr. olds through 8th Grade)

Children should go directly to their classrooms.

Attention Parents: Please complete the Annual Contact Form and return it on Rally Day or mail it to the church office.

Our 2015-16 Sunday School Staff:

3yr. Olds (Rm 106)

Kristine Butler, Audra Uhlig,
Kylee Miller

PreK—K (Rm 107 & 108)

Linda McDevitt; Jen Blanford;
Holly Keifer

1st-2nd (Rm112)

Barry & Kathy Grahn
Lauren & Julie Every-Clayton

3rd-4th (Rm 113)

Melissa Fickes-Feeney; Veronica Hall;

5th-6th (Fellowship Hall)

Nina Thomas; Linda Coceano
Victoria Thomas

7th-8th (Teen Den)

Chaz Steiner, Jen Reppert

SS Coordinator:

Bill Lawrence

Financial Rec.:

Judy Jochumsen

Sunday School Missions

Sunday School Teachers have chosen to support:

- ◆ Lutheran Disaster Response – offering global support to victims of tragedy and unrest in the world.
- ◆ Hopeworks 'N Camden – where high school youth are trained in computer skills as well as encouraged to continue their academic training.
- ◆ Camden & Moorestown Food Pantries — a canned food item is welcomed each week to support these pantries.

Confirmation Orientation (7th-8th Graders)

Sun., Sept. 20, 9:45am

Three-Year Olds Receive Picture Bibles

Sun., Sept. 27, 11am

YOUTH GROUP

Youth Group Begins Sunday, Sept. 13, 6pm

Welcome back to our 10-12th graders and a special welcome to our incoming 9th graders! Parents are also invited to attend our first meeting which will include:

- ◆ Pizza
- ◆ Scavenger Hunt
- ◆ Decide when to meet
- ◆ Decide what to do as a Youth Group

Our new Youth Group leader is Jen Blanford with Rene Cherson as her assistant!

—Pastor Ingrid Wengert



WORSHIP & MUSIC

Thank God for Lynne Ganskopp

For the past twenty plus years, Lynne Ganskopp has served as this congregation's "Chief Wrangler of Advent Greens, Christmas Poinsettias, and Easter Hydrangea-Tulip-Lilies" (also known as CWoAGCPaEHTL). As Chief Wrangler, Lynne has ordered tens of thousands of plants and greens, organized many generations of volunteers, and has made sure that our sanctuary is beautifully decorated for Advent, Christmas, and Easter. While so many of us are impressed, inspired, and uplifted by the presence of these beautiful plants, few of us are aware of how much time and effort that Lynne, and her executive assistant "Bob," put in every year doing this wonderful work—it is an enormous amount of time.

Sometime shortly after Easter this year, Lynne learned what the word "retirement" means and after consulting with "Bob" decided to retire and let others hone their Chief Wrangler skills. Much thanks goes out to Lynne for all of the work that she has done on our behalf. And, much thanks goes out to Bob for all of the support that he has provided her.

Thank You

Lynne



It was not possible for us to find a single replacement for Lynne, so beginning this autumn Chris Cassel and Joy Wadleigh will be working together as Co-Chief Wranglers. Our thanks to them for their willingness to take over as Co-CWoAGCPaEHTL.

Please Keep These College Students In Your Prayers...

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Marvin McKinney
McDaniel Univ.

Bailee Miller
Elon Univ.

Erik Moran
Drexel Univ.

David Naylor
High Point Univ.

Zachary Nice
Lycoming College

Taylor Nieto
West VA Univ.

Michael Scheipe
UCLA

Ethan Schwarz
The College of NJ

Gregory Schroeder
Burlington County College

Em Steiner
The College of NJ

Christine Trimible
Delaware Valley Univ.

William Van Fossen
Yale Univ.

Justin Villani
Syracuse Univ.

Matthew Waxman
Susquehanna Univ.



OWLS

Older Wiser Lutheran Seniors 2015-16 Season

SEPTEMBER 10
(NOTE: 2nd Thursday)
Broadway Music
Sung by Maggie Mustico

OCTOBER 1
Renault Winery Tour
and Lunch

NOVEMBER 5
*Rumors, Scandals and
Dirty Rotten Lies*
Skits by Dorothy Stanatis

DECEMBER 3
Christmas Luncheon
(Catered)

JANUARY 7
*Five Hymns that Changed
the World*

FEBRUARY 4
Valentine Luncheon
at Carlucci's

MARCH 3
Rev. Jim Hughes
Portraying *Thomas*

APRIL 6
Bristol Theatre Neil Simon's
Rumors and Lunch at
The King George Inn

MAY 5
Preserving Family History
Mary Danielsen

JUNE 2
Picnic

We look forward to you
joining us.
—Bob Ganskopp

FELLOWSHIP & PARISH LIFE

Older Wiser Lutheran Seniors (OWLS)

We start off the year on **Sept. 10th, 12 Noon** with Maggie Mustico singing Broadway music. Please bring a sandwich, as always, beverages and dessert will be served in the library. Then we will adjourn to Fellowship Hall to enjoy our entertainment.

