



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 JUNE



3rd Sunday after Pentecost

9:30am Communion
10:45am Semi-Annual Congregation Meeting
4pm Adult Forum with Pastor Wengert
5:30pm Communion with Taizé Music



4th Sunday after Pentecost

9:30am Communion;
Baptism: John Patrick Thomas Cassel
Blessing of High School Graduates
10:45am Adult Forum with Pastor Wengert
5:30pm Communion with Taizé Music



5th Sunday after Pentecost

9:30am Communion
5:30pm Communion with Taizé Music



6th Sunday after Pentecost

9:30am Communion
5:30pm Communion with Taizé Music



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 in June

Semi-Annual Congregation Meeting June 5, 10:45am

- ⇒ Election of new Council Members
- ⇒ Facility Planning Project Update

Adult Forums

June 5, 4pm & June 12, 10:45am

"2009 ELCA Social Statement Human Sexuality: Gift and Trust"

Blessing of High School Graduates June 12, 9:30am

SMLC Hosts Interfaith Hospitality June 12-19

Overnight and Dinner Hosts are needed.

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Welcome New Members

Bill & Karen Bowen
Cherry Hill, NJ

Ethan & Shelley Geehr
Alexander (11th Grade)
Moorestown, NJ

Crystal Little &
Brandie Plasket
Mt. Laurel, NJ

Katie O'Connor &
(Thomas Daniel)
Lily (2nd Grade),
Charlotte (Pre-K)
Lumberton, NJ

Rebecca Schaefer
Cinnaminson, NJ

Kevin St. John
Haddonfield, NJ

Pastoral Acts:

Baptisms:
5/1 Matilda Flothmeier
5/22 Abigail Kline
5/22 Mary Elisabeth Lerch

Funerals:
5/3 Helen Hopkins
5/14 Patricia Schaefer

PASTOR'S MESSAGE

Dear Brothers and Sisters at Saint Matthew,

Thank you so much for the celebration of my 20th anniversary of ordination!!!

I was completely surprised by it, and very much appreciate your generous gift card. Tim and I will use it well this summer while traveling in Germany!

I thank God for calling me to serve as your pastor for these past 10-1/2 years.

*With affection,
Pastor Ingrid*



SUMMER ADULT FORUMS

June 5, 4pm & June 12, 10:45am

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, 10:45am

Led by Professor Tim 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.

PRESIDENT'S CORNER

PAX VOBISCUM - "Peace with You"

Latin Salutation in the Catholic Mass and the Lutheran Divine Service.

About three years ago, as I was working in the Property workshop (dungeon as I refer to it), the Holy Spirit smacked me along side the head and caused me to take notice of an old picture framed document, covered in dust, hanging from a rusty nail, that I had ignored for the past year. I brushed off the dust and read the words of the old framed document. Immediately, I realized this needed some tender loving care and needed to be seen by others. I took it home purchased a new frame and made it more presentable. Pastor Wengert was gracious enough to agree to display it in the church foyer at my pleading. I have no idea who may have originally hung the document in our workshop, but I know they did so because it speaks of this place of worship. To be thankful for it and to be good stewards for future generations. Find it and enjoy it's timeless message.

PAXVOBISCUM

Friend, you have come to this Church, leave it not without prayer.

No man entering a house ignores him who dwells in it.

This is the House of God and HE is here.

PRAY then to him who loves you & bids you welcome and awaits your greeting.

GIVE THANKS for those who in past ages built this place to his glory & for those who, dying that we might live, have preserved for us our heritage.

PRAISE GOD for his gifts of beauty in painting & architecture, handcraft & music.

ASK that we who now live may build the spiritual fabric of the nation in TRUTH, BEAUTY & GOODNESS & that as we draw near to the ONE FATHER through our LORD & SAVIOR JESUS CHRIST we may draw nearer to one another in perfect brotherhood.

The Lord preserve thy going out and thy coming in.

Thank you for the privilege of serving this congregation these past four years.

