

# St. Matthew Ev. Lutheran Church

## Good News

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### JULY 2025

From the Pastor's Desk

### Summer Blessings in Christ!

*Dear friends in Christ,*

Summer is a season of change—a time when our routines shift, travel plans unfold, and we enjoy the beauty of God's creation in new ways. As the rhythm of life slows or varies, so too does the rhythm of our life together at church. And yet, even in these changes, the grace and presence of our Lord Jesus remain constant.

Here at church, summer brings refreshing moments in worship. With vacations and travel, our choirs may take a brief pause, but we're often blessed with solos, and/or ensembles. These musical offerings, though different from the norm, are a joyful reminder that the Holy Spirit is always at work among us—filling our hearts with praise in every season.



*For I am the LORD your God who takes hold of  
your right hand and says to you, Do not fear:  
I will help you.  
Isaiah 41:13, NIV*

“preach the Gospel” (as we hear on July 20<sup>th</sup>) and serve the Church while completing his studies and fieldwork at Concordia Theological Seminary. Thank you for your faithful support of



Jon and his family—your prayers, encouragement, and generosity are a vital part of preparing future pastors for Christ's Church.

Looking ahead, **\*\*Vacation Bible School (VBS)\*\*** is just around the corner—**\*\*July 6–10\*\***—and we need volunteers and supplies to help make this outreach a blessing to the children of our church and community. Whether you serve by teaching, preparing snacks, leading songs, or simply offering a warm smile, your presence matters. Most of all, we ask for your prayers—that through VBS, young hearts would come to know the love of Jesus and grow in faith.

As we journey through these summer months, may we do so with thankful hearts—resting in the peace of Christ, rejoicing in His Word, and remaining faithful to the mission He has given us. Whether near or far, may we all find ways to reflect His light and love.

In Christ's peace and joy,  
Pastor Kelly

### **Comments from the President**

#### **Comments from the June 1, 2025 Vestry Meeting.**

Treasurer's report provided balances in the Church's LCEF and PNC accounts and the following Designated and Memorial funds.

- Jack Wohlman \$375
- Tracy June \$308
- Carol Schroder \$1,875
- Nancy Jamerson \$500
- John Juergensen \$120
- Vicky Fennell \$50
  
- Ukraine Relief \$750 (A check will be sent this week)
- Disaster Relief \$320
- Ethiopian Pastor \$183
- Ethiopian Church \$440
- Hearts for Jesus \$100 (Will be held until next year's program)
  
- Seminary Adopt-A-Student \$482.74 (Check sent 5/13/25 for \$500)
- Total general fund income for May: \$11,474.09
- Total general fund expenses for May: \$12,997.96
- Net income for May: (\$1,523.87)
- Net income YTD for 2025: \$1,531.57

Pastor Reagan's report was read by the President.

- Services conducted – 2.
- Shut-ins contacted – 1.
- Hospital calls conducted – 2

Adult Sunday school, starting in the Fall, we will study a text called "Together By Grace – Introducing the Lutherans". Also good for non-Lutherans.

A double baptism will be scheduled in the coming weeks for both Alicia/Bill Driver's grandchildren (2). Pastor and Rebecca will be in attendance for every night of VBS, July 6th – 10th.

Board of Elders reported that Mike Connolly has resigned as an Elder. He will continue to serve as a worship assistant. Mike has been a valued member of the Board of Elders. We are sorry to lose him in that capacity. 8 shut-ins received phone calls or emails. Visits were made to 3 shut-ins. Bill Wise continues to assist Outreach with broadcasting our Sunday Service on YouTube and assist Church Properties with mowing. Meals on call provided 4 meals. Pat thanked everyone who provided meals.

Christian Education's report was read by the President.

Thanks to Jackie and James for the Facebook and website posting about VBS. Thanks to Susan and Jackie for all the pre-testing and purchasing of craft supplies, and to Alicia for taking care of the outdoor sign. The list of supplies needed for VBS is in the June Newsletter and on the table in the Narthex. Workshop and training sessions for VBS volunteers are planned for all remaining Sundays in June.

Outreach. James Greening reported that the website has been updated with VBS and Bazaar Information. If you want something placed on the website, please contact James.

Social Concerns reported that socks for the shoeless will be delivered very soon. In July they will start collecting school supplies.

Miscellaneous.

Gary Fischer stated that he will be on vacation June 20th – 29th. If you need anything, please contact VP James Greening. Fischer also announced that we need someone to take photographs at various Church activities. These pictures could be posted on the Website, Facebook and Newsletter. The pictures are part of our history. On the following Tuesday, I received an email from someone interested in this role. Watch for a future announcement.

Pastor Reagan's Ten-Year Celebration was held on June 15th. Thanks to everyone for your assistance. The worship service and luncheon were well attended. A special thanks to Neil and Alex Lutz for the banner and poster board with pictures of Pastor.

Next Vestry meeting is on July 6th at 11:00 a.m.

- July 6th – 10th is VBS. Dinner is served at 5:30 p.m., VBS starts at 6:00 p.m.
- August 16th is our Courtyard Social at 6:30 p.m.
- August 24th is Vestry meeting.

