

St. Matthew Ev. Lutheran Church

Good News

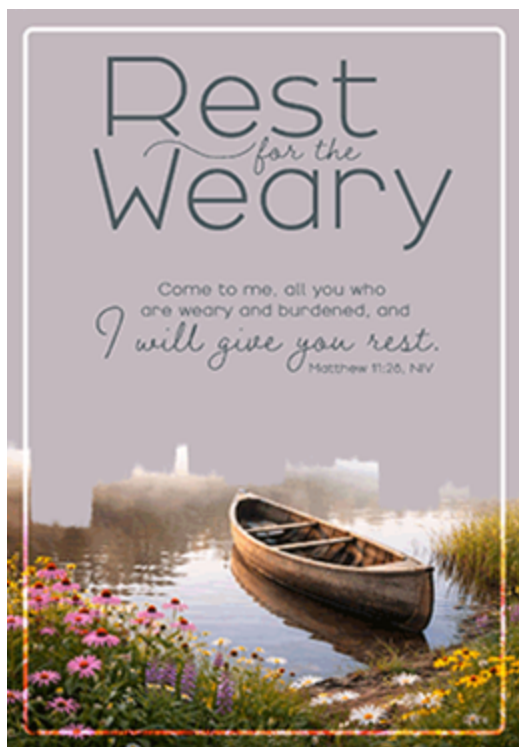
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MAY 2026

From the Pastor's Desk

Easter Blessings!

Alleluia! Christ is risen! He is risen indeed! Alleluia!



As we continue through the Easter season, we walk the new path God has opened for us in the resurrection of Jesus. Our Gospel readings this season show both literal roads—like the road to Emmaus, where Christ walks with the disciples—and the baptismal path of discipleship and witness we read about in Acts and 1 Peter. Over these seven Sundays after Resurrection Sunday, we are reminded again that we are marked by baptism and sealed with the cross of Christ. That is our identity and our calling as children of God.

Looking ahead, Pentecost draws near, and our sanctuary will glow with red as we celebrate the gift of the Holy Spirit. Let Pentecost renew your courage to live and speak the Gospel in everyday life—at home, at work, and in our neighborhood.

A personal note: Rebecca and I will be taking a family trip to Florida in mid-May for four weeks —taking some time to rest, hunt seashells on Sanibel, and savor a few

good books. I encourage all of you to find moments of rest and renewal this spring and summer. Sabbath rest is a holy practice; it feeds our faith and strengthens our service.

Speaking of service: VBS (beginning July 5th) is just around the corner! Thank you, volunteers, for committing your time and gifts to share Christ's love with the children of our congregation and

community. If you haven't yet signed up to help, there's still time—contact the church office or our education team. Every small act of service bear witness to the risen Lord.

I look forward to returning refreshed and ready to continue our ministry together.
May the resurrection hope fill you with peace, joy, and bold love this Easter season.

In Christ,
Pastor Kelly

Comments from the President

Comments from the April 12th Vestry meeting.

Prior to starting the meeting EJ and Madelyn Berger gave a report on the Jr. High Gathering, which they recently attended. They met new and old friends, participated in various events and breakout sessions. They are looking forward to attending the High School gathering next year. Thanks again to Alex and Neil Lutz for attending as chaperones.

Financial Secretary's Report

The PNC Bank Statement for the period 1 March 2026 through 31 March 2026 and QuickBooks offering deposits for this same period reconcile.

Total General Fund Offering deposits are \$21,042.28. Total deposits for Designated Funds are \$1,115.62. Total deposit for the PNC Statement period designated above is \$22,157.90.

2026 Financial Offering Statements will be available mid-April.

Treasurer's Report

Chase-Kirkwood CD	\$50,000
LCEF Steward Account/All Access	\$254,490.85 (Interest – \$539.21)
	(Includes \$10,000 designated for Kirkwood Memorial)
PNC Checking	\$25,456.26

Designated Funds

Capital Improvements	\$8,7796.87 (Includes \$4,000 for new flooring in offices)
Music Fund	\$1,683.38
Thrivent	\$1,032.78
Youth Activities	\$555.86
VBS	\$123.76

Memorials

Carol Schroder	\$1875
Nancy Jamerson	\$500
Vicky Fennell	\$50
Marliese Driver	\$80

Bill Yorgen	\$150
Ukraine Relief	\$1,500 (Check to be sent to LCMS April 14, 2026)
Disaster Relief	\$600 (Check to be sent to LCMS April 14, 2026)
Ethiopian Pastor	\$326 (Check to be sent April 14, 2026)
Ethiopian Church	\$240 (Check to be sent April 14, 2026)
Hearts for Jesus	\$400 (Check Sent to Ohio District)

Seminary Adopt-a-Student \$734.02

Total General Fund Income for March: \$21,042.28

Total General Fund Expenses for March: \$14,315.96 (Budget: \$13,504.03)

Net General Fund Income for March: +\$6,726.32

Note: Large Utilities bills - \$1,908.41

(\$7,032.67 spent of \$12,000 budget for the year.)