*Pax Vobiscum,
Dick*

6/7/15-6/5/16 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

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL



Sunday, July 10th - Thursday, July 14th 6 - 8pm

- Ages:** 3 years old thru 5th 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
Volunteers: Sign up on the bulletin board for various tasks
Contact: Lisa Merrill, VBS Coordinator, 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

Our Youth & Family committee members include: JoAnn Lawrence, Lisa Merrill, Alice Eilers, Jennifer Blanford, Rene Cherson and Youth Council Representative, Kylee Miller, with Bill Lawrence as Sunday School coordinator and staff liaison. JoAnn, Lisa, and Alice are bringing many ideas to the committee and help with various activities. Kylee has a great connection to our youth and is also a Sunday School classroom aide.

The Youth Group has been active with volunteer events and fundraising, such as the Christmas Greens and Mother's Day flower sales. Jennifer and Rene keeps the committee updated on youth activities. In May, they went to Cross Roads Camp and Retreat for clean-up day.

Vacation Bible School is fast approaching. Lisa will be coordinating this year's Vacation Bible School with input and assistance from Alice and the help of other volunteers. This year's program will be held July 10-14th, 6-8pm. The theme will be "*Barnyard Roundup*." Please go online to register.

We thank God for all our volunteers who work with our children through the Sunday School program, our Youth Group and other programs.

—Dennis Lawrence, chair



WORSHIP & MUSIC

Communion Bread Bowls

At the early service on Pentecost Sunday, we blessed and dedicated two wooden bowls for use in Communion. One bowl is for the bread, and the other for gluten-free wafers. The bowls were created by a family of artists in Costa Rica using reclaimed wood (i.e., fallen tree branches) and sold through a fair trade art gallery. We purchased the bowls in order to remember our mission partner in Costa Rica. Since 1999 Saint Matthew has supported the ministry of Stephen Deal, who works among Lutheran congregations there. Particularly fitting is that the symbol of our shared ministry is in the form of bowls for Communion bread, reminding us that we are one body in Christ, around the world, made brothers and sisters by Christ and his forgiveness.

—Pastor Ingrid Wengert



Alison Annese

MHS

The College of New Jersey

Lindsay Barger

Rancocas Valley HS

Pennsylvania State Univ.

Ashley Cornish

MHS

Rutgers Univ.

(New Brunswick)

Christopher Grahn

Moorestown Friends

Muhlenberg College

Michael Krosnodomskie

Lenape HS

Stockton Univ.

Matthew McKinney

MHS

Art Institute of Philadelphia

Matthew Niedzwiecki

Lenape HS

Stockton Univ.

Caroline Scheipe

Lenape HS

Montclair State Univ.

Eric Schroeder

MHS

Drexel Univ.

SUMMER FRUIT PIZZA



Celebrate summer with this tasty dessert pizza, using your favorite summer fruits as the toppings.

What you need:

- 1 tube slice-and-bake sugar cookie dough
- Knife
- Round pizza pan
- 8 ounces cream cheese
- $\frac{1}{3}$ cup sugar
- $\frac{1}{2}$ teaspoon vanilla
- 2 cups sliced fruit
- Adult help

What you do:

1. Cut the dough into slices $\frac{1}{8}$ -inch thick. Place slices on the pan, overlapping them slightly.
2. Bake at 375 degrees for 12 minutes. Let cool.
3. Combine softened cream cheese, sugar and vanilla, mixing well. Spread this "frosting" over the baked-cookie "crust."
4. Arrange fruit on top of the pizza.
5. Slice and enjoy!

FELLOWSHIP & PARISH LIFE

Older Wiser Lutheran Seniors

Thursday, June 2nd, 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



Women of the ELCA

Salad & Dessert

Tuesday, June 14, 6:30pm

We will meet in the Shockey Lounge.
For more info, contact Virginia Sheppard.

Crochet/Knit Group

Sat., June 11 & 25, 9:30am

Sat., July 9 & 23, 9:30am

For all those who love to crochet or knit our new group meets 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. For more info, contact Liz Miller lizz29@comcast.net, 856.217.1984.



St. Matt Readers

Recommended book (by Imams and Christian theologians) to learn about Islam:

No god but God (Updated Edition): The Origins, Evolution, and Future of Islam by Reza Aslan

Monday, September 26 7:30pm

Also - if you're interested in this, you might be interested in the adult forum on 9/18 with Dr. David Grafton with information on Muslims in America and Muslim responses to ISIS.

VICAR JOHN NELSON

Hello Saint Matthew!

