

The View

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A NEWSLETTER FROM ST. MATTHIAS LUTHERAN CHURCH

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The 40 day season of Lent begins on Ash Wednesday, March 2, and we welcome you to join us that evening at 7pm, with worship that

includes the imposition of ashes.

Just what does “Lent” mean, anyway? It comes from a word that means “to lengthen”, with the intended translation being “the lengthening of days”. It’s a time of growth as we, Jesus’ disciples, walk with Him toward the cross. Growth requires change. And change, which can sometimes be very positive, almost always means the loss of something as well.

And Lent is no different. If we walk with Jesus on His journey toward the cross, we are going to grow... we are going to change... and we are going to lose some things in the process. So rather than haphazardly join Jesus on this journey, let’s look at what we might lose.

Here are some things that Jesus often tells His disciples:
John 6:20 “Do not be afraid...”. Matthew 6:25 “Do not be anxious...”. Mark 13:11 “Do not worry...”.
If you want to follow Jesus, then you are going to lose certain things. Things like fear, anxiety, and worry. The question is... are you willing to let go of those things? Because Jesus calls us to a new way of living, and things like fear, anxiety, and worry have no place in it. I invite you to join us on Wednesday evenings in Lent, for our soup suppers, Holden Evening Prayer, and our Bible Study... where we’ll go on that journey through Lent together... as brothers and sisters in Christ, with Jesus leading us. I hope to see you there!

In Christ,
Pastor Paul

Ash Wednesday Worship on March 2nd

The season of Lent begins on Ash **Wednesday, March 2nd**, and we’ll gather for worship and the imposition of ashes at 7pm that evening. Please welcome any friends or neighbors who would like to attend!



All are welcome to come and worship with us during Holy Week at St. Matthias. Please feel free to call Pastor Paul with any questions.

Sunday, April 10

Palm Sunday

Worship at **10:15am**

(Includes Holy Communion, the Blessing of the Palms, a Cross Procession, & the Passion Gospel Reading in play format)

Thursday, April 14

Maundy Thursday

Worship at 7:00pm

Friday, April 15

Good Friday

Worship at 7:00pm

Saturday, April 16

Easter Vigil

Worship at 7:30pm

At Harrold Zion Lutheran in Greensburg

Sunday, April 17

Easter Sunday

Worship at **10:15am**



Remember to SPRING FORWARD your clocks on March 13th!

Thank you to all those who contributed to our "Souper Bowl of Caring" ministry on February 13. We collected \$307 for the Westmoreland County Food Bank.



St. Matthias Women of the ELCA

NEW 2022 PROGRAM BOOKLETS ARE AVAILABLE IN THE NARTHEX IF YOU HAVE NOT RECEIVED YOURS.



LENT

March Meeting will be held **March 10** at the new time of **3pm** in the fellowship hall. Hostesses are Tina Weimer and Jean Kauffman. Discussion will be held about a tea in May.

April 21 will be the next meeting with Joan Wilson and Dana Gruesu as hostesses.

Time 3pm.

Let's Make a Lenten Meal

We are collecting items during the season of Lent for the Blackburn Center in Greensburg, which helps those suffering from various types of abuse. We'll be collecting donations through **April 10th**. If you have any questions, please contact Pastor Paul at (724) 837-6212.

The items needed by the Blackburn Center include:

Microwavable, **single serving** meals, such as:

- Cup of noodles or ramen
- Rice or pasta meals
- Chef Boyardee cans or cups
- Macaroni and cheese cups
- Canned hearty soups, like chili or stew
- Pop Tarts
- Pancake breakfast microwavable cups
- Single serve drink mix packets (that you add to a water bottle)
- Common toiletry items, such as:
 - Shampoo
 - Body Wash
 - Deodorant
 - Hair Brushes
 - Toothpaste
 - Soap



Wednesday Evenings in Lent

During the season of Lent, come and join us for **food, worship, and Bible study** as you're able! **All are welcome**, so please invite your neighbors and friends!

The schedule is as follows:

March 9th, 16th, & 23rd:

5:45pm Soup Supper

7:00pm Holden Evening Prayer

7:30pm Adult Bible Study

March 30th & April 6th:

5:45pm Soup Supper

7:00pm Holden Evening Prayer



Adult Bible Study on Wednesday nights

During the season of Lent, Pastor Paul will be leading an Adult Bible Study on **Wednesday nights at**

7:30pm. **All are welcome** to attend, and **no previous Bible experience is required!**

Please feel free to contact Pastor Paul with any questions. The dates of the classes are:

March 9th, 16th, and 23rd beginning at **7:30pm** each night.

