



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 JANUARY



Second Sunday of Christmas

8:30 & 11am Worship Services

9:45am Sunday School

Adult Forum: *Update on Christus Academy, Camden with Linda Holscher*



Baptism of Our Lord

8:30 & 11am Worship Services

Lily Isabel Abbruzzi to be baptized (11am)

9:45am Sunday School

Adult Forum: *Training for Assisting Ministers with Pastor Wengert*



Second Sunday of Epiphany

8:30 & 11am Worship Services

9:45am Sunday School

Adult Forum: *Crossroads Camp & Retreat Center with Anthony Briggs, Executive Director*

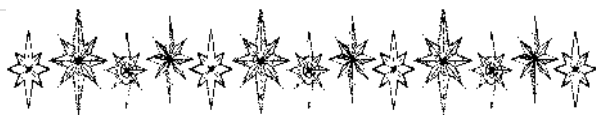


Third Sunday of Epiphany

8:30 & 11am Worship Services

9:45am Sunday School

Adult Forum: *Update on Live Civilly & the Food Pantry with Kahra Buss*



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.



Sunday, January 25
following the
11am Service

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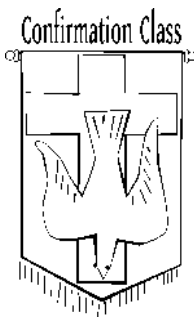
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Tuesday Evenings
(Jan. 6, 13, 20, 27)
7:30pm

**"The Essential
Gospel: Mark"**

Led by
Pastor Ingrid Wengert



**Confirmation
Resumes**

**Wednesday,
January 7
6pm**

PASTOR'S MESSAGE

For some time, I've known that Saint Matthew's mid-December Advent Concert is something special. Each year, I tell Dave Harp what a wonderful gift he has for pulling together scripture, music, poems, and themes. After the concert, a number of people expressed this, too, so I thought I'd ask Dave to share his thoughts on the concert:

"The goal, from my perspective is to provide a worship service in song for the congregation, to give them a time to pause amid all the chaos of the Christmas season and take a breath, spend some time reflecting on the wonderful texts of the songs we sing and the stories we share at this time of year and, hopefully remember the importance of what we're celebrating. (But, remember, I'm also a good German and a good Lutheran and that means I can't forget about the cross so, amid the anticipation and joy, I always try to point us in some way to what is to come... and then circle back to our joy at this birth. But the cross is never far away.)"

The inspiration can come from a variety of sources: sometimes it's a line of text in an anthem or hymn, sometimes it's a poem, sometimes it's scripture, sometimes it may even be something I hear in a sermon. And sometimes, I try to create a theme to reflect/comment on what's happening in the world.

For me, the best part of the concert is that moment when people "get it." When they see what I intended when the concert was put together. When they understand why the texts were chosen and ordered in a particular way. Earlier this week, I was speaking to Dallas and he said, "Thank you for that Sermon last Sunday afternoon." That meant a lot to me, because I knew it was more than just an enjoyable afternoon of singing carols for him. It had purpose and he understood that."

The Rev. Ray Elbersen emailed Dave after the concert:

"I thought the Advent service of hymns and carols and lessons was nothing less than marvelous. It was thoughtfully planned, and super well executed. Your sensitivity to and knowledge of Lutheran tradition and your vast musical acumen combined to make the Advent service a very moving event for me. The dedication and talent of your choir was plainly evident. Thanks for the Advent service, thank you for your Sunday services, and for all that you do for us at St. Matthew's."

The Rev. Dr. Tim Wengert remarked:

"In the midst of the hustle and bustle of what we call the Christmas season, Christians stop and consider Advent—the four week celebration of Christ's coming before Christmas. Perhaps the best spiritual preparation for Advent and Christmas came this year in the form of the readings and songs that St. Matthew's music program, especially its cantor, Dave Harp, presented. The 160+ people gathered to hear readings, choirs (young and old), and bells and to sing along, as we were led from the darkness of the times to the light in the manger. It put all the rest of our preparations in proper perspective. Whoever worries that Christ is not the center of Christmas should come next year."

