

St. Matthew's Evangelical Lutheran Church

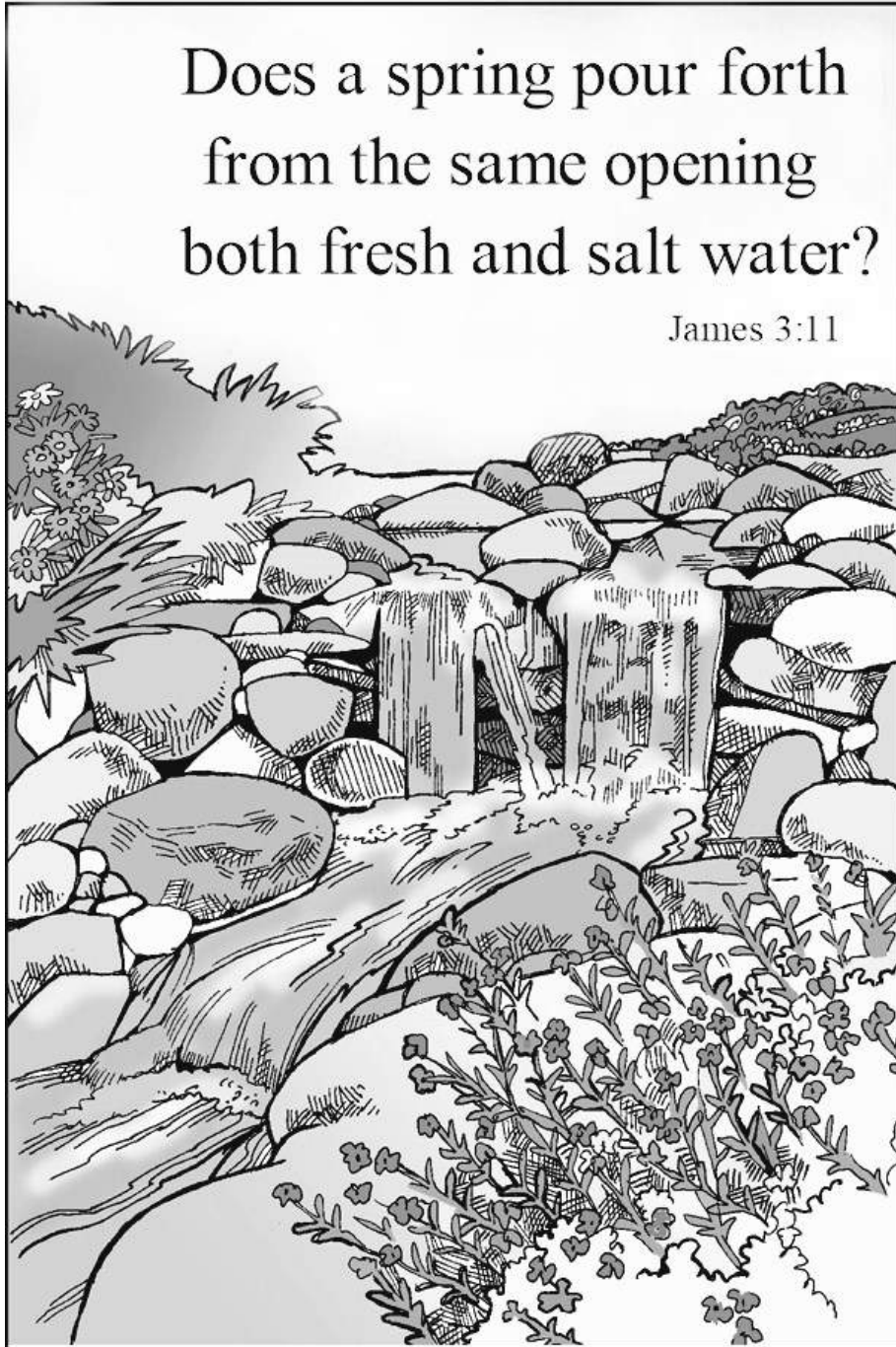
THE SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

September 12, 2021

8:30 AM

Does a spring pour forth
from the same opening
both fresh and salt water?