If the Adult Bible Study class would like to meet for additional sessions, Pastor Paul will be happy to do so. We'll look forward to seeing you!

Community Garden Open House

Our Mission Statement is to invite neighboring communities to join in the planting and growing of organic vegetables at the Community Garden at St. Matthias Lutheran Church for consumption and sharing. Families grow their own food and can share their bounty with the whole Westmoreland County by donating to the Westmoreland County Food Bank. We are heading into year 6 and in year 5 we donated 1037lbs of produce and \$515.00 to the Westmoreland County Food Bank. Our annual open house is scheduled for **Saturday April 9th at 1:00 pm.**



Church Council Highlights

St. Matthias Lutheran Church Council Minutes – 1/10/2022

The January 2022 Council meeting was held via a Zoom Conference call. Voting Council members Fred Oestreicher, Bob Wolff, Norb Georges, Lisa Pegg, Ryan Winslow, and Pastor Paul were in attendance. Our Treasurer, Eldora Crist, was able to attend. Our Financial Secretary, Eliot Moore, was able to attend. Lisa Pegg led the devotions at 7:00pm. The Preliminary 2022 Council Members Handout was reviewed. We welcome Lisa Pegg and Ryan Winslow as new Council members. Pastor Paul led the meeting for the first order of business, the election of Council officers. The only returning officer is Fred Oestreicher, who served as President for 1 term, and may serve in that same office again, if elected.

Council **President**: Bob Wolff nominated Fred Oestreicher for Council President for 2022.

Motion seconded by Lisa Pegg.

No other persons were nominated.

Motion carried.

Council **Vice President**:

Fred Oestreicher nominated Bob Wolff for Council Vice President for 2022.

Motion seconded by Norb Georges.

No other persons were nominated.

Motion carried.

Council **Secretary**:

Fred Oestreicher nominated Norb Georges for Council Secretary for 2022.

Motion seconded by Ryan Winslow.

No other persons were nominated.

Motion carried.

Council President Fred Oestreicher Called the meeting to Order. Fred Oestreicher made a motion to accept the Council agenda, as presented. Motion seconded by Norb Georges. Motion carried. Fred Oestreicher made a motion to accept the minutes from the December 13 Council meeting, as presented. Motion seconded by Norb Georges. Motion carried. Eldora Crist, Treasurer, presented the December Treasurer's report. Fred Oestreicher made a motion to accept the December Treasurer's report. Motion seconded by Ryan Winslow. Motion carried. Eliot Moore, Financial Secretary, presented the Annual Financial Summary. Fred Oestreicher made a motion to accept the Annual Financial Summary. Motion seconded by Bob Wolff. Motion carried. Pastor Paul presented his report for December. He attended the monthly Synod meeting for Pastors and Deacons. Our Synodical Bishop, Kurt Kusserow, is going on sabbatical from January through March 2022, and retired Bishop Abraham Allende is serving in his place during that time. Pastor Paul presided at a funeral for a non-member on December 21. 5 persons have requested to become new members and will be invited to join our congregation during a worship service in the near future. Pastor Paul tested positive for Covid-19 on Sunday, January 2. Due to the short notice, worship was cancelled that Sunday. Our Church Council had a brief meeting on Monday, January 3, at 7pm via Zoom to discuss Pastor Paul's quarantine period and how to handle worship on Sunday, January 9. Council consensus was for Pastor Paul to quarantine according to CDC guidelines (10 days from the date of the positive test), and, as a result, Pastor Bob Hawk was asked to preside at worship on Sunday, January 9. According to the CDC guidelines, Pastor Paul is able to return to in-person duties on Wednesday, January 12. Pastor Paul continues to serve as Interim Pastor at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church in Greensburg for approximately 5 hours per week. His quarantine period applies to his duties with Good Shepherd as well.

Communications: Received notification that the paperwork confirming our status as being incorporated in the state of PA needs updated. No additional cost is required.

Thank you letters were received for the Christmas gifts we provided to children at Maxwell and Nicely Elementary Schools, as well as for the gift cards given to the children at Bethesda Lutheran Services.

Concerns: None

Church Council Highlights

Committee Reports Were Given

Old Business:

1. Church Safety Policies and Procedures - no changes needed.
2. Church Database software – no updates.
3. 2021 Annual Reports

With the exception of the Finance report, which will be completed this week, Amy has received all of the committee's 2021 Annual Reports. She will be printing the 2021 Annual Report booklet as soon as she receives the information from Finance.

