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# The Encounter

Monthly Newsletter of St. Matthew's Lutheran Church



"Proclaiming Christ Crucified"

Established 1892

A Stephen Ministry Congregation

## 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.



### College

**Jane Shaver**, daughter of Todd and Melissa Shaver, graduated magna cum laude from UNC-Charlotte with a Bachelor of Fine Arts with a concentration in Illustration and a minor in Art History. Currently, she will be an Au pair in the US Virgin Islands for a year or two, and then explore other career options.

### High School

**Thomas Mowrey**, son of Paul and Sue Mowrey, graduated from Topsail High School. He intends to attend Cape Fear Community College before transferring to a four-year institution. He is interested in videography or photography.

**Declan Schwartz**, son of Alex and Chris Schwartz, and grandson of Brigitte Walters, graduated from Wilmington Early College High School, and graduated cum laude from Cape Fear Community College with an Associates Degree. He will be attending Cape Fear Community College in the Nursing Program associated with Novant NHRMC, and will eventually obtain his Masters at East Carolina University.

The Confirmation Banquet is Wednesday, June 1<sup>st</sup> at 6:30pm in McCombs Hall. Our students will be confirmed on Pentecost Sunday, June 5<sup>th</sup> at the 11:00 service, with a reception at 9:45 a.m. in the Commons.



Congratulations to Liz Rappold on being named as New Hanover County Middle School Teacher of the Year, and representing Trask Middle School!



If you are having a Qualified Charitable Distribution sent directly to the church, please advise Joan Wazybok in the Finance Office or fill out a form located next to the Finance Office door. Occasionally the checks do not indicate the donor so we need your name, amount (or approximate amount if you do not know), the name of the financial institution sending the money AND into which account you wish to have the funds placed. This will greatly help the Finance Team make sure your wishes are followed. Thank you for your attention to this matter!

Father's Day Donations are being taken for *Canines for Service* and may be given in memory or honor of your loved ones. The money collected will provide service dogs for veterans. Donation forms are in the Commons, and the deadline for the collection is Sunday, June 12th.



CANINES FOR SERVICE

New Member Orientation is June 11<sup>th</sup> at 9am. This class is for transferring Lutherans or those who attended the New Disciples class. New members will be received June 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup>. If you're interested in attending, contact Donna Capozio at 791-4582 or [dcapezio@stmatthewsch.org](mailto:dcapezio@stmatthewsch.org).



### Thank you from the Youth Group...

The Youth group is very excited to announce that our trip to the LCMS Youth Gathering in July has been fully funded and we are going to Houston in July! We could not have done this in such a short amount of time without the prayers, support, and enthusiasm of our church family. We especially want to thank the many church members who supported our Yard Sale in such a big way, and those that braved the heat and rain to help us manage the parking for the Greek Festival! We especially want to thank Carol Roller and the members of the CKM Team for their extra support throughout these events! With the success of the Yard Sale, the Youth were able to send 10% of their earnings to Life Line Pregnancy Center here in Wilmington - the organization they choose to support in their gathering preparation. And with the success of the Greek Festival parking the kids agreed to help fund some much needed items for this year's CKM festival. We look forward to continuing to share our gathering preparation with you all in the coming months!



## *Greetings from Pastor Sam*

Dear Sisters and Brothers,

One of the greatest American Lutheran theologians of the 20<sup>th</sup> century, Dr. Arthur Carl Piepkorn, often described himself "... to be first a catholic Christian, secondly a Western catholic Christian, and thirdly a Western catholic Christian in the Church of the Augsburg Confession." Such a self-description meant that he continued in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, the breaking of the bread, and the prayers (Acts 2:42). Piepkorn subscribed to the Scriptures, creeds, and sacraments of the one Body of Christ of every time and place. Liturgically, he practiced the Christian faith using the Western liturgy of the mass as opposed to the Eastern divine liturgy. Confessionally, he subscribed to the interpretation of the Sacred Scriptures contained in the (Lutheran) Book of Concord of 1580 (Bekennnisschriften der evangelisch-lutherische Kirche).

