

St. Matthew Ev. Lutheran Church

Good News

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From the Pastor's Desk

Pastor Kelly W. Reagan

The Final Joys of Summer

I just can't believe Summer is almost over – how about you? Where has time gone? We have been grillin' and chillin' on our patio, enjoying our flowers strategically planted around the house. It seems that every month during the summer many flowering plants bloom with beautiful and vibrant colors. All this beauty and diversity reminds me of the brilliance of God for not just flowers, but a genuine care and love for all his children. God calls us to bloom where we are planted and St. Matthew members & friends do just that!

VBS was a real hit for the first time in 3 years, with 10-14 children in attendance July 11-15. All the volunteers stepped up and delivered the children with an exceptional program. The Great Wilderness Journey mirrored the Israelites 400 year slavery with the Egyptians, Moses call to mediate their release, the 10 plagues, the wilderness miracles for the children of Israel and finally the assurances given by all our actors that God loves them, cares from them, gives them strength during difficult times and finally saves each one of them through the blood sacrifice of Jesus Christ. What an awesome adventure! Thank you Judy Scheidt for directing the entire week! Thank you, all volunteers for teaching and caring for all our attending children!

In Christ,
Pastor Kelly



Comments from the President

Notes from the July 10, 2022 Vestry meeting.

Treasurer's Report

- Memorial balances:
 - Sue Redington \$745
 - Jack Wohlman \$34,910.16
 - Tracy June \$500
 - Walt Kaye \$450
- Ukraine Relief \$4,750 (A check for \$4,750 will be issued and sent to LCMS-Ukraine Relief). To date St. Matthew's has donated \$8,155.00 to Ukraine Relief. We will continue to collect funds until further notice. The next check will be sent after the October 2 nd Vestry meeting.
- Seminary Adopt-a-student \$339.54

Board of Elders

- With Pat Siler moving to Vice President, Bill Wise was appointed Head Elder. Congratulations Bill and thanks for your continued service!

Board of Church Properties

- Ron Bandelier reported that the water leak in the ceiling of the sanctuary appears to be from the vents on the roof. There is no hole in the roof, which is good news. Ron is searching for better vents and will get an estimate on the ceiling repairs.
- Ron also provided some clarification on the fees charged when the church building and certain employees, such as the Pastor, music director, church secretary, and janitor are used by members and non-members. These fees have been in place for many years.

Board of Christian Education

- Judy Scheidt reported that 14 children are signed up for VBS, of which 8 are non-members.
- Thank you Judy for all your hard work!

Pre-School

- Chuck Miller reported that Tricia Kedaitis , Preschool Director, has contacted several other Preschools who may be interested in purchasing some of our preschool items.
- Tricia will work through July 22nd to assist in an orderly shut-down of the Preschool.
- With the closing of the Preschool, Chuck stated that this Vestry meeting would be his last. Everyone thanked Chuck for his service and wished him well.

Old Business

- Gary Fischer gave a report on the Ohio District Convention which he and Pastor Reagan attended. Ohio District President, Rev. Dr. Kevin Wilson was re-elected President for another term. President Wilson reported that LCMS has donated more than \$2 million to

the Ukraine Relief. Some of the funds were used to buy helmets and flak jackets so Pastors could give communion. Wilson also stated that normally there are roughly 400 seminarians between the St. Louis and Fort Wayne seminaries. Currently the number has dropped to 100 seminarians with just 25 of them scheduled to graduate this year.

- Another discussion was had concerning what to do with the old With One Voice hymnals. It was recommended that we also consider removing other previously used hymnals, which are currently stored in the church attic. These hymnals will be looked at and a plan will be announced. We will consider making them available to members and to other churches who may be interested in them.
- A recommendation, concerning the purchase of a new camera system for the church, was presented. The estimated total cost is \$13,500. We will contract with Sound Force Inc. to install a “two camera” system with a control board and joy stick, along with all the necessary cables, connectors, and hardware. In addition, we will need to purchase a small smart TV for the nursery and a laptop computer to run the system. When we place the order, an initial check for the equipment provided by Sound Force, in the amount of \$8,637.65 needs to be issued. This will be charged to Building Improvements. A capital campaign will be announced to raise the full amount of \$13,500 and will run until collected. The above recommendation was approved by Vestry. More information concerning the capital campaign will be announced in the near future. If you wish to make a donation, please make your check payable to St. Matthew’s Church. On the “memo or for” line please state that it is for the Camera Capital Campaign.