4. Annual Meeting, Part 2, Jan. 23rd – Agenda

According to our constitution (Bylaws I. b.), the purpose of this meeting is to:

The January session shall be held to:

- (1) review committee reports, and
- (2) conduct any other congregational business (none at this time)

The Proposed agenda was reviewed for our Annual Meeting, Part 2.

5. Installation of New Council Members

Lisa Pegg was installed on January 9. Ryan Winslow was unable to be installed due to being quarantined for a possible exposure to Covid-19. We plan on installing Ryan as a Council member on January 23.

New Business:

1. 2022 Parochial Reports (Forms A, B, & C)

Each year, the ELCA asks each congregation to submit their Parochial reports (Forms A, B, & C) to their local Synod and to the Churchwide office. These reports detail the number of members, ministries conducted throughout the year, overall finances, etc. Thanks to John Weimer's database, we can produce these reports with the click of a mouse and by filling out some general information. Eliot Moore, Financial Secretary, and Pastor Paul will fill out these reports online before the Feb. 15th deadline.

2. Annual Contribution Statements – Thrivent Choice Dollars Letter

The Annual Contribution Statements for 2021 will be printed out for each giving unit in the congregation. For those who participated in the Thrivent Choice Dollars program, they'll also receive a thank you letter for those contributions as well. These statements will be placed on the table in the narthex, and those not picked up will be mailed out at the end of January.

3. Review of Committees and Council Liaisons

The list of congregational committees and their associated Council Liaisons was reviewed. A few updates were made to the list of Liaisons.

4. Internal Audit

In our congregation's constitution, under the bylaws:

II. Officer's duties

f. The **treasurer** and **financial secretary** shall make a written report of all financial transactions to the Congregation Council monthly and to the congregation at its annual semi-meetings. **A satisfactory audit shall be performed and presented to the Congregation Council during the first quarter of each year.**

Mary Lou Wolff graciously provided an internal audit of our finances at St. Matthias last year, and has agreed to do so again this year. Fred Oestreicher made the motion to approve Mary Lou Wolff to perform an internal audit of the 2021 finances at St. Matthias. Motion seconded by Norb Georges. Motion carried. Once Mary Lou's audit is complete, we'll review her report for acceptance by Council. ** End of New Business **

The February Worship Assistants and Calendar were reviewed. No updates were needed. The next monthly Council meeting will be on Monday, **February 14 at 7pm**. We'll meet via Zoom call again. Bob Wolff will lead devotions for the February Council meeting. Fred Oestreicher made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Motion seconded by Bob Wolff. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:23pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Pastor Paul Gruesu

Church Council Highlights

St. Matthias Lutheran Church Council Minutes – 2/14/2022

The February 2022 Council meeting was held via a Zoom Conference call. Voting Council members Fred Oestreicher, Bob Wolff, Norb Georges, Lisa Pegg and Pastor Paul were in attendance. Ryan Winslow was unable to attend. Our Treasurer, Eldora Crist, was able to attend. Our Financial Secretary, Eliot Moore, was able to attend. Bob Wolff led the devotions at 7:02pm. Council President Fred Oestreicher Called the meeting to Order at 7:06pm. Fred Oestreicher made a motion to accept the Council agenda, as presented. Motion seconded by Norb Georges. Motion carried. Fred Oestreicher made a motion to accept the minutes from the January 10 Council meeting, as presented. Motion seconded by Bob Wolff. Motion carried. Fred Oestreicher made a motion to accept the minutes from the January 23 Annual Congregational meeting, Part 2, as presented. Motion seconded by Lisa Pegg. Motion carried. Eldora Crist, Treasurer, presented the January Treasurer's report. Bob Wolff made a motion to accept the January Treasurer's report. Motion seconded by Norb Georges. Motion carried. Pastor Paul presented his report for **January**. He attended the monthly Synod meeting for Pastors and Deacons, as well as Synod Zoom meetings for the Resource Center Advisory Board and for the Synod Assembly Planning Committee. He presided at funerals for non-members on January 21 and February 4. He also made a home visit to Chuck and Nancy Kemerer. Pastor Paul continues to serve as Interim Pastor at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church in Greensburg for approximately 5 hours per week.

Communications: None Concerns: None

Committee Reports:

Worship and Music: Committee will meet on Wednesday, February 16, to plan for Lent and Easter. Ash Wednesday is March 2, and Holden Evening Prayer is expected to be included on Wednesday evenings in Lent. Choir practice is expected to be held before Lenten worship. **Christian Education and Youth**: 3 students continue attending Confirmation class with Pastor Paul on alternate Sunday mornings at 9am. During Lent, Pastor Paul will be leading a Bible Study on Wednesday evenings after Lenten worship.

