

St. Matthew Ev. Lutheran Church

Good News

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From the Pastor's Desk

September Blessings

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,
September brings a welcome change of season. The cooler temperatures, shorter days, and hints of autumn remind us that the Lord gives every time of year for our good. As summer winds down, we are blessed with a fresh opportunity to settle into new rhythms of life and faith.



This is also a wonderful time to reignite our Sunday School programs, Bible studies, and other church activities. May the Lord bless our children, families, and teachers as we grow together in His Word.

September is a good month for renewed relationships as well. After the busyness of summer, we have the chance to reconnect with one another, encourage one another, and give thanks for the fellowship we share in Christ.

And as Reformation Day draws near, we are reminded once again of the heart of our faith: we are saved by grace alone, through faith alone, in Christ alone. God comes to us through the means of grace — His Word,

Holy Baptism, Absolution, and the Lord's Supper — and there He gives forgiveness, life, and salvation.

May this September be a season of peace, renewal, and joy in the gifts of Christ.

In Christ's service,
Pastor Kelly

Comments from the President

Comments from the August 23, 2026 Vestry meeting.

Financial Secretary's Report

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

Total General Fund Offering deposits are \$16,916.75. Total deposits for Designated Funds are \$2,555.57. Total deposit for the PNC Statement period designated above is \$19,492.32.

The total offerings month to date for the period 1 August through 16 August 2026 (3 Sundays) are \$10,251.43 consisting of \$9,692.07 of General Funds and \$354.36 of Designated Funds. There was also a Thrivent deposit of \$205.00.

The 2nd Quarter 2026 year-to-date Financial Offering Statements were issued mid July 2026.

Treasurer's Report

Checking/Savings – As of July 31, 2026

Joseph Fund (CD)	\$70,000
LCEF Steward Account/All Access	\$246,554.06 (Interest – \$522.40)
PNC Checking	\$53,692.05

Designated Funds

Capital Improvements	\$2,275.32
Music Fund	\$1,683.38
Thrivent	\$1,181.18
Youth Activities	\$555.86
VBS	\$288.76

Memorials

Nancy Jamerson	\$500
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Ukraine Relief	\$2,000 (Check to be sent, August 25, 2026)
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Disaster Relief	\$750 (Check to be sent, August 25, 2026)
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Ethiopian Pastor	\$0
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Ethiopian Church	\$100
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Hearts for Jesus	\$0
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Seminary Adopt-a-Student	\$518.07
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Total General Fund Income for July: \$16,916.75

Total General Fund Expenses for July: \$10,645.29

Net General Fund Income for July: + **\$6,271.46**

Note: Large Utilities bills - \$436.05. (Electric and Gas)

Pastor's Report

1. Total
 - a. Services conducted – 9
 - b. Baptisms – 1
 - c. Hospital visits – 2
2. Sunday School begins September 13th – adult choose the RCL text to study based upon the 3 year lectionary
3. Thank you for the wonderful cards, thoughts & prayers for the recent loss of my mother. Both Rebecca and I appreciate all your support during this challenging time.

Board of Elder's Report

1. 20 greeting cards were sent in July. 2 cards sent in August.
2. Meals on Call provided 3 meals. Thank you to those who provided meals.
3. Additional Worship Assistants needed.

Thank you as always, to the faithful group of Worship Assistants at St. Matthew.

Board of Church Property's Report

- *Overflowing gutter repaired.
- *Leak in Great Hall was found and will be repaired.
- *Picnic tables in courtyard have been repaired. A second pergola will be installed in the fall.
- *Air conditioning unit requires repairs in the near future.

Board of Christian Education's Report

- *Theme for next year's VBS will be "Kingdom of David". Judy again thanked everyone involved in this year's VBS.
- *Alex Lutz thanked Ron and Linda Brock for donating a Ping-Pong table and a cornhole set.
- *LCMS Senior High Youth Gathering is November 20 – 22, 2026. If your child is interested, please contact Alex or Neil Lutz.