Dr. Piepkorn was extremely precise in this self-description. First, there is the one Body of Christ as opposed to heretical sects. Secondly, there is a particular liturgy that is used where one worships. Third, there is a particular way of confessing the Christian faith in accordance with God's written Word. When we are with the Lord, whether prior to the resurrection of the body or bodily in the new heaven and earth, there will finally be only one Body of Christ. The Lord Himself will recognize finally and eternally whom is in His Body and who is not. So, then, the particular ecumenical efforts and denominational decisions regarding the one Body will not matter one whit to the Lord.

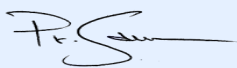
Hearing Piepkorn's clarity of thinking and precision of speech is a helpful way forward in light of the North Carolina Synod Council's decision to deny our request to disaffiliate from the ELCA in order to join the LCMS. Quite apart from denominational label, we remain catholic Christians, Western catholic Christians, and Western catholic Christians in the Church of the Augsburg Confession. We are part of the one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church of every time and place. We worship, teach, and preach as Western catholic Christians in the Church of the Augsburg Confession (and under the jurisdiction of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America). The least important part of our life together is on which Lutheran denominational roster we may be found. Our ELCA Confession of Faith recognizes this.

Our Lord Jesus Christ speaks often to us about our obsessions with the old undisciplined life of the old Adam or Eve, the old sinner in us. Frankly, He tells us that we can get ensnared by this world's anxiety, which has nothing to do with the Kingdom of God and His eternal life which we share through our Baptism into the Lord's saving death and glorious resurrection. In the Sermon on the Mount in Matthew 6, our Lord tells us to be anxious about nothing. Our fear of death and of the losses that we endure stokes anxiety, even though our Risen Lord Jesus demonstrates that death has no dominion over Him or over those who are His.

Whatever the market is doing, what conflicts exist in the world, nationally, or locally, yes, whatever our old enemy uses to oppress us with thoughts of "what if," our Lord Jesus says: "Peace. Be still. Have no anxiety." He has already conquered sin, death, and the devil. They can never again have the last Word.

As the baptized people of God, we are on the road with the Lord Jesus, walking with Him as the New Testament followers did for three years. Let that image of being disciplined by Him sink in. Does the label of denominational affiliation change that? No. Do our concerns over getting enough, personally or even as a congregation, change that? No. Do any of this world's identities and labels change that? No, dear ones. We follow our Lord daily. We stop with Him frequently to be given specific teaching and to receive again our Lord Jesus' true Body and most precious Blood, so that we will remain on the road with Him and remember to which city we are walking. Here, we have no continuing city. Think and pray on these things, dear ones.

I love you,



Pastor Sam Zumwalt+



## Church Council Meeting - May 12, 2022

At the regular Church Council meeting, the following was approved:

- Council held an emergency meeting by conference call on May 3rd to discuss the NC Synod Council's denial of our disaffiliation request. Discussions continued at our regular meeting on May 12th. It was decided to hold a congregational feedback forum between services on May 22nd in preparation for a visit from Bishop Smith and other Synod Council members on June 6th.
- Council approved a request from the Finance Team to add up to \$1000 to the Contingency Fund during May from undesignated offerings received in May.
- Council discussed the formation of a Search Team to begin the process of hiring a non-rostered Director of Youth & Family Ministry.

<u>Operating Fund: April 2022</u>		
	<u>Month</u>	<u>YTD</u>
<b>Revenues:</b>	41,853.53	158,831.75
<b>Expenses:</b>	<u>39,838.32</u>	<u>164,468.38</u>
<b>Income/ (Loss)</b>	2,015.21	(5,636.63)



Dear Pastor Zumwalt,

*I would like to personally thank you for being a sponsor of The Salvation Army Women's Auxiliary Spring Fling. Our event could not have been made possible without your generous use of your facility donation. Because of your partnership we have raised over \$11,000 which will go to support our Capital Campaign. Our new campus will be near the Creekwood community which is a neighborhood in need. Once built we will offer updated shelter facilities, social services, a ball field and a Corps. Community Center. Those who are disadvantaged will be able to have their hope restored through programs that will give them access to a brighter future.*

*On behalf of The Salvation Army and the Women's Auxiliary we are honored that you sponsored our event and look forward to reaching out to you in the future.*

*God bless you,  
Kate Hesse, President, SAWA*



If you were not aware, we have a blue recycling bin that sits outside the side door near the Church office, and you may place in it the same items you would for your home recycling:

### YES

- glass
- plastic containers
- paper and cardboard
- metal and aluminum cans

### NO

- plastic bags
- cardboard with food stains
- food or trash of any kind

Please remember all items must be rinsed out first and cardboard boxes should be broken down. We encourage you to be environmentally responsible and use the recycling bin whenever possible. Thank you!