Stewardship: No new information. **Fellowship**: Lenten Soup Suppers are being planned for Wednesday evenings in Lent. **Evangelism and Social Ministry**: We collected monetary funds for the Westmoreland County Food Bank as part of our participation in the "Souper Bowl of Caring" on February 13th. We collected \$307 for this ministry. We'll be collecting non-perishable food items for the Blackburn Center during Lent as part of our "Let's Make a Lenten Meal" program. **Finance**: No new information. **Property**: The summer mowing schedule will be in the next newsletter.

Ad Hoc Committees:

Cleaning Ad Hoc Committee: Have switched to a every other week schedule for cleaning. **Community Garden**: Open House will be on Saturday, April 9, at 1pm. **Women of the ELCA**: No meetings in January through February.

Old Business:

1. **Church Safety Policies and Procedures** - no changes needed. A parishioner requested that we resume collecting the offering by passing the offering plates, and resume leaving our pews during the sharing of the peace. The consensus of Council was to continue our current procedures for at least a few more months.

2. **Church Database software** – no updates.

3. **2022 Parochial Reports (Forms A, B, & C)**

Pastor Paul and Eliot filled out these reports online on February 11th. This item can be removed from the agenda. On January 25th, Pastor Paul also submitted online St. Matthias' anticipated mission support dollars for 2022, as per the approved St. Matthias 2022 annual budget.

4. **Annual Contribution Statements – Thrivent Choice Dollars Letter**

The Annual Contribution Statements for 2021 which were not picked up were mailed out on January 31. This item can be removed from the agenda.

5. **Review of Committees and Council Liaisons**

The updated 2022 Council Members Handout, as well as the updated 2022 list of congregational committees and their associated Council Liaisons was reviewed. This item can be removed from the agenda.

6. **Internal Audit**

Mary Lou Wolff has agreed to provide an internal audit of our finances at St. Matthias for 2021. Her report will be ready for our March Council meeting, and it will be reviewed by Council at that time.

Church Council Highlights

New Business:

1. Requested CPR class dates

On February 4, Pastor Paul emailed our Council members to see if we could accommodate Feb 26th from 8 am to 5:30pm as a requested CPR class date. Council members responded that this date was available, and was approved.

The list of requested CPR class dates from Nation's Best CPR for April and May was reviewed for approval. Pastor Paul will contact Tina Weimer regarding 3 potential class dates that could possibly interfere with Women of the ELCA activities. Otherwise, the requested dates will be approved. After we hear from Tina, Pastor Paul will inform Nation's Best CPR concerning which requested class dates have been approved.

2. Recruiting Voting Members for the June 2022 Synod Assembly on Zoom

St. Matthias may send 2 voting members to this year's Synod Assembly, which will be via Zoom conference call on the evening of Thursday, June 16, and during the day on Saturday, June 18. Council members were asked to provide Pastor Paul with names of those who would be good candidates to consider.

3. July Council meeting date

The normal July Council date (July 11th) occurs during Pastor Paul's vacation. Therefore, we'd like to consider moving the Council meeting to Tuesday, July 5th, at 7pm.

Pastor Paul made a motion to move the July Council meeting to Tuesday, July 5th, at 7pm.

Motion seconded by Bob Wolff.

Motion carried.

** End of New Business **

The March and April Worship Assistants and Calendar were reviewed. No updates were needed.

The next monthly Council meeting will be on Monday, March 14 at 7pm.

We'll meet via Zoom call again.

Fred Oestreicher will lead devotions for the March Council meeting.

Fred Oestreicher made a motion to adjourn the meeting.

Motion seconded by Bob Wolff.

Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 8:00pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Pastor Paul Gruesu

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Fred Oestreicher will lead devotions for the March Council meeting.

Fred Oestreicher made a motion to adjourn the meeting.

Motion seconded by Bob Wolff.

Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 8:00pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Pastor Paul Gruesu

St. Matthias Evangelical Lutheran Church Monthly Financial Statement for December, 2021

RECEIPTS

<i>OPERATING Receipts</i>	
Current Offering	16,195.80
Plate Income	90.00
Other	2,707.00
<i>Total OPERATING Receipts</i>	<u>18,992.80</u>

<i>NON-OPERATING Receipts</i>	
Altar Flowers	48.00
Harvest Table	15.00
Memorial Gifts	5,000.00
Pastor's Purse	513.00
Synod World Hunger	49.00
Teddy Bear Ministry	5.00
<i>Total NON-OPERATING Receipts</i>	<u>5,630.00</u>
Total RECEIPTS	24,622.80