James 3:11



OUR MISSION

As a Lutheran community of faith, we continue our history of proclaiming Christ crucified through Word and Sacrament in joyful service to God and our neighbor.

WELCOME TO ST. MATTHEW'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

We welcome all who worship with us today. We gather as the Body of Christ to offer ourselves as a living sacrifice of thanksgiving and praise to God. Ushers are available to answer any of your questions. The church is equipped with a hearing impaired system. If you need a listening device, it may be obtained from an usher. In the minutes prior to the beginning of each service, the doors to the nave are closed, and quiet is encouraged. Music is offered which prepares worshippers to receive God's gifts from His Hand – the forgiveness of sins, life, and salvation.

Celebrating Holy Communion: We believe, teach, and confess Christ is truly present in the bread and wine. All baptized Christians, who share this belief, are invited to receive Jesus as He comes in the Holy Communion to forgive the sins of the penitent. Children and others who are not yet receiving the sacrament, or who choose not to commune with us, are invited to come forward for a blessing, crossing their arms over their chest.

During this Covid-19 season, specific instructions for communion will be given by the Pastor. Please receive the host in your flattened palm. If you cannot receive alcohol, please inform the Pastor before the host is dipped in the chalice. If you need gluten free host, please ask before the host is dipped in the chalice.

The altar flowers are dedicated to the Glory of God, and given by Beth Hales in honor of her husband, Craig Hales, for his birthday, and by Terry and Sue Miller to the many members of St. Matthew's who give thoughtful, caring service to the benefit of the St. Matthew's community.

Sunday School is sponsored by Ron and Joan Fracalossi in honor of Ron's birthday and their anniversary.

WELCOME IN THE NAME OF JESUS! On this 16th Sunday after Pentecost, St. James teaches us that only the Word of God can rightly tame our tongue. Left to our own self-management, we will neither speak rightly of God or of our neighbor. False teaching is deadly to the one who proclaims it. Speaking evil of the neighbor is deadly both to the neighbor's reputation and to the one who speaks it. Daily prayer in response to God's Word, weekly worship in which God's Word is heard and received at the altar, and regular Bible study are three key ways the Holy Spirit tames the tongue of those who have been buried and raised with the Lord Jesus Christ in the Sacrament of Holy Baptism. Let us, then, attend to the Word of God that we may not be known for the lack of congruence between who and Whose we are, on the one hand, or how we present ourselves to the world on the other.

I will strive to **Pray daily**

Worship weekly

Read the Bible

Serve at and beyond St. Matthew's

Be in Relationship to encourage spiritual growth in others

Give of my time, talents and resources



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(* Please stand as you are able.)

Silence for Meditation

PRELUDE

WELCOME

* HYMN

My Country, 'Tis of Thee

LBW 566

* THE CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Pastor: In the name of the Father, and of the Son +, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Pastor: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.
(We are silent for a time of self-examination.)

Pastor: Holy and gracious God,

Congregation: I confess that I have sinned against you. Some of my sin I know -- the thoughts and words and deeds of which I am ashamed -- but some is known only to you. In the name of Jesus Christ I ask forgiveness. Deliver and restore me, that I may be at peace.

Pastor: Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the +Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

* OPENING HYMN

I Will Call Upon the Lord

Optional descant

The musical score is written in a two-staff system (treble and bass clefs). It begins with an 'Optional descant' section. The lyrics are: 'I will call up-on the Lord who is wor-thy to be praised. So shall I be saved from my en - e - mies. I will call up - on the Lord. The Lord liv-eth, and bless-ed be the Rock, and let the God of my sal - va - tion be ex - alt - ed. The Lord liv - eth, and bless - ed be the Rock, and let the God of my sal - va - tion be ex - alt - ed.'

Text: Michael O'Shields
Music: O'SHIELDS, Michael O'Shields

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*** THE GREETING**

Pastor: The Grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

Congregation: And also with you.

*** THE PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Pastor: O Lord, help your people to avoid the infection of the evil one and with pure hearts to follow you our only Lord. Through Jesus Christ, your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Congregation: Amen.