Outreach's Report

Marketing for the Holiday Bazaar has begun with a Facebook "event" created and posts made. I also assisted in creating the online vendor registration form and response sheet which was sent to Alicia.

Regular website and Facebook updates were made and the monthly newsletter was sent out.

Social Concerns' Report

*School supplies collected for Huber Heights Schools totaled roughly \$2,500.00. The school was very appreciative. Thanks to everyone for their donations.

Ladies Guild Report

* So far 9 vendors for the bazaar have signed up and paid, which is good at this time.

Vice President's Report

Guest Gift Bag Status

- Nothing new to report, still working on it
- **Fall Potluck**
 - September 6
 - No Bengals nor OSU games scheduled for that day.
 - Planning on ordering chicken again.

New Business

The District Connection Newsletter announced that the 2027 Ohio District Jr. High Gathering is scheduled for April 2-4 at Camp Christian in Marysville, Ohio. Expected registration fee is \$130. More information to come in future newsletters.

Need to make sure we have this expense in the 2027 budget for Youth Activities. (I believe)

Received a Summer Newsletter from Pastor Berhanu at Ebenezer Lutheran Church in Columbus. I'll post it on the board in the Fellowship Hall. Their VBS was held July 13-17, they had roughly 70 children. Ebenezer teenagers served as teachers with skits, crafts, singing and Gospel texts. Pastor Kudart and Sandy helped out the first two days.

Also received a card from our seminary student, Brian Schneck, thanking us for inviting them to our worship service in June, and for the door offering. They really appreciated it. This will also be posted on the board in the Fellowship Hall.

As a reminder, it is that time of the year to start thinking about the budget and slate of officers for 2027. If you are responsible for a budget, please start to give some thought to that. The 2027 budget and slate of officers will be presented and voted on at the December 6th Vestry meeting and then on December 13th at the Annual Voters Assembly.

Calendar

No vestry meeting in September.

Sept. 6	Fall Picnic/Pot Luck, 11:00 a.m.
Sept. 7	Labor Day.
Sept. 9	Wednesday Morning Bible Study begins, 10:00 a.m. and ends on June 3, 2027.
Sept. 12	Community Blood Drive, 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.
Sept. 13	Sunday School Begins, 11:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.
Sept. 19	My Brother's Keeper, 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Sept. 20 St. Matthew Day celebrated. (9/21/26)
Oct. 4 LWML Sunday.
Oct. 4 Vestry Meeting, 11:00 a.m.

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

Holiday Bazaar - Saturday, November 14th, 2026!



Save the Date!

Our Annual Holiday Bazaar will be held on Saturday, November 14th 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, fudge and buckeyes.

Our kitchen will once again serve home-made soups, sandwiches, chips & drinks. Our shoppers & vendors love 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! Please price 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 now \$40.00 **(new price!)**.

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!

Thank you!
St. Matthew Ladies Guild

St. Matthew Fall Picnic/Pot Luck

Our Fall Picnic/Pot Luck luncheon will be on Sunday, September 6th, immediately following the worship service. The Church will provide fried chicken. Members are asked to bring side dishes and desserts. There is a signup sheet on the table in the Narthex.

Sunday School Begins

Sunday School will begin on September 13, 2026 after the worship service. The Wednesday morning Bible Coffee starts at 10:00 a.m. on Wednesday, September 9, 2026.



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

A Special Thank You to Our Parish Family at St. Matthew

Rebecca and I would like to thank all of you for your love, encouragement, and prayers during the difficult and untimely loss of my mother. Your beautiful cards, notes, and expressions of care have lifted our spirits and reminded us that we are surrounded by a loving parish family.

We are especially grateful for your assistance with the funeral and for the meal provided on August 29. Your kindness and support have meant more to us than we can fully express.

During the first week of September, Rebecca and I, along with Elizabeth and Zack, will be taking my mother's cremains to Byron, Illinois, where she will be interred with my father.

Thank you again for walking with us through this time of grief and for reflecting Christ's love to our family.