Pastor's Report

1. Total -
 - a. Services conducted – 9
 - b. Shut-in/hospital – 4
 - c. Sunday school classes - 3
2. Rebecca and I will be attending with the Youngers - The Liturgical Institute at Valparaiso April 13-16th, 2026
3. Revised vacation scheduling – May 17th – June 14th -Pastor Karl Rein to fill in.
4. I have a wedding for The June family (Megan June) May 16th in New Albany
5. Rebecca and I will be in attendance for VBS in July.

Board of Church Property's Report

- The first phase of the drainage upgrade for the East parking lot has been completed. They installed drains and a sidewalk and repaired the asphalt. The cost of this project was covered by a member's generous donation. The second phase has been put on hold at this time.
- The Sunday school/Media room remodel has been completed, only thing left to do is clean the carpet.
- The pergola has been purchased and was delivered to the church. Installation will begin when I return from my trip.
- I hired a new roofing company to come out and check the flat roof over the sanctuary. They found several areas of concern plus a slit in the roof which they fixed. I contracted with them to seal and spray the roof, it comes with a ten-year

guarantee. They have power washed it and hope to get it completed in the next two weeks, weather permitting.

- Richard Evans has repaired the large file cabinet in the office.
- We had to take the John Deere mower into the dealer for repairs, it is back in service, but the cub mower is waiting for two new tires and rims.
- I mulched the courtyard preparing to do some plantings.

Board of Christian Education's Report

VBS is scheduled for July 5th – July 9th. Theme is “Paul and the Underground Church”. Training sessions will be held 5/24, 5/31, 6/14, 6/21, after worship service. Set up is on 6/28 after worship service. Volunteers are still needed. Please see Judy Scheidt.

Social Concern's Report

During the month of May socks will be collected. Watch for details.

Vice President's Report

2026 Youth Gathering

- 📷 Participated in many activities, it was fun for all.
- 📷 Took photos of the event, shared them with the Ohio District.
 - They seemed happy with the photos; group photo was used in their newsletter.

Live Stream/YouTube

- 📷 Audio is fixed
 - Added a virtual gain filter.
- 📷 Past Service Archives, relating to last Special Vestry Meeting
 - Viewing status changed to “Private” – Can only be viewed with admin permission... with the exception of Easter service, this event can still be viewed by anyone.
 - If anyone wants archive permissions feel free to email me.
 - Live stream is still publicly viewable.
 - This can be a temporary or permanent measure.

Easter Sunday

- 📷 Took lots of Photos
 - All are processed and available on the Cloud.

Old Business

- On March 13th Ron Bandelier and I met with Huber Heights Police Officer Drew Oliner. He recommended cameras for each entrance to the church. He informed us that the Police offer classes on dealing with disruptive people and other topics.
- Update on old Bibles was given. Waiting to hear back from the Ethiopian Church in Columbus.

New Business

Alex Lutz announced that the Youth Group is planning a "Church Lock-in" to be held June 6 & 7, and starts at 2:00 pm. They are planning to do Tie-Dye Shirts, Games, Movies, and Food. Do you have grandchildren, nieces, or nephews that may be interested? Please contact Alex Lutz at 972-374-7478 for details.

Calendar

- April 25th My Brother's Keeper.
- May 3rd Vestry meeting.
- May 10th will be the last day of Sunday School for both children and adults. It was previously scheduled for May 17th.

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

VBS

Plans for VBS are well underway. The dates are July 5th to 9th from 6 to 8 p.m., with a light supper at 5:30 p.m. A list of supplies needed will be on the table in the narthex and in next month's newsletter. Right now we need volunteers for:

- Family leaders (3) and assistants (3)
- Paul and the underground church (3 more)
- Shopkeepers (1 more) and assistants (3)
- Games leader (1)
- Assistant Supper servers (6)
- Miscellaneous bit part actors (5)
- Help with decorating(as many as we can)

If you can help, sign up on the sheet on the table in the narthex, or contact Judy Scheidt (937-275-4960 for more information or questions.

