

St. Matthew Ev. Lutheran Church

Good News

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From the Pastor's Desk

Blessed Summer Rest!

VBS was a smashing success this year thanks to all our helpers, teachers and actors. We had a total of 20 children - we fed them at 5:30 each evening, then the fun, learning and games began. They listened, learned, sang and danced the night away, all the time hearing the assuring words that Jesus loves them just as they are.

August is a month for Gospel lessons during Sunday worship focused on John 6- "Jesus as the Bread of Life". With that in mind, there will be communion every Sunday during the month to reinforce our hearing, learning and growing in our faith walk through the Bread of Life. May God bless all our members and friends of St. Matthew as we prepare for Autumn with Sunday School for both adults, children, and Youth confirmation class.



Confirmation class begins on October 6th – please contact me to enroll your youth in the class for the year. Graduation will be March 2nd 2025-with Easter April 20th, 2025. The program includes 6th graders and older, so please sign up in the narthex for class and/or notify Pastor Kelly of your intent to participate. Participation includes at least one parent and/or guardian for only 1 hour per session or 17 weeks, directly following Sunday School.

Blessings,
Pastor Kelly

Comments from the President

Comments from the July 7, 2024 Vestry meeting.

Special thanks to Pat Siler for taking the minutes of the meeting as Jackie and Ron Bandelier were out of town.

The Treasurer's report provided the following balances and financial information.

Memorials;

Jack Wohlman	\$375.00
Tracy June	\$308.00
Mark Kirkwood	\$50,000.00
Carol Schroder	\$1,875.00
Nancy Jamerson	\$500.00
Ukraine Relief	\$870.00
Seminary Adopt-A-Student	\$670.73

Summary of June financial activity.

Total Income:	\$14,052.50
Total Expenses:	\$8,683.64
Net Income:	\$5,638.86

Year To Date Income/Expenses.

YTD Income:	\$72,622.30	YTD Budgeted Income \$74,896.
YTD Expenses:	\$65,135.36	YTD Budgeted Exp. \$77,389.
YTD Net Income:	\$7,486.94	

Pastor's Report: Dates for Youth Confirmation were discussed. Please watch for additional information. Currently the number of attendees is 8.

Church Properties reported that it appears the tool shed was broken into and one tool is missing. The week after Vestry it was determined that two tools were taken. Corrective measures will be taken to better secure the shed. Remodeling of the two restrooms began on July 7th, with the ceiling being removed. Remember the two bathrooms by the nursery are available.

Christian Education announced that we have 20 children registered for VBS, which started on July 7th . Much thanks goes out to Judy Scheidt for all the planning and organizing of VBS, and to all the volunteers. More details will be in next month's Newsletter.

Miscellaneous:

- Our "Courtyard Social" is on August 17 th at 6:30 p.m. Watch for additional information.
- Next Vestry meeting is Sunday, August 25 th at 11:00 a.m.
- No Vestry meeting in September.

Pastor Reagan Contact Information

Pastor Reagan: 614-564-7317 (cell)

k_w_reagan@yahoo.com (email)

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

School Supplies

School supplies for the Huber Heights School District are being collected during July 2024. A table is set up in the narthex and lists are available. We will be collecting until **JULY 28**. School starts August 15. Thanks for your help. Any questions see Susan Armstrong or Trish Jordan.

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

Luke 19:45 – “And he entered the temple and began to drive out those who sold.” The house of God is a house of prayer. It’s not a place to sell, but to give. It’s not a place of profit, but of sacrifice. God sets the pattern of giving and sacrifice in the self-giving work of Jesus on the cross. As He is, so we are called to be.

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.