FIRST LESSON: Isaiah 50:4-9a

⁴The Lord God has given me the tongue of those who are taught, that I may know how to sustain with a word him who is weary. Morning by morning he awakens; he awakens my ear to hear as those who are taught. ⁵The Lord God has opened my ear, and I was not rebellious; I turned not backward. ⁶I gave my back to those who strike, and my cheeks to those who pull out the beard; I hid not my face from disgrace and spitting. ⁷But the Lord God helps me; therefore I have not been disgraced; therefore I have set my face like a flint, and I know that I shall not be put to shame. ⁸He who vindicates me is near. Who will contend with me? Let us stand up together. Who is my adversary? Let him come near to me. ⁹Behold, the Lord God helps me; who will declare me guilty?

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 116:1-9

I love the Lord, because he has heard
my voice and my pleas for mercy.

**Because he inclined his ear to me,
therefore I will call on him as long as I live.**

The snares of death encompassed me;
the pangs of Sheol laid hold on me; I suffered distress and anguish.

Then I called on the name of the Lord:

“O Lord, I pray, deliver my soul!”

Gracious is the Lord, and righteous;
our God is merciful.

**The Lord preserves the simple;
when I was brought low, he saved me.**

Return, O my soul, to your rest;
for the Lord has dealt bountifully with you.

**For you have delivered my soul from death,
my eyes from tears, my feet from stumbling;**

I will walk before the Lord
in the land of the living.

**Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

SECOND LESSON: James 3:1-12

Not many of you should become teachers, my brothers, for you know that we who teach will be judged with greater strictness. ²For we all stumble in many ways. And if anyone does not stumble in what he says, he is a perfect man, able also to bridle his whole body. ³If we put bits into the mouths of horses so that they obey us, we guide their whole bodies as well. ⁴Look at the ships also: though they are so large and are driven by strong winds, they are guided by a very small rudder wherever the will of the pilot directs. ⁵So also the tongue is a small member, yet it boasts of great things. How great a forest is set ablaze by such a small fire! ⁶And the tongue is a fire, a world of unrighteousness. The tongue is set among our members, staining the whole body, setting on fire the entire course of life, and set on fire by hell. ⁷For every kind of beast and bird, of reptile and sea creature, can be tamed and has been tamed by mankind, ⁸but no human being can tame the tongue. It is a restless evil, full of deadly poison. ⁹With it we bless our Lord and Father, and with it we curse people who are made in the likeness of God. ¹⁰From the same mouth come blessing and cursing. My brothers, these things ought not to be so. ¹¹Does a spring pour forth from the same opening both fresh and salt water? ¹²Can a fig tree, my brothers, bear olives, or a grapevine produce figs? Neither can a salt pond yield fresh water.

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

THE VERSE

Hal-le, hal - le, hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le, hal - le, hal -
- le - lu - jah. Hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le, hal - le, hal - le -
lu - jah. Hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le - lu - jah.

Music: Caribbean traditional; arr. Mark Sedio, b. 1954
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* THE GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Pastor: The HOLY GOSPEL according to St. Mark, the eighth chapter.

Congregation: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

HOLY GOSPEL: Mark 8:27-38

²⁷ And Jesus went on with his disciples to the villages of Caesarea Philippi. And on the way he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that I am?" ²⁸ And they told him, "John the Baptist; and others say, Elijah; and others, one of the prophets." ²⁹ And he asked them, "But who do you say that I am?" Peter answered him, "You are the Christ." ³⁰ And he strictly charged them to tell no one about him. ³¹ And he began to teach them that the Son of Man must suffer many things and be rejected by the elders and the chief priests and the scribes and be killed, and after three days rise again. ³² And he said this plainly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. ³³ But turning and seeing his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, "Get behind me, Satan! For you are not setting your mind on the things of God, but on the things of man." ³⁴ And calling the crowd to him with his disciples, he said to them, "If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me. ³⁵ For whoever would save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake and the gospel's will save it. ³⁶ For what does it profit a man to gain the whole world and forfeit his soul? ³⁷ For what can a man give in return for his soul? ³⁸ For whoever is ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of him will the Son of Man also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels."

