

St. Matthew Ev. Lutheran Church

Good News

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From the Pastor's Desk

Enjoying Fall in Christ's Service!

I, like many of you, really enjoy Fall, the changing of the leaf's colors, cool crisp evenings, lower humidity and a time of preparation for harvest. Our readings in October bring us a scripture from Isaiah 53 (Servant's song) - inviting us to a fresh invitation for servant leadership in the church. This call is an invitation to journey toward the heart of God, especially as that journey leads to the cross. Take in a Sunday School lesson this fall and watch your faith grow as you learn God's word.

Please enjoy with me the changing season this month, bathing in familiar sights, sounds and smells of change around your home, in your neighborhoods and in your church. The familiar smells of pumpkin spice, cinnamon, harvest candles fill the air as we prepare our hearts and minds for Reformation. The bright changing colors of harvest remind us of coming winter cold. Live in the moment someone once said – children and grandchildren force us to think this way. May the Triune God bless you and all our St. Matthew families this harvest season and grant you peace.

In Christ,
Pastor Kelly

Comments from the President

Vestry is on its summer schedule, which means there was no Vestry meeting in September. Next Vestry meeting will be on October 6th at 11:00 a.m

We are in the process of compiling our Slate of Officers for 2025. If you are interested in joining Vestry please contact Gary Fischer.

As previously announced, a committee is being established to plan the remodeling of the bathrooms located in the Sunday school wing. If you would like to be on this committee please contact Ron Bandelier, John Blair, Lee Siler or Mike Conley.

October is a busy month. Please see the attached calendar for all events.

A sign-up sheet for Oktoberfest, to be held on October 12th, is on the table in the Narthex.

The Ohio District Youth Ministry has announced the following Middle School and High School youth events. If you are interested, contact Karen Dutton. Her contact information is listed Below.

MIDDLE SCHOOL EVENTS

Middle School Youth Gathering

March 21 - 22, 2025

Location: A hotel in the Columbus area, with special music, Bible Studies, a service project, an off-site activity, food and fun!

Cost: The program cost will be approximately \$100 per person. Each group will be responsible for reserving and paying for the hotel rooms directly to the hotel upon registering for the Middle School Youth Gathering.

Mohican Adventures

June 16, 2025

For middle school and high school youth including their families! There will be canoeing, an adventure course, putt-putt and other activities throughout the day. If desired, groups can make camping arrangements at Mohican Adventures.

Cost: The cost for the day is \$55 per person. Bring your own food for lunch but there will be a District cookout and devotion at the end of the afternoon.

HIGH SCHOOL EVENTS

Mohican Adventures

June 16, 2025

For middle school and high school youth including their families! There will be canoeing, an adventure course, putt-putt and other activities throughout the day. If desired, groups can make camping arrangements at Mohican Adventures.

Cost: The cost for the day is \$55 per person. Bring your own food for lunch but there will be a District cookout and devotion at the end of the afternoon.

Senior High Youth Gathering

November 21 - 22, 2025

Location: A hotel in the Columbus area. Similar to the Middle School Event but of course much different. Geared to high school teens

Cost: The cost per person should be \$100 per person for all programming. Each group will be

responsible for reserving and paying for the hotel rooms directly to the hotel upon registering for the Senior High Youth Gathering.

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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 9th, 2024!

Save the Date!

Our Annual Holiday Bazaar on Saturday, November 9th from 9 a.m. until 3 p.m. Please share this on social media along with neighbors, coworkers, and invite friends and family!

We will once again ask our bakers to get out their favorite recipes for cookies, sweet breads, cinnamon rolls, and buckeyes. Our kitchen will once again serve home-made soups, sandwiches and other items as our shoppers love to enjoy our lunch menu!

ATTIC TREASURES: Get down those 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, they may contact Alicia Driver at (937) 974-5010 or alicia.a.driver@gmail.com. Table rentals are \$35.

If you would like to Chair our Baked Goods or our Kitchen, please see Susan Armstrong or Alicia Driver.

Watch for future articles in the Newsletter and bulletins! Let's make this year's Holiday Bazaar our best one yet! - St. Matthew Ladies Guild

Bathroom Renovations - From the Board of Church Property

With the successful remodel of our two main bathrooms, there has been an interest shown to redo our back two bathrooms, located in the Sunday school wing. To complete this task two

things are needed: First the funds to pay for the remodel, and second people to be on a committee to oversee the project. We will kick off a “Capital improvement fund raiser” to raise the funds needed for the remodel. The approximate cost for this project is \$28,000. We are asking the members of St. Matthew to prayerfully consider donating to this project so we can update the bathrooms. The second thing we need is some volunteers to head up a committee to oversee this project, so the members will have a bigger say on the look and feel of the remodel. So, if you’re interested in donating to this project just mark your donations as capital improvements bathroom and put it in the offering plate. If you’re interested to be on the committee to oversee this project contact Ron Bandelier, John Blair, Lee Siler or Mike Conley.