Vickie Fennell

Koester Pavilion, Room 57A
3232 North County Road 25A
Troy, OH 45373

Prayer List

IN OUR PRAYERS WE REMEMBER: The family of Mike Shiedecker as they mourn his loss; the family of Vaughn Pfizer as they mourn his loss; Linda Brock; Mike Conley; Bruce Raymer; Richard Jordan; Carol Reagan; Marliese Driver; Elizabeth Karns-Poole; Tom Lingg; Ron Brock; John Juergensen; Bill Yorgen; Paul Woods; Alisa Quinn; Andrew; Marita Gabler; Ezra Gonzalez; Linda Moncel, Steve Hill; Jay Popkin, Jim Anderson, Kellie Schidecker, Edie Spriggs, Drew Gerig, Kevin Younger, Rick Weis, Randal Armstrong, James Armstrong, Tony Brown, Bob Brown, Marji Richwine, Tony Campen, Rob & Kate Schaich & Shirley Kurtz. We ask that you be

with those who are away serving our country, especially Dawson Cahill; 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.

Those Celebrating Birthdays in August:

Brandon Fennell	August 5
Steve Stapleton	August 5
John Armstrong	August 9
Ian Berger	August 11
Bill Driver	August 11
Virginia Nehring	August 11
Richard Good	August 12
Brad Kirkwood	August 15
Bill Wise Sr.	August 15
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:

James & Kacey Greening.	August 7
Tom & Kim Lingg	August 9
Pastor Mel & Jan Younger	August 14
Ted & Judy Scheidt	August 22

Poetry Feature

Each month, we will feature poetry from church member James Greening from his collection, *Death Fields & Love Storms*.

From the author: "The poetry book is setup a little differently than most books, and I recommend reading the book with your PDF reader set to 'two-page' display. There are 'two sides' of the book, as I believe there are in most human beings. The sides being dark and light, or love and hate, or right and wrong, or sinner and saint, etc. So, when you are reading the book, the dark 'Death Field' poetry is on one side, and the dire 'Love Storms' poems are on the other side. It takes a little getting used to, especially when a poem is more than one page long and you have to actually skip the next page (since that is the opposite poem) and continue onto the next odd or even page number to read the continuation of the poem (makes sense when you have the two-page display setup and you see how the death poems are in bold font and the love poems are not), but it makes the book interactive as well as philosophical, with the two sides of our nature being connected on each turn of the page."

How you can learn more:

- Amazon Link: <https://www.amazon.com/stores/author/B08HM91BQD>
- Blurb Link: <https://www.blurb.com/user/jcgreening>
- Instagram: @jc_greening
- Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/jcgreening>
- Ambient Space Music: jcgreening.bandcamp.com
- Kid-Friendly Halloween Stories, Songs, and Sounds: bigbaddaddywolf.bandcamp.com

The Tuft

Tribute to all Poets of the Past

I went to learn a song once from one
Who knew it better than any under the sun.

Yet the sun had set on his life so serene
Before I came to view the leveled scene.

I looked for him behind piles of dead leaves;
I listened for his voiced poems on the breeze.

But he had gone his way, the grave all mown,
And I was, as he had been – most alone,

“As all must be,” I said within my heart,
“Whether they live together or apart.”

But as I wept in the hollow haven,
Overhead swept a laden raven,

Seeking with dreams grown dim by daylight
Some resting perch of yesterday’s delight.

And once I saw his flight go round and round,
As though circling this flesh withering on the ground.

And then he flew beyond the above opening of tree,
And then on trenchant wing plummeted past me.

I thought of questions that no living could answer,
And would turn to be my own necromancer;

THE ABSENT

**Do not speak to me, because I am not here.
The heart is knocking on the door, but I do not
answer.**

**Where have I gone?
Where will I go?
This I question.
This I do not know.**

**So when the answer seems that this is me,
For some reason, it does not be.
Because somewhere,
It has gone somewhere far.
And, I, once again,
Cannot find myself.
Lost, forever.**

**Lost in those dark caves - my thought.
And, I do not know where I am.
I am lost.
Will I be found?
Where am I?
Where did I go?
And, when will I come back?
When will I find out who I really am?**

**And, do I want to really know?
Because, perhaps,
Just perhaps,
I really do know.
Who I really am.
Where I really am.**

Christian symbol



WEDDING RINGS — The exchange of wedding rings isn't found in Scripture. It came into practice among Christians in the late ninth century. The unending circle profoundly symbolizes a couple's mutual promises of ongoing love and commitment, as well as God's promise of eternal love that surrounds all — including each couple and marriage.

