



**Saint Matthew Lutheran Church**  
A congregation of The Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

# 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 MAY



### Sixth Sunday of Easter

8:30 & 11am Communion

*Baptism: Matilda Jean Flothmeier*

9:45am Sunday School; 1st Comm. Class

Adult Forum: "Same-gender Wedding Overview"

5:30pm Communion with Taizé Music



### Seventh Sunday of Easter

*Mother's Day Flower Sale*

8:30 & 11am Communion

9:45am Sunday School

Adult Forum: "Beliefs and Practices of Islam"



### Day of Pentecost

8:30 & 11am Communion

9:45am Sunday School

Brunch Reception to Welcome New Members



### The Holy Trinity ~ Music Appreciation

8:30 & 11am Communion

9:45am Sunday School (*Last Day*)

Adult Forum: "Global Mission Partners"



### 2nd Sunday after Pentecost

*Summer Worship Begins*

*Memorial Scholarship Applications Due*

9:30am Communion

*May*  
2016

## Highlights This Month

- 5/1 CROP Walk (*See pg. 8*)
- 5/5 Evening Bible Study Begins  
7:30pm with Pastor Wengert  
*Ascension & Pentecost:  
Meaning for Christians*
- 5/8 Mother's Day Flower Sale
- 5/15 Brunch Reception to  
Welcome New Members
- 5/22 Music Appreciation
- 5/29 Summer Worship Begins

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Articles for June & July newsletters  
Due May 15, 2016



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.*

## **New Members Brunch Reception Pentecost Sunday, May 15th**

We are happy to have sizeable group in our new members class. We will welcome them into the congregation on Pentecost Sunday, May 15th, during the 11am worship service. The brunch reception will be held at 9:45am. A sign up sheet for brunch donations is posted. Please come and meet our new members and make them feel welcomed and an immediate part of our church family.

—Pam Bowen

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## **Pastoral Acts:**

### **Marriage:**

Brian Sena & Kayleigh Tully  
April 16

## **PASTOR'S MESSAGE**

After the U.S. legalized same-sex marriage in June, 2015, the Executive Committee decided it was time for the Council to discuss what that might mean for St. Matthew, and so the Council has been discussing it on and off since last fall. In the process, Council desired to include voices from the congregation. Also, Council found some things I presented to be helpful, and encouraged me to lead adult forums in the only 2 dates that remained unscheduled before summer. One session already took place in April: "Church and government: What is the church's role in weddings?" and the next session (moved to 5/1) will be an update on what is happening in the ELCA & our Lutheran mission cluster (in Burlington and Camden counties), and will allow time for conversation, reflection and questions.

After leading the first session and speaking with people the week afterwards, I've realized that it would also be helpful to offer a review of the whole sexuality statement and also how Lutherans interpret scripture. So, here are two more opportunities for learning and discussion:

### **June 5, 12 - Led by Pastor Ingrid Wengert**

*"2009 ELCA Social Statement Human Sexuality: Gift and Trust" (elca.org + copies available)*

The social statement encompasses the breadth of human sexuality, with the helpful understanding that it is both God's good gift to us, and that God entrusts us with it, as stewards, given that all human beings are "east of Eden" (broken/out of kilter) when it comes to intimacy and relationship - because of sin.

### **July 24, 31 - Led by Prof. Timothy Wengert**

*"Human Sexuality in Light of Scripture"*

In the first session, we will look at varying approaches to the interpretation of scripture, and in the second session, at particular texts that deal with human sexuality.

The purpose of any of these sessions is *not* to try to persuade people or change their minds. The purpose is to offer conversation, clarification, and hear what's on the hearts of parishioners. The reason that the scripture sessions are later in the summer is because my husband returns from Germany only then, and I thought it would be worth the wait as he is such a gifted and knowledgeable teacher. I very much want folks to know that there have always been varying ways to interpret scripture (i.e., St. Augustine, Bishop of Hippo, in the 4<sup>th</sup> century debated different ways to interpret the creation stories and found some ways unhelpful). Most importantly, I wish that folks might be aware of and even conversant in how Lutherans approach scripture. That is, for the sake of the gospel, there is a heart and center for Lutherans when it comes to interpreting the Bible - in order to ensure that the good news of the crucified and risen Christ remains clear and unbound.

—Pastor Ingrid Wengert

## PRESIDENT'S CORNER

### Save the Date! Sunday, June 5th

The June Semi-Annual Congregation Meeting will be held following the worship service on June 5th. The Order of Business includes: Annual Reports from all the ministries/committees, Election of new Congregation Council members, and a very important update on our Facility Planning projects.

At the April Congregation Council meeting the Council approved the creation of an Accessibility Steering Committee. This committee will be delivering a presentation at the June Semi-Annual meeting which will reveal the budget cost estimates for the three related accessibility projects below:

- ♦ 1a. Relocate the Sacristy to the foyer level
- ♦ Construct two (2) single user toilet rooms at the foyer level
- ♦ Install a wheelchair lift for access from the foyer level into the Gymnasium building

You don't want to miss this meeting! This is the **beginning** of something big, a whole new vision for our church and church family. This is the beginning of the journey towards a vision where all God's children who enter St. Matthew will one day have full, safe and comfortable access to all areas of our church campus and it's many ministries and activities.