I hope this may pique the interest of those who haven't experienced the concert. Do come in 2015!

PRESIDENT'S CORNER

I'm sitting in quiet solitude in our home office pondering what message I can share with you for the beginning of a new year. Alice is out picking up some last minute Christmas gifts. Yes, it is very quiet here. Good for reflection. My thoughts turned to time, the times of my life and how we compartmentalize time in so many ways.

I think of how we divide a day up into sections of daily to dos, and weeks into broader routines (school, work, grocery shopping, church, TGIF, etc). For the months of a year, we often think of them in terms of whether or not we have holidays or special events like anniversaries or birthdays we celebrate. Then there are years, and we celebrate their beginning and reflect on them at the end. I think of years in terms of the seasons mostly, but also as a measure of the longevity of my life and what I may have experienced or accomplished.

My final segmentation of time is related to how I seem to think of my life, or phases of my life. I have often thought I would like to write this down, as best my memory would allow. Those childhood memories of my playmates, games we played, mischief and just being a kid. Middle school included, singing, playing in a band, working at the corner grocery store and noticing girls. There are the high school years, teachers or clergy that made a positive impact in my life, my buddies, girl friends, proms, working as a cashier in a super market, and things I never told my parents about. You get the idea, and I suspect most, if not all, of you have thought of doing the same. But who would we write this for, ourselves, our family? Would they even get through the first chapter on grade school. Certainly they would skip to the chapters on relationships with girl friends (or boy friends for you girls) and things I never told my parents.

We go far beyond the periods I have mentioned above. We have post high school years, work history and experience, getting married, raising a family, career paths, the empty nest period, retirement. Yips, if we made it this far, we have had a lot of time to experience many life events, not all good and not all bad. We've certainly experienced broken hearts, disappointments, fear, anger, grief, happiness, joy and love. All along this life journey we have touched the lives of many and they us. We remember most, I think, the people who made a positive impact on us through words of encouragement, acts of kindness, friendship, guidance, mentoring or simply setting a good example. I believe we all want to make a positive impact in this world while we are here, even if it is just touching the life of a single person in a way they will always remember and appreciate. Could this be the Holy Spirit at work?

Regardless of the phase of our life we are in today, there is so much opportunity to continue to touch the lives of individuals, groups, or entire communities in a positive way. Our home of worship here at St. Matthew provides so many opportunities to serve Christ and our neighbors. *(Continued on pg. 4)*

2014-15 Council Officers

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Dick Graybill

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Task Force:** Jim Merrill

Memorial: Bill Acheson

Property: Brian Schultz

YOUTH & FAMILY

PRESIDENT'S CORNER

(Continued)

Opportunities allowing you to give of your time, talent and treasure in ways that you may not otherwise be able to do acting on your own. Just like the shepherds seeking the Christ child, I encourage you to seek your calling here at St. Matthew for the glory of God and service to his children. "And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us"
—John 1:14.

Happy New Year,
Dick

THANK YOU!

Thanks for making a difference. Your church collected and donated items for our rescued animals which were greatly appreciated.

—Jodie Mangeri
4 Paws with a Cause

The Confirmation class visited Bridge of Peace Church, Camden on their fall "Discovery Day" and brought fixings for a Turkey dinner. Discovery Days help youth to experience that "the church" is larger than just this congregation. The following is a copy of the letter that was sent to Pastor Giselle Coutinho:

Our Confirmation class had a meaningful and also fun time coming to your youth group on 11/18. Thank you very much for inviting and hosting us!

I sensed that our youth were excited, but also felt somewhat awkward, and didn't really know what to expect in coming to your youth group or visiting Camden.