## **Pastor Reagan Contact Information**

Pastor Reagan: 614-564-7317 (cell)

[k\\_w\\_reagan@yahoo.com](mailto: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 2025. A table is set up the narthex and lists are available. We will be collecting until JULY 27. School starts August 18. Thanks for your help. Any questions see Susan Armstrong or Trish Jordan.

### **Dimes**

The Ladies Guild Dime collection goes to Graceworks Lutheran Social Services in July. Graceworks provides group homes, housing for low-income elderly and disabled, day programs and emergency transitional housing.

### **New Address**

Please note the new address for Bill Yorgen, which was provided by his daughter, Melissa. Bill is at Danbury Senior Living.

William Yorgen  
8001 Red Buckeye Dr. Apt 214  
Tipp City, OH 45371  
Cell - 937-776-4072

### **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](mailto:karyellen.berger@gmail.com)

## **Prayer List**

IN OUR PRAYERS WE REMEMBER: The family of Ed Shouse as they mourn his loss; Candy Kirkwood; Jay Blair; Mason Kincaid; Pastor Younger; Pastor Scheidt; Laurie Miller; The Stapleton family; Carol Reagan; Elizabeth Karns-Poole; Tom Lingg; Ron Brock; Bill Yorgen; Paul Woods; Alisa Quinn; Andrew; Marita Gabler; Ezra Gonzalez; Linda Moncel, Jay Popkin, Jim Anderson, Drew Gerig, Bob Brown, BJ Bowling, Lori C, Sandra Gordon, Betsy Wigger. Herman Shie & Tia Mumma. 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 Mason & Owen Armstrong celebrate their birthdays.

**Those Celebrating Birthdays in July:**

Catherine Driver	July 1
Cullen Stapleton	July 1
Gene Poast	July 5
John Blair	July 6
Alisa Quinn	July 11
Elizabeth Karns	July 11
Neil Lutz	July 14
Darlene (McGarigle) Ehlers	July 14
Ricky Hudson	July 17
Mason Kincaid	July 20

**Those Celebrating Anniversaries in July:**

Neil & Alex Lutz	July 2
Lee & Pat Siler	July 3
David Dybvig & Tamara Alegria-Dybvig	July 6

**Special Dates**

- Canada Day, July 1, 2025
- U.S. Independence Day, July 4, 2025

**You Might Be a Lutheran if:**

- Potlucks and coffee are nearly as important as the service itself.
- You have the entire service (and most of the hymns) memorized, but you hold the hymnal open anyway.
- Rather than introducing yourself to visitors at church, you check out their names in the guestbook.
- A midlife crisis means switching from the old hymnbook to the new one.
- You firmly believe that if it's never been done this way before, why do it now?

**Complete Joy**

Because Jesus came to do such serious work, we often imagine him straight-faced. Yet Jesus also enjoyed fun times, such as the wedding celebration at Cana. When the wine ran out, Jesus miraculously produced more.

Jesus also warmly welcomed children. Picture him lifting an infant into the air or tickling a giggling youngster while another child, grinning, climbs on his back.

Summer usually allows more time for fun and play. So use these months to teach the kids in your life — and to remind yourself — that Jesus came so our “joy may be complete” (John 15:11). Laughing, playing, having fun, relaxing and enjoying life are part of living and loving as faithful disciples.

## Poetry Feature by James Greening

From his collection, *Death Fields & Love Storms*

### The Lady

Your smiles are not, as other women's be,  
Only the drawing of the mouth away.  
Heaven hath no mouth, and yet is said to smile,

After your style.

No more hath Earth, yet that smiles too,

Just as you do.

No simpering lips or looks can breed  
Such smiles as from your face proceed.

The sun must lend her golden beams,  
Soft winds their breath, green trees their shade,  
Sweet fields their fragrance, clear springs their streams,

Ere such another smile be made.

But, these concurring, I may see  
So smiles the sun, and so smiles this lovely lady.

## Bible Quiz



In a parable of Jesus in the Gospel of Luke, someone named Lazarus features prominently while other characters go unnamed. Who is Lazarus in this story?

- A. a friend Jesus raised from the dead
- B. a rich man dressed in fine linen
- C. a poor beggar at the rich man's gate
- D. the brother of the poor man
- E. an angel who carried the poor man to heaven

Answer: C (See Luke 16:19-31)



# July 2025

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1	2	3 Al Anon, 10:30 a.m.	4 <i>4<sup>th</sup> of July</i> A.A., 8:00 p.m.	5 <b>VBS Set-up, 10 am</b>
6 Vestry, 11 a.m.  <b>VBS Meal, 5:30 pm VBS, 6-8 pm</b>	7  <b>VBS Meal, 5:30 pm VBS, 6-8 pm</b>	8  <b>VBS Meal, 5:30 pm VBS, 6-8 pm</b>	9  <b>VBS Meal, 5:30 pm VBS, 6-8 pm</b>	10 Al Anon, 10:30 a.m.  <b>VBS Meal, 5:30 pm VBS, 6-8 pm</b>	11 A.A., 8:00 p.m.	12
13 Holy Communion Handbells, 11 am	14	15	16	17 Al Anon, 10:30 a.m.	18 A.A., 8:00 p.m.	19
20	21	22	23	24 Al Anon, 10:30 a.m.	25 A.A., 8:00 p.m.	26
27 Holy Communion	28	29	30	31 Al Anon, 10:30 a.m.		

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