Church Calendar

- With so many people on vacation in August and the planned Dragon’s Game on August 7th Vestry has decided to cancel the Courtyard Social on August 20th .

Next Vestry meeting is scheduled for August 28th at 11:00 am.

Pastor Reagan Contact Information

Pastor Reagan: 614-564-7317 (cell)

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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

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Thank you to all who helped make VBS a success! Check out our Facebook page to see pictures from the “Wilderness.”

ST. MATTHEW OUTING AT DAYTON DRAGONS

Click this link (<https://fevo.me/stmatthewlc>) to order your tickets to the Dayton Dragons on August 7th game which is at 1:05 pm. Tickets must be ordered by Saturday, July 29. Contact Gary Fischer with any questions.

NEWSLETTER ARTICLES

Newsletter articles are due the 20th of each month. Articles should be submitted to Kary Ellen Berger, by email, at karyellen.berger@gmail.com

EMAILS WITH BULLETINS

For the past several years, with the beginning of COVID and St. Matthew posting worship services on Facebook, every member family received an email with the Sunday bulletin attached (order of worship and bulletin cover). If you want to receive the worship bulletin by email, send an email to John Armstrong at sjarmstrong1227@att.net

Reminder: For those members watching from home, you can view the service on Facebook at: <https://www.facebook.com/stmatthewhuberheights> You do not have to have a Facebook account to watch the service. Just click on the link above. The worship bulletin is posted on Facebook several days in advance of the Sunday service.

Stewardship Thought

Matthew 7:17 – “So, every healthy tree bears good fruit.” As fruit follows from a good tree, so our good works flow from the cleansing the Lord has given us in Holy Baptism. In Baptism we have a new identity – we are the “new man in Christ” as St. Paul says. Of course, on this side of glory we still have the world, the devil, and the flesh to wrestle with. That means that our growth in sanctification is a struggle. So if it’s sometimes a struggle for you to be generous – don’t give up! Keep fighting the good fight of faith, trusting in your Lord and His provision.

Prayer List

IN OUR PRAYERS WE REMEMBER: Pastor Kudart; Pastor Scheidt; 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, Don Morrison; Steve Hill, Linda Moncel, Janice Saker, Jay Popkin, Jennifer Muller, Vaughn Pitzer, Joe Smart, Jim Anderson, Tony Brown; Sheila Shapiro & Mark Kirkwood. We ask that you be with those who are away serving our country, especially Logan Rimkus, 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.

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

Those Celebrating Birthdays in August:

Brandon Fennell	August 5
Steve Stapleton	August 5
Sheldon Smith	August 6
John Armstrong	August 9
Stephen Harris	August 10
Ian Paul Berger	August 11
Bill Driver	August 11
Virginia Nehring	August 11
Richard Good	August 12
Brad Kirkwood	August 15
Bill Wise Sr.	August 15
Mary Muller	August 17
Linda Brock	August 18
Lee Siler	August 20
Aidan Cahill	August 21
David Dybvig	August 23
Jaxen Kincaid	August 28

Those Celebrating Anniversaries in August:

Justin & Alicia Mihalak	August 4
Tom & Kim Lingg	August 9
Pastor Mel & Jan Younger	August 14
Ted & Judy Scheidt	August 22

The Power of Kindness

No kind action ever stops with itself. One kind action leads to another. Good example is followed. A single act of kindness throws out roots in all directions, and the roots spring up and make new trees. The greatest work that kindness does to others is that it makes them kind themselves. —Amelia Earhart

The Ministry of Quilting and of Mending Hearts

To sew is to pray. ... We mend ... turn things inside out and set things right. We salvage what we can of human garments and piece the rest into blankets. Sometimes our stitches stutter and slow. ... Other times the tension in the stitches might be too tight because of tears, but only we know what emotion went into the making. —Louise Erdrich, Four Souls

A Living Mystery

In *Walking on Water*, Madeleine L'Engle quotes Emmanuel Suhard, a French cardinal in the Catholic Church during the 1940s: "To be a witness does not consist in engaging in propaganda, nor even in stirring people up, but in being a living mystery. It means to live in such a way that one's life would not make sense if God did not exist."