I also want to take this opportunity to inform you that after having served four years on the Congregation Council, with three of those years as the Council president, I have resigned effective end of the June 2016 Congregation Council meeting. Alice and I both plan to remain very active in the life of this wonderful church. I have volunteered to serve as the chairperson for the Accessibility Steering Committee mentioned above. At the Semi-Annual Meeting we will be announcing the names of those who will be serving with me on this new committee.

*God's Work Our Hands,  
Dick*

## INTERNSHIP 2016-17

As of Sunday 4/17, we gathered just enough financial support to host John Nelson beginning August 2016, so Council approved the internship on Monday evening. We eagerly anticipate getting to know John and his gifts for ministry, and look forward to the many ways his presence among us will energize and bless the congregation.

*—Pastor Wengert*

## 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 Grahm

### 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

# VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL



**Sunday, July 10<sup>th</sup> - Thursday, July 14<sup>th</sup> 6 - 8pm**

- Ages:** 3 years old thru 5<sup>th</sup> graders  
**Curriculum:** Barnyard Roundup by Concordia  
**Theme:** "The Lord Is My Shepherd..." Psalm 23  
**Missions:** Crossroads Camp & Retreat Center  
Bridge of Peace Food Pantry  
**Register online:** [stmatthew-lutheran.org](http://stmatthew-lutheran.org)  
**Volunteers:** Sign up on the bulletin board for various tasks  
**Contact:** Lisa Merrill, VBS Coordinator, [lisa.merrill316@hotmail.com](mailto:lisa.merrill316@hotmail.com)

## Vacation Bible School Registration

*One form per child, please*

Child's name	Grade completed	Birthday	Age
Parents' names		Best phone	
Home address		Email	
Emergency contact person		Best phone	
Food allergies (List:)			
Special Needs (Explain:)			
People who may pick up child		Name of Church	
People who may NOT pick up child		VBS leaders have permission to photograph/film the minor designated above in any manner or form for any lawful purpose associated with this VBS program. <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	
Parent's signature			

## YOUTH & FAMILY

The Youth and Ministry Committee would like to thank Maureen & Craig Schoenberger for organizing and donating the refreshments for the reception for the First Communion. Those receiving communion for the first time on April 10 were:

**Lily Daniel, Genevieve Meany, Nathaniel Milstead, Aiden Penny, Adrianna Uhlig, and Brady Zink.**

Sunday School is quickly coming to an end for this year and we will soon begin to look toward September. Remember that Cross Roads Camp ([www.CrossRoadsRetreat.com](http://www.CrossRoadsRetreat.com)) is a great way for kids to spend some time during the summer at camp.

—Dennis Lawrence, chair



The Youth Group will be hosting its annual **Mother's Day Flower Sale on Sun., May 8th.** Please buy your spring bedding plants and hanging baskets at St. Matthew and support youth group activities.

—Rene Cherson

## MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIPS



Scholarships will be awarded this year to college bound high school seniors.

Students who currently are enrolled in colleges will be not be eligible.

Applications will be available on the tables in the church foyer. The deadline for submitting applications is **Sunday, May 29, 2016.**

—Bill Acheson, chair

## WORSHIP & MUSIC



**Music Appreciation  
Sunday, May 22**

Celebrate our music ministry led by our Cantor, David D. Harp.

## Mentor Dinner Wed., May 25 6:30pm

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



**Jacob Brodie**  
*Drexel Univ.*

**Dana Jacoby**  
*Slippery Rock*

**Alex Flores**  
*Widener Univ.*

**David Naylor**  
*High Point Univ.*

**Justin Villani**  
*Syracuse Univ.*





## Media Movie Munchies

**May 6, 7PM**

### ***WHILE WE'RE YOUNG,***

Featuring Ben Stiller, Naomi Watts, Adam Driver and Amanda Seyfried will be our Easter film. Regardless of your age Millennials (20's), 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

## ***The Lutheran is now Living Lutheran***

To subscribe to *Living Lutheran*, the new publication of the ELCA, please sign up and send check, payable to St. Matthew for \$8.95, to the church office. All existing subscriptions will be transferred to *Living Lutheran*.

## FELLOWSHIP & PARISH LIFE



### **Older Wiser Lutheran Seniors**

#### ♦ **Thursday, May 5<sup>th</sup>, Noon in the Library**

Mary Danielsen will present an hour workshop on recording life memories for future generations. Handouts for her "Top Life Story Questions" will be shared. Please bring your favorite sandwich and three talented OWLS will provide delicious desserts, hot tea and coffee, and iced tea and water.