Grace and peace to you from God our heavenly Father and our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. It was so wonderful to meet you all on Pentecost Sunday, my fiancé, Emma, and I were truly grateful for your hospitality. Prior to beginning my internship at Saint Matthew in August, I wanted to give you a broader description of myself. As Pastor Ingrid mentioned in her previous Temple Talk, I am originally from the Redwood Falls area of Minnesota. Redwood Falls is the seat of the Southwest Minnesota Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America. While I am originally from Redwood Falls, MN, my parents have recently relocated to Spicer, MN, which is a small lake town about two hours west of Minneapolis. My older brother is an IT specialist for IBM and lives in the Minneapolis area with my niece, Lauren. We have three dogs, two miniature schnauzers who belong to my parents, named Stuart and Matilda, and my dog is a clumber spaniel named Elsa. The majority of my time spent in Minnesota has been with an eye towards rural ministry, as much of that area is marked by farmland. However, after spending three wonderful years in Philadelphia, I have discovered a passion for urban and suburban ministry.

Prior to starting my seminary career, I obtained my undergraduate degree in biology from Saint John's University, which is a small Catholic school located in Collegeville, MN. Saint John's is known for two things, our perennial Division III national championship football team and the Benedictine Monastery located on campus. It was here at Saint John's that I began to discern a call to a vocation within the church. When I began at Saint John's it was my intent to attend medical school, yet that was not the plan that God had in store for me. I applied to several medical schools, but the more I worked on my application the more I knew that my heart was leading me somewhere else. Following my graduation in 2011, I entered the Saint John's School of Theology, a small seminary attached to my undergraduate institution. I received my Master of Arts in Scripture from Saint John's in 2013. Following my graduation, I wanted to continue my theological education and headed

east to the Lutheran Theological Seminary at Philadelphia to obtain my Master of Sacred Theology degree en route to a Ph.D. It was here that I made my first connection with Saint Matthew in that I was lucky to participate in the last three courses taught by Dr. Timothy Wengert. I came to Philadelphia with the express interest of studying under Dr. Wengert, a scholar whom I admire greatly. During my STM coursework and into my recently completed Master of Divinity coursework, the majority of my coursework has been centered in interfaith dialogue as well as contemporary Lutheran theology. Through my engagement with other faith traditions, namely Judaism and Islam, I have been opened to new and different possibilities with respect to Lutheran theology. As I have engaged with these differing faith traditions, it has allowed me to look at the theology of Martin Luther and other reformers through different lenses. Most recently, my work has been rooted in looking at how Luther's own engagement of these faith traditions can impact the current dialogues that are happening within the ELCA and the wider Lutheran church.

Now that I have all the perfunctory academic and theological stuff out of the way I can tell you about the fun stuff! My fiancé, Emma, and I will be getting married August 6th, the week before I am scheduled to start at Saint Matthew. Emma recently graduated from LTSP with her Master of Public Leadership, a degree unique to LTSP that trains individuals for work in faith based non-profit organizations. Throughout her coursework, Emma has worked with the ELCA Advocacy Office in D.C., Lutheran Advocacy Ministry in Pennsylvania, and most recently the Philadelphia Interfaith Hospitality Network. Currently, Emma received a fellowship with the City of Philadelphia working with Councilman Bobby Henon in the Northeast section of Philadelphia. Emma is originally from Baltimore, MD, where her parents and sister still reside. Emma is an avid swimmer, social justice activist, budding foodie, and will talk your ear off about her cat, Cheddar.

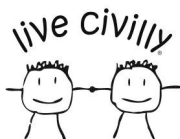
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Moorestown Food Pantry

(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



VICAR JOHN NELSON (continued)

I cannot tell you how excited I am about working at Saint Matthew this year. After meeting with you all on Pentecost Sunday, I know that I am in store for a great year of fun and growth. I look forward to seeing you all in August and have a wonderful start to your summer!

*Blessings,
Vicar John*

SOCIAL CONCERNS

SMLC to Host Interfaith Hospitality Network

A community response to the homeless.

June 12-19

SMLC hosts **Interfaith Hospitality Network**, please sign up to be an overnight or dinner host. For more info, contact Barry Grahn, bgrahn1@comcast.net.