What would it look like in your life to be "a living mystery" — to live in a way that wouldn't make sense if not for God's existence? What risks might you take for the sake of wholeness and justice in the world? To what lengths might you go to serve a neighbor? What fears might no longer fill your heart and rule your mind? Will you see Jesus in people who are poor, be surprised to find him revealed amid suffering? What "fruits" might you allow the Holy Spirit to cultivate in you — generosity, patience, self-control? What grace will you show to others because you have experienced God's love so powerfully? All of which makes sense only because God exists!

God Among the Rubble

The nonprofit World Central Kitchen provides fresh meals for communities in need following natural disasters or during humanitarian crises. After Russia invaded Ukraine in February 2022, WCK fed millions of people in the country and refugees at border crossings.

When I feel discouraged by tragic news and ask where God is, I'm reminded that God shows up precisely in people such as the WCK teams. They are God's hands serving healthy food to people fleeing home. They are God's heart and arms welcoming those in need to be nourished.

Often in the Bible God shows up around meals: Sarah and Abraham host the Lord in the form of three visitors; God rains manna from heaven for the Israelites; an angel provides food for exhausted Elijah; Jesus eats with "tax collectors and sinners" and feeds crowds with a few loaves and fish. Supremely, Jesus gives to all the meal of Holy Communion, the bread and wine that are his very body and blood.

In our broken world, God is among the rubble, among the helpers, among us.
—Heidi Hyland Mann



Bible Quiz

A few Bible books have only one chapter. Which of the following is not among them?

- A. Obadiah
- B. Philemon
- C. 1 John
- D. 2 John
- E. 3 John
- F. Jude

Answer: C



Nuptial LOLs

When Outreach magazine asked pastors for their most embarrassing mistakes during wedding ceremonies, the responses took the cake. Hundreds of clergy 'fessed up about dropping rings, using the wrong names and even driving to the wrong venue. Have a laugh at these "I do" don'ts!

- I asked the groom if he promised to leave his wife and cleave to all others. Before I could correct it, he said, "I do."
- Due to a bulletin typo, the Bible reading from 1 John was listed as John 4:16-19. In those verses, Jesus tells the woman at the well, "...for you have had five husbands, and the one you now have is not your husband."
- I accidentally read, "For this reason a man shall leave his father and money and be united to his wife."
- While praying, I meant to say, "Lord, please bless this marriage." The word message started to come out instead, and I tried to stop it. Unfortunately, the result was "Lord, please bless this mess."
- I asked the groom, "Do you take this wedded woman to be your wife?"

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MYL CLOQ ZC MYL

PZQN RV MYL

HLDRFFRFD ZC GRVNZU;

OPP GYZ CZPPZG

YRV BQLTLBMV

YOKL DZZN

JFNLQVMOFNRFD

MZ YRU HLPZFDV

LMLQFOP BQORVL

PSALM 111:10, NIV

Answer: The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom; all who follow his precepts have good understanding. To him belongs eternal praise. Psalm 111:10, NIV

August 2022

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1	2	3	4 Al Anon, 10:30 a.m.	5 A.A./Al Anon, 8 pm	6
7 Dragons Baseball Game, 1 pm	8	9 Yarn Matters, 6 pm	10	11 Al Anon, 10:30 a.m.	12 A.A./Al Anon, 8 pm	13
14 Holy Communion	15	16	17	18 Al Anon, 10:30 a.m.	19 A.A./Al Anon, 8 pm	20
21	22	23 Yarn Matters, 6 pm	24	25 Al Anon, 10:30 a.m.	26 A.A./Al Anon, 8 pm	27
28 Holy Communion Vestry, 11 am	29	30	31			

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