

# 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 FEBRUARY



### Transfiguration of Our Lord

8:30 & 11am Communion  
9:45am Sunday School  
Adult Forum led by Tim Wengert  
*Christians in the World*  
12pm Semi-Annual Meeting  
5:30pm Communion with Taizé Music



### First Sunday in Lent

8:30 & 11am Communion  
9:45am Sunday School  
Adult Forum with Dave Frech  
*Healing from Addiction Using the 12 Steps (The First 6 Steps)*



### Second Sunday in Lent

8:30 & 11am Communion  
9:45am Sunday School  
Adult Forum with Dave Frech  
*Healing From Addiction Using the 12 Steps (The Last 6 Steps)*



### Third Sunday in Lent

8:30 & 11am Communion  
9:45am Sunday School  
Adult Forum: *Extremism, Radicalization and Islam (Recording from 2/8 Public Event)*



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

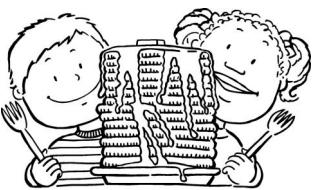
- ♦ **Semi-Annual Meeting**  
**Sun., Feb. 7, 11:45am**
- ♦ **Fastnacht Celebration**  
**Tues., Feb. 9, 6:30pm**
- ♦ **Ash Wednesday**  
**Feb. 10, 12:15 & 7:30pm**  
*Communion*
- ♦ **Lenten Vespers begin**  
**Wed., Feb. 17, 7:30pm**  
*Baptized, We Live*
- ♦ **Lenten Bible Study begins**  
**Thurs., Feb. 18, 7:30pm**  
*The Gospel According to Luke*

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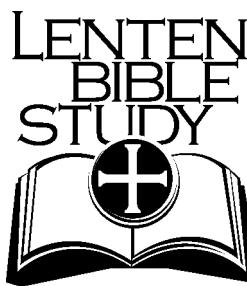


## Fastnacht Celebration

**Tuesday,  
Feb. 9, 6:30pm**

Enjoy a pancake & donut supper.

Please sign up so we know how many are attending. There will be a craft for young children.



**Thursday Evenings  
7:30pm**

Shockey Lounge  
2/18, 2/25,  
3/3, 3/10, 3/17

*The Gospel According  
to Luke*

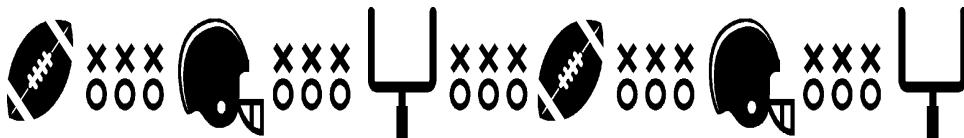
## PASTOR'S MESSAGE

### About Lent...

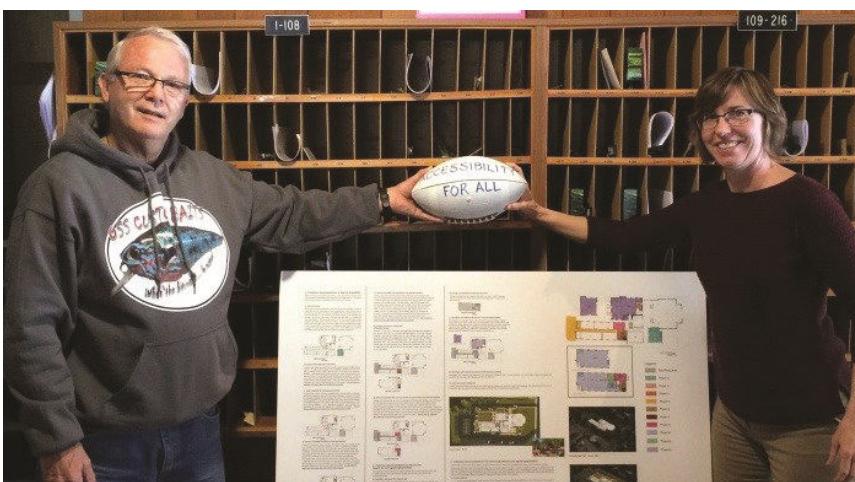
- ◆ The word "Lent" comes from Old English for "lengthen" as the days lengthen during spring.
- ◆ By the 4<sup>th</sup> century, Lent was widely used among Christians as a time for adult converts to prepare for Baptism at the Easter Vigil service.
- ◆ When adult Baptism became rare in the 12<sup>th</sup> century, Lent was used to prepare for Easter in various ways, including fasting, prayer and alms-giving (giving to the poor).
- ◆ Lutherans have always been very careful to avoid using the term "sacrifice" to describe Lent or anything in liturgy – Luther was very concerned to proclaim Jesus' sacrifice for us – and avoid thinking that we sacrifice anything for God.
- ◆ Beginning in the mid-20<sup>th</sup> century, a liturgical renewal occurred among most Christians, and since then, there's been an embracing of the older Christian traditions, including the emphasis on baptismal identity for Lent. For Lutherans, this happened first with the green hymnal (1978).
- ◆ Christians make a habit of marking time. Lent is marked as the most somber season – marking time to look at ourselves and see the truth – that we're turned in on the self. But it's also a season to see the truth about God, which is why the focus is Baptism – and the Holy Spirit's persistent work in calling, gathering and enlightening us as baptized, forgiven, beloved children
- ◆ Lenten opportunities to see the truth about yourself & about God:
  - ◊ Lenten Vespers – Wednesday evenings for 1/2 hour— the theme is "Baptized, We Live"
  - ◊ Lenten weekly devotions from Bread for the World
  - ◊ Holy Week – The Lutheran experience of an annual church revival! :-)
  - ◊ Aimed at younger children: Children's Good Friday Service
- ◆ What changes in worship during Lent?
  - ◊ We refrain from some of the more overtly triumph or victory-oriented actions – saving them for Easter; such as singing "Alleluia" and processing in a festive way.
  - ◊ We use the Apostles' Creed - the baptismal creed, which was originally created in the 4<sup>th</sup> century in order to be confessed at Baptism.
  - ◊ We typically sing the prayer response and allow for times of more silence