—Barry Grahn

Live Civilly/Moorestown Ministerium Food Pantry

Some days the pantry looks really full. Sometimes people say, "We have too much; give it all away." But what about tomorrow? It might all be gone. So, we plan and we budget so that we have food when people come. Our patrons know we are a consistent and reliable source of food and they can count on us to help them through the month. Your gifts of food and dollars help do that. Summer is coming. Please remember the food pantry.

—Connie O'Brien, Pantry Coordinator

Lunch Bunch ~ Thurs., June 9, 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

The Auxiliary does not meet in July and August. Our last meeting for the year will be held June 9th, and although Dave and I take a break from sales during that time, we encourage you to keep donating jewelry, handbags and moderate sized home décor. Those items will be sorted and priced so that we may begin our new year in September with new stock. Your generous giving has been a steady source of income for the Auxiliary and is always appreciated. Our collection box is located under the monitor's table in the foyer. Have a wonderful summer!

—Lorraine Horton

Lorraine Horton- 856-780-5202

Dave Frech -609-320-5244

BRIDGE OF PEACE

Vacation Bible School at Bridge of Peace

If you would like to help sponsor a child for \$92 for the 5-day camp in July or contribute to the pizza/soda lunch, which costs \$120, please make your check payable to St. Matthew, with "BOP VBS," in the memo.

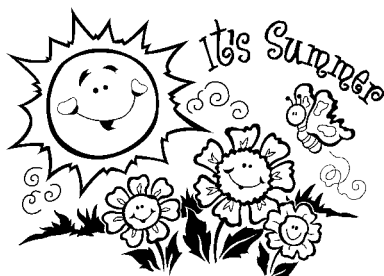
As in the past, we will provide breakfast and water/juice for the students, so please consider making the following donations by June 30th:

- gallons of water
- Breakfast cereal bars (no nuts)
- Capri Sun juice packs
- Cups and other paper products

For more info, contact Lisa Merrill, momm6434@hotmail.com.

Camden Casserole Supper

In May, the last casserole supper was a success; the Youth Group is now done until the fall. We are asking groups to volunteer to cook, deliver, and serve dinners on the third Tuesday starting in September. Please discuss this with your group about making food donations including, salad & dressings, beverages or desserts. For more info contact Lisa Merrill, BOP Communicator.



STEWARDSHIP

Keep Giving During Summer

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. Please consider signing up for SIMPLY GIVING.

—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:

- ♦ Rice
- ♦ Pasta
- ♦ Soup/Broth

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:

- ♦ Grace Barone
- ♦ Jeannie Becker
- ♦ Nancé Carlson
- ♦ Tyler Carlson
- ♦ Mary Cross
- ♦ John Fisher
- ♦ Mike Hoffman
- ♦ Karen Koch
- ♦ Cara Lowy
- ♦ Gerry Nice
- ♦ Tom Tanger
- ♦ Nina Thomas
- ♦ Olivia Thomas
- ♦ Mae Trebing

Homebound:

- ♦ Nancy Beth Abele
- ♦ Evelyn Frintner
- ♦ Doris Holmes
- ♦ Dot Jensen
- ♦ Betty Kelley
- ♦ Dot 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
- ♦ Hopeworks 'N Camden
www.hopeworks.org
- ♦ Lutheran Disaster Response
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**

July 7, 21, 28, in the Shockey Lounge

Colossians with Pastor Ingrid Wengert

Stephen Ministry

The following paragraphs contain excerpts from a Stephen Ministry article written by Amity Haugk of Stephen Ministries, St. Louis and Brett Glover, a pastor and new Stephen Leader in Sydney, Australia.

Win – Win – Win



"Stephen Ministry is an outstanding vehicle for lay caring ministry. It creates a greater awareness of the need for people to be there for other people during difficult times. People become more intentional about looking out for each other."

"During difficult times, people feel very alone. Stephen Ministers give them a listening ear – someone they can talk to about things they wouldn't discuss with anyone else. 'They're looking after me and helping me through.'"

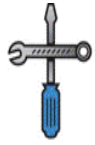
"Stephen Ministers personally benefit from the life skills they learn in training – the listening skills, the use of reflective questions, and attentiveness to someone else's needs. Stephen Ministry gives a practical, tangible way to express their faith as they connect with others in a caring relationship."

