

# St. Matthew Ev. Lutheran Church

## *Good News*

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**NOVEMBER 2021**

### **From the Pastor's Desk**

Pastor Kelly W. Reagan

### **Blessings Abound!**

It's hard to believe that we have almost completed another liturgical church year! The new year begins with Advent November 28th. I too am excited with the month of November, All Saints Day, Christ the King Sunday, Thanksgiving and then the final Sunday we celebrate Advent. The smell of Harvest candles, pumpkin spices and cinnamon rolls is in the air. I pray snow holds off till Christmas then abruptly stops after Christmas Day. Not much of a chance for that this year, I think.



November is almost a season unto itself, beginning with All Saints on the first Sunday of November and culminating in Christ the King this year on November 21st. Our liturgical colors in November are changing quickly. White is the color for All Saints, then again for Christ the King, then Advent blue for the start of Advent, the final Sunday of the month. Our Altar Guild will be very busy and working feverishly to “keep-up”, so please take the time to thank them for all their hard work behind the scenes – they are Kristine, Ricky, Kim, Trish, Pastor Ted, Judy,

Rebecca & Bill W. - often assisted by Elizabeth, Madelyn & Gabby.

Blessings abound in our fellowship as we grow in Christ in unity through our Word & Sacrament ministry at St. Matthew. May God continue to grant you all joy, love and peace during these coming holy seasons both liturgical this year and next. May God grant you peace and comfort in all things!

May Blessings abound in your lives in Christ!

In Christ,  
Pastor Kelly

### **From the Prez**

John Armstrong

Here are a few things to be aware of during the coming weeks.

- ✓ Daylight Savings Time Ends November 7, 2021. Set your clocks back one hour so you won't be an hour early for church.
- ✓ Christmas is coming! We will decorate the church – the Narthex and Sanctuary – on **Saturday, November 27** beginning at 9 a.m. The more we have, the sooner we will finish. It's great fellowship and you get to see the results of your work every Sunday. If you have any questions, contact Ron Bandelier.
- ✓ Here's another item for your calendar – mid-week Advent services and meals begin December 1 at 6 p.m. Due to COVID-19, we were unable to celebrate Advent last year with food and an informal worship service in the Fellowship Hall. Please join us this year for some great fellowship, food, and to celebrate the Advent season.
- ✓ As we approach the end of the year, there are a number of church leadership and board positions that need to be filled for next year. Please strongly consider volunteering to serve in one of these positions. The business of St. Matthew does not get done without lay leaders. Please contact Gary Fischer or I if you have any questions.
- ✓ One thing I do want to point out, church attendance each Sunday is not yet back to pre-pandemic levels. At the same time, the church still has bills to pay – gas, electric, salaries, etc. – so please continue to send in your contributions so we can continue to meet our obligations.
- ✓ Last month I mentioned that St. Matthew has an extra piano that is ready for a new home – **for free**. If you would like to look it over, the piano is currently located in the church nursery. If you have any questions about the condition of the piano, contact Jan Younger. If you are interested in taking the piano home, contact Ron Bandelier or any member of the Board of Church Property.

### **SCHEDULE**

October 31	<b>REFORMATION</b> Pot Luck meal after worship service
November 7	<i>Daylight Savings Time Ends</i>
November 7	<b>ALL SAINTS SUNDAY</b>
November 7	Vestry Meeting, 11:00 a.m.
November 11	<b>BAZAAR</b> Set Up, 1 p.m.
November 13	<b>BAZAAR</b>
November 14	Stewardship Sunday
November 24	<u>Preschool Closed</u> - Thanksgiving Break
November 25	<b>THANKSGIVING</b>
November 27	Decorate the Church, 9 a.m. to noon
November 28	First Sunday of Advent
December 1	Midweek Advent Services & Suppers Begin Supper, 6 p.m., Worship Service, 6:30 p.m.
December 5	Vestry Meeting, 11 a.m.
December 12	<b>Annual Voter's Meeting 11:00 a.m.</b> Approval of 2022 budget Election of Officers
December 18	Community Blood Drive, 8:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.
December 19	Children's Christmas Program (During Worship Service)
December TBD	Preschool Christmas Program, 9:30 a.m. <i>Congregation Invited</i>
December TBD	<u>Preschool Closed</u> - Holiday Break Begins
December 24	<b>Christmas Eve Service, 7:30 p.m.</b>
December 26	<i>Jesus Birthday Party</i>