—Pastor Ingrid Wengert

## PRESIDENT'S CORNER



The 2015-2016 NFL Football Season will end February 7, 2016 with the clock running down on the Panthers and Broncos. The SMLC Facility Planning Task Force (FPTF), not to be outdone, extended the season by passing the **"ACCESSIBILITY FOR ALL"** football to the Congregation Council. The Council now needs to get the ball, hopefully, carried over the Goal Line. That "Goal Line" is represented by the three accessibility projects I outlined in the January *Messenger*. If accomplished, these three projects will increase the accessible square footage of our church campus from 34% to 62% (WOW). Council, in the next three months, will be developing a game strategy and plan to move our team (SMLC Congregation) and the football over the Goal Line. Team work by us all can yield a victory for us all! Stay tuned, as there will be more to follow in the coming months.



*Pastor Ingrid Wengert & Council President Dick Graybill with the "ACCESSIBILITY FOOTBALL" standing where the foyer entrance to the two future restrooms would be located. Accessibility Plan Summary Board in center!*

## ADULT FORUM

2/7      Christians in the world: "Christian Callings and the Church's Gospel" led by Tim Wengert

2/14     Healing from Addiction Using the 12 Steps: A Personal Approach (The First 6 Steps) led by Dave Frech

2/21     Healing from Addiction Using the 12 Steps: A Personal Approach (The Last 6 Steps) led by Dave Frech

2/28     Recording from 2/8 public event *Extremism, Radicalization and Islam* with keynoter Imam Morshad Saami Hossain

## 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:** Rene Cherson

**Memorial:** Bill Acheson

**Property:** Brian Schultz

**Constitution:** Max Frable

## YOUTH & FAMILY Highlights

- On Martin Luther King, Jr. Day of Service, over 20 confirmands, under the leadership of Pastor Wengert, prepared and served food to the hungry in Camden.
- Alice Eilers & Jana Frable are leading the 3-yr. olds in music.
- Dennis & JoAnn Lawrence attended a workshop at Prince of Peace about declining Sunday School attendance.

**Youth Group**  
**Feb. 14 & 28**  
**6pm**

## Vacation Bible School News

Mark your calendar for our VBS here at SMLC  
**Sunday, July 10 through Thursday, July 14.**

Please submit ideas and bring questions to our first meeting in the library:  
**Sunday, March 6th, (NOTE: Date Changed)**  
after the 11am service.

—Lisa Merrill

## STEWARSHIP

### Thank You!



In November of 2015, the congregation was facing a very large financial crisis. We knew we were losing the revenue from an apartment and we were also \$17,000 behind in what was expected as contributions from the congregation. To address this problem we initiated an assertive Stewardship campaign for 2016 including identifying groups in the congregation with different needs for education, encouragement and evangelism.

Your response has been phenomenal. The stewardship campaign resulted in 148 *Estimate of Giving* cards totaling \$367,159. At this point last year, the totals were 125 pledge cards at \$302,878. This signifies an increased return rate of 18%. The more people who return estimate of giving cards helps the Treasurer and Finance Committee more accurately discern what the congregation will contribute in 2016 - hence, less risk of surprise or fewer "deficit appeals."