"Most pastors have a long list of people that need care and just don't have the time to see every single person as often as they need. Having a team of Stephen Ministers helping to provide care for people gives pastors a sense of peace and encouragement to know that many people are being ministered to, every week, by Stephen Ministers."

"Stephen Ministry is a win – win – win situation. Suffering people *win* because they receive care during their time of need. Stephen Ministers *win* by learning to listen to, care for, and work with hurting people and growing a lot in the process. And pastors *win* because they're blessed with a team of well-trained, Christ-centered caregivers. It is a wonderful resource—a great way to equip and empower the saints for meaningful ministry."

Edited by Sue Kuhn

PROPERTY



**TUESDAY
MORNING
MAINTENANCE**

Bids have been requested to replace the main heating system this summer as part of the ongoing Capital Campaign. A recommendation will be sent to the Congregation Council in late May or early June. Three new window air conditioners were purchased and installed in the lower floor of the education wing to replace three older units.

A work plan to refurbish the church apartment consistent with budgetary guidance from the Pastor has been accomplished. To date, the existing carpet has been removed and a vendor has been engaged to replace the carpet following painting of the main walls and ceiling. Extensive work will be done in the bathroom. A HVAC contractor has checked the heater and air conditioner and believes it can last another year (it is the original equipment from the mid-80s). The apartment should be ready for occupancy by the new vicar no later than August 1st.

The Facilities Planning Task Force has provided drawings for review.

—*Brian Shultz, chair*

IN THE COMMUNITY

Understanding Grief—A Lecture and Discussion

Hosted by The Mount Laurel Home for Funerals and Samaritan Healthcare & Hospice. Open to the public, **Thursday, June 9th 2pm**, at the Mount Laurel Home for Funerals, 212 Ark Road, Mount Laurel. Presented by Grief Counselor, Mary Parsons, LSW. For reservations call (856) 234-6900 or email mountlaurelhomeforfunerals@comcast.net.

Recovery International

If you or someone you know is struggling with stress, anxiety, depression, anger, fear, etc. we can help you learn to cope. A self-help group meets **Mondays, 10am**, in the Library at SMLC. For more info, contact www.RecoveryInternational.org.



Just Keep Swimming... Dory, the blue tang fish in *Finding Nemo* feels overwhelmed and alone, and she chants to herself, "Just keep swimming, just keep swimming." When we feel alone and can't see God, it's not that he doesn't exist, or can't be known; rather he surrounds us so closely that sometimes we miss the fact. God is the living water in which we swim. Sometimes we need to just keep swimming until we become aware of that again. *(From The Newsletter Newsletter, May 2016, H. Mann)*



2 Lynn Krudewig
2 Ryan Lettieri
3 Tom Campbell
4 Wayne Becker
4 Laura Jacoby
4 Charlotte Abele
4 Brianna Cariello
5 Jessica Frech
5 Lily Abbruzzi
5 Joyce Buss
6 Charlotte Daniel
6 Mike Williams
7 Matthew Peper
8 Pam Rusinko
9 Lori Forrest
11 Alex Trabold
11 Michael Celia
12 John Stapleton
12 James Merrill
12 Shane Gibson
12 John Fisher
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13 Florence Chatas
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14 Brady Zink
14 Pete Boal
15 Morgan Lettieri
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21 Paul Esmond
22 David Westad
22 Lisa Barbaccio
23 Charlie Lange
24 Susan Cherubino
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26 Katie Johnson
27 Jameson Sweet
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30 Dana Maryanski
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ELCA Presiding Joins Faith Leaders at Peace Summit

CHICAGO (ELCA) – The Rev. Elizabeth A. Eaton, presiding bishop of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA), joined leaders of Christian churches and church-related organizations from the United States and the Holy Land in Atlanta April 19-20 for "Pursuing Peace and Strengthening Presence: The Atlanta Summit of American and Palestinian Churches."

This first-ever gathering of American and Palestinian Christians in the United States focused on exploring the role of Christian churches in peacemaking in Israel-Palestine and helping strengthen the Christian presence in the Holy Land.

"It was significant that a broad spectrum of Christian churches – Evangelicals to Orthodox, historic black denominations as well as mainline denominations – participated," said Eaton. "This diverse coalition has more credibility than the usual alliances. The freedom of Palestine, the security of the state of Israel and the preservation of Arab Christianity in the Holy Land are not political issues for a few but a faith issue for many."

