

St. Matthew Ev. Lutheran Church

Good News

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From the Pastor's Desk
Pastor Kelly W. Reagan

Blessed Harvest Season!



As Becka and I drive the country roads to church we enjoy the plethora of changing colors, the bean fields are turning golden yellow, the corn begins to turn brown and the sky is often brilliantly filled with a light show for both dawn and dusk. It's as if God paints us a picture to enjoy His creation. Harvest is coming!

Reformation is around the corner and we are called to remember the privilege and responsibilities of discipleship. We are encouraged to renew our vows to proclaim the good news through word & deed, to serve all people and strive for justice and peace in all the world. Together we will lean into the means of grace so generously provided by God our Creator, baptism, communion and His Word. As children of God we should have a renewed zeal to reject sin and continually choose life (excerpt from Sundays & Seasons Year C, 2022)

In Christ,
Pastor Kelly

Comments from the President

COMMENTS FROM THE PREZ.

Our last Vestry meeting was on August 28th. The following are a few items discussed at that meeting.

- Treasurer's Report:

- Memorials
 - Sue Redington \$0
 - Jack Wohlman \$34,910.16
 - Tracy June \$500.00
 - Walt Kaye \$500.00
- Ukraine Relief \$1,360.00
 - Our next check will be sent after the October 2nd Vestry meeting.
- Seminary Adopt-A-Student \$339.54
- Camera System Campaign \$9,371.30
 - Sufficient funds have been collected to cover expenses, so the capital campaign has been eliminated. Thanks to all who have donated funds.
- Pastor's Report
 - Pastor briefly mentioned that he would like to return to using the Common Cup. We believe that now is not the right time due to recent increases in reported COVID cases. When we do start using the Common Cup it will be in addition to the Individual Cup and communicants will be able to choose which cup they would like to receive the wine in.
- Board of Church Property
 - Ron Bandelier brought everyone up-to-date on the various projects he is working on: Sanctuary ceiling, Narthex walls and floors, Fellowship Hall floor and the yearly return of the bees.
- Old Business
 - The President reported that 17 people attended the Dayton Dragons game on August 7th. It was very hot but everyone had a good time and the \$1.00 hot dogs were appreciated.
 - New Camera system. We continue to have some streaming issues which we are working to resolve.
 - The final organ tuning should take place in September or October.
- New Business
 - The pot luck/picnic schedule for September 11 was discussed. \
 - Oktoberfest is scheduled for October 15th at 5 pm. Ron and Jackie Bandelier will organize this event. Please come out for some good German food! A sign-up sheet will be on the table in the Narthex.
 - Vestry members were reminded that budget season is approaching and were asked to have their 2023 budgets into Treasurer, John Armstrong by mid-October.
 - Also, the President will be putting together the slate of officers for next year. If you are interested in serving on Vestry please contact Gary Fischer.
 - Concerning the Hearts For Jesus Project, Vestry approved our participation in the Lutheran Heritage Foundation's project called Juan 3:16. This project will provide bible storybooks and bibles with the Small Catechism, bound together in one book, written in the Spanish language. While you can donate at any time, we will have some special collections in early 2023.

- Seminary Adopt-A-Student. Pastor Reagan will make some inquiries in an effort to identify a student for St. Matthews to support throughout 2023.
- Miscellaneous
 - No Vestry meeting in September. Our next meeting is October 2nd.
 - Wednesday morning bible study at 10:00 am has restarted.
 - Sunday School began on September 18th for children and adults.
 - Please see the attached calendar for various activities.

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

HOLIDAY BAZAAR - SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 12, 2022

As the Bazaar date approaches, we are asking for volunteers to make the biggest fundraiser of the year successful! Along with our beautiful crafts and hand-made gifts, we are asking all the bakers at St. Matthew to look up your favorite holiday cookie recipes and bake away for this year's Bazaar. We need volunteers to make items for our baked goods sale and our kitchen menu. You may as work as cashiers, help serve food in our kitchen, and help set up or clean up.

COOKIE SALE: We are asking for 6 dozen cookies from each baker. You may bake as many varieties as you wish. Please put a label with the type of the cookies and if they have nuts in them. Please be sure to put your name on your containers as well. Our cookie table is one of the highlights of our bazaar! So many visitors love to buy a box of cookies and freeze them for holiday gatherings!

BAKED GOODS: Bakery items are welcome! We request that clear plastic wrap or bags be used on the bakery items. Feel free to add festive touches such as bows, stickers or ribbons! Please pre-price all bakery and Bazaar items you bring. Labels will be available if you would like to price them when you drop them off. All items need to be dropped off before 9 a.m. on Saturday, November 12th!

ATTIC TREASURES: Bring down those Christmas items from the attic that you no longer use to decorate your tree or home for Christmas. Our Bazaar shoppers love these items!