### **Pastor Reagan Contact Information**

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If you require pastoral assistance in any way and/or are scheduled to go into the hospital or end up there unexpectedly, please contact me so that I/we can include you in our prayers (unless instructed to maintain privacy) and I can visit you. Your health and well-being is important to all of us!

### **From the Congregation**

#### **Dimes for Missions**

The November dimes will go to the Huber Heights FISH food pantry. Please bring your dimes to church on the first Sunday of the month.

## **St. Matthew Shut-Ins**

Some of our members are unable to attend church on a regular basis. These members appreciate cards, calls and visits. Here is the current list of shut-ins.

Sheldon Smith Carriage Inn Nursing Home 5040 Philadelphia Drive, Room 451 Dayton, OH 45405 (937) 278-0404	Vickie Fennell Koester Pavilion, Room 57A 3232 North County Road 25A Troy, OH 45373
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## **Prayer List**

IN OUR PRAYERS WE REMEMBER: The Fortner family; Mary Muller; Richard Jordan; Joyce Larsen; Walt & Kay Kaye; Fern Babcock; Carol Schroder; Ron Brock; Mason Kincaid; Elizabeth Karns-Poole; John Juergensen; Bill Yorgen; Sheldon Smith; Alisa Quinn; Andrew; Rose Kondas; Marita Gabler; Marie Waitzman; Ezra Gonzalez; Debbie, Steve Lewis, Steve Hill, Alison Witte, Beth Rooks, Linda Moncel, Janice Saker, Jay Popkin, Tracy June; Dick Kohlbacker, Mike Nixon, Patrick Kennedy, Bobby Brooks, Don Morrison, Jennifer Muller & the Scheuller family. We ask that you be with those who are away serving our country, all absent members, and those suffering from manmade and natural disasters. We continue to pray for the deliverance of your people oppressed around the world.

## **Christian Symbol**

### **CORNUCOPIA—**



Cornucopia, a Greek word meaning “horn of plenty,” has origins in Greek mythology. But the cornucopia became a religious symbol and was even stamped on Jewish coins. Overflowing horns, now common as Thanksgiving centerpieces, came to symbolize abundance and blessings.

## Honoring Our Veterans

Veterans Day has its roots in what was called Armistice Day, when a peace agreement ended World War I on November 11, 1918. President Wilson proclaimed that Armistice Day was to be marked with solemn pride in heroism and with gratitude for victory as well as the "opportunity it has given America to show her sympathy with peace and justice." In 1954, the remembrance was renamed Veterans Day to honor all U.S. military personnel. It's a reminder to pray for and honor all who serve and sacrifice, to support and assist their families, and to pray that God will bring peace on earth.



## Where Do You Live?



A man who resided near the border of two states had been told for years his house was in Minnesota. But when a new survey revealed that he actually lived in Wisconsin, he proclaimed, "Thank goodness! I never could bear those cold Minnesota winters."

Defining where we live certainly affects our attitude. Followers of Jesus, or saints, consider their true home to be in God's dynamic presence. St. Paul was so connected to God through prayer that mystical experiences left him not knowing whether he was in or out of his body (see 2 Corinthians 12:1-10). Living with one foot in heaven and the other on the way there, Paul could know peace. "Whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's," he concludes (Romans 14:8). Christian saints who are still living on earth can rest assured: Our true home is always with the Lord.

## Bible Quiz

Naaman, the commander of the Aramean army, had leprosy. Who told his wife about a prophet in Samaria who might be able to cure Naaman? And who was that prophet?