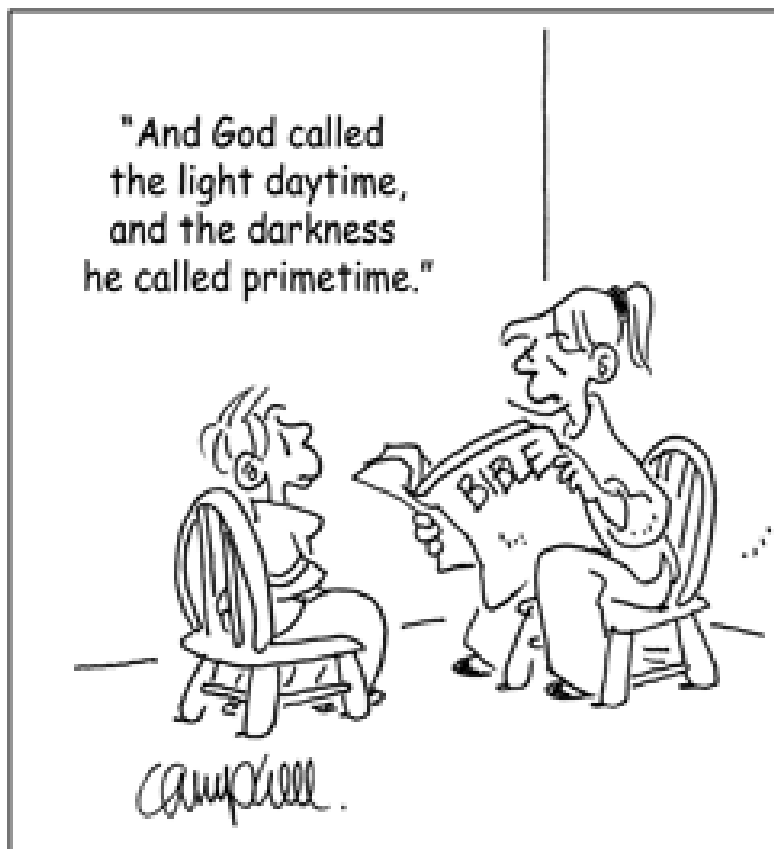
Bible Quiz



What kind of birds does God use to supply Elijah with food at the Kerith Ravine?

- A. quails
- B. ravens
- C. eagles
- D. doves

Answer: B (See 1 Kings 17:2-6.)



Where we live

[Christians] do not live in themselves but in Christ and their neighbor, or else they are not Christian. They live in Christ through faith and in the neighbor through love. Through faith they are caught up beyond themselves into God; likewise, through love they fall down beneath themselves into the neighbor — remaining nevertheless always in God and God's love.

—Martin Luther, *The Freedom of a Christian*

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1 Al Anon, 10:30 a.m.	2 A.A./Al Anon, 8 pm	3
4 Holy Communion Summer Choir, 8:45-9:15 am	5	6 Yarn Matters, 6 pm	7	8 Al Anon, 10:30 a.m.	9 A.A./Al Anon, 8 pm	10
11 Holy Communion	12	13	14	15 Al Anon, 10:30 a.m.	16 A.A./Al Anon, 8 pm	17 Courtyard Social, 6:30 pm
18 Holy Communion Choir, 11 am	19	20 Yarn Matters, 6 pm Newsletter Article Deadline	21	22 Al Anon, 10:30 a.m.	23 A.A./Al Anon, 8 pm	24
25 Holy Communion Vestry, 11 am	26	27	28	29 Al Anon, 10:30 a.m.	30 A.A./Al Anon, 8 pm	31

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