Here are some of their thoughts on the evening we shared:

Griffin: *"One thing that surprised me was that all of the food there was made by either our church or theirs and it was all extremely good."* His dad commented *"Griffin had a great time."*

Matthew: *"I learned tonight I should be much more thankful for all that I have..."*

Sydney: *"I learned that we tore down a wall by going there. What surprised me was that Jesus' great, great, (etc) grandma was a prostitute. A difference between us was the time it takes to get confirmed – for them it is longer."*

Julia: *"It's good to make new friends."* Her mom commented *"She enjoyed it."*

Emily: *"I was surprised how nice and welcoming the youth at Bridge of Peace were. I don't think a church in Moorestown would be as welcoming."*

Parents who participated:

Lori: *"Thank you for last night. It was nice to see the youth interacting so well."*

Kathy: *"I learned that our kids are much more willing to share and be open to strange and new experiences than we often give them credit for...and that I'm getting old (because I taught most of these Confirmands as 1st and 2nd graders!). Thank you for sharing this experience with our kids."*

We thank God for Bridge of Peace, for being so welcoming to us, and for all that you teach us.

On behalf of St. Matthew,
Pastor Ingrid F. Wengert

WORSHIP & MUSIC

♦ Flower, Bread & Wine Charts

Dates for 2015 are available for anyone to sign up on the bulletin board. You may donate flowers or wine in memory or Honor of someone. The cost is \$25 per flower arrangement and \$10 for wine.

♦ Worship Assistant Schedules

First quarter schedules (for acolytes; readers; communion assistants, etc.) can be viewed at www.stmatthew-lutheran.org (under WORSHIP/Leaders & Schedules); or pick up a copy on the foyer table.

- ♦ **Thank You!** What a wonderful and fun group of volunteers came out to decorate our church for Christmas. My deepest thanks to Sue Acheson, Marna Andrews, Pam Bowen, Barbara DeLamater, Bob Ganskopp, Bernie and Duane Gustad, Judy Jochumsen, Paul Otto, Joyce and Brian Schultz and Joyce Valore. I also appreciated the beautiful greens and holly provided by Sue Acheson, Pete Boal, Sue Hawbecker and Joyce Schultz. I am most grateful for the many helping hands who placed the poinsettias and other decorations around the church following the service. What a special blessing to have so many faithful friends giving their time and talent in beautifying our church for the Christmas season. A very special thank you to all.
- Lynne
Ganskopp



FELLOWSHIP & PARISH LIFE

OWLS (Older Wiser Lutheran Seniors)

Thursday, Jan. 8, Noon ~ Mysteries for the OWLS



Come put your best detective talents to work. Bring your lunch and dessert and beverages will be provided. After lunch, the OWLS will solve mysteries by using clues (projected on the screen) to identify ten famous personalities hidden in ten clues per person. Looking carefully around the room for further clues for each mystery person will be helpful. The table guessing the largest number of famous personalities will be given prizes. Work with your table to win!

—Sue Kuhn
OWLS Program Committee

FELLOWSHIP & PARISH LIFE

Calling All Knitters, Crocheters & Quilters

**Tues., Jan 6 and 20,
9:30am**

In Fellowship Hall



St. Matt Readers

**Mon., Jan 26,
7:30pm
in Library**

*"Hellbound: On His Trail
The Electrifying Account
of the Largest Manhunt
in American History"*
by Hampton Sides



Media-Movie- Munchies

(No MMM in January)

Friday, Feb, 7pm

Movie TBA.

WOMEN OF THE ELCA

WELCA Morning Circle

Friday, January 9, 10am

in the Shockey Lounge

Followed by lunch at The Bistro on Main Street.

Thank You!

Thanks to Jeannie Becker for a "graduate course" in Christian symbols. Thanks also to Rozella Bower and friends who did a wonderful Christmas program.

WELCA Annual Mini-Retreat

Saturday, Feb. 7, 9am-12:30pm

Our retreat leader is Linda Wood, who served as pastor of Zion Lutheran Church in Riverside for 15 years. Linda is a 1996 graduate of The Philadelphia Theological Seminary. She made trips to India and Namibia, which had a great impact on her life. Donation for breakfast is \$5. For more info, contact Mae Trebing 609.239.4941.

