

St. Matthew Ev. Lutheran Church

Good News

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From the Pastor's Desk

Blessed Autumn Season!

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

The nights are growing cooler, the days are becoming a little shorter, and the signs of harvest are all around us. I hope you had a blessed summer and that the beginning of the school year has gone well for you and your families.

As we enter the month of October, we look forward to celebrating **Reformation Sunday**. This season reminds us of the treasures we hold as Christians and, specifically, as Lutherans. Before we are Lutherans, we are Christians—people redeemed by the saving work of Jesus Christ. As Lutherans, we rejoice in the biblical truths recovered and clearly confessed during the Reformation: that we are saved by grace alone, through faith alone, in Christ alone, as revealed in Scripture alone.



The Reformation also reminds us that the Gospel is a gift meant for all people. God continues to gather people from every nation, language, and culture into the one body of Christ.

This year, we have the privilege of learning more about an exciting immigrant-focused ministry taking place right here in Columbus. During our Advent II midweek service on **Wednesday eve, December 9, 2026**, we will welcome **Pastor Berhanu and his family**,

who serve at **Ebenezer Ethiopian Lutheran Church** (LC-MS) on the east side of Columbus.

Pastor Berhanu will share about the ministry among the Ethiopian community and the congregation's outreach to the Somali community. We will hear about the many ways God is

opening doors for the Gospel, including their first Vacation Bible School in the community this past year, where more than seventy children attended. What a wonderful opportunity to share the love of Christ with children and families (mostly immigrants)!

Pastor Berhanu and his team are also catechizing and baptizing people in the name of Christ from the community who previously came from a Muslim background. We give thanks and praise to the Lord for the work He is accomplishing (by God's grace) through His Word and Sacrament ministry.

It is a joy for us at St. Matthew to share our resources and encouragement with this important ministry. As we celebrate the Reformation, we are reminded that the Gospel we treasure is not ours to keep to ourselves. It is the good news of Jesus Christ for people of every nation and culture.

Our Advent II gathering will include an abbreviated service, a presentation from Pastor Berhanu, and pictures and video highlighting this ministry. Of course, there will also be plenty of food and a good old-fashioned Lutheran carry-in meal!

Please mark **December 9, 2026** on your calendar now and plan to join us. Come hear about this wonderful ministry, encourage our brothers and sisters in Christ, and enjoy a delicious meal & fellowship together.

May the Lord bless you during this changing harvest season. We thank God for His continued blessings upon all His people at St. Matthew Lutheran Church, and we pray that He would continue to use us to share the hope of Christ with our neighbors and with people from around the world.

In Christ's service,
Pastor Kelly

Comments from the President

There was no Vestry meeting in September.

I am starting to prepare the Slate of Officers for 2027. This slate and the budget for 2027 will be presented and voted on at the December 6 th Vestry meeting and then presented and voted on at the December 13 th Annual Voters Assembly.

Stewardship Sunday is on November 8 th and we will be giving out the Time and Talent Worksheets, asking everyone to consider how they may become more involved with at St. Matthew's. The following are a few of the areas where additional volunteers are needed. Church Property, Christian Education, Elders, Worship Assistants, Choir, VBS, Camera Operators. If you have questions on how you may get more involved, please see me.

With Fall approaching, our calendar becomes very busy. Be sure to check the calendar in the Newsletter for activities. In addition, you can check the Church Directory which has all the activities listed on pages 7 – 10. If you need a Directory, they are on the table in the Narthex and in the Church Office.

Next Vestry meeting is on October 4th at 11:00 a.m.

Please plan to attend Oktoberfest on October 10th at 5:00 p.m. in the Church courtyard.

Pastor Reagan Contact Information

Pastor Reagan: 614-564-7317 (cell)

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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 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

HE'S 90!

The family of Pastor Melvin Younger would like to invite the family of St. Matthew's to celebrate his 90th birthday. His birthday is October 27. The celebration is:

October 31, 1:00-4:00

4949 Bath Road.

Appetizers, cake and drinks will be served.

No gifts please. Your birthday wishes, blessings and prayers are welcomed.

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: 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, Sharon Stacy & Alison Witte. 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 be to God as Kristopher Lutz celebrates his birthday and as we remember Bettie Petrock.

Those Celebrating Birthdays in October:

Cindy Driver	October 1
Charles Miller	October 8
Dawson Cahill	October 14
Brian Posey	October 16
Kristina Mach	October 17
Joe Wiehe	October 18
Kim Lingg	October 22
Pastor Mel Younger	October 27
Nathan Shaw	October 29

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 for October 2026

- Pastor Appreciation Month
- Pastor/Clergy Appreciation Sunday, October 11, 2026
- Columbus Day, October 12, 2026
- Indigenous Peoples Day, October 12, 2026
- Canadian Thanksgiving, October 12, 2026
- Reformation Sunday, October 25, 2026
- Reformation Day, October 31, 2026

Luther and the Bible

Reformation Day is celebrated by many Protestant churches on October 31. It commemorates the Reformation and honors leaders such as Martin Luther, whose courage and conviction helped shape church history.

Luther's life was threatened because he spoke out against practices he believed did not reflect the true mission of the Church. Forced into hiding, he found refuge at Wartburg Castle as the guest of the ruler of Saxony.



While there, Luther took on an enormous task: translating the Bible from the original languages into German. This was no simple project. At the time, Germany was made up of many regional dialects, making communication difficult from one area to another.

Luther wanted ordinary people to clearly understand God's Word. To make sure his translation used everyday language, he is said to have listened carefully to common speech, even consulting the castle's butcher for familiar expressions and wording.

Luther's translation became a tremendous gift to the German people. Not only did it place Scripture into the hands of everyday readers, but the language he used also helped unify the many German dialects. In that sense, Martin Luther is often considered one of the fathers of the modern German language.

Bible Quiz

Psalms 103 (ESV) begins: "Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless his holy name! Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all his _____." What should we "not forget"?

- A. goodness
- B. kindness
- C. gifts
- D. benefits

Answer: D (Psalm 103:2)





"Heaven nice day!"



Get ready for our annual

OCTOBER FEST

October 10, 2026 at 5pm

**PLEASE BRING A DISH TO SHARE,
AN ADULT BEVERAGE IF SO INCLINED,
AND MAYBE A LAWN CHAIR.**

**Brats, hot dogs, lemonade, coffee,
and spiced wine will be furnished.**

**Join us for the FUN, with good food,
and laughter with friends!**

October 2026

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

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