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

THE SERMON

The Word of God: Tames

Pr. Zumwalt

*** THE HYMN OF THE DAY**

O God, My Faithful God



1 O God, my faith - ful God, true foun-tain ev - er flow - ing,
2 Give me the strength to do with read - y heart and will - ing—
3 Keep me from say - ing words that lat - er need re - call - ing;
4 When dan-gers gath - er round, oh, keep me calm and fear - less;



with - out whom noth - ing is, all per - fect gifts be - stow - ing;
what - ev - er you com - mand, my call - ing here ful - fill - ing—
guard me, lest i - dle speech may from my lips be fall - ing;
help me to bear the cross when life seems dark and cheer - less;



give me a health - y frame, and may I have with - in
to do it when I ought, with all my might—and bless
but when, with - in my place, I must and ought to speak,
help me, as you have taught, to love both great and small,



a con - science free from blame, a soul un - stained by sin.
what - ev - er I have wrought, for you must give suc - cess.
then to my words give grace, lest I of - fend the weak.
and, by your Spir - it's might, to live at peace with all.

Text: Johann Heermann, 1585–1647; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827–1878, alt.
Music: WAS FRAG ICH NACH DER WELT, Ahasuerus Fritsch, 1629–1701

*** THE APOSTLES' CREED**

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

*** PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH**

Assisting Minister: Lord, in your mercy.

Congregation: Hear our prayers.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

*** SHARING THE PEACE**

Pastor: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

Congregation: And also with you.

THE OFFERING

You Have Come Down to the Lakeshore
Joyful Noise

*** THE OFFERTORY RESPONSE**

Give thanks with a grate-ful heart, give thanks to the Ho-ly One,
 give thanks be-cause he's giv-en Je-sus Christ, his Son.
 Give thanks with a grate-ful heart, give thanks to the Ho-ly One,
 give thanks be-cause he's giv-en Je-sus Christ, his Son.
 And now let the weak say, "I am strong," let the poor say, "I am
 rich," be-cause of what the Lord has done for us. And
 now let the weak say, "I am strong," let the poor say, "I am
 rich," be-cause of what the Lord has done for us. Give thanks!

Text: Henry Smith
 Music: GIVE THANKS, Henry Smith

*** OFFERTORY PRAYER**

Assisting Minister: Eternal Father,
 Congregation: **your Son brought nothing into this world giving us an opportunity to serve you. Show us the needs he still has among us that we may prove our love and our hope in you. Through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

*** COMMUNION**

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give him thanks and praise.

Pastor: It is indeed right...thanks and praise.

People: Amen.

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might:
heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.
Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Ho - san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

Music: LAND OF REST, American folk tune
Text: "Sanctus," tr. English Language Liturgical Consultation

*** THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER**

Pastor: You are indeed holy...now and forever.

Congregation: Amen.

*** THE LORD'S PRAYER**

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

THE DISTRIBUTION SONG

What a Friend We Have in Jesus

1 What a friend we have in Je - sus, all our sins and griefs to bear!
2 Have we tri - als and temp - ta - tions? Is there trou - ble an - y - where?
3 Are we weak and heav - y - lad - en, cum - bered with a load of care?
What a priv - i - lege to car - ry ev - 'ry - thing to God in prayer!
We should nev - er be dis - cour - aged—take it to the Lord in prayer.
Pre - cious Sav - ior, still our ref - uge—take it to the Lord in prayer.
Oh, what peace we of - ten for - feit; oh, what need - less pain we bear—
Can we find a friend so faith - ful who will all our sor - row share?
Do your friends de - spise, for - sake you? Take it to the Lord in prayer.
all be - cause we do not car - ry ev - 'ry - thing to God in prayer!
Je - sus knows our ev - 'ry weak - ness—take it to the Lord in prayer.
In his arms he'll take and shield you; you will find a so - lace there.

Text: Joseph Scriven, 1820–1886
Music: CONVERSE, Charles C. Converse, 1832–1918

*** THE POST-COMMUNION PRAYER**

Assisting Minister: Lord, we have eaten the food you gave as a sign of forgiveness and life. Use it to strengthen our resolve to forgive each other. We bless you now and evermore.

Congregation: Amen.

Congregation: I will strive to pray daily, worship weekly, read the Bible, serve at and beyond St. Matthew's, be in relationship to encourage spiritual growth in others, and give of my time, talents, and resources.