CHRISTMAS MESSAGE FROM PRESIDING BISHOP

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

I recall this image from my home congregation: A banner depicting Mary and Jesus in the manger and the backlit silhouette of the cross cast over this scene. It was jarring. The cross on Christmas? I didn't like it.

Christmas can carry so much emotional freight. We must be merry and filled with good cheer. We are driven to get everything perfect by the stroke of midnight on Christmas Eve. We are filled with wistful longing. But what are we longing for?

We long for peace, love and a place to belong. We want to know that someone cares. We want the assurance that all of this means something. And, we try to bring that all about in the weeks between Thanksgiving and Christmas.

The hope of Christmas was fulfilled on Good Friday. The cross is part of Christmas. "Nails, spear shall pierce him through. The cross he borne for me, for you." (What Child Is This?) The cross is the Christmas gift, where all of our Christmas glorias are realized in Jesus' glorification on the cross.

We don't have to get everything completely right. We can't. That's God's work and it has been done. So, good Christian friends, rejoice!

Peace,
The Rev. Elizabeth A. Eaton
Presiding Bishop
Evangelical Lutheran Church in America



SOCIAL CONCERNS

Lunch Bunch ~ Jan. 8, 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."

Social Outreach Giving

The giving to this special envelope was \$285. This was sent to Lutheran World Relief. It will be doubled to \$570 with their matching gifts program Thanks to all who chose to contribute to these gifts.

WANTED: Live Civilly Volunteers

Live Civilly provides a great way for our youngest citizens to start volunteering and to make volunteerism life-long. Volunteer opportunities for:

- ♦ Youth (as young as 3 yrs. Old)
- ♦ Families
- ♦ Teens
- ♦ Adults

Become a Live Civilly volunteer today; contact 856.313.9853;
www.livecivilly.org.
—Kahra Buss

Lutheran Crossings Auxiliary Continues to Need Donations



Many thanks to those of you who responded to last month's request for donations. It is gratifying to put out new choices for the residents to browse through and purchase. Sales of your donations nearly doubled our usual total, providing additional funds for residents to enjoy enriching activities throughout the

year.

Dave and I would like you to consider putting aside items for us for our monthly sales, as well as June Day. Costume jewelry, and knick-knacks are good sellers as well as scarves wallets, and totes, in good condition. Items for men are scarce, and we'd like to provide more choices in that area. There are square bins located under the tables in the entrance hall of St. Matthew. If you have larger items for June day 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.

Lorraine Horton 856-780-5202



Hand-Up Sunday Jan. 11

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@aol.com



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:

- ♦ 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 Sun., Jan. 18, 11am.**

Tuesday, Jan. 20th

Theme: Chili Night

We are asking for five trays of homemade chili with beef, along with salad and beverages. Use your own recipe or follow this one:

- 1 lb. ground beef (browned)
- 1 jar tomato sauce
- 2 large cans red kidney beans
- Chili powder
- 1 diced onion
- 1 diced sweet pepper

In large pot add ingredients, bring to a boil then simmer on low heat uncovered about an hr. Place in foil pan and ready to reheat and serve later.

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



Bridge of Hope South Jersey Comedy Club Fundraiser January 31, 9pm

Casa Corollo (Rte 73 Marlton)
Tickets \$22; Call Eloise Williams 856.235.4959

To purchase online:

<http://comedycabaret.com/cms/fundraising-shows.html>

SPIRITUAL LIFE

Bible Studies All are Welcome!