Oct. 1 ~ Road Trip to Renault Winery

The Renault Winery will be our host for our **Thursday, October 1** meeting. Enjoy an Italian family-style lunch starting with a garden salad, pickled beets, pasta in chef special marinara sauce, Italian meatballs, baked sesame chicken, dessert, coffee, tea. Tour includes tasting their favorite wines and champagne.

Cost for the day is \$26. Sign up at our September meeting or on the bulletin board. We encourage other members of the congregation to join the OWLS for this fun filled day!

Questions? Contact the Kuhn's, Ganskopp's, Otto's or Schultz's
—Bob Ganskopp

Women of the ELCA

Friday, Sept. 11, 10am Shockey Lounge

This year the circle will use the Bible Study found in the Lutheran women's magazine, "Gather"; subscriptions are \$15 and available at subscriptions@augzburgfortress.org. We will have lunch at Maurizio Bistro on Main Street, Moorestown.

Our June dinner meeting introduced us to a mission of Haiti led by Penny Miller, who first went to Haiti as a nurse and discovered a great need. Culturally, Christian women in Haiti wear skirts (not pants), so she is supplying resources (sewing machines, thread, buttons, materials, etc.) and teaching sewing classes. This year WELCA will assist Penny in gathering these supplies. A chance to clean out your closets! We were able to give Penny packages of rice and beans, along with \$150; money is needed also, checks can be made payable to "Hope Alive! Clinic Ministries, Inc."

—Virginia Sheppard

St. Matt Readers (Book Group)

Monday, Sept. 28, 7:30pm

Go Set a Watchman By: Harper Lee

Movie-Media-Munchies

Friday, Oct. 2, 7pm ~ Featuring: *The Giver*

Starring: Meryl Streep, Brenton Thwait

Save the Date: Sat., Oct. 17, 6pm

Oktoberfest at SMLC

See pg. 12 for more details.

PROPERTY



Gutters on the south side of the main building were cleaned due to a large accumulation of roof granules in them. Tall ladders were used to replace a light in the altar ring and a "slope" light in the sanctuary. A faucet in a utility closet had to have the washers replaced for both the hot and cold stems. A shelf was replaced for the food pantry that had been damaged by some water leakage.

The carpets in rooms 107-109 were replaced thanks to a grant from the St. Matthew Memorial Fund. Two new portable air conditioners were installed in the library using funds from the Capital Campaign. The old window air conditioner in the library was donated to Moorestown Ecumenical Neighborhood Development (MEND). Three new window air conditioners were installed in the Education Wing using Capital Campaign funds. The new wiring to support these air conditioners was nearly complete as of the date of this article. All classrooms in the lower level of the Education Wing now have window air conditioners.

A contractor cut down and removed 3 dead trees from the grove and north lot of the church property, along with a large branch that had fallen in the grove from a neighbor's property.

Hutchinson installed the new air conditioner for the church office on August 13-14. The office phone system was powered from one of the electric system breakers for the old air conditioner causing the phones to be inoperable for most of August 13 and part of August 14. Funds from the Capital Campaign were used for this project which also included complete energy efficient lighting replacement in the Education wing as reported last month.

The selection of new carpeting for the Shockey Lounge has still not been completed as of this writing. It was erroneously reported as being completed last month.

—Brian Schultz

TROOP 42



Troop 42 ventured to Goose Pond Reservation for Summer Camp. This is a one week camp that the boys work on Merit Badges, Rank Advancements and enjoy the activities that the camp provides. The scouts did a day of climbing & rappelling on natural rock cliffs, canoed down the Delaware River, sailed and kayaked on Goose Pond, lashed together forts to be used in competitions against other troop and participated in the Adventure Race against the other troops in camp. The scouts built rockets, weaved baskets, learned how to save lives in the water, how to build a shelter and used it to sleep in the woods for a night. The Archery and Rifle range was a frequent location for the scouts. The scouts learned how to load and fire a musket. Unfortunately, the muskets aren't too accurate, or at least the one the scoutmaster used...he completely missed the target.