Clearly, God's blessings to you have been also passed onto our congregation and the people we serve.

*Jack Horton, chair  
Pastor Ingrid Wengert*

## YOUTH & FAMILY

### Sunday School Insight



Our very curious Pre K and K Sunday School class have so many questions for Linda and I each week. It is such a joy to watch them learn about God's Word and the world around them. This past month we took the opportunity to learn more about how their weekly offering helps one of our Sunday School Mission Partners, ELCA's Lutheran Disaster Response. We spent some time looking at the map to see a few of the places in the United States and around the world where LDR is currently helping. We talked a bit about how destructive wildfires, storms and earthquakes can be and what kind of help might be needed in those places. The children were excited to help to collect and count the Sunday School offering and happy to know that their faithful giving would be used to help to God's work around the world.

—Jennifer Blanford

## WORSHIP & MUSIC



**Ash Wednesday, Feb. 10  
12:15 & 7:30pm Communion**

**Lenten Vespers  
Wed., Feb. 17-Mar. 16, 7:30pm  
Baptized, We Live**

**NOTE: There will be no evening Taize service on 3/6.**

## MEDIA-MOVIE-MUNCHIES

### What's Coming Up...



We start 2016 on **Friday, Feb. 5, 7PM** in the Shockey Lounge, featuring **FIVE FLIGHTS UP**, with Morgan Freeman and Diane Keaton. They have been married 40 years; they are both feeling the aches and pains of old age as they trudge up the five flights of stairs. So — the hunt for a new home begins. The heart of this film is marriage. Join us for laughs and more than a few insights!

#### **March 4 — OF GOD AND MEN**, produced in France.

During Lent we turn to examine God and a global theme. Its interesting that the best examples coming from Europe or Mexico Life of God and Men portrays the life of Trappist monks who stubbornly maintain their presence in Algeria until the Jihadi guerrillas murder seven of the monks. Will we see acceptance, hatred, forgiveness or sanctity?

#### **April 1 — WHERE DO WE GO NOW?**

Produced in Lebanon in 2011, this is another God and Global cinema. In these days of terrible wars and killing of people over the globe, we need a little satirical writing and acting. When we can't deal with hatred a laugh is good for us when facing fear and hatred. This film is about a village divided between Mennonite Christians and Shiite Muslims. Come and see how two good friends, a Christian priest and a Shiite Iman, rely on cunning to face warfare and death.

#### **May 6 — WHILE WE'RE YOUNG**, with Ben Stiller, Naomi Watts, Adam Driver and Amanda Seyfried will be our Easter film.

Regardless of your age (20's-millennial) generation X (30-49) Boomer (50-60) silent generation (60-75 or The Great War generation (80+) we live in a time of many conflicts — kids vs. parents, parents vs. their parents, grandparents — us, all of them!

#### **June 3, 6PM — TBA**

We start MMM at 6 PM with our annual Dinner party. The film, which is not determined, will follow the party.

—Nance Carlson

## Crochet & Knit



### Forming A New Group

For all those who love to crochet or knit we are forming a new group to meet twice a month (2nd & 4th Saturdays) **Feb. 13 & 27, 9:30am** in the Library. Light refreshments will be provided.

We would like to collect donations of yarn as we begin this ministry for making baptismal blankets. Please drop off your donation in the box in the foyer under the Community bulletin board (at the far end).

For more info, contact Liz Miller 856.217.1984 lizzy29@comcast.net.



## O.W.L.S

Older Wiser Lutheran Seniors

### 2016

#### 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



## St. Matt Readers

Monday, Feb 22,  
7:30pm

"ISIS: Inside the  
Army of Terror"

## FELLOWSHIP & PARISH LIFE

### Older Wiser Lutheran Seniors

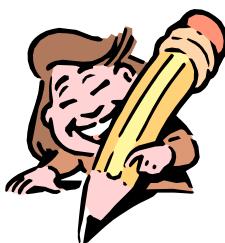
Thursday, Feb. 4, 12 Noon in Library

**OWLS Valentine's Luncheon** at Carlucci's Restaurant. Plan to arrive at Carlucci's about 11:30AM. Hope to see you there!

—Sue Kuhn, President

### Women of the ELCA

#### • Saturday, Feb. 6, 9am ~ Annual Women's Retreat



Our leader is The Rev. Lisa Barnes, the chaplain of Lutheran Crossings. Many of you know Lisa well and I think you will enjoy sharing time with her. Breakfast is at 9am in the Fellowship Hall. Please sign up to donate your favorite breakfast casserole, fruit or bagels. Please volunteer for some of the needed help. This is a joint effort as we host our guests.