EXPENDITURES

<i>OPERATING Expenditures</i>	
Administration	141.42
Benevolence	1,160.00
Christian Education	17.22
Church FICA - Medicare	109.61
Church Utilities	476.93
Lay People	1,478.72
Liturgy & Music	236.00
Pastoral Ministry	8,747.46
<i>Total OPERATING Expenditures</i>	<u>12,367.36</u>

<i>NON-OPERATING Expenditures</i>	
Altar Flowers	183.50
Christmas Flowers	42.00
Memorial Gifts	284.90
Pastor's Purse	513.00
Synod World Hunger	40.00
<i>Total NON-OPERATING Expenditures</i>	<u>1,063.40</u>
Total EXPENDITURES	13,430.76

CHECKING

<i>Beginning Balance</i>	5,792.69
Receipts	24,622.80
Expenditures	13,430.76
<i>Ending Balance</i>	<u>16,984.73</u>

ASSETS / LIABILITIES

<i>CHECKING</i>	
Altar Flowers	640.94
Children's Support	1,002.86
Church Maintenance and Repair	1,330.00
Community Garden	1,462.02
Food Bank	150.00
Food to Go for Kids	265.26
General Checking - Assets	10,845.62
Harvest Table	69.25
Synod World Hunger	49.00
Teddy Bear Ministry	649.78
Welcome Home Homeless Shelter	20.00
Youth Alcohol Program	500.00
<i>Total CHECKING</i>	<u>16,984.73</u>

INVESTMENTS

Investments - DFS Investments	97,754.07
Memorial Gifts - DFS Investments	19,336.16
Working Funds - DFS Investments	5,351.42
<i>Total INVESTMENTS</i>	<u>122,441.65</u>
Total ASSETS / LIABILITIES	139,426.38

OPERATING FINANCIAL SUMMARY FOR December

		This Month	Year-to-Date	Remaining to Year End	Planned Total Annual	Projected Total Year End
Attendance	Forecast	15,717.00	147,724.00	0.00	147,724.00	
	Budget	<u>12,683.59</u>	<u>170,095.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>170,095.00</u>	
	Planned Variance	3,033.41	-22,371.00	0.00	-22,371.00	
	Receipts	18,992.80	139,210.80			139,210.80
	Expenses	<u>12,367.36</u>	<u>155,368.57</u>			<u>155,368.57</u>
	Actual Variance	6,625.44	-16,157.77			-16,157.77
	Variance from Planned	3,592.03	6,213.23			
	Improvement Due to Higher Receipts	3,275.80	-8,513.20			
	Improvement Due to Lower Expenses	316.23	14,726.43			

Excludes Committed Funds, Deficit, and Investment Purchase - Sales from Forecast - Revenues
Includes only Working Funds in Budget and Expenses figures.

St. Matthias Evangelical Lutheran Church Monthly Financial Statement for January, 2022

RECEIPTS

<i>OPERATING Receipts</i>	
Current Offering	10,055.00
Other	78.00
<i>Total OPERATING Receipts</i>	10,133.00
<i>NON-OPERATING Receipts</i>	
Altar Flowers	30.00
Community Garden	20.00
Food to Go for Kids	285.00
Harvest Table	10.00
Synod World Hunger	20.00
Teddy Bear Ministry	5.00
<i>Total NON-OPERATING Receipts</i>	370.00
Total RECEIPTS	10,503.00

EXPENDITURES

<i>OPERATING Expenditures</i>	
Administration	348.01
Benevolence	1,190.00
Church FICA - Medicare	112.89
Church Property	909.50
Church Utilities	707.20
Lay People	1,452.34
Pastoral Ministry	8,756.37
<i>Total OPERATING Expenditures</i>	13,476.31
<i>NON-OPERATING Expenditures</i>	
Altar Flowers	48.00
Synod World Hunger	49.00
<i>Total NON-OPERATING Expenditures</i>	97.00
Total EXPENDITURES	13,573.31

CHECKING

<i>Beginning Balance</i>	16,984.73
Receipts	10,503.00
Expenditures	13,573.31
<i>Ending Balance</i>	13,914.42

ASSETS / LIABILITIES

<i>CHECKING</i>	
Altar Flowers	622.94
Children's Support	1,002.86
Church Maintenance and Repair	1,330.00
Community Garden	1,482.02
Food Bank	150.00
Food to Go for Kids	550.26
General Checking - Assets	7,502.31
Harvest Table	79.25
Synod World Hunger	20.00
Teddy Bear Ministry	654.78
Welcome Home Homeless Shelter	20.00
Youth Alcohol Program	500.00
<i>Total CHECKING</i>	13,914.42
<i>INVESTMENTS</i>	
Investments - DFS Investments	88,938.34
Memorial Gifts - DFS Investments	22,005.06
Working Funds - DFS Investments	5,142.45
<i>Total INVESTMENTS</i>	116,085.85
Total ASSETS / LIABILITIES	130,000.27