Other representatives from the ELCA included the Rev. Rafael Malpica-Padilla, executive director, ELCA Global Mission; the Rev. Jeffrey Thiemann, CEO, Portico Benefits Services; and the Rev. Cindy Halmarson, area program director for Europe and the Middle East, ELCA Global Mission. The Rt. Rev. Dr. Munib Younan, bishop of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Jordan and the Holy Land, attended along with patriarchs and other heads of churches in Jerusalem.

The event, held at the Carter Center, brought together about 100 leaders from diverse Christian denominations and organizations, including Catholic, Orthodox, Eastern Orthodox, mainline Protestant and historic African American and Latino churches. Former President Jimmy Carter delivered the keynote speech during the final session.

"Bishop Younan and other leaders are calling for U.S. churches to strengthen the Christian presence in Palestine," said Halmarson.

"I hope this conference is the beginning of a broader and deeper coalition of U.S. church support to accompany Palestinians in pursuit of peace and strengthening Christian presence in the Holy Land."

The ELCA, through its Peace Not Walls campaign, is working for peace and justice in the region through accompaniment, advocacy and awareness-building. Among other objectives, the effort connects ELCA members with Palestinian Lutheran companion churches in the region to promote healing and reconciliation.

The goals of the Atlanta summit included drafting a summit document that articulates a comprehensive vision for the future of the Holy Land and its Christians, writing a letter to President Barack Obama that communicates this vision, and adopting a strategy for common witness by American and Palestinian churches.

The summit document states: "We have come together for two days of prayer and open dialogue in a spirit of theological and ethical urgency for a just peace, and to express our ecumenical unity in action towards the end of occupation and a lasting political situation in the Holy Land. We honor the land that witnessed to the life and resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ affirming his call to justice, peacemaking and to the ministry of justice and reconciliation."

The document outlines issues that merit special attention in order to effectively promote peace with justice and advance the two-state solution for Israelis and Palestinians. The points include:

- Develop more effective advocacy in the United States.
- Educate members of congregations on the merits and necessity of a peace process that fulfills the rights of all people and nations in the region to live in security and peace.
- Recognize, affirm and support the solidarity that is being demonstrated among some Christians, Jews and Muslims in addressing humanitarian needs, fighting poverty and fostering peace.
- Designate a common day of prayer and reflections across churches in the U.S. and the Holy Land.

CONGREGATION CORNER

St. Matthew Friends,

Your gift of prayers for me continue to bring comfort. A gentle peace surrounds me as I give thanks that the prison gates of Alzheimer's Disease were finally opened and Carl abides peacefully in his loving arms of his Heavenly Father.

—Peace, Jean Uehling

To the Brothers & Sisters of St. Matthew,

Thank you for all of your prayers, thoughts, and prayer letter upon the passing of my mother, Sharleen. Also a special thank to Pastor Ingrid for her help and mentoring to address and handle dealing with her death with not only ourselves, but Alexa and Gavin.

—Yours in Christ, Steven, Rebecca, Alexa & Gavin

Thank You!

My thanks to all who kept me in their thoughts and prayers during my chemotherapy treatments. Your cards and phone cards were deeply appreciated and helped in keeping my spirits up. As one of you commented to me, "SMC prayers work." And, they did!

—Thank you, Bob Ganskopp

Dear Church Family,

Thank you for the meaningful, caring messages you sent to Ray and me when my brother died recently. Your comforting thoughts and prayers continue to bolster us and make us ever-grateful for the friends of Saint Matthew Church.

—Sue Kuhn

Special Recognition:

Mae Trebing was recognized at the Church Women United May Friendship Luncheon for her outstanding service and involvement in the national organization. Her many activities at her church, and her many interests, including music, art and drama were mentioned.

—Virginia Sheppard

Happy Retirement to:

Doreen Lawrence
Charlie Lange

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Pastor Wengert	11 yrs. (12/2016)
Bill Lawrence	16 yrs.
Dave Rulon	19 yrs.
David Harp	11 yrs.
Kim Bohley	11 yrs.
Shirley Schmidt	6 yrs.