- ♦ **Monday, 10:30am** in Lounge
with Wayne Becker
- ♦ **January 2015 (Jan., 6, 13, 20, 27)**
Tuesday Evening, 7:30pm
"The Essential Gospel: Mark," led by Pastor Wengert



Stephen Ministry Brief Update on Stephen Ministers 2015 Class



We are so excited about the candidates who have made application to be in our Stephen Minister Training class that we hope will begin in late February 2015. We would love to have at least 2 more people to complete our class. Perhaps one of those would be YOU! Stephen Ministers provides one-to-one care to people going through a crisis or difficult time. They meet with that person on an ongoing basis, offering distinctively Christian care and support. A Stephen Minister is well trained before receiving a care receiver: below are sample topics from your training.

The 50 hours of Stephen Ministry training is broken down into twenty 2 ½ hour sessions that will be held at a time that works for the class. Among the training topics are:

- Feelings: Yours, Mine, and Ours
- The Art of Listening
- Distinctively Christian Caring
- Assertiveness: Relating Gently and Firmly
- Maintaining Boundaries in Caregiving
- Confidentiality
- Ministering to those experiencing grief
- Caring for People before, during and after hospitalization

Applications are on the table in the narthex. If you have questions, please speak with Pastor Wengert. Is God calling YOU to be a Stephen Minister in 2015? We hope so.

*Your sister in Christ,
The Rev. Peggy Marks
(Stephen Leader)*



IN OUR Prayers

Convalescing:

- ♦ Roberta Barber
- ♦ Mary Cross
- ♦ Barry Grahm
- ♦ Phil Hall
- ♦ Doris Holmes
- ♦ Helen Hopkins
- ♦ Herb Hopkins
- ♦ Sandy Meany
- ♦ Cathy Roberts
- ♦ Karen Terpak

Homebound/Other:

- ♦ Nancy Beth Abele
- ♦ Grace Barone
- ♦ Nancé Carlson
- ♦ Evelyn Frintner
- ♦ Dot Jensen
- ♦ Betty Kelley
- ♦ Lynn Krudewig
- ♦ Shane Gibson
- ♦ Neil Gilmour
- ♦ Bette Higginbotham
- ♦ Mike Hoffman
- ♦ Lois Lukasik
- ♦ John Parkin
- ♦ Bud Radey
- ♦ Alexis Schoenhofer
- ♦ Walter Trebing
- ♦ Charles von Wrangell

Serving in Military:

- ♦ David Boehmler
- ♦ Tommy Bowen
- ♦ Beth Eilers
- ♦ Karl Frerking
- ♦ Carson Griffis
- ♦ Danny Merrill
- ♦ Janal Thomas

Partners in Ministry:

- ♦ **Bridge of Peace**
www.bridgeofpeace.com
- ♦ **Christus Academy**
www.christusacademy.org
- ♦ **Lutheran Disaster**



**SAVE
THE
DATE!**

**Blood Drive
January 30, 2015
2-7pm
at SMLC**

Please sign up for an appointment during Sundays in January.

Attention: Blood Donors
Please remember that you must allow 56 days between blood donations. For more info, contact Doreen Lawrence.



**Alanon Family
Group**

If you are bothered by someone's drinking there is help in Al-Anon. For meetings or literature call our SJ information service office 856.547.0855 or email sjis@verizon.org. For further info, visit their website www.southjerseyal-anon.org.

MEMORIAL FUND

Memorial Fund Distribution of Funds

Members of the congregation may submit recommendations to the trustees of the Memorial Fund (for distribution of funds from investment income for 2014) to any of these categories:

- An Overseas Mission or Charity
- A Domestic Mission or Charity
- A Congregational Program not fundable through the current expense budget

Forms for the requests are available on the tables in the foyer. The deadline is **January 31, 2015**. For more info, contact Bill Acheson 856.904.8077 or email william.acheson@gmail.com

—Bill Acheson, chair



IN THE COMMUNITY

**First Presbyterian Church Special Music Event
Sunday, Jan. 11, 7:30pm
A Concert of Spirituals**

Choristers ~ Chapel Choir ~ Adult Choir
Free will offering ~ Child care provided



Lutheran Crossing is looking for volunteers to wheel residents from their rooms to the chapel each Sunday.