OPERATING FINANCIAL SUMMARY FOR January

		This Month	Year-to-Date	Remaining to Year End	Planned Total Annual	Projected Total Year End								
Attendance	Forecast	11,767.00	11,767.00	135,957.00	147,724.00									
	Budget	<u>13,627.86</u>	<u>13,627.86</u>	<u>155,287.14</u>	<u>168,915.00</u>									
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1/9/2022	21													
1/16/2022	37													
1/23/2022	39													
1/30/2022	43													
	Receipts	10,133.00	10,133.00			146,090.00								
	Expenses	<u>13,476.31</u>	<u>13,476.31</u>			<u>168,763.45</u>								
	Actual Variance	-3,343.31	-3,343.31			-22,673.45								
	Variance from Planned	-1,482.45	-1,482.45											
	Improvement Due to Higher Receipts	-1,634.00	-1,634.00											
	Improvement Due to Lower Expenses	151.55	151.55											

Excludes Committed Funds, Deficit, and Investment Purchase - Sales from Forecast - Revenues
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2022 Mowing Schedule

The following is the mowing schedule for the 2022 season. On the dates that your assigned, we ask that you try to mow toward the end of the week, if possible, so that the yard is mowed for the weekend. Feel free to switch with someone if you have a scheduling conflict. If you have any questions or problems, please contact the church office at 724-834-2457 or any member of the Property Committee. If you need fuel, fill the red 5 gallon container, and give the receipt to Eldora Crist for reimbursement. If you cannot mow on you week due to weather conditions, please make arrangements to help the next scheduled person the following week. Thank you for serving God in this important ministry.

The Property Committee

Dates listed are Monday through Saturday

Week of:

April 4 - April 9- Fred Oestreicher
April 11 - April 16 - Ray Wasilowski
April 18 - April 23 - Andrew Harrold
April 25 - April 30 - Jeff Sano
May 2 - May 7 - Keith Bowman
May 9 - May 14 - Eliot Moore
May 16- May 21 - Jim Frye
May 23 - May 28- Bob Wolff
May 30 - June 4 - Norb Georges
June 6 - June 11- Brian Hixson
June 13 - June 18 - Dave Santavy
June 20- June 25 - Ray Waslowski
June 27 - July 2 - Andrew Harold
July 4 - July 9 -Jeff Sano
July 11- July 16- Fred Oestreicher
July 18 - July 23 - Eliot Moore
July 25 - July 30 - Jim Frye
Aug.1 - Aug 6 - Bob Wolff
Aug 8 - Aug. 13 - Norb Georges
Aug 15- Aug 20 - Brian Hixson
Aug 22 - Aug. 27 - Dave Santavy
Aug 29 - Sept 3 - Ray Wasilowski

Sept 5- Sept 10- Andrew Harrold
Sept 12- Sept. 17 - Jeff Sano
Sept 19- Sept 24 - Keith Bowman
Sept 26 - Oct. 1 - Elliot Moore
Oct. 3 - Oct. 8 - Jim Frye
Oct. 10- Oct. 15 - Bob Wolff
Oct 17 - Oct. 22 - Norb Georges
Oct. 24 - Oct. 29 - Brian Hixson

Barb Winslow will help mow the weeks of: May 2 and Sept 19.

Prayer List



Lorrie Lowe— Friend of Dana Gruesu
 Vicki Georges— Member
 Sophia Martin —cousin of Jessie Winslow
 Amanda —Friend of Pastor
 Bobbie— neighbor of Arlene Wohlin
 Joe Welling — friend of Alycefaye Stewart
 Steve Neubauer—son of a friend of Darla Dalena
 Lorainne Ferrier—Nancy Ferrier’s relative
 Linda Mitrick– friend of Constance Gazze
 Linda Thompson— Darla Dalena’s Friend
 Jim Bushey —Keith Bowman’s Friend
 Shannon —Constance Gazze’s Friend
 Ross Sano —Jeff Sano’s Brother
 Carol and Jack Walker— Lou Jean Bishop’s Friends
 Becky & Justin — Joe and AlyceFaye Stewart
 Jean Kauffman —Member
 Sharon Marks —Member
 Lillian Reno — Member
 Lorraine Howell– Member
 Rita Miller— Doris McDonnell’s Sister in Law
 Dave Santavy & Family— Member
 Pastor Fred Heitzenroder– Member
 Don Ohr — Member
 Virginia Turner —Member
 Bob Marks — Member
 Barry Santavy — Member
 Ted Wohlin —Arlene Wohlin’s Husband
 To contact the prayer chain, please call:
 Joan Wilson at (724) 836-3055