1 Bill Lawrence
2 Ellie Esmond
2 Michael Hoffman
2 Carter Wittman
3 Emily Jellison
3 A. Robert Alvis, Jr.
3 Gregory Schroeder
3 David Frech
4 Shirley Schmidt
4 Walter Davis
5 Carmen von Wrangell
5 Richard Scheipe
5 Jake DePersia
5 Julia Gilson
6 Alyson Abbruzzi
7 Miles Carrasquillo
8 Alexis Aguiar
8 Hope Hass
9 Mary Humphrey
9 Kevin Niedzwiecki
10 Alexander Kline
10 Cole Muhlschlegel
11 Wilhelmina Thomas
11 Andrea Penny
11 Ella Peterson
12 Christopher Trabold
12 Melissa Burns
13 Nicole Mayer-Whipple
13 Gabrielle Meany
13 Ethan Cook
14 Mark Burns
14 Jacquelyn Davis
14 Janet Abele
15 Joe Villani
15 Karl Frerking
16 Bryan Arruda
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WORSHIP ASSISTANTS - JUNE 2016

DATE	TIME & CHOR	ACOLYTE	CRUCIFER	PRESENTATION OF GIFTS	*ASST. MIN. COMM ASSIST	GREETER	HEALING PRAYERS	READER	USHER	ALTAR GUILD
June. 05	9:30 AM	Gianna Valarelli	N/A		*Sue Kuhn Ray Kuhn Sandy Meany Civitellas	Barbara Good	Bobbie Purzycki	Sue Acheson	Hammond	Roberts
Semi-Annual Meeting										
	5:30PM									Civitellas
June. 12	9:30AM	Derek Coccano	N/A		*Paul Otto Dave Frech Greta Hall Civitellas	Mae Trebing	Rozella Bower	Alice Eilers	Lange	Meany
	5:30PM									Civitellas
June. 19	9:30AM	Andrew Rauscher	N/A		*Mae Trebing Cookie Davis Walt Davis Civitellas	Susan Hawbecker	Karen Widin	Rozella Bower	Schultz	Lawrence
	5:30PM									Civitellas
June. 26	9:30AM	Gabrielle Meany	N/A		*Karen Widin Ed Hammond Kylee Miller Civitellas	Cara Lowy	Joy Wadleigh	Rene Cherson	Duda	Valore
	5:30PM		N/A							Civitellas

SMLC, Community Groups, Holidays in United States

Jun 2016 (Eastern Time)

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
29	30		31	1	2	3
			10am - O/A (LB) 10am - Staff Mtg. (C)	12pm - OWLS (LB) 7:30pm - HOPE		10:30am - 11th Step 12pm - New Life AA (FH)
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
9:30am - Communion 10:45am - Semi-Annual 4pm - Adult Forum 5:30pm - Taize	FCP Last Wk Classes 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) 11:30am - Ministerium Mtg.	7pm - Lunch Bunch 7:30pm - HOPE	Office Closed	9:30am - Crochet/Knit (LB) 10:30am - 11th Step 12pm - New Life AA (FH)
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
SMLC Hosts Interfaith Hospitality Network						
Blessing of HS Grads 9:30am - Communion 10:45am - Adult Forum 2pm - Recital-Brown 5:30pm - Taize	10am - Recovery Inc. 10:30am - Bible Study 7:30pm - O/A (L)	9am - Property Com. 1pm - Alanon 6:30pm - WELCA (L) 7pm - Boy Scouts (TD) 7pm - Stephen Ministry 7:30pm - Facilities	10am - O/A (LB)			10:30am - 11th Step 12pm - New Life AA (FH) 6pm - Waxman (Rain)
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
SMLC Hosts Interfaith Father's Day 9:30am - Communion 5:30pm - Taize	10am - Recovery Inc. 10:30am - Bible Study 12pm - Food Pantry 5pm - Food Pantry 7:30pm - O/A (L)	9am - Property Com. 1pm - Alanon Celebration 7pm - Boy Scouts (TD)	10am - O/A (LB)		Office Closed	9:30am - Crochet/Knit (LB) 10:30am - 11th Step 12pm - New Life AA (FH)
26	27	28	29	30	1	2
9:30am - Communion 1pm - Recital 5:30pm - Taize	10am - Recovery Inc. 10:30am - Bible Study 6:30pm - Council 7pm - Council Mtg. (LB) 7:30pm - O/A (L)	9am - Property Com. 1pm - Alanon 7pm - Stephen Ministry	10am - O/A (LB)	Wed. Rehearsal		