Set up is on **Friday, Feb. 5th at 4pm** in Fellowship Hall. On Saturday, I will be in the kitchen by 7:30am to start the ovens. Breakfast will be at 9am. The program will follow in the library at 10am. Any questions, call or email Mae Trebing (609)239-4942 or [ironhorse2102@gmail.com](mailto:ironhorse2102@gmail.com).

—Mae Trebing

#### • Fri., March 4, 9am ~ World Day of Prayer at SMLC



Church Women United Moorestown invites all to World Day of Prayer. There will be a continental breakfast at 9am in the foyer and Shockey Lounge. The program will be in the sanctuary at 10am. The theme is *Receive Children, Receive Me*, written by our sisters in Cuba. Watch for a poster in the foyer.

—Mae Trebing

### Quilters

**Tues., Feb. 9 & 23, 9:30am in Fellowship Hall**

For more info contact Virginia Sheppard.



**Women's Fellowship**

## PROPERTY



During December 2015, the Property Committee assisted Worship and Music by decorating the church for Christmas. This included:

- Erecting the inside and outside crèche displays
- Hanging wreaths in the Sanctuary, Shockey Lounge, and Fellowship Hall
- Erecting the Christmas tree in the narthex
- Hanging stars in the foyer
- Putting up candle poles in the Sanctuary.

In early January, all of these decorations were taken down and put in storage. Boy Scout Troop 42 took down the stars for us. A peak light and a slope light over the choir loft were replaced and the epiphany star was hung. A storage area over the choir robe closet was cleaned out and this area will be used to store various Worship & Music decorations that have been stored in a private home for many years. A budget for 2016 was provided to the Finance Committee.

In early January a circulator for the main boiler had to be repaired. In addition two zone valves for the Gym, Choir Room and the Cantor's office had to be replaced. These repairs cost nearly \$800.

—Brian Schultz

## IN MEMORIAM

We extend our sympathy to Doris Gilmour at the death of her husband, Neil, who died February 1, 2016. Relatives and friends are invited to his funeral service, Saturday, Feb. 13, 2pm at White Horse Village Auditorium, 535 Gradyville Rd., Newton Square, PA. Interment will be at a later date in the Garden of Remembrance at St. Matthew Lutheran Church.



## TROOP 42



Happy New Year!!! Troop 42 rang in the New Year with a Winter Cabin trip to Camp Grice. The weather was not too winter like, in the low 50's with sun. I didn't hear the scouts or parents complaining. HA HA HA. The troop worked on their lashing skills. Each patrol built a "fort" using their newly learned lashing skills and then each patrol tried to knock the "forts" over. They were build better than I thought because it took a while for a winner to be decided. Good job. The troop also hike the Dillard Trail at Camp Grice. The troop suffered a couple of muddy shoes and wet socks, but I'm happy to report, we made it back without

getting lost. The scouts decided the cooking would revolved around my favorite.. Italian Food. Pizza's for lunch and Baked Ziti for dinner... all made in a dutch oven. The food was delicious. Great job scouts!

If you always wanted to camp in a cabin that is only heated by a wood stove, learn to cook a pizza using charcoal and a dutch oven, or take a night hike using the moon as your guide, please 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 [bsatroop42mtlaurel@gmail.com](mailto:bsatroop42mtlaurel@gmail.com) or [Pete05@Verizon.net](mailto:Pete05@Verizon.net).

## SOCIAL CONCERNS

### Moorestown Food Pantry

(Live Civilly/Moorestown Ministerium)

**Next time you are food shopping, remember to pick up an item to donate!**

In January the Food Pantry needs:

- ♦ Tuna
- ♦ Cereal
- ♦ Mac N Cheese

**NOTE:** \*Regular sizes preferred

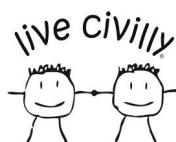
Please place items in the shopping cart in the foyer. Food can be delivered Mon.- Fri. 9-2pm; Sundays 8:30-Noon.

#### **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@ao.com



### Live Civilly/Moorestown Ministerium Food Pantry

Winter is finally here; a time to flee to a warm place or to hunker down and stay warm. For some people, the challenge of having enough food to get through the month remains. The Live Civilly/Moorestown Ministerium Food Pantry continues to help our neighbors and our community through your generous donations of food and money. We are blessed that our shelves are stocked and ready for the next pantry day. As always, our heartfelt thanks.