And, of course, what would camp be without a fire at night... a BIG fire at night!

Fourteen scouts attended summer camp and the boys earned 38 merit badges. Our first year scouts worked on rank advancements in the camp Pathways program. The scouts had a great time at camp.

Our scouting season will start back up in September. If you always wanted to sleep under the stars in a tent or build a shelter to use to sleep in. If you want to learn how to sail a boat on a pond or kayak in a lake, come check us out. We meet Tuesday nights in the Teen Den 7-8:30 PM. If you have any questions, please contact the troop at bsatrop42mtlaurel@gmail.com or Pete05@Verizon.net.

—Pete Mirabella

Moorestown Food Pantry

(Live Civilly/Moorestown Ministerium)

In September the Food Pantry needs:

- ◆ Peanut Butter
- ◆ Pasta Sauce
- ◆ Canned Tuna

NOTE: Regular sizes preferred

Please place items in the shopping cart in the foyer. Food can be delivered Mon.- Fri. 9-2pm; Sundays 8:30-Noon.

For Monetary Donations:

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

For Youth Volunteers

contact:
Kahra Buss
856.313.9853



For Adult Volunteers

contact:
Brian & Cara Lowy
flyerzfan@aol.com



SOCIAL CONCERNS

Camden Kids Picnic

We were blessed with perfect weather. The children arrived at 10:15am. We were ready. My helpers included: Master Chef Duane Gustad, Bernie Gustad, Jan Miller, Margaret Kanther, Rebecca Schaefer, Joyce Schultz, Anne Otto, Nancy Nieto, Dave Rulon and Lynne Ganskopp. Hot dogs, cupcakes and chips—a sure fire menu. Thanks to everyone! —Mae Trebing

Lunch Bunch

Thurs., Sept. 10, 7pm in Teen Den

A ministry that provides a full lunch, once a month, to the New Visions Homeless Day Shelter, Camden, NJ

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

—Bill Lawrence

MEND 2015 Fundraiser

Moorestown Ecumenical Neighborhood Development

Friday, Sept. 25 (6pm; Dinner 7:30pm)

MEND'S 2015 Crab Feast

The Lenola Firehouse, 229 N. Lenola Rd., Moorestown

Catering: Georgetti's **Tickets:** \$90

For more info: Joe Buss, Jr. 856.787.9015.



Bridge of Hope South Jersey

A new Mom has completed intake into our program. She needs size 10 clothes for herself and size 5 or 6 for her daughter. She will also need donations of furniture of various sorts and someone to transport furniture to her. More exact information forthcoming. The next Bridge of Hope South Jersey fundraiser is:

Friday, Sept. 25, 5pm; Game begins 7pm

Coach Bingo and Basket Raffle

Crescent Shrine, 700 Highland Dr., Westhampton, 08060,

Tickets: \$30 (no sales at the door)

Bring your own food and non-alcoholic beverage.

Baskets and items for raffle baskets also greatly appreciated.

For more info: Eloise Williams, Chair, 856.235.4959,

ecwill2@comcast.net.

Interfaith Hospitality Network

A Community Response for Homeless Families

SMLC to host Oct. 4-11

Please sign up for duties. For more info,

contact Barry Grahn, bgrahn1@comcast.net.

BRIDGE OF PEACE

Dear Friends from St. Matthew,

Thank You! I am deeply grateful to everyone for your great generosity. We have someone shopping in the coming week for \$1000 worth of food and your donation toward the cause is "amazing." The summer has brought great need and we are thankful that our partnership for the sake of the gospel will provide much needed food in August and September. Thank you in our Savior's name. —Pastor Giselle

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 Sun., Oct. 20, 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.**" For more info, contact Lisa Merrill, BOP Communicator, momm6434@hotmail.com.



SUNDAY UNDIES CAMPAIGN

Purpose: To provide children in Camden with undergarments as they return to school

The campaign "SUNDAY UNDIES" will provide newly purchased items and be distributed through Bridge of Peace, Camden starting in September. Please donate **only new items** for boys and girls ages 4–18 years.

BOYS: (Size 4T - 18) briefs, boxers, undershirts

GIRLS: (Size 4T – 18) panties, bras, undershirts/camisoles

Monetary donations are also accepted; checks payable to St. Matthew with "Sunday Undies" in memo.

During the month of September, please place donations in the red bin in the foyer. For more info, contact Lisa Merrill, momm6434@hotmail.com.