They are looking for volunteers 1/2 hour before worship and a 1/2 hour following worship; that is 10 - 10:30am and 11:15 - 11:45am. People are welcome to help for only one of the transport sessions.

**New Jersey Council of Churches
Issues & Action 2015**

Saturday, Jan. 31, 8:30am-2pm

Shiloh Baptist Church

340 Calhoun St., Trenton, NJ

For more info contact 609.396.9546

(Flyers are available on the foyer table under "In the Community" bulletin board).

STEWARDSHIP

2015 Offering Envelopes

Please pick up your box of offering envelopes from your mailslot, so we can avoid mailing it to your house.

—Jack Horton



Troop 42



Troop 42 participated in the Annual Scouting For Food Drive. I am proud to announce, due to the scout's hard work and the generosity of the neighborhoods that the Troop collected from, the Troop delivered 400 bags of food to the Bridge of

Peace pantry on November 22—GREAT JOB!

Troop 42 also ventured to Brendan T. Byrne State Park for a little backpacking and overnight camping in December. Everything went well except for one thing...RAIN, RAIN, RAIN. If we were ducks, we would have enjoyed the weather! The Scouts had to use all of their skills to stay dry during the hike. The troop had to hike into the campsite with everything they needed for the weekend on their backs...clothes, food, cooking utensils, flashlights, etc. Thanks to the Scoutmaster planning, the scouts stayed in Yurts (a modified Tee Pee). It had a roof and it was dry. The scouts had a great time in their weekend digs. To stay dry during cooking, the scouts and leaders used EZ Poppers and tarps to create an enclosed structure to keep the rain and wind away. It didn't look pretty, but we were dry. Let's hope this is the last rain event camping trip the scouts will go on this year.

If this sounds like fun and it's something you like to give a try, come check us out. We meet in the Teen Den every Tuesday night 7 to 8:30pm. Any questions, you can email the troop at bsatroop42mtlaurel@gmail.com.

Pete Mirabella, Scoutmaster
Troop 42

Happy Birthday! January

2 Olivia Thomas
2 Cassie Armstead-Williams
2 Guenter Kuehl
3 Robert Swanson
4 Madeline Schoenberger
4 Barbara DeLamater
5 Jeannie Becker
6 Neil Gilmour
6 Jimmy Cherubino
6 Sharyn McKinney
6 Hannah Steiner
7 Sammy Williams
10 Thomas Kline IV
10 Patricia Sullivan
11 Kara Schroeder
12 Nancé Carlson
12 Claire Werner
14 Duane Gustad
14 Nina Thomas
14 Mary Hilal
14 Chris Cassel
14 Emma Oakley
14 Lauren Muhlschlegel
15 Daniel Burns
17 Christopher Castner
17 Cookie Davis
20 Maria Kitashima
20 John Diepold
22 Lillian Maja
22 Dom Durinzi
22 Marna Andrew
22 Jeffery Blanford
24 Earl Waxman
24 Brittani Abele
24 David Harp
25 Jack Horton
26 Rev. Jerry Nugent
27 Jennifer Widin
27 Kristin Harp
27 Robert Rauscher
27 Jady Aguiar
27 Joan Schultz
29 P.J. Armstead-Williams
29 Beth Moore
30 Juliet Milstead
30 Addison Douglas

Moorestown Ministerium Day of Service
Martin Luther King Day - Monday, January 19, 2015

Open to all children of the area

9am -11am Trinity Episcopal Church
"Happy Birthday Party"

- Children bring items for birthday boxes: cake mix, frosting, candles, plates, napkins, or small gift
- Activities include birthday games, assembling and blessing of birthday boxes
- Birthday cake for Dr. King and juice for all to share

Birthday Boxes will be donated to Catholic Charities Emergency Services, Delanco

1pm -2pm Our Lady of Good Counsel – Heritage House
"Heart Speaks to Heart"

- Children bring cans of food and toiletry items as service
- Activities include preparing toiletry kits and craft
- Children make and enjoy ice cream sundaes

Can goods will be donated to the food bank at Bethel AME and the Ministerium Food Pantry at Saint Matthew's Church

Toiletries kits will be prepared and sent to Covenant House in Camden

Moorestown Ministerium Day of Service
Martin Luther King Day - Monday, January 19, 2015

My child _____ age _____ will be participating in

_____ Service activities at Trinity Church

_____ Service activities at Our Lady of Good Counsel Church

I am aware that my child needs to bring the items indicated above.