Andrea Petril	March 4
Benton Blankenship	March 5
Jennifer Lightner	March 5
Lynn Ann Kemerer	March 5
Kyle Hart	March 11
Susan Rothrauff	March 12
John Weimer	March 15
Bobbie Oestreicher	March 18
Justin Ferrier	March 20
Alex Cook	March 23
Leo McEliece	March 25
Ronald Kauffman	March 26
Travis Dominick	March 30
Arlene Wohlin	March 31
Todd & Teresa Frye	March 6
Jeffrey & Jennifer Sano	March 23



PRAYING is the first of our Faith Practices Medallions...and is lifted up in this way so that all may remember these folks who are in some way related to St. Matthias Lutheran Church. We appreciate this opportunity to inform you of an active ministry going on throughout our congregation on a daily basis. Remember these brothers and sisters in Christ in your prayers.

Alex Santavy	April 4
Pastor Gruesu	April 7
Cooper Frye	April 7
Alyse Lightner	April 11
Teri Frye	April 11
Sally Brier	April 12
Rachel Harmatz	April 13
John Wohlin	April 15
Theresa Santavy	April 18
Geraldine Lohmeyer	April 20
Susan Spillar	April 20
Lisa Pegg	April 21
April Blankenship	April 22
Michael Schmitt	April 26
Anastasia Moore	April 29

Faith Works Envelopes

Faith Works envelopes are on the back pew in the sanctuary. Please use these envelopes to support any of the following ministries:



- Bethesda Children’s Home
- Camp Agape
- Camp Lutherlyn
- Gettysburg Seminary
- Glade Run Lutheran Services
- Lutheran Campus Ministry in Oakland
- Lutheran Senior Life
- Lutheran Service Society
- Synod Mission Support
- Thiel College

Alex & Maryann Himler	April 7
Don & Jean Kauffman	April 10
Robert & Nancy Ferrier	April 21
Leo & Dana McEliece	April 20

Flower Chart

Check off which agency you wish to contribute to and place the envelope with your donation in the offering plate. Please remember to indicate your envelope number.

The 2022 Flower Chart is now posted in the narthex. The price for flowers is \$48 for two vases. Bulletin dedication is the same price, \$7.50 per Sunday.

Cleaning Committee

In an effort to conserve our financial resources, our congregation has started cleaning the church with the help of our own members. We certainly would appreciate more volunteers. It actually isn't very hard work. We have a list of what needs done every other week and all the supplies to do the cleaning are in the janitor's room. Anyone willing to help out, please contact Pastor Paul or the church office! Thank you!



Cleaning Dates:

March 14 - Andrew and Shawn Harrold
28 - Teri and Jim Frye

April - 11. - Jen and Jeff Sano
25 - Fred and Bobbi Oestreicher

May 9 - Mary Lou and Bob Wolff
23 - Gayle and Bob Kunko

June - 6 - Bernice and Dana Guesu
20 - Fred and Bobbi Oestreicher



March 12	8:30 am to 2:30pm
March 19 and 26	8am to 5:30pm
March 17	5:30pm to 8pm
April 5	6pm to 8:30pm
April 16	8:30 am to 3pm
April 23r	8 am to 5:30pm
May 7	8am to 5:30pm
May 12	6pm to 8:30pm
May 21	8:30am to 3pm

Order your Easter Flowers



This year we will have EASTER LILIES, TULIPS, AND MUMS TO adorn the Chancel at Easter. The cost will be \$8 for each 6 " pot and orders must be received by **March 27th, 2022**

Please complete this form and enclose your payment. Return to Church Office. Make checks payable to St. Matthias Lutheran Church.

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Amount Enclosed _____ AT \$8 EACH

Your name _____

Given in Memory of _____

Honor of _____

To The Glory of God _____

Please indicate how many LILIES ____ TULIPS ____ MUMS ____

Will pick up flowers _____ Give to Shut-Ins _____ Plant my flowers at the church _____