- A. the king of Aram; Elijah
- B. Naaman's wife's sister; Isaiah
- C. an Israelite servant girl; Elisha
- D. a visiting emissary from Israel; Jeremiah

Answer: C (See 2 Kings 5:2-3, 8-10.)



## A New Thanksgiving Tradition

At Thanksgiving, we give thanks for things (food, home, clothing, work) and loved ones (family, friends, pets). But if the people we name aren't present, they may never know how precious they are to us. This November, start a new tradition by writing notes of thanks to people you appreciate.

Follow Paul's model of starting letters with thanksgiving: "First, I thank my God through Jesus Christ for all of you, because your faith is being reported all over the world" (Romans 1:8, NIV). Notice how he thanks his addressees by thanking God for them. Paul is specific too, not writing, "Thanks for everything!"

Expressing genuine thanksgiving to God and another person, you might write something like this:

*Dear Judy, This Thanksgiving I'm thinking about special people in my life. You are one! I thank God for our friendship, for your strong witness for Jesus and for your willingness to lend a hand as a substitute teacher. (Your chocolate cookies are icing on the cake!) I praise God for you!*  
*Sincerely, Joan*

## For Laughs (or Groans!) Around Your Table

*Knock knock. Who's there? Arthur.*

*Arthur who? Arthur any leftovers?*

*Why was the Thanksgiving soup so expensive?*

*It had 24 carrots.*

*If you use boxed mashed potatoes ...*

*... Great-Grandma will turn over in her  
gravy.*

*My family said, "No more Thanksgiving jokes." ...*

*... but I said I couldn't just quit cold turkey.*







### Those Celebrating Birthdays in November:

Zachary Paden	November 4
Jill Fischer	November 4
Mike Stapleton	November 5
Shaun Stapleton	November 21
Nancy Dean	November 17
Tom Petrock	November 22
Pat Siler	November 22
Liam Vincent	November 24

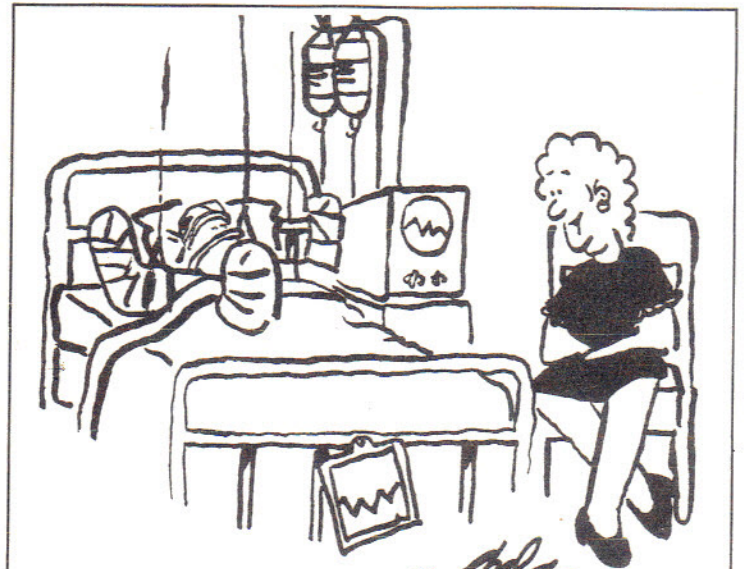
### Those Celebrating Anniversaries in November:

Thomas & Vanessa Hefty	November 17
Chris & Rebecca Kincaid	November 18
Jeff & Kimbra Paden	November 21
Mike & Annette Sand	November 21
Bill & Fern Babcock	November 23