#### ♦ **Thursday, June 2<sup>nd</sup>, Noon in the Library**

OWLS Annual Picnic will be held inside with air-conditioning! As usual, serving tables will be set-up in the foyer for delicious salads, vegetable dishes, and desserts made by the members. Church grills will be manned providing hotdogs and hamburgers. Our treasury will provide iced tea and condiments for the grilled sandwiches. Please sign on the bulletin board OWLS chart what delicious food you will be bringing to share. Come join the fun! —Sue Kuhn

### **Night Outers**



**Tuesday, May 17, 5:15pm**

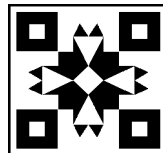
*A serious group of any age, who seriously want to go out to supper one a month and seriously enjoying themselves* Dinner at the Red Lion Inn; sign up on bulletin board. For more info, contact Hollis Rulon.



### **Women of the ELCA**

**Friday, May 13, 10am ~ Morning Circle**

We will meet in the Shockey Lounge; lunch will be at Ms. Nancy's Café in Merchantville. For more info, contact Virginia Sheppard.



### **Quilters**

**Tues., May 3 & 17, 9:30am** in Fellowship Hall  
For more info contact Virginia Sheppard.



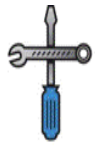
### **Crochet/Knit Group**

**Sat., May 14 & 28, 9:30am**

For all those who love to crochet or knit we our new group will meet twice a month (2nd & 4th Saturdays) in the Library. Light refreshments will be provided.

**WANTED:** Donations of yarn. Drop off your donation in the box at the far end of the foyer. Also we need a few people who do not knit or crochet, to sew "granny squares" together periodically as we finish them.

## PROPERTY



**TUESDAY  
MORNING  
MAINTENANCE**

**Spring Clean-Up:** We give thanks to God for those that participated in the Spring Clean-up at St. Matthew on March 19, 2016. Those who signed in were Steve Cathcart, Dave Frech, Jimmy Cherubino, Anthony Caffrelo, Ed Hammond, Charlie Lange, Erica Infanger, Dennis Mahoney, Dave Rulon, Shirley Schmidt, Max Frable, Sara Lilja, Sue & Ray Kuhn, Duane Gustad, Dick & Alice Graybill, Judy Jochumsen, Olivana Trinchieri, Olivia Richardson, and Katie Hines.

**Other:** A thermostat was replaced on the sacristy hot water heater, a new ceiling fan was installed in the library, new spark plugs were installed in the lawn equipment, the elevator was inspected by the state, the "He Lives" sign was installed in the sanctuary prior to Easter, portable air conditioners were reconnected to their windows, the main and Shockey Lounge air conditioners had their filters and fan belts replaced, and a contractor had to bleed air from the water lines for the choir room so that heat could be restored.

Special thanks to Paul Otto and Steve Cathcart who co-chaired the Tuesday morning Maintenance Team while I was on vacation in Florida!

—*Brian Schultz, chair*

## TROOP 42



In March, the scouts ventured to Camp Roosevelt for a camping weekend. The theme was Wilderness Survival Weekend. The scouts built a fire using only flint and steel, no matches were used! They also build survival shelters and learned what to do when they get lost. Of course a camping trip wouldn't be complete without the fabulous dutch oven cooking—chilli and roasted chicken were made.

March also was time for The 3rd Annual Bowl Off at Laurel Lanes. Once again, the scoutmaster went undefeated; scouts—keep your chins up, there is always next year!

Some of the scouts went to Extreme Climbing in Maple

Shade and earned their Climbing Merit Badge. We had some scouts go down to Fort Dix to learn about planes and earn their Aviation merit badge. The troop has been doing extremely well in merit badge and rank advancements. We have new Tenderfoots, Second Class and Star Scouts. And the boys have earned over 15 merit badges this year. Way to go Scouts! The troop also picked up 5 new Webelos in March. Can't wait to start teaching the new scouts scouting skills!

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 or Pete05@verizon.net.

—*Pete Mirabella*

## Adult Forum

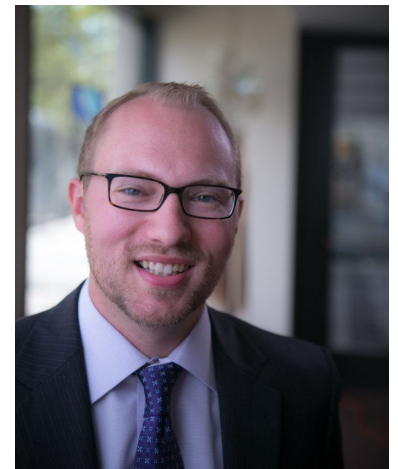
### 5/1 "Same-gender Wedding Overview"

Overview of what's happening in the ELCA, NJ Synod, and the Burlington-Camden Mission Cluster, led by Pastor Wengert

**5/8 "Beliefs and Practices of Islam"** led by Dr. David Grafton, The Lutheran Theological Seminary at Philadelphia

**5/15 New members Brunch Reception:** "Meet the new members" Please make an effort to attend and make our new members feel welcome.