Camden Food Pantry (Bridge of Peace)

The food pantry needs:

- Rice or Rice-a-Roni
- Pasta with meat
- Soup or broth
- Milk

NOTE: *Please check expiration dates*

Please place items under mailboxes in foyer. Food can be delivered Mon.-Fri. 9-2pm; Sundays, 8:30-Noon.

For Monetary Donations:

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

Thanks to all the volunteers who have signed up to deliver food.





Convalescing:

- ◆ Steven Cooper
- ◆ Mary Cross
- ◆ Ruth Fausak
- ◆ Helen Hopkins
- ◆ Olivia Thomas

Homebound/Other:

- ◆ Nancy Beth Abele
- ◆ Grace Barone
- ◆ Nancé Carlson
- ◆ Evelyn Frintner
- ◆ Phil Hall
- ◆ Doris Holmes
- ◆ Mike Hoffman
- ◆ Neil Gilmour
- ◆ Dot Jensen
- ◆ Betty Kelley
- ◆ Dot Koch
- ◆ Karen Koch
- ◆ Lynn Krudewig
- ◆ Lois Lukasik
- ◆ John Parkin
- ◆ Bud Radey
- ◆ Alexis Schoenhofer
- ◆ Walter Trebing
- ◆ Rev. Carl Uehling

Serving in Military:

- ◆ Beth Eilers
- ◆ Carson Griffis
- ◆ Danny Merrill
- ◆ Janal Thomas

Partners in Ministry:

- ◆ Bridge of Peace
www.bridgeofpeace.com
- ◆ Stephen Deal
ELCA Missionary-Costa Rica

Lutheran Disaster Response:

- ◆ American Baptist Churches working in Brick, NJ
- ◆ Atonement Lutheran Young Adults, Syracuse, NY working in Toms River area

SPIRITUAL LIFE

Bible Studies

- ◆ **Mon.** 10:30am will resume **Sept. 14** with Wayne Becker.
- ◆ **Thurs.** 7:30pm with Pastor Wengert in the Shockey Lounge
"A prostitute, two prophets and poor ol' Job"
9/10 Gomer: The faithless one: Hosea 1-3
9/17 Isaiah: Disappointment, Disappointment, and
More Disappointment 6:1 - 9:7
9/24 Job: Why, God, Why?!? Job 1, 19, 40, 42

Stephen Ministry



Four members of our congregation were commissioned to become Stephen Ministers during the worship service on **Sunday, Aug. 30th**. Pete Boal, Barbara Duffy, Dave Frech, and Patricia Sullivan have completed the initial 50 hours of training to prepare them to be caregivers to persons in the congregation and the community who need someone to give distinctively Christian support as they cope with difficulties in their lives. The Stephen Ministers' caregiving will be confidential and will be augmented by continuing education and peer supervision sessions conducted by the Stephen Leader Team. Each of the Stephen Ministers has written a statement regarding their commitment to this important lay ministry in our church.

- ◆ By reaching out in witness and service, Stephen Ministry provides us with an opportunity to actively fulfill Saint Matthew's stated mission, which casts all congregation members as disciples. After intensive training, our group is well-prepared to support our pastor in extending care to the community. —*Pete Boal*
- ◆ I feel so privileged to have had the opportunity to learn the skills for Stephen Ministry, which are useful in all daily life. The materials are so well organized and our teachers have focused on being Christ-centered, compassionate, full of faith, skilled, and trustworthy. I know that I will be supported by Christ, peer supervision and all of you. —*Barbara Duffy*
- ◆ *This is my thank you note to God:*
Dear God... By your grace I am able to serve you as one of the St. Matthew's Stephen Ministers. Thank you so much. You "light up my life" and give me faith and hope through Jesus.
P.S. Thank you also for Pastor Ingrid and the congregation.
Peace and Blessings,
—*Patricia Sullivan*
- ◆ What does Stephen Minister mean to me...well I'd much rather stay anonymous but what better way to be in service to my Lord and savior, Jesus Christ. Because of my experiences in life, empathy, compassion and being involved with healing prayers come very naturally to me. The training is very close to what I have learned in recovery. Being able to be a conduit for the Holy Spirit and helping another human heal by listening and praying are some of the most selfless and humble things I can do. I look forward to serving the church, the community, and most of all God. —*David Frech*

SPIRITUAL LIFE

Stephen Ministry

Educational Opportunity for the Congregation



Have you wondered what a 12-step program is all about? Whether NA, OA, or AA or Alanon? On **Tues., Oct. 13th, 7pm**, in the Library, Dave Frech, one of our Stephen Minister trainees, will lead a class about the 12-Step program. He will go through the steps to help us understand what the program is all about. Maybe you have a loved one who is in a 12-step program and you will have a deeper understanding—this program will help all of us understand 12-Step programs. You are welcome to invite a friend or family member to come with you. If you have any questions, please feel free to call the office or me at 856.428.3533.