## St. Matthew Cartoon Corner

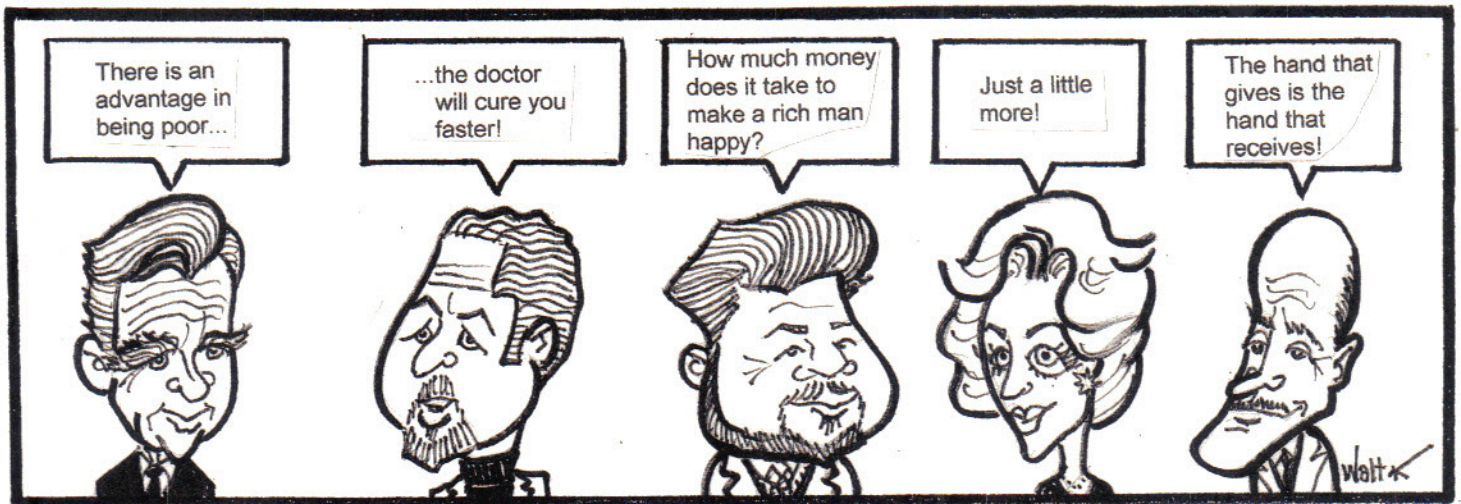


"Well, if you don't believe in the organized church, you'll love ours—we're as disorganized as they come!"



"I heard you were here, Pastor, but I didn't want to cancel our counseling session."