**5/22 "Global Mission Partners"** led by Andrew Steele, who grew up at St. Matthew.



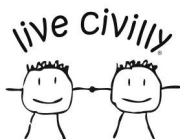
*Andrew Steele, Director for ELCA Global Church Sponsorship (Read more about Andrew Steele on page 11)*

## Moorestown Food Pantry

(Live Civilly/Moorestown  
Ministerium)

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

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

### **CROP Walk ~ May 1 from St. Matthew 12:30pm Registration; 1pm Step-Off**

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

There will be a table in the foyer where you can register to  
participate in the walk on May 1st. The walk starts and ends at  
St. Matthew. You can contact donors to the cause. This is the  
important part: get the check first so you can put it in the  
collection at St. Matthew. This helps our banker, Judy  
Jochumsen. Any questions call or email Mae Trebing  
609-239-4942 [ironhorse2102@gmail.com](mailto:ironhorse2102@gmail.com). —Mae Trebing

### **Live Civilly/Moorestown Ministerium Food Pantry**

May is here and finally spring. Time to plant vegetables and  
flowers and plan stay-cations or vacations. Put the winter coats  
away. Walk, run, sing. Breathe deeply! And, please, always  
remember the pantry. We are so grateful for your gifts of food  
and money and time. Our patrons come to us for food, but I  
admit, they also come because we care and we don't judge. We  
open the doors and they come in and then they return. When  
you go to the food store, grab something for the pantry. Maybe  
something you really like and think someone else would like as  
well. And thank you!

—Connie O'Brien  
Pantry Coordinator

### **Lunch Bunch ~ Thurs. May 12, 7pm**

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

Please drop-off your baked goods using a disposable paper plate.  
—Bill Lawrence

### **Lutheran Crossings**

Dave and I are appreciative of your donations to our monthly  
sales. St Matthew donations make up more than 50% of what we  
sell. Here are some ways Auxiliary funds are utilized to benefit  
residents: Luncheon trips to area restaurants such as Perkins,  
and Cracker Barrel, and Olive Garden provide monthly outings.  
Entertainment is provided on New Years Eve as well as Saint  
Patrick's Day. Monthly birthday parties are held, as well as a  
Christmas party. The Auxiliary also pays to fill the gas tank for  
the van. Dorothy Shockey founded the Auxiliary in the 1940s  
when the Lutheran Home was first formed. We continue her work  
today.

—Lorraine Horton

\* Note - Both Dave and I have had serious back issues in the past so  
please avoid heavy donation. Large glass items, like punch bowl sets  
and florist vases don't sell.

Lorraine Horton- 856-780-5202

Dave Frech -609-320-5244



## BRIDGE OF PEACE

### Casseroles for Camden Salads-Dessert-Beverages Too! Drop off items: Sunday, May 15

Please sign up to bring dinner items for our next Youth Meeting in Camden at Bridge of Peace. We need:



- 1) Casseroles to feed 40 people.

*If you do not wish to cook, please drop off a Stouffers Lasagne.*

- 2) Salads, with all the trimmings and dressings
- 3) Beverages: Gallon of chocolate, milk, water, apple juice
- 4) Cookies or cupcakes
- 5) Paper Products: plates, napkins, cups, plasticware

Please drop off food in the teen den refrigerator; other items can be placed on a card table in foyer.

—Lisa Merrill  
Bridge of Peace Communicator

## STEWARDSHIP

### Why Electronic Giving?



We are coming off a winter that was not too severe. Despite relatively mild weather our attendance was negatively impacted on at least two Sundays. It is worth noting that on those reduced attendance Sundays the offering was also greatly reduced.

Offerings of families who signed up for SIMPLY GIVING or another form of electronic donation were not affected by the weather. Their offerings were received even if the families were not in attendance, and therefore, they helped maintain a healthy cash flow for meeting the obligations of the congregation.

With summer approaching and many of us on vacation, if we aren't signed up for electronic donations, there will be further difficulties for our treasurer as he strives to meet the financial obligations of the church.

Our request is simple: please sign-up for some form of automatic electronic giving. The process for using SIMPLY GIVING is available on our website. This SIMPLY GIVING program accommodates recurring donations and also one-time donations such as those to the Memorial Fund, World Hunger and special Holy days.

—Jack Horton, chair

### 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:

- ♦ Mashed Potatoes
- ♦ Noodles
- ♦ Rice A Roni

**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/Other:

- ♦ Tyler Carlson
- ♦ Mary Cross
- ♦ Mike Hoffman
- ♦ Helen Hopkins
- ♦ Gerry Nice
- ♦ Tom Tanger
- ♦ Nina Thomas
- ♦ Olivia Thomas

#### Homebound:

- ♦ Nancy Beth Abele
- ♦ Grace Barone
- ♦ Nancé Carlson
- ♦ Evelyn Frintner
- ♦ Doris Holmes
- ♦ Dot Jensen
- ♦ Betty Kelley
- ♦ Dot Koch
- ♦ Karen Koch
- ♦ Lynn Krudewig
- ♦ Lois Lukasik
- ♦ John Parkin
- ♦ Janet Paul
- ♦ 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 Welcome!