*** THE BENEDICTION**

*** CLOSING HYMN**

My Jesus, I Love Thee

At this time anyone desiring prayer for healing is invited to approach the altar rail.

1 My Je - sus, I love thee, I know thou art mine; for thee all the
2 I love thee be - cause thou hast first lov - ed me and pur - chased my
3 I'll love thee in life, I will love thee in death, and praise thee as
4 In man - sions of glo - ry and end - less de - light, I'll ev - er a -
fol - lies of sin I re - sign; my gra - cious Re - deem - er, my
par - don on Cal - va - ry's tree; I love thee for wear - ing the
long as thou lend - est me breath, and say when the death - dew lies
dore thee in heav - en so bright; I'll sing with the glit - ter - ing
Sav - ior art thou; if ev - er I loved thee, my Je - sus, 'tis now.
thorns on thy brow; if ev - er I loved thee, my Je - sus, 'tis now.
cold on my brow: If ev - er I loved thee, my Je - sus, 'tis now.
crown on my brow: If ev - er I loved thee, my Je - sus, 'tis now.

Text: William R. Featherstone, c. 1862
Tune: Adniram J. Gordon, 1876

*** THE DISMISSAL**

POSTLUDE

LESSONS for NEXT WEEK:

Ezekiel 2:8-3:11; Psalm 119:33-40; Ephesians 2:4-10; Matthew 9:9-13

The Word of God: Tames

Praying

“O God, because without you we are not able to please you, mercifully grant that your Holy Spirit may in all things direct and rule our hearts; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.” (*The Daily Prayer of the Church*, 620-621).

Listening

James 3:1 “... for you know that we who teach will be judged with greater strictness.”

St. John Chrysostom [Late 4th – early 5th century Patriarch of Constantinople, Turkey]: “Teaching without setting an example is not only worthless but also brings great punishment and judgment on the one who leads his life with such heedlessness” (*Ancient Christian Commentary on Scripture: James*, 36).

James 3:5 “So also the tongue is a small member, yet it boasts of great things...”

St. Jerome [4th century translator of the Latin Vulgate Bible]: “The sword kills the body, but the tongue kills the soul... What more monstrous sin is there than blasphemy against God? The devil did not fall because he committed theft, murder or adultery; he fell because of his tongue” (39).

James 3:5 “... How great a forest is set ablaze by such a small fire!”

St. Bede the Venerable [Late 7th – early 8th century British ecclesiastical historian]: “This fire is the exact opposite of the saving fire which is also like a tongue and which consumes all the dross and chaff of our vices, revealing the secrets of the heart” (39).

James 3:8 “but no human being can tame the tongue...”

St. John Chrysostom: “The tongue is a piercing sword. But let us not wound others with it; rather let us cut off our own gangrene” (40).

James 3:8 “...It is a restless evil, full of deadly poison.”

St. Bede the Venerable: “It is clear from this that a heart which is not right with God cannot bring forth the words or the works of righteousness. On the contrary, if the heart is wicked, everything it says and does will be wicked also” (41).

James 3:11 “Does a spring pour forth from the same opening both fresh and salt water?”

St. Hilary [Early 5th century Bishop of Arles, France]: “The spring is the heart of man, the flowing stream of water is his speech, and the opening through which it pours is his mouth. The sweet water is sound doctrine, while the bitter water is just the opposite” (41).

Reflecting

1. Do I understand that my tongue can easily become destructive under the evil one’s influence?

Learning

The Ten Commandments

AS THE HEAD OF THE HOUSEHOLD SHOULD TEACH THEM IN A SIMPLE WAY TO HIS HOUSEHOLD.

The Second Commandment

You shall not misuse the name of the Lord your God.

What does this mean?

“We should fear and love God so that we do not curse, swear, use satanic arts, lie, or deceive by His name, but call upon it in every trouble, pray, praise, and give thanks” (*Luther’s Small Catechism*).