Please note food allergies. Parents are asked to bring a substitute snack for their child, if needed.

_____ No known food allergies _____ I am bringing a substitute snack for my child

I give permission for my child's photograph to be published in local newspapers, church publications, and websites.

_____ Yes _____ No

Parent signature: _____ Date: _____

During this time I may be reached at: _____

My child may be dismissed to: _____

Please return this form no later than __ Thursday, January, 15, 2015 __
To __ Trinity Church or Our Lady of Good Counsel __

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS - JANUARY 2015

DATE	TIME & CHOIR	ACOLYTE	CRUCIFER	PRESENTATION OF GIFTS	*ASST. MIN. COMM ASSIST	GREETER	HEALING PRAYERS	READER	USHER	ALTAR GUILD
Jan. 04	8:30 AM	Julia Niedzwiecki	Brendan McDevitt	Megan Meany	*Brian Slaugh Mike Barbaccio Bill Lawrence	Mae Trebing	Sue Kuhn	Ed Magauran	Duda Team	Sue Kuhn Lorraine Horton Sue Acheson Barbara Dufry
	11:00AM CHOIR	Steven Maryanski	Matthew Peper	Harp	*Bobbie Purzycki Lori Cornish Anne Otto	Pam Bowen	Bobbie Purzycki	Ruth Fausak	Hammond Team	
Jan. 11	8:30AM Baptism of Our Lord	Sydney Randolph	Alyssa Cherubino	Meany & Hack	*Mae Trebing Anna Buss Rose Ann Civitella	Joyce Valore	Joy Wadleigh	Marsha Magauran	Duda Team	Cathy Roberts Lynne Ganskopp Toni Hopkins Joy Wadleigh
	11:00AM CHOIR	Ricky Hall	Allen Hall	Moore Kristina	*Paul Otto Rene Cherson Ray Fausak	Lynne Ganskopp	Marilyn Dager	Bob Lee	Hammond Team	
Jan. 18	8:30AM CHOIR	Andrew Rauscher	Anna Buss	Mokoid	*Karen Widin Marilyn Dager Ruth Fausak	Randy Zellner	Rozella Bower	Judy Jochumsen	Duda Team	Sandy Meany Bernie Gustad Jana Fable Lisa Merrill Joyce Buss
	11:00AM	Audrey Reppert	Jeffrey Blanford	McDevitt	*Bob Ganskopp Ray Kuhn Brandie Plasket	Joyce Schultz	Sue Kuhn	Sue Kuhn	Hammond Team	
Jan. 25	8:30AM Semi-Annual Mtg	Olivia Schwarz	Chris Williams	Milstead	*Wayne Becker George Boehmler Joel Boehmler	Cindy & Bruce Arruda	Karen Widin Sue Kuhn	Lou Naylor	Duda Team	Jackie Diepold JoAnn Lawrence Maureen Lange Willie Thomas Linda Kastner
	11:00AM CHOIR	Lindsey Every-Clayton	Annie Buyser	Niedzwiecki	*Jack Horton Lisa Merrill Jim Merrill	Jeannie Grayson	Sue Kuhn	Kathy Lee	Hammond Team	

SMLC, Community Groups, Holidays in United States

Jan 2015 (Eastern Time)