#### ♦ Monday Morning Bible Study, 10:30am

Open Bible Study in the Shockey Lounge

#### ♦ Thursday Evening Bible Study, 7:30pm

May 5, 12, 19, 26 with Pastor Wengert

*Ascension & Pentecost: Meaning for Christians*

May 5 (Ascension) Luke 24:44-53

May 12 (Pentecost) Acts 2:1-12

May 19 (Pentecost) John 16:12-24, 20:19-23

May 26 (Ascension) Luke 24 compared with Acts 1

### Stephen Ministry



**"In the name of Jesus, your sins are forgiven."**

Once a month all Stephen Ministers gather together for continuing education. Topics range from studying books of interest to us to learning about Meditation this past month. In March Pastor Wengert led us on a discussion of the topic of Forgiveness. "In the name of Jesus, your sins are forgiven."

One of the points Pastor Wengert made was that forgiveness is not the church's forgiveness or the pastor's forgiveness or the Christian's forgiveness, but God's forgiveness. We are to hear the forgiveness as coming from God's own lips.

At the end of our class, we shared the words, "In the name of Jesus, your sins are forgiven," as we put our hands on each other's heads. As a result of our class, on Maundy Thursday, Pastor Wengert was inspired to offer that same blessing individually to those in attendance at the service. So many came forward that I wonder, if as Lutherans we are aware of the gift of individual confession and forgiveness? (see pg. 243 in the ELW). Sometimes our hearts and souls are so burdened that we need to hear those words for ourselves. If that is the case for you, I encourage you to speak with Pastor Wengert.

"In the name of Jesus, your sins are forgiven. Amen."

—Pastor Peggy Marks

### May Friendship Day

#### Friday, May 6, 11:45am at The Evergreens

"Finding Grace at the Table" will be the theme for this year's May Friendship Day Celebration of Moorestown Church Women United. This year marks the organization's 75th year of uniting women of various church denominations in fellowship and service in their communities. RSVP 856.234.7927 (deadline May 2).

## TREASURER'S UPDATE

### Financial Update: January-March 2016

Current & Benevolence ("C&B") offerings are the primary source of income for Saint Matthew and are vital to support our daily Christian mission and ministry. 89% of the total C&B income for 2016 is budgeted to come from regular giving by the congregation. For the first three months of this year, the C&B budget called for \$102,190 of giving from the congregation; however, actual C&B giving as of the end of March was \$91,241. This represents a budget shortfall of \$10,949 or almost 11% of this first quarter budget plan.

Every congregation member will receive a C&B Offering Status Report in mid-April that will provide an update of individual giving during the first 3 months of 2016. If you submitted an Estimate of Giving Card for 2016, the total amount of your Estimate for 2016 is provided on the Report. The Report also shows the amount of your Estimated Giving that would be expected by the end of March if you gave on a regular weekly or monthly basis. Then the Report shows your actual C&B giving, as recorded through the end of March. By comparing these last 2 amounts, you can see if your C&B giving is above, on pace with, or behind the budget expectations.

Whether or not you submitted an Estimate of Giving Card for 2016, and whether or not you may be ahead or behind in your estimated giving, the continuing support of all active members is important to avoid operating deficits. This is vital to sustaining our church's vibrant mission and ministry. Please don't hesitate to contact me if you have any questions about the budget or other finance matters at Saint Matthew.

—Tom Cassel, Treasurer

## ADULT FORUM (continued from pg. 7)

### Andrew Steele will lead Adult Forum, May 22:

Andrew is a son of the congregation, being confirmed at St. Matthew, and has not forgotten his Jersey roots. He now serves as the Director for ELCA Global Church Sponsorship, which raises church-wide support for ELCA Missionaries, Young Adults in Global Mission, (YAGM) Global Ministry Projects and the International Women Leaders scholarships. These ministries make up \$33 million of the \$198 million goal as part of Always Being Made New: The Campaign for the ELCA. Andrew's portfolio of projects ranges from building a Lutheran Centre & Clinic in South Sudan, to sponsoring medical doctors in Tanzania, to growing the YAGM program to 94 participants during his tenure. Andrew got his first experience with the global church when he served as a Young Adult in Global Mission volunteer in Bloemfontein, South Africa in 2010-2011. Saint Matthew was very generous in their support of Andrew, something that instilled in him a passion for service and philanthropy. P.S. Andrew continues to lament his Philadelphia sports fandom.