Doing

1. Pray for every unbaptized child you know and for the child’s parents, too.
2. Pray for your unchurched loved ones and friends. Invite one or more of them to worship.
3. Commit yourself to the study of God’s Word at St. Matthew’s. Adult classes with Becky Howard (Dietrich Bonhoeffer’s Life Together) and Pr. Sam (1st Corinthians) begin at 9:45 a.m. Crossways Bible Study continues with Unit 53 on Wednesday at 6 p.m. and on Thursday at 10 a.m. in McCombs Fellowship Hall.
4. Practice every day saying the second commandment and its explanation. Rehearse it with others in your household or with a Christian friend over the phone. Break down what God wants.
5. Set aside time daily, preferably first thing, but when you are able to focus, to hear the Word of God, to reflect upon that Word, and to ask the Holy Spirit to grant you grace to be shaped by and conformed to that Word. See daily Bible readings at www.stmatthewsch.org. Daily lectionary readings are on p.184 in the front of the Lutheran Book of Worship (Year One, Week of 16 Pentecost).

For Husbands and Wives

Repeat daily: “I (name) take you (name) to be my wedded wife (husband), to have and to hold from this day forward; for better, for worse; for richer, for poorer; in sickness and in health; to love and to cherish until death do us part, according to God’s holy ordinance, and thereto I pledge you my faith.”

REMEMBER IN PRAYER

The family of Tom Diorio (brother of Grace Oberle), David Hunsberger, Tonya Reeves, John Darr, Lynne Bryson, Joel Peterson, Sally Przybranowski, Gunder Peterson, Vinny Sidorski, Cannon Helms, Greg Adams, Ronnie Dunlop, Peggy Davis, Maggie Hoyer, Brigitte Walters, John Tullous, Jr., Gabriela Walters

MEMBERS

Nancy Fauser	Mike Thompson	Charlotte Thompson
Denis Hall	Janet Hall	Ruth Smith
Regina Ryder	Helen Knoll	Joanne Johnson
Keith Farmer	Arthur Moore	Margaret French
Donna Siegmund	Laura Gray	Maureen Richey
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Kenn Slocum	Vivian Alexander	David Medlin
Ken Manning	Lani Beuerman	Barbara Moore
Harry Comeskey	Pr. Marv Schedler	Leslie Long
Pat Mahl	Walt Brehm	Howard Beuerman
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Liz Newbery	Fran Perry	Dan and Celey Cumbo
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Charles Smith	Barbara Teigland-Duff	Lucy Hieronymus
Terry Miller	Laura Matthes	Harrison Rutland
Dwight Crim	Micki Matthes	Patty Macino
Al Birnstein	John Raia	Al Scheidt
Arthur Pease	Jane Dove	Lois Kuppler
Judy Daniels	Ed Ludacer	Carrie McDonough
Bill Baldwin	Butch Ruefle	

FRIENDS/FAMILY OF MEMBERS

Amie Knauer	Jean Langrall	Lauren Miller
Albert Rossetti	Stan Brunt, Sr.	Gretchen Donaldson
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Journey Heyer	David Searle	Rhonda Melton
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Richard Truax	Sandra Marshburn	Ronnie Carter
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Crosby James Asher	Megan McKinney	Pat Lienhart
Tracy Boandl	Settie Jones	D. Perry
Jane Dumire	August Hopper	Harriet Benson
Lynn Howell	Kattie Duff	
Bishop Mayfield	Noah Renfro	

REMEMBER OUR HOMEBOUND MEMBERS:

Elsie Cates	Margaret French	Jim Harshbarger
Frank Fauser	Ruthann Getsinger	Jane McDougald

<u>Operating Fund: August 2021</u>		
	Month	YTD
Revenues:	36,638.02	294,014.35
Expenses:	<u>36,197.27</u>	<u>302,067.36</u>
Income/ (Loss)	440.75	(8,053.01)

<u>Offerings Received through September 5</u>	
Projected August receipts:	44,283.45
Received to date:	<u>11,766.65</u>
Expected additional receipts:	32,516.80

<u>Expenses</u>	
Budgeted expenses for Aug:	38,392.40
Bills paid to date:	<u>24.01</u>
Bills yet to be paid:	38,368.39

Weekly Worship Schedule

Saturday - Eucharist, 6 p.m. Sunday - Traditional Eucharist. 8:30 and 11 a.m. Sunday School - 9:45 a.m.
2nd and 4th Sundays - Contemporary Eucharist, 8:30 a.m. Monday - Evening Prayer and Bible Study, 6 p.m.
Wednesday - Eucharist and Healing Prayer, 12:00 p.m.