With heartfelt gratitude,
Pastor Kelly & Rebecca

Prayer List

IN OUR PRAYERS WE REMEMBER: Luanne Handley-Blair; Eleanor Woods; Richard & Trish Jordan; Bill Wise; Pastor Younger; Pastor Scheidt; Chuck & Laurie Miller; Bruce Raymer; 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, Kristina Hulse, Terry Sedlacek, Kathleen Wahala, Karyn Gilbert, Jerry & Gretchen Maziarz, Kevin Younger, Gene Poast, Jerry Knapper, John Bowling, Diane Linder, Rodney Werner, Joe DiGiorgio & James Greening. 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.

**Those Celebrating Birthdays in
September:**

Kary Ellen Berger	September 2
Phillip Driver	September 9
Loren Werner	September 13
Pastor Kelly Reagan	September 14
Alicia Driver	September 17
Gabrielle Newman	September 17
Richard Evans	September 18
Kristina Lutz	September 20
Sean Bandelier	September 21
Elizabeth Reagan	September 26
Laurie Miller	September 28
Pat Souders	September 29

**Those Celebrating Anniversaries in
September:**

Scott & Becky Stacy	Sept. 6
Greg & Kristina Mach	Sept 21

Special Dates for September 2026

- Labor Day, September 7, 2026
- Patriot Day, September 11, 2026
- National Grandparents Day, September 13, 2026
- Hispanic Heritage Month, September 15-October 15, 2026
- First Day of Autumn, September 22, 2026

Thank God for Teachers

It is sometimes said that public school teachers do not teach values. Yet every day, countless teachers quietly model compassion, patience, integrity and kindness through the way they care for their students.

Many teachers go far beyond lesson plans and classrooms. They spend their own money on school supplies, workbooks, clothing, snacks and special needs for children who may otherwise go without. They encourage struggling students, celebrate small victories and offer steady support to children facing difficult circumstances at home.

Teachers also work with students from many different backgrounds and abilities. Some patiently help children learn English, while others devote extra time and care to students with learning, emotional or social challenges. In a world where many children face poverty, abuse, loneliness, neglect or uncertainty, a caring teacher can become a source of hope, stability and encouragement.

Many educators also serve faithfully in churches and communities, living out their faith through daily acts of love and service. Their influence often reaches far beyond what grades or test scores can measure.

As a church family, let us remember to pray for teachers, encourage them in their calling and thank God for the important difference they make in the lives of children every day.

Bible Quiz

After his resurrection, Jesus asked one of his disciples the same question three times: "Do you love me?" The disciple felt hurt, wondering why Jesus kept asking. Who was this disciple?

- A. James
- B. John
- C. Philip
- D. (Simon) Peter

Answer: D (John 21:17)



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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
.		1	2	3 Al Anon, 10:30 a.m.	4 A.A., 8:00 p.m.	5
6 Choir, 9 a.m. Fall Picnic/ Pot Luck, 11 a.m.	7 LABOR DAY	8 Yarn Matters, 6 pm	9 Bible Coffee Begins, 10:00 a.m.	10 Al Anon, 10:30 a.m.	11 A.A., 8:00 p.m.	12 Community Blood Drive, 8:30 am- 12:30 pm
13 Holy Communion Choir, 9 a.m. Sunday School Begins, 11 a.m. Choir, Noon	14	15	16 Bible Coffee, 10:00 a.m.	17 Al Anon, 10:30 a.m.	18 A.A., 8:00 p.m.	19 My Brother's Keeper, 7 am-1 pm
20 Choir, 9 a.m. Handbells, 11 a.m. Newsletter Articles Due	21 <i>St. Matthew Day</i>	22 Yarn Matters, 6 pm	23 Bible Coffee, 10:00 a.m.	24 Al Anon, 10:30 a.m.	25 A.A., 8:00 p.m.	26
27 Holy Communion Choir, 9 a.m. Handbells, 11 a.m.	28	29	30 Bible Coffee, 10:00 a.m.			

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