### May

- 1 Ryan Kastner
- 1 Max Frable
- 3 Matthew Waxman
- 3 Debbie Brown-Zellner
- 3 Gianna Vaiarelli
- 4 Victoria Steck
- 4 Scott Cornish
- 5 Grace Barone
- 7 Betty Kelley
- 8 Dave Stewart
- 9 Wendy Pizzi
- 12 Lois Lukasik
- 13 Veronica Barger
- 13 Ed Dager
- 13 Bruce Arruda
- 14 Cameron Nikoo
- 14 Sam Borris
- 15 Kimmie Smith
- 16 Alexander Gilson
- 16 Caroline Milstead
- 17 Lindsey Every-Clayton
- 17 Aurelia Harp
- 17 Avery Douglas
- 17 Brandon Uhlig
- 18 Tay Peters
- 18 Hunter Gibson
- 19 Karen Terpak
- 19 Pia Ems
- 19 Matthew Niedzwiecki
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- 22 Daniel Burns
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- 23 Maureen Schoenberger
- 23 Gary Duda
- 24 Ethan Schwarz
- 24 Annalise Schultz
- 24 Stephen Cathcart
- 25 John O'Meara
- 26 Samantha Brodie
- 26 Ray Fausak
- 26 Kathleen Grahn
- 28 Joyce Schultz
- 28 Kate Flothmeier
- 29 Mary Tyler
- 30 Rev. Dallas Dorward
- 30 Gwendolyn Gibson
- 30 David Barger
- 30 Brien Campbell
- 31 Tasha Buran

## IN MEMORIAM

### A Personal Remembrance

On April 5, I attended the funeral service for the Rev. Carl T. Uehling, pastor of Saint Matthew Church from September 1978 until September 1986. The service was held in the chapel of the Lutheran Community at Telford, PA, where he and his wonderful wife Jean had been living for several years.

I first met Carl Uehling in 1978 when I served on the call committee for a new pastor following Pastor Jensen's election as President of the NJ Synod. We selected him from the four candidates we were given because of his experience as a pastor in various churches as well as for his creativity as Features Editor of The Lutheran magazine. I was superintendent of the Sunday school when he arrived in September and he had many new ideas for us. When we decided to sponsor a missionary through the generous Sunday school offerings, he suggested Dennis & Meredith Murnyak because he was impressed when he interviewed them for a feature article in The Lutheran. We loved hearing about their work in Tanzania and having them visit from time to time through many years.

Some of my fondest memories of Pastor Uehling are tied to his use of drama in worship. During Advent and Lent for several years, Pastor Uehling wrote short clever dramas usually based on the Old Testament lessons for each Sunday. As director of Saint Matthew Players, it was my job to find actors and direct the dramas, which were great fun for us, added a modern twist to the lessons, and enhanced the worship experience. Some titles of those dramas are indicative of his creativity: "Abram and Sarai are transferred", "The prodigal and the prude", "It must have been something I ate" and "What's for dinner?". Ruth Fausak, Vicki Williams, Stu Haroldson, Lyle Clark, Bill Shepherd, Jr. and Charleen Behrschmidt were frequent participants. The dramas were much appreciated by all who saw them.

When the call committee had interviewed Pastor Uehling, he made it clear that he believed strongly in keeping worship services to one hour and he followed that practice through his ministry here. His sermons were creative and brought new perspectives to scriptures and old ideas.

Pastor Uehling and Archie Brown "hired" me to be Archie's assistant in the office in 1981. During the next five years he brought the office into 20th century technology and prepared us for the future. Archie and I did not want to give up our IBM Selectric typewriters, but he and Assistant Pastor Bruce Bassett insisted that we learn how to use a computer. Radio Shack computers were purchased and we learned how to use them (very slowly!). Thankfully the pastors were patient with us. Our first copy machine was primitive but it wasn't long before more up to date ones were added and we admitted they were so much better than the old mimeograph machines. Because of his previous experience as a writer, Pastor Uehling knew the importance of technology in all of our printing as we moved on toward the 21st century.

I cannot end this piece without mentioning one of my most vivid memories of Pastor Uehling. One of our interns, Kurt Strause, had become engaged during his internship and we loved both him and his fiancée Lois. I was asked to plan a "mock wedding" for the party the church was giving for them when he completed his internship. (In a "mock wedding" the gender of all participants was reversed; i.e., the bride was a man and the groom was a woman, etc.) I asked Pastor Uehling to be the flower girl. There are still many people in this congregation who remember his appearance in green tights and short skirt as he danced down the aisle, throwing dandelions! His mother who was in the audience did not recognize him.

Early in 1986, Pastor Uehling began to show me how to put together a monthly Messenger. He had been the editor since he became our pastor and I thought he was doing a fine job. I didn't know then that he had plans to retire later that year and so I learned from his expertise and used the tools he taught me as long as I served as editor. He was an excellent teacher.

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## IN MEMORIAM (continued)

Pastor Uehling was active in the community as a member of Rotary, serving as treasurer for a time. He began the University of Life program through the Moorestown Ministerium which brought together members of most of the Moorestown churches for "courses" related to religion and life. He also was instrumental in starting Interfaith Caregivers, which became part of The Tender in Moorestown.

When Pastor Uehling retired from the ministry and left Saint Matthew Church in 1986, he and a friend started a full service communications company (Genesis Communications) that served non profit organizations and businesses. My daughter Kristen worked for the company one summer as a graphic designer when she was in college. He had confirmed her and she gained a new appreciation and respect for him as a talented entrepreneur during that summer.