—With gratitude, Connie O'Brien,  
Pantry Coordinator

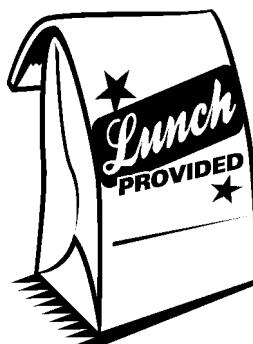


### Lunch Bunch

#### **Thurs., Feb. 11, 7pm in Teen Den**

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

For those who may not know, this ministry (operating with your support since March 2001) is dubbed the "Lunch Bunch." In a nut shell, its a monthly gathering of volunteers who prepare approximately 260 sandwiches for the folks at the New Visions Community Services Center. This lunch consists of 80 sandwiches each of ham & cheese, turkey & cheese and approximately 100 peanut butter & jelly sandwiches; chips, homemade cakes, cookies or brownies—all thanks to you bakers, bananas, drink mix, napkins and cups. We prepare the food on Thursday evening (always the second Thursday of the month) and then Dave Frech delivers it to the Center the next day in time for the Friday noon meal.



For the last seven plus years, the wonderful folks at Wegman's have provided the food to us with one-stop shopping at affordable prices. They have also donated money to help defray our purchases. This year they gave a gift card in the amount of \$480. Since our average monthly cost is \$190, this donation goes a long way in assisting us in the fight against hunger—one sandwich at a time.

We thank God for your continued support and would love to have you join us. Thanks a bunch—a Lunch Bunch!

—Peace,  
Bill Lawrence

## BRIDGE OF PEACE

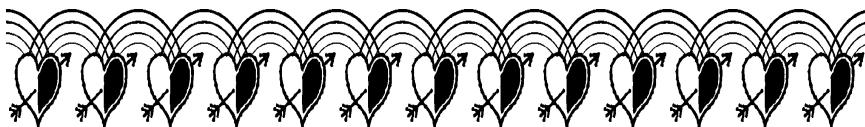
### Youth Group Casserole Night

Please use the sign-up sheet so we know what items to count on and which are still needed. Bring all donations downstairs to the Teen Den refrigerator area before 11am service on **Sunday, Feb. 14**. The dinner donations will be delivered with the food pantry items after service.

You also have an open invitation to serve dinner and eat with the children at Bridge of Peace. Dinner is always the third Tuesday of each month from 6-6:30pm. You are welcome to join in the lesson with the leaders in any group from 6:30-7:30pm—you will be glad you did.

—Lisa Merrill

BOP Communicator



### To Our NJ Mission Partners:

It is Epiphany... We have continued to share gifts with children, youth and senior citizens handing out crayons, pencils, notebooks, books, gift certificates, and much more. We even bought extra teen gifts for unexpected children in need and traded three pre-school bags to sponsor two refugee families. We worked with seven local organizations and six mission partners. All in all, the number of people served through the Emmanuel Exchange will reach close to 300 in December of 2015. I am thankful for stuffed toys, toys, blankets, puzzles, hats, coats, everything that enriched our lives. Thank you on this Epiphany Sunday for reminding us of God's love and hope in the greatest gift of all Jesus.

Thanking God for all of you,  
Peace, Pastor Giselle

## IN THE COMMUNITY



**A Concert of Spirituals**  
**Sunday, February 28, 7:30pm**  
*West Jersey Chamber Music Society*  
*Celebrates African American History Month*  
First Presbyterian Church, Moorestown  
Tickets at Door \$20; Seniors \$15; Students \$10

## Camden Food Pantry

(Bridge of Peace)

**Next time you are food shopping, remember to pick up a food item to donate!**

The food pantry needs:

- ♦ Canned Tomatoes
- ♦ Soup/Broth
- ♦ Rice

**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.





## IN OUR Prayers

### Convalescing/Other:

- ◆ Tyler Carlson
- ◆ Mary Cross
- ◆ Walt Davis
- ◆ Helen Hopkins
- ◆ Gerry Nice
- ◆ Anne Otto
- ◆ Cathy Roberts
- ◆ Virginia Sandstrom
- ◆ The Rev. Carl Uehling

### Homebound:

- ◆ Nancy Beth Abele
- ◆ Grace Barone
- ◆ Nancé Carlson
- ◆ Evelyn Frintner
- ◆ Doris Holmes
- ◆ Mike Hoffman
- ◆ Dot Jensen
- ◆ Betty Kelley
- ◆ Dot Koch
- ◆ Karen Koch
- ◆ Lynn Krudewig
- ◆ Lois Lukasik
- ◆ John Parkin
- ◆ Bud Radey
- ◆ Alexis Schoenhofer
- ◆ Walter Trebing
- ◆ Goldie Wadleigh