SMLC, Community Groups, Holidays in United States

Jul 2016 (Eastern Time)

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
26	27	28	29	30	1	2
9:30am - Communion 5:30pm - Taize					Office Closed Wedding: Widin	10:30am - 11th Step 12pm - New Life AA (FH)
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
9:30am - Communion 5:30pm - Taize	Independence Day Office Closed 10:30am - Bible Study 12pm - Food Pantry 5pm - Food Pantry 7:30pm - O/A (L)	9am - Property Com. 1pm - Alanon	10am - O/A (LB) 10am - Staff Mtg. (C) 7:30pm - Adult Choir	7:30pm - Bible Study (L) 7:30pm - HOPE	Office Closed 10am - WELCA	9:30am - Crochet/Knit (LB) 10:30am - 11th Step 12pm - New Life AA (FH)
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
9:30am - Communion 5:30pm - Taize 6pm - VBS	10am - Recovery Inc. 10:30am - Bible Study 6pm - VBS 7:30pm - O/A (L)	9am - Property Com. 1pm - Alanon 6pm - VBS 7pm - Stephen Ministry 7:30pm - Facilities	10am - O/A (LB) 11:30am - Ministerium Mtg. 6pm - VBS 7:30pm - Adult Choir	6pm - VBS 7pm - Lunch Bunch 7:30pm - HOPE	Newsletter Info Due Office Closed	10:30am - 11th Step 12pm - New Life AA (FH)
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
9:30am - Communion 5:30pm - Taize	10am - Recovery Inc. 10:30am - Bible Study 12pm - Food Pantry 5pm - Food Pantry 7:30pm - O/A (L)	9am - Property Com. 1pm - Alanon	10am - O/A (LB) 7:30pm - Adult Choir	7:30pm - Bible Study (L) 7:30pm - HOPE	Office Closed	10am - Crochet/Knit (LB) 10:30am - 11th Step 12pm - New Life AA (FH)
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
9:30am - Communion 10:45am - Adult Forum 5:30pm - Taize	10am - Recovery Inc. 10:30am - Bible Study 7:30pm - O/A (L)	9am - Property Com. 1pm - Alanon 7pm - Stephen Ministry	10am - O/A (LB) 7:30pm - Adult Choir	7:30pm - Bible Study (L) 7:30pm - HOPE	Office Closed	10:30am - 11th Step 12pm - New Life AA (FH)
31	1	2	3	4	5	6
9:30am - Communion 10:45am - Adult Forum 5:30pm - Taize						

SUNDAYS IN JULY



7th Sunday after Pentecost

9:30am Communion
5:30pm Communion with Taizé Music



8th Sunday after Pentecost

9:30am Communion
5:30pm Communion with Taizé Music
6:00pm Vacation Bible School



9th Sunday after Pentecost

9:30am Communion
5:30pm Communion with Taizé Music



10th Sunday after Pentecost

9:30am Communion
10:45am Adult Forum with Professor Tim Wengert
5:30pm Communion with Taizé Music



11th Sunday after Pentecost

9:30am Communion
10:45am Adult Forum with Professor Tim Wengert
5:30pm Communion with Taizé Music

July Events



Vacation Bible School

Barnyard Roundup

July 10-14, 6-8pm

Ages: 3yrs—5th Grade

Register online.

Evening Bible Study, 7:30pm

Thursdays, July 7, 21, 28

"Colossians"

Led by Pastor Ingrid Wengert

Adult Forum, 10:45am

Sundays, July 24 & 31

with Professor Tim Wengert

"Human Sexuality in Light of Scripture"

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RECOMMENDATIONS

For upcoming Vicar John Nelson, new to Moorestown;
i.e., what are your favorites?

(Drop off completed form in box in foyer or email stmatthew@verizon.net)

Best Grocery Store

Name	Why?

Favorite Pizza

Name	Why?

Best Indian Food

Name	Why?

Best Gym

Name	Why?

Favorite Philly Restaurant

Name	Why?

Where to meet couples in their 20s/30's?

Name	Comments