—Rev. Peggy Marks
Stephen Leader,
Continuing Education

DELAWARE MISSION DISTRICT

Feet in the Street

To End Hunger & Homelessness

Sponsored by Lutheran Social Ministries of NJ

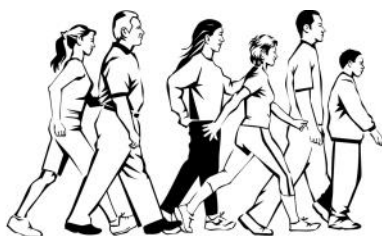
Sat., Oct. 10, 8am Registration, 9:30 Walk Begins
Ulysses Wiggins Waterfront Park, Camden, NJ

To Register: Each walker is asked to raise a minimum of \$50.
Submit registration by **Sept. 12**.
Visit www.Active.com and enter "Feet in the Street."

To Support: Proceeds benefit New Visions Homeless Day Shelter and individuals facing food insecurity in LSMNJ programs.

To Donate: Checks payable to LSMNJ Foundation
3 Manhattan Dr., Burlington, NJ 08016

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Happy Birthday September

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10 Caroline Reppert
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29 Eric Peper
29 Chad Schultz
29 Erik Moran
30 Debby Madiraca



OKTOBERFEST

Join us for a delicious

OKTOBERFEST DINNER

DATE: Saturday, October 17, 2015

TIME: 6:00 pm- 8:00pm

PLACE: Fellowship Hall

COST: \$17.00 per person



DINNER MENU

Bratwurst, Knackwurst, Bavarian Bierwurst

Roast Pork with Gravy

Spatzle, Dumplings, Potato Salad

Red Cabbage and Sauerkraut

German Rye Breads

Cherry Strudel, Apple Strudel

German Beers, Reisling Wine, Soda

Hot Decaf Coffee, Hot Tea, Iced Water



Child Care Provided

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS - SEPTEMBER 2015

DATE	TIME & CHOIR	ACOLYTE	CRUCIFER	PRESENTATION OF GIFTS	*ASST. MIN. COMM ASSIST	GREETER	HEALING PRAYERS	READER	USHER	ALTAR GUILD
Sept. 06	9:30 AM	Olivia Schwarz	N/A	N/A	*Max Frable Jack Horton Mike Williams	Pam Bowen	Dave Frech	Sue Kuhn	Otto Team	Sue Kuhn Team
Sept. 13	8:30AM	Sydney Randolph	Matthew Peper		*Bill Lawrence Mike Barbaccio Anna Buss	Mae Trebing	Joy Wadleigh	Jeannie Becker	Lange Team	Cathy Roberts Lynne Ganskopp Toni Hopkins Joy Wadleigh
	11:00AM CHOIR	Ricky Hall	Allen Hall		*Jack Horton Cookie Davis Walt Davis	Ray/Sue Kuhn	Rozella Bower	Judy Jochumssen	Otto Team	
Sept. 20	8:30AM CHOIR	Alexis Aguiar	Courtney Aguiar		*Mike Rieker Pat Brodie Carol Cathcart	Joyce Valore	Marilyn Dager	Wayne Becker	Lange Team	Sandy Meany Bernie Gustad Jana Frable Lisa Merrill Joyce Buss
	11:00AM	Griffin Keifer	Holly Keifer		*Peter Jensen Rene Cherson Alyssa Cherubino	Lynn Ganskopp	Bobbie Purzycki	Bobbie Purzycki	Otto Team	
Sept. 27	8:30AM	Anna Buss	Matthew Grahm		*Brian Slaugh Dave Frech Sandy Meany	Randy Zellner	Sue Kuhn Karen Widin	Joel Boehmler	Lange Team	Jackie Diepold JoAnn Lawrence Maureen Lange Willie Thomas Linda Kastner
	11:00AM CHOIR	Brendan McDevitt	Jeffery Blanford		*Sue Kuhn Lori Cornish Jana Frable	Joyce Schultz	Sue Kuhn	Anne Otto	Otto Team	