### Serving in Military:

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

### Partners in Ministry:

- ◆ Bridge of Peace  
[www.bridgeofpeace.com](http://www.bridgeofpeace.com)
- ◆ Hopeworks 'N Camden  
[www.hopeworks.org](http://www.hopeworks.org)
- ◆ Lutheran Disaster Response  
[www.elca.org](http://www.elca.org)
- ◆ Stephen Deal  
ELCA Missionary-Costa Rica

## SPIRITUAL LIFE

### All Are Welcomed!

- ◆ **Mondays, 10:30am**  
with Wayne Becker in the Shockey Lounge
- ◆ **Thursday, Feb. 18, 7:30pm**  
**Lenten Bible Study**  
*The Gospel According to Luke*  
with Pastor Wengert in the Shockey Lounge



### Stephen Ministry

*When we have a heavy heart!*



There are times in our lives when even though our own lives are going well, we have heavy hearts because we have friends and/or family members going through serious health issues like chemotherapy. It is so difficult to see ones we love suffer.

What can I do? Or say? We feel so helpless and maybe even feel like we are failing our dear friends or family members. A few ideas that I hope might help:

- ◆ Ask them what you can do and if they say nothing---respect that for the moment.
- ◆ Assure them they are in your daily prayers.
- ◆ Perhaps just offer what we call "a cup of water" in Stephen Ministry! A note, a special treat that you just drop off unexpectedly, or a short phone call.
- ◆ One of the things folks dealing with chemo deal with is the **desire not to hug or shake** hands because of germs!!! As hard as it is, ask before hugging and allow them to say NO. This is a tough time of the year—for all of us—sometimes, we Pastors do not distribute the bread at Communion because we have colds, etc.!

Many times we think that having a Stephen Minister is only for the person dealing directly with an illness or crisis, but that is not so! Are you struggling with a heavy heart? If so, please contact Pastor Wengert to see about having a Stephen Minister for a short period of time—a loving person you can share your heart with on a regular basis.

*—Your sister in Christ,  
Rev. Peggy Marks  
Stephen Ministry Leader*

## ELCA NEWS

### An Attitude of Gratitude

You are transforming lives and impacting Christ's global church through your generous giving! Thank you for your countless gifts of prayers, financial resources and accompaniment with our global personnel and global companions. Because of you, we are able to do so much more of God's work together.

Through ELCA Global Church Sponsorship, we are able to walk alongside our brothers and sisters around the world by raising the support needed for global ministry. Since *Always Being Made New: the Campaign for the ELCA* was launched in 2014, we have been able to do some amazing things: There have been new opportunities for missionaries to answer their call to global service. The Young Adults in Global Mission program has grown by more than 10%. There are 14 new Global Ministry Projects that have been lifted up by our companion churches. And a new International Women leaders program has been created, which—in its inaugural year—has provided six scholarships to women from around the world to attend Lutheran colleges, has hosted three seminars focused on the theme "Reformation and the empowerment of Women," and has provided nine additional scholarships to women to further their studies in or near their home countries.

Together, we are transforming lives in the name of Jesus Christ.

We give thanks for your faithful support, sponsorship and gifts of our work around the world together.

—Andrew Steele  
Director  
ELCA Global Church Sponsorship  
(Reprinted with permission)

### Up Close & Personal with Andrew Steele

Dear Friends,

*Oh, how I miss my home congregation! I hope everyone is doing well. On February 10, I will leave for Cambodia where I will visit our Young Adult in Global Mission volunteers and the Lutheran Church in Cambodia. This past November, I was in South Sudan as we broke ground on a new Lutheran Center & Clinic that will impact thousands of lives. And I'll be having a Super Bowl party at my condo in downtown Chicago... All of St. Matt's is invited!*

—Andrew Steele



### Happy Birthday February

- 2 Carla Elberson
- 2 Christopher Miller
- 3 Brendan McDevitt
- 3 Emily Van Fossen
- 3 Steven Lohr
- 3 Donna Clark
- 3 Gavin Cooper
- 3 Kelli Destremps
- 4 Michelle Gibson
- 4 Nancy Abele
- 4 Paula Jacobs
- 5 David Arruda
- 7 Mary Beckett
- 8 Edward Magauran
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- 10 Mike Beckett
- 10 Logan Baum
- 11 Nick Lysun
- 12 Otti Czossek
- 13 Peg Daubert
- 14 Andrew Cross
- 14 Jacalyn Diepold
- 14 Christopher Williams
- 15 Nick Sena
- 16 Emily Rauscher
- 16 Darlene Schroeder
- 16 Adrielle Slaugh
- 16 Jackson Moore
- 18 Denise Boal
- 18 Dolores Strauss
- 19 Brian Schultz
- 20 Ray Kuhn
- 20 Pam Horner
- 20 Krissy Saura
- 20 Olivia Maver
- 20 Joy Wadleigh
- 20 Dave Lukridge
- 21 Sabine Gilson
- 21 Ashley Moore
- 21 Austin Spakosky
- 21 Matthew Miller
- 22 Grace Arcaro
- 22 Brandon Grosfeld
- 23 Tom Tanger
- 23 Rudolph Lampi
- 24 Andrew Jacobs
- 24 Alice Eilers
- 24 Tyler Lowy
- 24 Lukas Every-Clayton
- 25 Alexa Masserini
- 26 Becky Zellner
- 26 Jennifer Magauran
- 27 Tina Tomaselli
- 27 Lydia Winzler
- 28 Stephen Niedzwiecki
- 28 Sierra Schofield
- 28 Aiden Penney
- 29 Elizabeth Sweet