SOCK TIME

It must be May. Social Concerns is gathering socks to be donated to SHOES 4 THE SHOELESS. There is a basket in the narthex for the socks. The socks need to be new and athletic style for children 5 and up. The organization hands out 4-6 pairs per child, so lots of socks are needed. The challenge is for each family member to contribute a package of socks. The last Sunday to donate socks is May 31. Any questions ask Susan Armstrong or Trish Jordan.

DIMES

Ladies Guild May Dimes will go to SHOES 4 THE SHOELESS. Please place your dimes in the offering plate on Sundays. Checks should be made out to St. Matthew's Ladies Guild.

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

Prayer List

IN OUR PRAYERS WE REMEMBER: Diane Linder; Bill Wise; Pastor Younger; Pastor Scheidt; Chuck & Laurie Miller; Bruce Raymer; Carol Reagan; Elizabeth Karns-Poole; Tom Lingg; Ron Brock; Paul Woods; Andrew; Marita Gabler; Ezra Gonzalez; Linda Moncel, Jay Popkin, Jim Anderson, Alisa Quinn; Sean Bandelier; Drew Gerig, Bob Brown, Lori C, Sandra Gordon, Herman Shie, Tia Mumma, Candy Kirkwood, Kristina Hulse, Terry Sedlacek, Kathleen Wahala, Karyn Gilbert, Jerry & Gretchen Maziarz, Lola Watts, Kevin & Marcia Younger, Gene Poast, Jerry Knapper, Missie Armstrong, John Bowling. 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.

Special Dates for May 2026

- National Day of Prayer, May 7, 2026
- Mother's Day, May 10, 2026
- Ascension of the Lord, May 14, 2026
- Armed Forces Day, May 16, 2026
- Victoria Day [Canada], May 18, 2026
- Day of Pentecost, May 24, 2026
- Memorial Day, May 25, 2026
- Trinity Sunday, May 31, 2026

Those Celebrating Birthdays in May:

Shelia Fontaine	May 5
Kathy Conley	May 8
Richard Jordan	May 9
Devin Cahill	May 19
Scott Stacy	May 20
Gerda Werner	May 20
Saralynn Wiehe	May 20
Jenna Posey	May 23
Bill Yorgen	May 23
Gary Fischer	May 29

Those Celebrating Anniversaries in May:

Mike & Kathy Conley	May 2
Bill & Alicia Driver	May 6
Charles & Laurie Miller	May 21

Grateful for Those Who Gave All



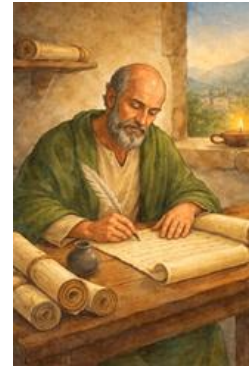
We remember, O Lord, the men and women who have made the supreme sacrifice for our country. Help us never to breathe the air of freedom, claim the right to justice or enjoy the privilege of worship without deep gratitude for those who gave “the last full measure of devotion” for our sake.

May they now know the peace of eternity and the joy of your presence. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Bible Quiz

Although the apostle Paul is credited with writing the letter to the Romans, he dictated the message while another believer served as the scribe. Near the end of the letter, that writer briefly identifies himself. Who was it?

- A. Tertius
- B. Timothy
- C. Lucius
- D. Aquila



Answer: A (Romans 16:22)



May 2026

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					1 A.A., 8:00 p.m.	2
3 Choir, 9 am Holy Communion VESTRY, 11 am	4	5	6 Bible Coffee – 10:00 am	7 Al Anon, 10:30 a.m.	8 A.A., 8:00 p.m.	9
10 ASCENSION <i>Mother's Day</i> Holy Communion Choir, 9 am Last day of Sunday School	11	12 Yarn Matters, 6-7:30 pm	13 Bible Coffee – 10:00 am	14 Al Anon, 10:30 a.m.	15 A.A., 8:00 p.m.	16
17 Holy Communion Choir, 9 am	18	19	20 Bible Coffee – 10:00 am Newsletter Articles Due	21 Al Anon, 10:30 a.m.	22 A.A., 8:00 p.m.	23 Community Blood Drive, 8:30 am-12:30 pm
24 <i>Pentecost</i> Holy Communion Choir, 9 am VBS TRAINING	25 Memorial Day	26 Yarn Matters, 6-7:30 pm	27 Bible Coffee – 10:00 am	28 Al Anon, 10:30 a.m.	29 A.A., 8:00 p.m.	30
31 <i>Pentecost</i> Holy Communion Choir, 9 am VBS TRAINING						

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