

The St. Matthew Messenger



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FROM PASTOR YEISER'S DESK:

A number of you have expressed appreciation for our Easter season services. We had a wonderful Easter Day with many worshipers proclaiming together that "Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!" We continue to celebrate the wondrous Easter event through the fifty days of this climatic season in the church year.

Many of you also enjoyed Youth Sunday, which took place here on the Second Sunday of Easter under the guidance of seminarian Chelsea Miller. I am hearing a number of you expressing interest in seeing Youth Sunday instituted as an annual event at our church. I think it should be just such an event. I appreciated the fine work that our youth did at both of the worship services on Youth Sunday. Seminarian Miller also delivered a fine message. The youth were about sharing the love of Christ and proclaiming the gospel that day. Seeing our youth visible at worship on Youth Sundays, when the Youth Choir sings, and when various youth participate in different ways in our worship services is inspirational to me. It is wonderful when our young people get right out there to help us worship our Lord. They and their advisors are such an important part of our church.

I believe that our youth realize with us adults that they have a desperate need in life. All of us need self worth, love, compassion, grace, guidance, and reassurance. We also hope for

life beyond the grave – for eternal salvation where there is no pain, evil, and suffering. We are blessed to know that God fills our need. In a classic Easter story from the 24th chapter of Luke, we learn that a couple of disciples are walking on the road to Emmaus while feeling down in the dumps because they believe that this Jesus whom they had been following is a thing of the past. He was crucified and is dead. But while walking a mysterious figure approaches and walks with them. Jesus reveals the scriptures and shares a meal with them. It is there in the breaking of the bread that they realize that it is the Lord who is with them. Yes, it is in the breaking of the bread that Jesus is made known to these disciples and is made known to us today. Now they understand and can revel in the resurrection and the Lord's presence in their lives.

In the church, we offer Christ who brings hope and peace to desperate people. Our Lord comes to us in word and sacrament addressing our desperate need in life. We are blessed to be the body of Christ in the world called to share the good news with others. During the summer months I encourage you to, in communion with our youth and children, join together in worshipping God. Together we tell an immensely powerful story.

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**We received the following persons
into membership**

by Affirmation of Faith, Letter of Transfer
or Baptism:

Penny, Woody and Rebecca Wagaman
with sponsor Tim Hammond

George & Linda Zinn with sponsors
Larry & Diane Baublitz

Deborah Forest with sponsor Christine Myers

Roy & Holly Hornback with sponsors
Dan & Doris Deitzel

Jason Sheely with sponsor Jessica Sheely

Andrew and Jessica, Erich, Nicholas and Joshua
McDaniel with sponsor Kris Rudisill

Debby Rommel with sponsor Randy Seibert

Colleen Jackson with sponsor Darlene Klenk

Jeremy Bucher with sponsor Abbi Bucher

Sidney Ehrhart with sponsor Sally Yelland

Cara, Chloe and Addison Sullivan with sponsor
Claudia Clemens



ADDITIONS TO OUR LILY LIST:

In memory of Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Keller
by the family.

In memory of Jeanne & Clair Livelsberger by
the family.

In memory of Ann Livelsberger by the
family.

**ST MATTHEW DUTCH DAYS FLEA
MARKET**

– Get ready to clean out your
attic, basement or garage! The Evangel-
ism Committee is organizing a flea market
to be held on Hanover's Dutch Days, July
30th. All proceeds from the flea market will
go to the two missionaries that St. Matthew supports,
Viking Dietrich in East Africa, and Peter Johnson in
Cairo, Egypt. This will be a great opportunity to pool
our "resources," (i.e. flea market stuff) and support the
spread of the Gospel in East Africa and Egypt. We will
also need lots of volunteers to help us with this project.
Watch the bulletins and the July *Messenger* for further
details or call Rollie Kunde, Chairman of the Evangel-
ism Committee, at 630-9411.



WOMEN OF THE ELCA DESSERT & GENERAL MEETING

Monday, June 13, at 7 p.m. in the Upper Room

Jan Davis will lead the program "Bread – Living a Life of Daily Bread." You will learn about living a life of intention and attention, patience, to live in wide-eyed anticipation, and to live in community.

