

# St. Matthew Ev. Lutheran Church

## Good News

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**MAY 2022**

### From the Pastor's Desk

Pastor Kelly W. Reagan

### Christ is Risen! He Has Risen Indeed! Alleluia!

We have often heard, "April showers bring May flowers". Here it is almost Easter and the rain doesn't seem to stop – it does beat snow. The Easter season is the foil (death defeated by grace) to Lent. Lent teaches us to prepare for the resurrection. Easter teaches us how to live in a post-resurrection world – we are a worshipping community that cultivates prayer, praise and thanksgiving for a risen Lord & Savior, Jesus Christ. We are a community receiving the means of grace with thankful and joyful hearts, knowing that the Lord has done great things for us.



Speaking of great things and a joyful heart – Becca and I are so thankful for our church, St. Matthew has supported, loved and prayed for us during April as I endured a heart blockage @ 90%. We praise God for his love, protection, grace and mercy in guiding the surgeon's hands as he so gently opened the main artery and inserted a stent. We didn't miss a beat ( no pun intended) as Pastors Younger & Scheidt stepped right in to fill the gaps, Alicia helped with our children during children's message and many others took on additional responsibilities to keep things running smoothly at St. Matthew – Thank You! We are truly blessed by everyone of you and thank God for you in our lives. I did ask if we got a 25 year warranty on this stent as the previous one lasted 17 years and he simply laughed and did not answer. I guess that means No!

Rebecca and I will get away for a week in FL the first week of May, dropping my mother back at my younger brother's home in GA, then on to rest at Sanibel Island. The highlights of our days will be filled with shelling, library book crawls and swimming with the dolphins and manatees in the ocean – now that's relaxing. May God

continue to bless our awesome congregation and continue to feed your faith through our Word & Sacrament ministries at St. Matthew. Blessed Easter Season to you all!

In Christ,  
Pastor Kelly

### **Comments from the President**

Notes from the April 3<sup>rd</sup> Vestry meeting:

- Vestry voted John Armstrong as our new Treasurer.
- Vestry voted Pat Siler as our new Vice President. Pat will remain Chairperson of the Board of Elders until the Elders appoint a new Chairperson.
- An Investment Seminar, presented by Thrivent, is scheduled for Saturday, May 14 at 10:30am assuming there is enough interest. The sign-up sheet is on the table in the Narthex. The topic will be Controlling & Preserving Your Assets: Basic Estate Planning and Financial Concepts to Reduce Taxes and Transfer Wealth. (*more below*)
- A Preschool report was presented and explained that due to low enrollments (four students) revenues have not been sufficient to cover expenses. The Pre-school Board will meet to formulate a plan to return the Preschool to a profitable status. This report will be discussed at the May Vestry meeting. If this cannot be achieved the Pre-school may need to be closed.
- A final check was mailed to our Adopt-A-Student, Steve Resner, in the amount of \$901.28. Two “thank you” letters from Steve were read and will be posted on the bulletin board.
- Vestry voted to send a check to LCMS – Ukraine Relief in the amount of \$3,405.00 which is made up of \$2,905.00 collected through April 3<sup>rd</sup> and \$500 from our Thrivent Designated Funds. We will continue collecting funds for Ukraine until further notice. We plan to send our next check in early July.
- St. Matthews received a letter from the Dayton Dragons asking if we would be interested in scheduling a day/night at a Dragons game. Due to COVID most of our social gatherings have been cancelled for the past two years. After some discussion I agreed to obtain more specific information and present it at the May Vestry meeting.
- Pastor Reagan and Rebecca will be on vacation the weeks of May 1<sup>st</sup> and May 8<sup>th</sup>. Pastor Kudart will be filling in. Alicia Driver will handle the Children’s message. There is no Adult Sunday School on May 1<sup>st</sup> due to a Vestry meeting. Pastor Kudart will lead the May 8<sup>th</sup> Adult Sunday School. May 22 is the last scheduled Sunday School for both children and adults as we will recess for the summer.

As you all know Pastor Reagan recently went through surgery to repair a clogged artery. We thank God the surgery went well and he is recovering. I want to send out a special THANK YOU to Pastor Younger for leading the April 6th Lenten Service, Pastor Scheidt for leading the April 10<sup>th</sup> Palm Sunday service, and Alicia Driver for presenting the Children's Message. We are truly blessed to have each of you with us.

### **Church Calendar for May and June 2022**

May 1	Vestry Meeting, 11:00 a.m.
May 8	<i>Mother's Day</i>
May 22	Last Day of Sunday School
May 25	Last Day of Preschool & Closing Program, 9:30 a.m.
May 26	<b>ASCENSION</b>
May 30	<i>Memorial Day</i>
June 5	<b>PENTECOST</b>
June 5	Vestry Meeting, 11 a.m.
June 12	<b>TRINITY SUNDAY</b>
June 19	<i>Father's Day</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**

#### **SOCK CHALLENGE!!!!**

Social Concerns is challenging members of the congregation to each bring children's socks to overflow the basket. These socks will be donated to SHOES 4 THE SHOELESS a local organization dedicated to helping kids in need. Since their beginning in 2010 they have placed over 100,000 pairs of shoes and socks on young people's feet. For many of these children this is their first experience receiving new socks. Over 75,000 socks are handed out each year. The socks should be athletic type for children age 5 and up. Fun colors are always a treat. We will be filling the basket from May 1 – May 29. That's FIVE Sundays to bring socks! Let's see how fast we can overflow the basket! Questions see Trish Jordan or Susan Armstrong.