The Uehlings retired to the family farm in western Pennsylvania where they lived for a number of years before moving to Telford because of his struggles with debilitating dementia. His funeral service was a moving tribute to him and a celebration of his life. All nine of his grandchildren participated. Personal remembrances included one from a granddaughter who spoke for all of the grandchildren (and four great grandchildren); Earl, his youngest of four sons, a junior in high school when they moved to Moorestown, who spoke for the children; and The Rev. Bruce Bassett, (retired) who was an intern and an assistant pastor with him at Saint Matthew. All spoke of his love of life and fun, his devotion to his family and his service to the church. I feel blessed to have known Carl Uehling. I'm grateful for all I learned from him and for what he did to make Saint Matthew Church a better place to worship and to work.

—Rozella Bower

## CONGREGATION CORNER

### Birth Announcement:

Brad & Alexandra Cassel are new parents of a son, John Patrick Thomas Cassel, born April 19, 2016. The proud grandparents are Tom & Chris Cassel.

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## Bridge of Peace Vacation Bible School

Sponsor a child for \$95 for the 5-day camp at Bridge of Peace in July. Please make check payable to *St. Matthew*, with "BOP VBS" in the memo.

Also, we need the following donations by June 30th:

- gallons of water
- breakfast/granola bars
- Capri Sun juice packs,

For more info, contact Lisa Merrill.

## Looking Ahead at SMLC

6/5 Semi-Annual Meeting, following 9:30am service

Weekly Taize Service  
5:30pm  
(Sunday Evenings  
6/5-8/31)

6/12 Blessing of High School Graduates, 9:30am

SMLC Hosts Interfaith Hospitality Network



# WORSHIP ASSISTANTS - MAY 2016

DATE	TIME & CHOIR	ACOLYTE	CRUCIFER	PRESENTATION OF GIFTS	*ASST. MIN. COMM ASSIST	GREETER	HEALING PRAYERS	READER	USHER	ALTAR GUILD
May. 01	8:30 AM	Kevin Niedzwiecki	Julie Niedzwiecki	Forrest	*Karen Widin Lou Naylor John O'Meara	John O'Meara	Dave Frech	Barry Grahn	Lange	Roberts
	11:00AM CHOIR	Lilianna Saura	Giovanni Saura	Saura	*Sue Kuhn Lisa Merrill Jim Merrill	Joyce Schultz	Rozella Bower	Jack Horton	Otto	
	5:30PM									
May. 08	8:30AM	Sophia Maryanski	Steven Maryanski	Maryanski	*Wayne Becker Mike Barbaccio Anna Buss	Elizabeth Sweet	Karen Widin	Joy Wadleigh	Lange	Meany
	11:00AM CHOIR	Ricky Hall	Allen Hall	Hall	*Max Frable Ray Fausak Ruth Fausak	Sue Acheson	Sue Kuhn	Sue Kuhn	Otto	
May. 15	8:30AM Pentecost CHOIR	Grace Buss	Anna Buss	Buss	*Bill Lawrence Bernie Gustad Jana Frable	Brian Sena	Joy Wadleigh	Doreen Lawrence	Lange	Lawrence
Receiving New Members	11:00AM	Alex Abbruzzi	Julianna Abbruzzi	Abbruzzi	*Bobbie Purzycki Kylee Miller Brandie Plasket	Greta Hall	Sue Kuhn	Marge Dorward	Otto	
May. 22	8:30AM	Joseph Feliciano	Chris Williams	Feliciano	*Brian Slaugh Pat Brodie Carol Cathcart	Joyce Valore	Dave Frech	Karen Widin	Lange	Valore
Music Appreciation	11:00AM CHOIR	Lukas Every-Clayton	Annie Buyser	Buyser	*Peter Jensen Rene Cherson Lori Cornish	Lynne Ganskopp	Bobbie Purzycki	Jana Frable	Otto	
May. 29	9:30AM	Griffin Keifer	N/A	N/A	*Mike Feiker Alyssa Cherubino Dennis Lawrence	Jeanne Grayson	Sue Kuhn	Brian Schultz	Otto	Kuhn