Everyone is welcome to attend this program. Refreshments will be provided. For additional information call Joan Scott, 637-6303.

**IN GATHERING FOR
GETTYSBURG SEMINARY FOOD BANK**

The Lower Susquehanna Synodical Women of the ELCA are holding the 24th Annual Convention, June 24 & 25 at Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church of Penbrook, Harrisburg. At that time they will be having their annual in-gathering to benefit the Gettysburg Seminary Food Bank. Approximately 40 seminary households utilize the food pantry on a regular basis. The seminarians and their families (many are married with families) really appreciate receiving gift cards from Giant and Weis markets. Other items needed are cereal (hot and cold), canned vegetables, granola bars, peanut butter and paper products. A representative of the seminary will be at the convention to take all gift cards as well as food items back to Gettysburg.

Gift cards and Items will be collected at the June 13th W/ELCA Dessert Social; or you may drop off your items in collection boxes located in the church office or by the elevator lobby by June 19. Please take gift cards to the office and mark them for the Gettysburg Seminary Food Bank. Kim Beard and Joan Scott will be our delegate and representative from Hanover and will be taking these items and offerings to the Convention on June 24.

Thank you for your support.



PASTORAL ACTS

Baptisms

Bennett William Golding – son of Justin Golding and Krista Nicole Donsen

Joshua Evan McDaniel – son of Andrew and Jessica McDaniel with sponsors Matthew and Rebecca Smith

Nicholas Roy McDaniel – son of Andrew and Jessica McDaniels with sponsors Scott and Melody Bright

Andrew McDaniel

Deaths

April 20 – Carl W. Hankey

April 22 – Orvalee Peeling

May 6 – Grizelda K. Worley

May 10 – Vivian (Kopp) Brillhart

May 15 – Ruby (Bortner) Stevens

MANY THANKS TO ALL who helped with spreading the mulch on Saturday morning, May 14. We had a good turnout and that helps make such a large job go quickly!

We would also like to thank those who helped remove our old stove in the Fellowship Hall kitchen and bring the new stove in. This was a huge undertaking and was made possible with equipment donated by Larry Smeltzer.

Thank you again to all volunteers who help in many, many ways to keep St. Matthew Church "Celebrating God's Love and Serving in Jesus' Name."



SIMPLY GIVING

allows your offering to be automatically withdrawn from your bank account and directly deposited into the church's account.

You determine the frequency of your gift: weekly, semi-monthly or monthly.

You can still designate your gift right on the form.

SIMPLY GIVING is a reliable, safe way to put your stewardship plan into action.

To sign up for this free service pick up a **Simply Giving** brochure found at the information and/or hospitality desk or church office, and return the completed form to Richard Trostle in the church office.

Direct questions to Richard Trostle, 637-7101.

STEWARDSHIP

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As God's stewards we appreciate fresh starts.

Since we have full and free forgiveness in Christ from past sins and failures, we can start over with a clean slate and look forward with confidence instead of looking backward with regret. As stewards we are always in process. We are not yet where we should be but, by God's grace, we are moving in the right direction. St. Paul in Philippians 3:12-14 offers us some outstanding counsel and encouragement with these words: **"Not that I have already obtained all this, or have already been made perfect, but I press on to take hold of that for which Christ Jesus took hold of me. Brothers, I do not consider myself yet to have taken hold of it. But one thing I do: Forgetting what is behind and straining toward what is ahead, I press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus."** So, with St. Paul we can say to ourselves and to others: **"PLEASE BE PATIENT, GOD IS NOT FINISHED WITH ME YET!"**

How might we make fresh starts as God's stewards? There are a number of things that we can do to make a difference in our stewardship. We may consider increasing our financial contributions to our church and favorite charities. We may want to volunteer more of our time for helping out in our church and community. We may decide to be more intentional in using our God-given skills and talents in service to benefit others. And the list of ways we can improve our stewardship goes on to include such things as working on our relationships with others, our stewardship of the Gospel [witnessing], proper care for God's creation and care for our own bodies.