## WORSHIP ASSISTANTS - FEBRUARY 2016

DATE	TIME & CHOIR	ACOLYTE	CRUCIFER	PRESENTATION OF GIFTS	*ASST. MIN. COMM. ASSIST.	GREETER	HEALING PRAYERS	READER	USHER	ALTAR GUILD
Feb. 07	8:30 AM	Aaron Blanford	Jeffery Blanford	Grahn	*Mike Rieker Mike Barbaccio Anna Buss	Linda Kastner	Dave Frech	Chris Cassel	Duda Team	Joyce Valore Joyce Schultz Chris Cassel Carol Cathcart
11:00AM CHOIR	Lukas	Annie Buysen	Every-Clayton	*Jack Horton Alice Graybill Dick Graybill	Greta Hall	Rozella Bower	Jen Reppert	Otto Team		
Feb. 10 ASH WEDNESDAY	7:30PM CHOIR	Andrew Rauscher		N/A		Bill Lawrence Pat Brodie Carol Cathcart	N/A	Dick Graybill	Otto Team	
Feb. 14 Lent 1	8:30AM CHOIR	Gianna Vaiarelli		Vaiarelli	*Max Frable Bernie Gustad Dennis Lawrence	Cara Lowy	Karen Widin	Brian Sena	Duda Team	Sue Kuhn Lorraine Horton Sue Acheson Barbara Duffy
11:00AM	Derek Coceano		Coceano	*Peter Jensen Rene Cherson Alyssa Cherubino	Lynne Ganskopp	Sue Kuhn	Caroline Milstead		Otto Team	
Feb. 21 Lent 2	8:30AM	Alex Abbruzzi		Buss	*Wayne Becker Dave Frech Sandy Meany	Brian Sena	Joy Wadleigh	Lou Naylor	Duda Team	Cathy Roberts Lynne Ganskopp Toni Hopkins Joy Wadleigh
11:00AM CHOIR	Chris Williams		Forrest	*Sue Kuhn Lori Cornish Marilyn Dager	Barbara Goode	Bobbie Purzycki	Nina Thomas		Otto Team	
Feb. 28 Lent 3	8:30AM	Joseph Feliciano		Feliciano	*Mike Rieker Eloise Naylor John O'Meara	Joyce Valore	Sue Kuhn	John Terpak	Duda Team	Sandy Meany Bernie Gustad Jana Frable Lisa Merrill
11:00AM CHOIR	Garbrielle Meany		Esmond	*Bill Lawrence Cookie Davis Walt Davis	Jeannie Grayson	Marilyn Dager	Carmen von Wangel		Otto Team	Joyce Buss