**SMLC, Community Groups, Holidays in United States**
**May 2016 (Eastern Time)**

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>1</b> 8:30am - Communion 9:45am - SS & Adult Forum 11am - Communion 12:30pm - CROP WALK @ 5pm - Girl Scouts (LB) 5:30pm - Taize Service	<b>2</b> 10am - Recovery Inc. 10:30am - Bible Study 12pm - Food Pantry 5pm - Food Pantry 7pm - Ministry Night 7:30pm - O/A (L)	<b>3</b> 9am - Property Com. 9:30am - Quilters (FH) 1pm - Alanon 7pm - Boy Scouts (TD)	<b>4</b> 10am - O/A (LB) 10am - Staff Mtg. (C) 7:30pm - Adult Choir	<b>5</b> 12pm - OWLS (LB, FH) 7:30pm - HOPE	<b>6</b> NJ Synod Assembly 7pm - MMM 10:30am - 11th Step 12pm - New Life AA (FH)	<b>7</b>
<b>8</b> Flower Sale Mother's Day 8:30am - Communion 9:45am - SS & Adult Forum 11am - Communion 5pm - Girl Scouts (LB)	<b>9</b> 10am - Recovery Inc. 10:30am - Bible Study 7pm - Exec. Comm. 7:30pm - O/A (L)	<b>10</b> 12pm - Property Luncheon 1pm - Alanon 7pm - Boy Scouts (TD) 7pm - Stephen Ministry 7:30pm - Facilities	<b>11</b> 10am - O/A (LB) 11:30am - Ministerium Mtg. 7:30pm - Adult Choir	<b>12</b> 7pm - Lunch Bunch 7:30pm - Bible Study 7:30pm - HOPE	<b>13</b> 10am - WELCA	<b>14</b> 9am - New Members Class 9:30am - Crochet/Knit (LB) 10:30am - 11th Step 12pm - New Life AA (FH)
<b>15</b> Newsletter Info Due PENTECOST 8:30am - Communion 9:45am - Brunch Reception 9:45am - SS 11am - Communion 11am - New Members 5pm - Girl Scouts (LB)	<b>16</b> 10am - Recovery Inc. 10:30am - Bible Study 12pm - Food Pantry 5pm - Food Pantry 6:30pm - Council Fel. 7pm - Cong. Council 7:30pm - O/A (L)	<b>17</b> 9am - Property Com. 9:30am - Quilters 1pm - Alanon 5:15pm - Nite Outers @ 7pm - Boy Scouts (TD)	<b>18</b> 10am - O/A (LB) 7:30pm - Adult Choir	<b>19</b> Office 9-Noon 7:30pm - Bible Study 7:30pm - HOPE	<b>20</b> Office Closed 7pm - Villani/Frable (FH)	<b>21</b> FCP (Grove) 10:30am - 11th Step 12pm - New Life AA (FH)
<b>22</b> Music Appreciation 8:30am - Communion 9:45am - SS & Adult Forum 11am - Communion 12pm - Reception 5pm - Girl Scouts (LB)	<b>23</b> 10am - Recovery Inc. 10:30am - Bible Study 7:30pm - O/A (L)	<b>24</b> 9am - Property Com. 1pm - Alanon 7pm - Boy Scouts (TD) 7pm - Stephen Ministry	<b>25</b> 10am - O/A (LB) 6:30pm - Mentors Dinners 7:30pm - Adult Choir	<b>26</b> 7:30pm - Bible Study 7:30pm - HOPE	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b> 9:30am - Crochet/Knitter 10:30am - 11th Step 12pm - New Life AA (FH)
<b>29</b> 9:30am - Communion 5pm - Girl Scouts (LB)	<b>30</b> Church Office Closed Memorial Day 10:30am - Bible Study 7:30pm - O/A (L)	<b>31</b> 9am - Property Com. 1pm - Alanon 7pm - Boy Scouts (TD)	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>

## WHERE ARE THEY NOW?

From Pastor Ryan Paetzold at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church in Audubon to the wonderful people of St. Matthew Lutheran Church in Moorestown: Grace and peace to you from God the Sovereign, and our Risen Lord, Jesus Christ!

I was asked to provide an update on what's new in my world, and admittedly there are a few things.

First, my health is mostly good. I remain in remission from lymphoma. I still have residual effects of lung damage and fatigue from the chemo therapy (I won't be running marathons any time soon), but otherwise my health is good. I continue to visit the oncologist every six weeks or so, and will continue to be monitored for three years. If after that time, the cancer hasn't returned, I will be deemed "cured". Here's hoping...

On March 13<sup>th</sup>, Holy Trinity Lutheran Church in Audubon called me for a second time; this call is opened-ended. It is a part-time call, but I am very excited by the energy at Holy Trinity. The church has an enthusiasm that they haven't had in many years. I continue to hope and pray for some sort of full-time call, but I am very happy and thankful to be serving at Holy Trinity, and for the opportunities we see in the future.

Another significant change is that starting April 1<sup>st</sup>, I became the "Coordinator for Distributed Learning and Cooperative Pathways" at the Lutheran Theological Seminary at Philadelphia. It's a long job title that essentially means I will be working with Masters of Divinity students who are completing their courses as a mix of online classes and on campus intensives; or students who will be completing their courses in an accelerated program while working at a church during their entire degree coursework. I am thankful for this part-time position which allows me to serve the Church outside of a congregational setting. My job description is rather broad, and has me interfacing with a number of areas of student life, and while it is a bit complicated, it is kind of fun to dust off my managerial and administrative skills.

But, as my wife would happily agree, our *most important* update would be Yuki and Nutmeg—two five-month Pomsy puppies (Pomerian + Siberian Husky). They are sisters we got back in January, and have made life a bit more crazy but a lot more fun.

—Pastor Ryan  
(Former Intern from SMLC 2013-14)

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