Let's resolve to follow this wise counsel from Hebrews 10:24: **"Let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds."** And may we practice our Christian living and giving with joy remembering that **"Christian stewardship is the free and joyous activity of the child of God and God's family, the church, in managing all of life and life's resources for God's purposes."**

Give as the Lord has given to you.

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DON'T MISS OUR ANNUAL

ST. MATTHEW CHURCH PICNIC!

Sunday, June 5

1:00 to 5:00 p.m.
at the Penn Grove Retreat

This is a fun event for all ages!!



Tickets will be available in the Gathering Place this weekend.

(\$5 per individual/ \$10 per family)

(Penn Grove is located off Blooming Grove Road.
Directions will be available in the Gathering Place.)



We will have games
for the children!

Check out our
new location!!

All you Bingo
Players! Bring a
small gift/prize
for the games!

Menu
Fried Chicken
Hot Dogs
Potato Salad
Macaroni Salad
Chips & Ice Cream
are provided.
Please bring a cov-
ered dish to share or
a cake for the cake-
walk if you are able!

The Rev. Daniel M. Yeiser, Ph.D., Senior Pastor 634-4025 (cell phone), 793-8059 (Home)
The Rev. Arthur L. Ruths, D.D., Pastor Emeritus
The Rev. Dr. E. Edward Keyser, and The Rev. Jack R. Hoffman, Cong. Visitation Pastors
Miss Jan M. Davis, A.i.M., Minister of Christian Education
Mr. Scott G. Fredericks, Minister of Music
Mrs. Karen L. Buckwalter, A.i.M., Associate Minister of Music



THANK YOU to everyone who came for a great dinner at the Texas Roadhouse in April. It was so fun to see the restaurant filled with many members of St. Matthew! Your response to the "dinner bell" garnered almost \$350 for our youth's trip to the National Youth Gathering in New Orleans in 2012. Thanks to Matt Mann for "manning" the coin toss and to all our diners for your support.

SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS share the love of God with their students here at St. Matthew each Sunday. They take the time during the week to prepare for their lessons and they bring enthusiasm and excitement to their classrooms. We will take a few moments during the 10:45 a.m. service on June 5 to recognize and thank our teachers for their incredible service to our congregation. Please bring your clapping hands and give them a round of applause!



PRAYER SHAWLS will be blessed during the 8:00 and 10:45 a.m. services on June 26. These shawls represent the many prayers that go out to those in need in our congregation and in our community. It's another way to give a "warm hug" to people who are grieving, ill, celebrating a happy occasion or just need a token that someone cares. If you are currently working on a shawl, you may bring it in any state of completion and display it with completed shawls at the altar. Thank you to all our prayer shawl creators!



THE READING GROUP has an excellent summer read for you! "The Help" by Kathryn Stockett focuses on the lives of several black maids and the people they care for in the 1960's. Times have changed since then...or have they? Pick up a copy today and come to our discussion on Monday, July 18, 7:00 p.m. in the Lounge.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL crafts are fun for the kids to take home and remember their time at VBS. This summer, we are looking for **paper towel/toilet paper rolls** (empty!) for one craft. We also are looking for items to place in our **mini-first aid kits**. We've received a donation of 144 soap dishes from the Manchester Wal-mart. Now we need to fill them up! We'd love to have **small to medium band-aids, moist towelettes, lip balm, motel-sized soap, nail clippers, or small tubes of toothpaste**. Please bring your items to the church office by June 12. Thanks!



YOU CAN BE A VBS VOLUNTEER!

WHAT CAN I DO, YOU ASK? You can.....
 pray for our VBS, the kids and staff and
 be an age-group leader
 be a craft leader
 be a snack server
 be a nursery care-giver
 be a service station attendant
 be a storyteller
 be a singer/musician
 be a registration helper
 be a snack provider
 be a great friend to kids for the week!

For more information on any of these positions, please contact Jan Davis at jdavisaim@stmattlutheran.org or call 637-7101. We'd love to have you!