Sunday School News

For the first day of class, the children put together 40 Blessing Bags containing water, wipes, socks, a granola bar, and other useful items. Members are invited to pick up a bag to have to pass along when you see someone who might need it. The bags are available for you in the Sunday School room. Thanks to Kary Ellen for the idea and getting a Thrivent Grant to pay for the materials.

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

Genesis 1:1 – “In the beginning God created ...” Many studies report that atheism is on the rise in our culture. The appeal of atheism is in the denial of a Creator. If the world just happens to exist, and we are just accidents that arose out of a long process of random, directionless evolution, then we get to make our own rules, and nobody has any right to tell us otherwise. Because if there is a Creator, then obviously He would know best, and we would do best, to follow His commands. Of course, we Christians know this Creator very well, and we have seen not only His power and commands, but also His grace and mercy in His Son, our Lord Jesus Christ.

Memory Verse Challenge

The church confesses to Christ, “You have the words of eternal life” (John 6:68). The church is encouraged to “Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly...” (Col. 3:16) Psalm 1 teaches us to meditate on God’s Word, day and night. It is our great opportunity and joy to read and study God’s word. One beneficial practice is to memorize the Scriptures and, in so doing, to meditate on it.

This month’s memory verse is: 2 Corinthians 12:9

But he said to me, “My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness.”

Therefore, I will boast all the more gladly of my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may rest upon me.

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: Trish Jordan, Mike Conley; 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, Tony Brown, Bob Brown, Marji Richwine, Tony Campen, Shirley Kurtz, BJ Bowling, Terry Walton, Betsy Wigger, Phill Bullock, Drew Lingg, Herman Shie & Matt Gardner. 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 October:

Cindy Driver	October 1
Charles Miller	October 8
Dawson Cahill	October 14
Brian Posey	October 16
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

Special Dates

- Pastor Appreciation Month
- World Communion Sunday, October 6, 2024
- Columbus Day, October 14, 2024
- Indigenous Peoples Day, October 14, 2024
- Reformation Sunday, October 27, 2024
- Reformation Day, October 31, 2024

Poetry Feature by James Greening

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

The Reminiscence

Whatever happened to us?

When did we stop becoming and start dissolving?
Humans are slowly withering away with each new day.

Whatever happened to our language – it used to be poetic and an art?

Now we cut and paste our language into individualistic nonsense.

Whatever happened to “thou”, “ye”, and “wilt”?
Such as, “When wilt ye get off the dead fence?”
For it is no secret how the human race wilt parish,
It shalt be from accumulated affluence,
Buried beneath plastic packaging,
While standing too long in lone residence.

Whatever happened to real men ... and real women?
Where is “courage”, “strength”, or “Eminence”?
Why have we replaced the stallion with metal and gas?
Why has “patience” been replaced with “convenience”?
Why do children never leave their mother’s teat
(As we wonder why our men suffer from impotence)?
Why do we accept everything, and believe in nothing?
Why does the media decide what is “intelligence”?

The Poem

The best poem of love that I could write to Her,
Would have no words; the page would be blank.

Words have limitations and borders –
My love for her does not.
Words are unfulfilling and unclear –
My feelings for her fulfill with crispness.
Words cannot describe with precision and accurateness –
My love is towards her and only her.
Words can lack meaning and sincerity –
My promises and actions of love towards her lack nothing.
Words cannot show what Reality can –
Experiences and Touch exhibit Truth, words hide it.

That is why I cannot write my complete feelings
...and love,
I must show Her instead, and yet I can never forget to
thank God above
For giving me the knowledge of,
And the ability to show

Her, my undying love.

The Mess of Mercy

The reformer Martin Luther once dreamed that he saw Jesus approaching his door. Luther panicked, seeing that his home was an absolute disaster inside. “How am I going to let the Lord of Life, Jesus Christ, come into a mess like this?” he wondered.

Luther raced to clean up, but the mess only increased. As Jesus knocked, Luther was resigned. “Come on in, if you think you can come into a place like this,” he told Jesus ... only to turn around and see that everything was now in order. All Luther had to do was let Jesus enter.

“Mercy is always a messy business,” writes pastor Daniel Emery Price at 1517.org. That’s true of the Reformation, just as it was when Jesus cleared moneychangers out of the temple. “There will always be those who condemn the mercy because of the mess,” notes Price. “Reformation is always about clearing the path to God’s radical grace.”

Humble Beginnings

True Christian religion does not begin at the highest as all other religions do, but at the lowest. Therefore, whenever you are concerned to think and act about your salvation, you must put away all speculations about the Majesty, all thoughts of works, traditions and philosophy — indeed, of the Law of God itself.

And you must run directly to the manger and the mother’s womb, embrace this Infant and Virgin’s Child in your arms, and look at Him — born, being nursed, growing up, going about in human society, teaching, dying, rising again, ascending above all the heavens, and having authority over all things.



—Martin Luther, Commentary on Galatians



Bible Quiz

When Jesus asks a Samaritan woman for a drink, at which site related to the ancient Israelites is he resting?

- A. the edge of the Jordan River
- B. beside the Red Sea
- C. Jacob's well
- D. the Pool of Bethesda

Answer: C (See John 4:6.)



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

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