SMLC, Community Groups, Holidays in United States

Sep 2015 (Eastern Time)

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
30	31	1	2	3	4	5
		9am - Property Com. 9am - SM Training (L) 1pm - Alanon	10am - O/A (LB) 10am - Staff Mtg. (C)	7:30pm - HOPE (LB, L)		10:30am - 11th Step 12pm - New Life AA (FH)
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
9:30am - Comm. Service	Church Office Closed Labor Day 12pm - Food Pantry 5pm - Food Pantry	9am - Property Com. 9am - SM Training (L) 1pm - Alanon 7pm - Boy Scouts (TD) 7pm - Stephen Ministry 7:30pm - Facilities	10am - O/A (LB) 11:30am - Ministerium Mtg. 7pm - OWLS Set-Up (LB) 7:30pm - Adult Choir	12pm - OWLS (LB, FH) 7pm - Lunch Bunch 7:30pm - Bible Study (L)	10am - WELCA	10:30am - 11th Step 12pm - New Life AA (FH)
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
Blessing of Backpackers RALLY DAY 8:30am - Communion 9:45am - SS & Adult Forum 11am - Communion 5pm - Girl Scouts (LB) 6pm - Youth Group	Rosh Hashanah School Closed 10am - Recovery Inc. 10:30am - Bible Study 7pm - FCP (FH) 7pm - Ministry Night 7:30pm - O/A (L)	Newsletter Info Due 9am - Property Com. 9am - SM Training (L) 1pm - Alanon 7pm - Boy Scouts (TD) 7pm - Executive Comm	10am - O/A (LB) 7:30pm - Adult Choir	7:30pm - Bible Study (L)		10:30am - 11th Step 12pm - New Life AA (FH)
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
8:30am - Communion 9:45am - Confirm. Parents 9:45am - SS & Adult Forum 11am - Communion 5pm - Girl Scouts (LB)	FCP Begins 10am - Recovery Inc. 10:30am - Bible Study 12pm - Food Pantry 5pm - Food Pantry 6:30pm - Council 7pm - Cong. Council (LB) 7:30pm - FCP Bd (FH) 7:30pm - O/A (L)	9am - Property Com. 9am - SM Training 9:30am - Quilters (FH) 1pm - Alanon 7pm - Boy Scouts (TD) 7pm - Stephen Ministry	School Closed Yom Kippur 10am - O/A (LB) 6pm - Confirmation 7:30pm - Adult Choir	7:30pm - Bible Study (L)	6pm - MEND 2015	10:30am - 11th Step 12pm - New Life AA (FH)
27	28	29	30	1	2	3
Picture Bible Presentation 8:30am - Communion 9:45am - SS & Adult Forum 11am - Communion 5pm - Girl Scouts (LB)	10am - Recovery Inc. 10:30am - Bible Study 7:30pm - O/A (L) 7:30pm - St. Matt Readers	9am - Property Com. 9am - SM Training 1pm - Alanon 7pm - Boy Scouts (TD)	10am - O/A (LB) 6pm - Confirmation 7:30pm - Adult Choir			

CONGREGATION CORNER

Wedding Blessings:

- ◆ **Tyler Lowy & Emily Coates**
Married 8/14/15
- ◆ **Stephen Bertolet & Michelle Corson**
Married 8/15/15

Thank You!

*Dear Pastor Wengert and the
Congregation of SMLC,*

The thoughts and prayers that were received from the members of the congregation during this difficult time were deeply appreciated.
—The Campbell Family

In Memoriam

We extend our sympathy to Duane & Bernie Gustad, Wendy Williams and family, at the loss of Chris Williams, who died Aug. 25. The funeral was held Saturday, Aug. 29 at SMLC.

People Making News:

Yes, that's our own **Debby Madiraca** in those MD Anderson Cancer Center commercials on TV. For those who don't know Debby, she is a cancer survivor as the cancer was detected after the birth of her daughter, Amelia. We extend Happy Birthday wishes to Debby!!

Also check out the Congregation Corner bulletin board, which features the **Buss Family** and Live Civilly, as reported in *The Courier Post*, Aug. 9 2015.



Lost & Found...Fellowship Hall is missing 2 round tablecloths described as white background with pink & blue flowers. If found, please drop off at church office.

LOOKING AHEAD



**Sunday, October 4
9:45am**

No Sunday School or Adult Forum

- 10/17** Oktoberfest at SMLC
- 10/18** 3rd Graders receive imprinted Bibles
- 10/25** 9th Grade Confirmation

OCTOBER



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