TRAINING SESSIONS for all VBS leaders will held on Thursday, June 9 at 7:00 p.m. and on Saturday, June 11 at 10:00 a.m. Both will be held in the Lounge. You may choose either session, depending on your schedule. We have several changes as to how our VBS will run this year, so **please plan to attend and get the low-down on VBS!**

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL is all about **HOPE—Having (God-given) Options Present Everyday**. Open to all three year olds through 6th graders, we'll gather in HOPE from 9:00 to 11:30 a.m., Monday, June 20 through Friday, June 24. Our three year olds will enjoy age-appropriate activities in their own classroom in the education building. Our four year olds through 6th graders will participate at various stations throughout the morning, including music, crafts, Bible story-telling, snacks and much more. A registration form is included in this Messenger. Please complete one for each child and return it as soon as possible. Early registration makes planning much easier!

Please note that there is space at the bottom of the form for youth in the 7th grade or older and adults to register to help in many ways during VBS. Again, signing up for a staff position early helps our planning immensely! Even if you can't be here every day, please indicate the days you can attend.

**ST. MATTHEW LUTHERAN CHURCH
CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING
April 19, 2011**

Motion: To approve the minutes of the February 15, 2011 council meeting, as corrected was made by Bob Curlen; seconded by Warren Miller; and passed.

Motion: To approve the minutes of the March 15, 2011 council meeting, as corrected was made by Kris Rudisill; seconded by Diane Hoffman; and passed.

Treasurer's Report: **Motion:** To accept the Treasurer's Report for March; was made by Bob Curlen; seconded by Al Lundquist; and passed.

Motion: To extend the meeting to 10:00 p.m.; was made by Barb Thomas; seconded by Al Lundquist; and passed.

Motion: To accept the new member list (see attached); was made by Nan Sterner; seconded by Sandy Little; and passed.

Motion: From Parish Education, to allow the loose offerings on May 7 and May 8 to go to the Friends of Gettysburg Seminary drive; passed.

Motion: From Personnel, to make a job offer to Linda Livelsberger; passed.

Motion: From Discovery Place, to approve Stacey Krout and Michelle Reichart as members on the preschool board; passed.

Motion: To approve the March disbursements for Special Needs (listed below); was made by Al Lundquist; and passed.

March, 2011 Special Needs	
World Hunger	\$2,000.00
LSS-SCP	\$1,000.00
Auxiliary to LSS	<u>\$ 500.00</u>
TOTAL	\$3,500.00

Motion: To adjourn at 10:00 p.m.; was made by Sandy Little; seconded by Bob Curlen; and passed.

ST. MATTHEW LUTHERAN CHURCH'S
VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 2011
MONDAY, JUNE 20 THROUGH FRIDAY, JUNE 24
9:00 TO 11:30 A.M.



Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: (home) _____ (cell) _____ (for contact during VBS hours)

Please register child by current age or by last grade completed. Penguins will participate in age-appropriate activities in one classroom. Polar Bears through Grizzly Bears will experience different stations throughout the day. Weather-permitting, we will take our Whales through Grizzly Bears on a field trip to the Changing Lives Shelter, one block away.

Penguin (3 year old) _____

Polar Bear (4 yr old) _____

Seal (5 yr old, entering Kind. in fall) _____

Buffalo (completed Kind.) _____

Whale (1st grade) _____

Caribou (2nd/3rd grade) _____

Grizzly Bear (4th-6th grade) _____

Allergies or other medical issues we should be aware of: _____

Home Congregation: _____

I GIVE MY PERMISSION FOR THE VBS STAFF TO OBTAIN MEDICAL HELP IN CASE OF AN EMERGENCY.
I ALSO GIVE MY PERMISSION TO TAKE MY CHILD WITHIN WALKING DISTANCE FOR FIELD TRIPS.

(Signature of Parent/guardian)

Please mark one T-shirt size: ___ child small ___ child med ___ child large
___ adult med ___ adult large ___ adult XL ___ adult XXL

For youth in grades 7-12 and adults, please indicate how you can help us HOPE!

GROUP LEADER/TEACHER: ___ CRAFTS: ___ SERVICE PROJECT: ___ STORYTELLER: ___ SERVING SNACKS: ___

REGISTRATION AT VBS: ___