CRAFT VENDORS: If you know of someone who is interested in a table for the bazaar, please contact Alicia Driver at 974-5010 or alicia.a.driver@gmail.com.

Table rentals are \$35.

Please share information on social media with neighbors, coworkers, and invite friends and family! Believe me, every donation of time and talent helps with this day! The Ladies Guild could not do this without your help! **THANK YOU!**

Susan Armstrong – Kitchen Chair
Alicia Driver --Craft Vendor Chair
Bake Sale Chairperson – vacant

Bazaar Set Up: Thursday, November 10 th at 1 p.m.

HUBER HEIGHTS FISH

Social Concerns will be collecting food for FISH during the month of October. Items for a Thanksgiving meal are suggested such as boxed stuffing, boxed mashed potatoes, canned vegetables, canned gravy. Also needed are cereal, soup, and canned meat.

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

Stewardship Thought

Revelation 14:6 – “Then I saw another angel flying directly overhead, with an eternal gospel to proclaim to those who dwell on earth, to every nation and tribe and language and people.”
During the Reformation, this text was used to refer to Luther’s ministry and the Lutheran message. We have an eternal Gospel to proclaim. Christ has freed us from our sins without any works on our part. We are saved by grace alone! And, ironically enough, Luther said this should make him the “apostle of works. Once we are freed by grace, we are truly free to serve God in works that flow from thankfulness and praise.

Prayer List

IN OUR PRAYERS WE REMEMBER: Joyce Larsen; President Kevin Wilson; Gerda Werner; Tom Lingg; Mary Muller; Richard & Trish Jordan; Fern Babcock; Carol Schroder; Ron Brock; 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 & Paul Woods. 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. Thanks to God as Phillip & Megan Driver are married and as we remember the anniversary of Tom & Bettie Petrock.

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
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Those Celebrating Birthdays in

October:

Natalee Hefty	October 1
Kelsey Paden	October 1
Cindy Driver	October 1
Kay Kaye	October 2
Thomas Hefty	October 8
Charles Miller	October 8
Dawson Cahill	October 14
Brian Posey	October 16
Jacob Fortner	October 18
Joe Wiehe	October 18
Kim Lingg	October 22
Pastor Mel Younger	October 27

Those Celebrating Anniversaries in

October:

Brian & Jenna Posey	October 11
Steve & April Stapleton	October 25

Ordination Anniversary:

Rev. Ted Scheidt	October
Rev. Kelly Reagan	October



Living in the Present

During Martin Luther's great struggle to reform the church in the 16th century, the Holy Roman Emperor sought to silence him. So he spent some lonely months in Wartburg Castle under protective custody. There, as he fought despair, Luther scribbled the words "I am baptized" on his desktop as a reminder that he was living according to an ongoing call from God. He did not write, "I was baptized" but used the present-tense verb. For he rightly understood that in his baptism, God had adopted him as his son, and no human could take that from him.

Later, in his Large Catechism, Luther wrote: "To be baptized in God's name is to be baptized not by human beings but by God himself. Although it is performed by human hands, it is nevertheless truly God's own act." —from *The Wired Word*

Bible Quiz

Which king allowed — even encouraged — the Judean exiles to return to Jerusalem and rebuild the temple?

- A. Cyrus of Persia
- B. Tiglath-pileser of Assyria
- C. Nebuchadnezzar of Babylon
- D. Hiram of Tyre

Answer: A (See Ezra 1:1-4.)



October 2022

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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2 LWML SUNDAY Choir, 9 a.m. Vestry – 11 a.m.	3	4	5 Bible Coffee, 10:00 a.m.	6 Al Anon, 10:30 a.m.	7 A.A./Al Anon, 8:00 p.m.	8
9 Holy Communion Choir, 9 a.m.	10	11 Yarn Matters, 6 pm	12 Bible Coffee, 10:00 a.m.	13 Al Anon, 10:30 a.m.	14 A.A./Al Anon, 8:00 p.m.	15 OKTOBERFEST! 4 p.m.
16 Choir, 9 a.m.	17	18	19 Bible Coffee, 10:00 a.m.	20 Al Anon, 10:30 a.m.	21 A.A./Al Anon, 8:00 p.m.	22 My Brother's Keeper, 7 am-1 pm
23 Holy Communion Choir, 9 a.m.	24	25 Yarn Matters, 6 pm	26 Bible Coffee, 10:00 a.m.	27 Al Anon, 10:30 a.m.	28 A.A./Al Anon, 8:00 p.m.	29
30 Holy Communion Choir, 9 a.m. Reformation Pot Luck, 11 a.m.	31 Halloween!					

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SOCIAL CONCERNS PROJECT FOR OCTOBER:
Collecting food/money for Huber Heights FISH Food Pantry