#### **MAY DIMES**

Ladies Guild May Dimes will go to SHOES 4 THE SHOELESS. Please place your dimes in the offering plate on Sundays. Checks should be made out to St. Matthews Ladies Guild.

## ESTATE PLANNING & TAXES EVENT AT ST. MATTHEW LUTHERAN CHURCH

Please join us on Saturday, May 14, 2022 at 10:30 a.m., for a special educational event in the St. Matthew Fellowship Hall.

### ***Controlling & Preserving Your Assets: Basic Estate Planning and Financial Concepts to Potentially Reduce Taxes and Transfer Wealth***

Bob Emerson, a former financial professional, will discuss the necessary estate documents required and flow of estate assets. Thrivent Financial Advisor, Terry Powers, will discuss other topics including Tax Efficiency, Roth Conversions, Qualified Charitable Contributions, and Wealth Transfer Efficiency.

Light snacks and drinks will be served.

A sign-up sheet and a list of topics for the event are on the table in the Narthex. You can also contact John Armstrong at (937) 422-4339, or by email at [sjarmstrong1227@att.net](mailto:sjarmstrong1227@att.net). You must sign up no later than 5 pm on Thursday, May 12, 2022.

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### **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.

Carol Schroder Hearth to Home 55 Great Hill Road, Room 101 Dayton, OH 45414	Vickie Fennell Koester Pavilion, Room 57A 3232 North County Road 25A Troy, OH 45373

### **Stewardship Thought**

James 1:17 – “Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of lights with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change.” The thought James captures here is repeated over and over again in the Bible. Everything good we have is from God. He loves to give. He loves to bless. He loves to show us generosity time and again. And He desires that we grow into His image and reflect His love. That is why God wants us to give to the ministry of His Church. God can do anything He wants to without our help. But He commands us to give so that we will grow in our imitation of His own generosity.

## Prayer List

IN OUR PRAYERS WE REMEMBER: Tom Lingg; Mary Muller; Richard & Trish Jordan; Joyce Larsen; Fern Babcock; Carol Schroder; Ron Brock; Mason Kincaid; Elizabeth Karns-Poole; John Juergensen; Bill Yorgen; Alisa Quinn; Andrew; Rose Kondas; Marita Gabler; Ezra Gonzalez; Debbie, Steve Lewis, Beth Rooks, Steve Hill, Linda Moncel, Janice Saker, Jay Popkin, Mike Nixon, Don Morrison, Jennifer Muller, Vaughn Pitzer, Joe Smart, Jim Anderson & Tony Brown. 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. Thanks to God as Nathan Doherty celebrates his birthday.

### Those Celebrating Birthdays in May:

Shelia Fontaine	May 5
Richard Jordan	May 9
John Juergensen	May 15
Devin Cahill	May 19
Korey Hoskins	May 20
Gerda Werner	May 20
Saralynn Wiehe	May 20
Jenna Posey	May 23
Bill Yorgen	May 23
Gary Fischer	May 29
Justin Mihalak	May 29

### Those Celebrating Anniversaries in May:

Bill & Alicia Driver	May 6
Charles & Laurie Miller	May 21



### We Remember

More than 150 years ago, Memorial Day took shape amid the backdrop of the U.S. Civil War. Before it ended, women began decorating the graves of fallen soldiers. In 1868, when May 30 was designated as Decoration Day, loved ones placed flowers on the graves of Union and Confederate soldiers alike.

By 1882, Decoration Day became known as Memorial Day, and soldiers who died in other wars were honored too. Over time, it became a day to remember all loved ones who have died — in war and otherwise. In 1971, Congress declared Memorial Day a national holiday to be observed on the last Monday in May. On Memorial Day, we pause to remember people who made the ultimate sacrifice for their country and for our freedom. We also pray for those who continue serving, especially those in harm's way.



### Bible Quiz

When Moses was on the mountain for a long time, who made a golden calf for the people of Israel to worship?



- A. Joshua
- B. Levi
- C. Caleb
- D. Aaron

Answer: D (See Exodus 32:1-6.)



Preschool Hours: 9 a.m.-Noon

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 Holy Communion Choir, 9 am Vestry, 11 am	2 Preschool	3 Preschool	4 Preschool Bible Coffee – 10:00 am	5 Al Anon, 10:30 a.m.	6 A.A./Al Anon, 8:00 p.m.	7
8 <b>Mothers' Day</b> Choir, 9 am Holy Communion	9 Preschool	10 Preschool Yarn Matters, 6-7:30 pm	11 Preschool Bible Coffee – 10:00 am	12 Al Anon, 10:30 a.m.	13 A.A./Al Anon, 8:00 p.m.	14
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29 <b>ASCENSION</b> Holy Communion Choir, 9 am	30 <b>Memorial Day</b>	31				

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