I would like to make a Donation To: _____

MARCH 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 9:45am Al-Anon	2  7:00pm Worship	3  WELCA 3:00pm	4	5
6 First Lent 10:15am Worship	7	8 9:45am Al-Anon	9 5:45pm Soup Supper 7pm Holden Evening Prayer 7:30pm Bible Study	10  WELCA 3:00pm	11	12 CPR 8:30am-2:30pm
13 Second Lent 10:15am Worship	14 7:00pm Church Council	15 9:45am Al-Anon	16 5:45pm Soup Supper 7pm Holden Evening Prayer 7:30pm Bible Study	17 10:30am Food 2 Go 4 Kids Delivery CPR 5:30-8pm	18	19 CPR 8:30am-5pm
20 Third Lent 10:15am Worship	21 Stamp Camp	22 9:45am Al-Anon	23 5:45pm Soup Supper 7pm Holden Evening Prayer 7:30pm Bible Study	24	25	26 CPR 8:30am-5pm
27 Fourth Lent 10:15am Worship	28 Stamp Camp	29 9:45am Al-Anon 7:00pm Worship & Music Meeting	30 5:45pm Soup Supper 7pm Holden Evening Prayer	31		

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS FOR March 2022

	March 2 Ash Wednesday	March 6	March 13	March 20	March 27	April 3
Host	Jim Frye	Ray Wasilowski	Bobbie Oestreich	Bob Wolff	Sharon Marks	Fred Oestreich
GREETER	Joe & Bernice Gruesu	Robert & Gayle Kunko	Valetta Bradosky	Lorraine Howell	Norb & Vicki Georges	Don & Ron Kauffman
LECTOR	Lisa Pegg	Debra Adams	Fred Oestreich	Bob Marks	Tina Weimer	Lisa Pegg
COMMUNION ASSISTANT	Ryan Winslow	Bernice Gruesu	Debra Adams	Valetta Bradosky	Fred Oestreich	Ryan Winslow
TELLERS	Bob Wolff Eliot Moore	Eldora Crist Vicki Georges				
ALTAR GUILD						Valetta Bradosky
HOSPITAL VISITOR	Tina Weimer	Valetta Bradosky				

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APRIL 2022



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2
3 Fifth Lent 10:15am Worship	4	5 9:45am Al-Anon CPR 6-8:30PM	6 5:45pm Soup Supper 7pm Holden Evening Prayer	7	8	9 1:00pm Community Garden Open House
10 Palm Sunday 10:15am Worship	11 7:00pm Church Council	12 9:45am Al-Anon	13	14 7:00pm Worship 	15 7:00pm Worship 	16 CPR 8:30am-3pm 7:30pm Easter Vigil at Harrold Zion Lutheran Church
17 <i>Happy Easter</i> 10:15am Worship	18 Stamp Camp	19 9:45am Al-Anon	20	21 WELCA 3:00pm 	22	23 CPR 8am-5:30pm
24 Second Easter 10:15am Worship	25 Stamp Camp	26 9:45am Al-Anon	27	28	29	30

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS FOR April 2022

	April 3	April 10 Palm Sunday	April 14 Maundy Thursday	April 15 Good Friday	April 17 Easter	April 24	May 1
Host	Fred Oestreicher	Norb Georges	Jeff Sano	Jim Frye	Ray Wasilowski	Bobbie Oestreicher	Bob Wolff
GREETER	Don & Ron Kauffman	Darla Dalena	Linda & Ray Wasilowski	Andrea Petrill	Fred & Bobbie Oestreicher	Joe & Bernice Gruesu	Robert & Gayle Kunko
LECTOR	Lisa Pegg	Debra Adams	Fred Oestreicher	Bob Marks	Tina Weimer	Lisa Pegg	Debra Adams
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TELLERS	Eldora Crist Vicki Georges	Eldora Crist Vicki Georges	Eldora Crist Vicki Georges	Eldora Crist Vicki Georges	Eldora Crist Vicki Georges	Eldora Crist Vicki Georges	Fred Oestreicher Mary Lou Wolff
ALTAR GUILD	Valetta Bradosky	Valetta Bradosky	Valetta Bradosky	Valetta Bradosky	Valetta Bradosky	Valetta Bradosky	
HOSPITAL VISITOR	Valetta Bradosky	Valetta Bradosky	Valetta Bradosky	Valetta Bradosky	Valetta Bradosky	Valetta Bradosky	Jean Kauffman

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March/April 2022

Visit us on the web at www.stmatthiasgreensburg.org

Services of Holy Communion:
Sunday 10:15 am

SPECIAL SERVICES:

Ash Wednesday, March 2nd, Wednesday 7:00pm

Palm Sunday, April 10, Sunday 10:15am

Maundy Thursday, April 14, Thursday 7:00pm

Good Friday, April 15, Friday 7:00pm

Easter Sunday, April 17, Sunday 10:15am

Paul Guesu, Pastor
Secretary: Amy Repak
Organist/Choir Director: Chuck Vita