A nursery is provided for all Sunday Services and during the Sunday School hour.

First Time Visitors - Please stop by our *Welcome Center* to sign our guest book and get information about St. Matthew's.

Baby changing tables are available in the two restrooms across from the church offices and in the nursery.

This Week at St. Matthew's

Sunday, September 12 16th Sunday after Pentecost

8:30 Contemporary Eucharist
9:45 Sunday School
11:00 Traditional Eucharist
12:30 Grief Support Group - Library

Monday, September 13

9:00 Counting Team - Finance Office
12:00 Conversations
6:00 Evening Prayers
7:00 Midtown AA - McCombs
7:00 Harbour Towne Band rehearsal - Choir Room

Tuesday, September 14

10:00 Staff Meeting - Rm. 117
10:00 Prayer Group - Library
10:00 Faith Circle - McCombs
1:00 Peace Circle - Library
6:00 Girl Scouts #354 - Rm. 117

Wednesday, September 15

Newsletter Deadline
8:30 Men's Breakfast Bible Study - McCombs
12:00 Healing Eucharist
6:00 Crossways - McCombs
6:00 MS Youth
6:00 Handbells - Nave
7:00 Confirmation Class
7:00 Adult Choir

Thursday, September 16

10:00 Quilt Ministry - Rm. 117
10:00 Crossways - Library
7:00 Boy Scouts - McSwain
7:00 Midtown AA - McCombs

Friday, September 17

Saturday, September 18

9:00 Young Adults - McCombs
6:00 Eucharist; CKM Gift Presale before & after svc.

Sunday, September 19 The Feast of St. Matthew

CKM Gift Presale before & after both services.
8:30 Traditional Eucharist
9:45 Sunday School
11:00 Traditional Eucharist
12:30 Congregational Luncheon - McSwain

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Join us to celebrate St. Matthew's Anniversary on Sunday, September 19th with a church luncheon at 12:30. Please sign up at: <https://bit.ly/stmattslunch2021>. If you don't have email and would like to attend, please call Donna Capozio in the Church office at 791-4582.

Christkindlmarkt will be having a German Gifts presale in the Commons next weekend before and after all 3 services. Be sure to check out the many items being offered.

Regarding New Member Classes: Our next New Disciples Class for adults new to the Lutheran church is on Saturday, November 6, from 9 a.m. to noon. Those, who have never been baptized with water in the name of the Triune God, will also be prepared for Holy Baptism. The New Member Orientation for confirmed Lutheran transfers and those who previously attended the New Disciples Class will be on Saturday, December 4, from 9 - 11:30 a.m. We will next receive new members on the weekend of December 4-5, 2021. To express your interest in joining St. Matthew's, please email Donna Capozio, Administrative Assistant, at dcapezio@stmatthewsch.org.

Hospice is restarting having volunteers deliver food for patients' families. We are signed up to bring dinner on Friday, September 24th. Due to COVID there have been a few important changes to the program:

- Food can no longer be prepared or cooked at home, and must be commercially prepared and pre-packed in individual portions. Suggestions would be individual sandwiches, store bought cups of soup, or a meal from Chick-Fil-A, Bojangles, etc. If you are interested in helping, please contact Sue Mowrey at mowreysu@gmail.com or 465-2025.

A lector is still needed for Saturday, September 25. If you are able to sign up, please contact Steve Manor at worldwidepilot@msn.com.

Christkindlmarkt Servant Sign-up sheets are available in the Commons. If you would like to help, fill out a sheet and let us know. This will help us match folks to the right assignment. Come and join in the fun!

The new Altar Flower chart is in the Commons. Remember to fill out the yellow information sheet when signing up. Invoices are sent out at the beginning of each month from the church office. For questions contact Donna Capozio at dcapezio@stmatthewsch.org.

If you would like to receive Pr. Sam's weekly email, please let him know by emailing him at szumwalt@bellsouth.net.



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