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
28	29	30	31	1	2	3
School Closed						
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
8:30am - Worship 9:30am - Adult 9:45am - Sunday 11am - Worship 5pm - Girl Scouts	10am - Recovery 10:30am - Bible 12pm - Food Pantry 5pm - Food Pantry 7pm - Ministry Night 7:30pm - O/A (L)	6:30am - Lectionary 9am - Property Com. 9:30am - Quilters 1pm - Alanon 7pm - Boy Scouts 7:30pm - Bible	10am - O/A (LB) 10am - Staff Mtg. 2:30pm - Care One- 6pm - Confirmation 7pm - Youth Group 7:30pm - Adult Choir	Church Office Closed New Year's Day 12pm - OWLS (LB) 7pm - Lunch Bunch	4pm - Wedding 10am - WELCA	10:30am - 11th Step 12pm - New Life AA 4pm - Wedding: 10:30am - 11th Step 12pm - New Life AA
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
Baptism of Our Lord HAND-UP SUNDAY 8:30am - Worship 9:30am - Adult 9:45am - Sunday 11am - Worship 5pm - Girl Scouts	10am - Recovery 10:30am - Bible 7pm - Exec. Comm. 7:30pm - O/A (L)	6:30am - Lectionary 9am - Property Com. 1pm - Alanon 7pm - Boy Scouts 7pm - Facilities 7pm - Stephen 7:30pm - Bible	10am - O/A (LB) 11:30am - Ministeriu 6pm - Confirmation 7pm - Youth Group 7:30pm - Adult Choir 7:30pm - FCP Bd	Newsletter Info Due	10:30am - 11th Step 12pm - New Life AA	
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
8:30am - Worship 9:30am - Adult 9:45am - Sunday 11am - Worship 5pm - Girl Scouts	Martin Luther King School Closed 10am - Recovery 10:30am - Bible 12pm - Food Pantry 5pm - Food Pantry 6:30pm - Council 7pm - Cong. Council	6:30am - Lectionary 9am - Property Com. 9:30am - Quilters 1pm - Alanon 7pm - Boy Scouts 7:30pm - Bible	10am - O/A (LB) 6pm - Confirmation 7pm - Youth Group 7:30pm - Adult Choir		10:30am - 11th Step 12pm - New Life AA	
25	26	27	28	29	30	31
8:30am - Worship 9:30am - Adult 9:45am - Sunday 11am - Worship 12pm - Semi-Annual 5pm - Girl Scouts	10am - Recovery 10:30am - Bible 7:30pm - O/A (L) 7:30pm - St. Matt	6:30am - Lectionary 9am - Property Com. 1pm - Alanon 7pm - Boy Scouts 7pm - Stephen 7:30pm - Bible	10am - O/A (LB) 6pm - Confirmation 7pm - Youth Group 7:30pm - Adult Choir	BLOOD DRIVE		10:30am - 11th Step 12pm - New Life AA

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In Memoriam

Bea Thomas (Died 12/30/14)

(George Boehmler informed the office)

Thank You!

- ♦ In a phone message, **Ginger Vitty** wants to thank the congregation for keeping Sue (with MS) and Ron (on oxygen) in your prayers. God bless you all!
- ♦ OWLS and Teens to the rescue. The Camden Kids Dinner was a success because of their help. When I appealed for food prep, they didn't leave me hanging out to dry. Lynne Ganskopp made lovely trees for the tables (each family received a tree). Brianna, Emily and Jenna helped with serving. Olivia, Victoria and Kaiden took care of the BINGO. I was grateful for the clear weather. Bill Lawrence and Dave Rulon helped things go smoothly. Jan Miller, Barbara DeLamater, Virginia Sheppard, Barbara Duffy, Alice & Dick Graybill and I did the rest of the needed things. Our Camden friends were excited and happy. — *Mae Trebing*

LOOKING AHEAD

2/7/15 Wine & Cheese, 7pm
2/14/15 Valentine's Day
2/16/15 President's Day
2/17/15 Fastnacht Celebration
2/18/15 Ash Wednesday Services, 12:15 & 7:30pm



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