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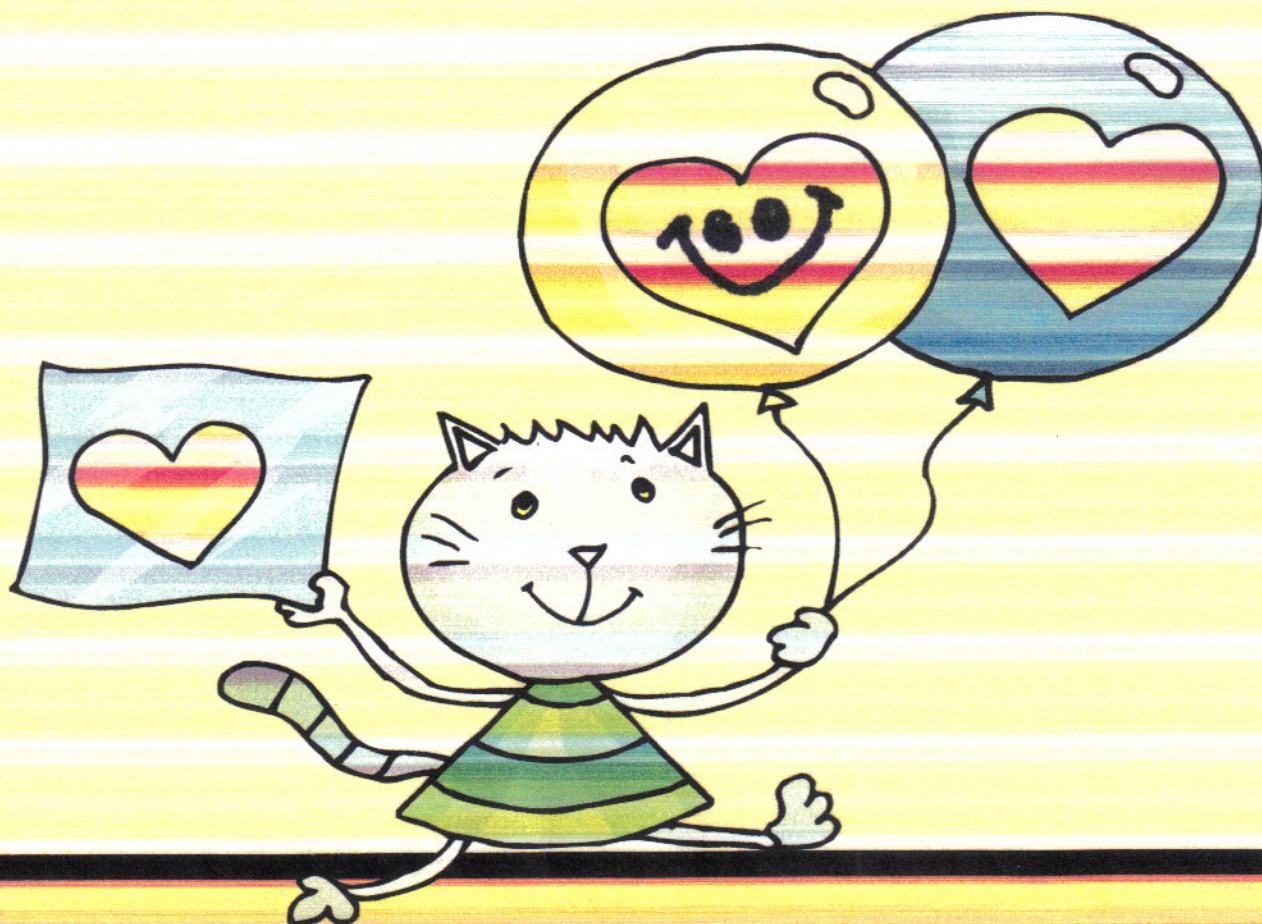




# HEARTY CATS AWARD TO

**GARY FISCHER  
JILL FISCHER**

FOR DEDICATED SERVICE TO ST. MATTHEW  
LUTHERAN CHURCH AS USHERS AND  
GREETERS. ALSO GARY SERVES AS VP OF  
THE CHURCH, AND JILL TEACHES THE  
CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL.





Preschool Hours: 9:00-11:30 a.m.

# November 2021

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1 Preschool	2 Preschool	3 Preschool Bible Coffee – 10:00 am	4 Al Anon – 10:30 a.m.	5 A.A./Al Anon, 8:00 p.m.	6
7 <i>All Saints Sunday</i> Holy Communion <b>Vestry – 11 am</b> <i>Daylight Savings</i> <i>Time ends</i>	8 Preschool	9 Preschool Yarn Matters, 6 p.m.	10 Preschool Bible Coffee – 10:00 am	11 <b><i>Veteran's Day</i></b> Al Anon – 10:30 a.m.  <b>Set-up for Bazaar, 1 pm</b>	12 A.A./Al Anon, 8:00 p.m.	13 <b>CHURCH BAZAAR</b> <b>9 a.m. – 3 p.m.</b>
14 <b>Stewardship Sunday</b>	15 Preschool	16 Preschool	17 Preschool Bible Coffee – 10:00 am	18 Al Anon – 10:30 a.m.	19 A.A./Al Anon - 8:00 p.m.	20
21 <i>Christ the King Sunday</i> Holy Communion	22 Preschool	23 Preschool Yarn Matters, 6 p.m.	24	25 <b><i>Thanksgiving</i></b>	26 A.A./Al Anon - 8:00 p.m.	27 <b>Decorate the Church, 9 a.m.</b>
28 <b>Advent Begins</b> Holy Communion	29 Preschool	30 Preschool				

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