**SMLC, Community Groups, Holidays in United States**

Feb 2016 (Eastern Time)						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
31	10am - Recovery Inc. 10:30am - Bible Study 12pm - Food Pantry 5pm - Food Pantry 7pm - Ministry Night 7:30pm - O/A (L)	9am - Property Com. 1pm - Alanon 6:30pm - CONTACT (LB) 7pm - Boy Scouts (TD)	10am - O/A (LB) 10am - Staff Mtg. (C) 6pm - Confirmation 7:30pm - Adult Choir	12pm - OWLS 7:30pm - HOPPE (LB, L)	4pm - Set Up Retreat 7pm - MMM	9am - WELCA Retreat 10:30am - 11th Step 12pm - New Life AA (FH)
1	Transfiguration of Our Lord	ASH Wednesday	9am - Property Com. 9:30am - Quilters 1pm - Alanon 6:30pm - FASTNACHT 7pm - Boy Scouts (TD) 7pm - Stephen Ministry 7:30pm - Facilities	7pm - Lunch Bunch 7:30pm - HOPPE (LB, L)	10am - WELCA	Funeral
2	8:30am - Communion 9:45am - SS & Adult Forum	7pm - Exec. Comm. 7:30pm - O/A (L)	10am - O/A (LB) 12:15pm - Communion 7:30pm - Communion	7:30pm - HOPPE (LB, L)	9:30am - Crochet/Knit (LB) 10:30am - 11th Step 12pm - New Life AA (FH)	
3	11am - Communion 12pm - Private Reception 12pm - Semi-Annual Mtg	7:30pm - O/A (L)	7pm - Boy Scouts (TD)	7:30pm - Communion		
4	5pm - Girl Scouts (LB) 5:30pm - Taize Service	7:30pm - Stephen Ministry	7:30pm - Facilities			
5	14	15	16	17	18	19
6	LENT 1	Church Office Closed	9am - Property Com. 1pm - Alanon 7pm - Boy Scouts (TD)	10am - O/A (LB) 11:30am - Ministerium 7:30pm - Lenten Vespers	7:30pm - Bible Study 7:30pm - HOPPE (LB, L)	10:30am - 11th Step 12pm - New Life AA (FH) 4pm - Renewing Vows
7	Valentine's Day	Newsletter Info Due	10am - Recovery Inc.	8pm - Adult Choir		
8	8:30am - Communion	Presidents' Day	10:30am - Bible Study 12pm - Food Pantry 5pm - Food Pantry 6:30pm - Council Fel.	7:30pm - Lenten Vespers		
9	9:45am - SS & Adult Forum	7:30pm - O/A (L)	7pm - Cong. Council	8pm - Adult Choir		
10	11am - Communion 5pm - Girl Scouts (LB) 6pm - Youth Group	7:30pm - Council Fel.	7:30pm - St. Matt Readers	7:30pm - Lenten Vespers		
11	21	22	23	24	25	26
12	LENT 2	10am - FCP (FH)	9am - Property Com. 9:30am - Quilters 1pm - Alanon 7pm - Boy Scouts (TD)	10am - O/A (LB) 7:30pm - Lenten Vespers	7:30pm - Bible Study 7:30pm - HOPPE (LB, L)	9:30am - Crochet/Knit (LB) 10:30am - 11th Step 12pm - New Life AA (FH)
13	8:30am - Communion 9:45am - SS & Adult Forum	10am - Recovery Inc.	7:30pm - O/A (L)	8pm - Adult Choir		
14	11am - Communion 5pm - Girl Scouts (LB)	7:30pm - St. Matt Readers	7pm - Stephen Ministry	2	3	4
15	28	29	1			5
16	LENT 3	10am - Recovery Inc.				
17	8:30am - Communion 9:45am - SS & Adult Forum	10:30am - Bible Study				
18	11am - Communion 5pm - Girl Scouts (LB) 6pm - Youth Group	7:30pm - O/A (L)				

## CONGREGATION CORNER

### Thank You Santa's Helpers

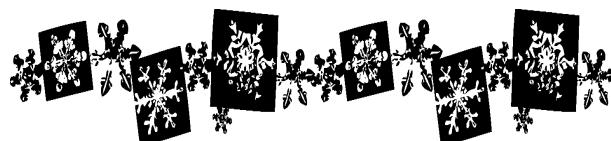
Many hands made for very light work decorating our church for the Christmas holiday. Everything was absolutely beautiful thanks to the Maintenance Team, Sue Acheson, Denise Boal, George Boehmler, Barbara DeLamater, Lynne Ganskopp, Kathy Grahn, Alice Graybill, Duane and Bernie Gustad, Ed Hammond, Richard Hudson, Ray and Sue Kuhn, and Joyce Valore. Pete Boal and Tom Cassel provided the fresh greens and Denise provided goodies to keep us all energized. Thanks!

—Joy Wadleigh  
Chris Cassel

### 80 Thank Yous

80 names—80 happy children enjoying a Merry Christmas they will long remember. 80 members of St. Matthew who did this with their generosity and love—a wonderful combination. So 80 Thank yous to all who took a name tag and made this happen.

—Joyce Hagen  
Vicki Seehafer



### LOOKING AHEAD

#### Palm Sunday, March 20

**8:20\* & 10:50\*am Communion**

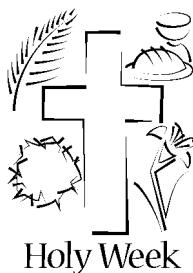
\*10 minute procession

#### 9:45am Sunday School

(No Adult Forum)

#### Maundy Thursday, March 24

**7:30pm Communion**



#### Good Friday, March 25

**10am Children's Service**

**7:30pm Tenebrae**

#### Easter Sunday, March 27

**8:30 & 11am Communion**

**9:30am Breakfast**

(No Sunday School or Adult Forum)

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