## *Gifts to Honor and Remember*

**IN MEMORY OF JOANNE JOHNSON**, a gift to Pastor's Discretionary by St. Matthew's Women's Circles.

**IN HONOR OF FRED DOLL, ROBERT SHIVERS, AND ANDY RAPPOLD**, a gift to the Property Fund by the Children's Schoolhouse.



2 Grace Koder  
3 Pat Mahl  
3 Fran Perry  
3 Lynette Farmer  
3 Diann Brunner  
5 Arthur Moore  
6 Jane McDougald  
6 Laurie Tobin  
6 Katie Buel  
8 Art Magnus  
9 June Doll

9 Perry Guy  
9 Harry Puckett  
11 Stan Brunt  
12 Nora Rutland  
13 Denis Hall  
14 Robert Shivers  
16 Robin Willow-Johnson  
16 Scott Mough  
17 Dick Hiler  
18 David Rutland  
19 Linda Banning  
19 Joel Peterson  
20 John Raia  
21 Regina Ryder  
23 Kris Hall  
25 Johanna Hill  
26 Mary Pollard  
29 Art Dingfelder



5 Harry and Carol Comeskey  
5 Bob and Denise Benoit

8 Randy and Nancy Magruder  
9 Al and Sally Birnstein  
13 John and Susan Raia  
17 Ron and Judi Funke  
23 Raewyn and Adam McCombs  
25 Randy and Sheila Mallo  
26 Andy and Liz Rappold  
27 Frank and Marti Felter  
27 Larry and Norma Troutman



Back in 1994, the first group of Stephen Ministers was commissioned. There were 12 in that group. Ever since, many others have gone through the training and have been able to offer support to members of our church family. We are very grateful for the trust of those who have shared their pain, their sadness, their concerns. We have honored that trust, have prayed and kept confidentiality. In the process, many long-lasting relationships have been formed.

On Sunday, July 17<sup>th</sup> at 9:45 a.m., there will be an Information meeting in the Library, where you may ask any questions you may have, Training usually happens from September through January, followed by Commissioning in February.

If you feel a "nudge" from the Holy Spirit, urging you to engage in this ministry, please feel free to contact Pastor Sam, 910-791-4582; Ana María Jackson, 910-599-5622; Jon Lindsay 770-356-5093; Terry Miller 910-619-3742.



***Our Christian sympathy is extended to...***

Steve and Pat Manor, on the death of their friends son, Andrew Kincaid.

Marie Loflin and family, on the death of her sister, Irene McCorquodale.

Pr. Marv and Marcie Schedler, and family, on the death of their sister-in-law, Ruth Schedler.

***MEMBERS:***

Nancy Fauser	Ed Ludacer	Lynette Farmer
Regina Ryder	Maureen Richey	Dave Medlin
Keith Farmer	Leslie Long	Peggy Davis
Donna Siegmund	Al Scheidt	Jane McDougald
Kenn Slocum	Carrie McDonough	Margaret French
Harry Comeskey	Gabriela Walters	Carolyn Hooker
Pat Mahl	Carol Comeskey	Kay Thompson
Liz Newbery	Daniel Sparks	Joel Peterson
George Schwenzer	Erika Braje	Nate Holway
Helen Knoll	Terry Miller	Arthur and Barbara Moore
Lani Beuerman	Marcie Schedler	Patty Macino
Pr. Marv Schedler	John Tullous	Jan Magnus
Judy Benson	Alex Schwartz	Elaine Mattes
Lon Ostby	Janet and Denis Hall	Marti Felter
Laura Matthess	Ruth Rice	Tina Medlin
Micki Matthess	Barbara Duff	Lois Kuppler
Jane and Willard Dove	Howard Beuerman	Ken Manning

***FRIENDS/FAMILY OF MEMBERS:***

Amie Knauer	John Tullous, Jr.	Amy Kelm
Albert Rossetti	Tonya Reeves	Russ Kuhn
Jerry Knoll	Cannon Helms	Peter and Marlene Thomas
Journey Heyer	Lynne Bryson	Daniel Pearson
Richard Truax	Glen Lindner	John Goss
Paul Rady	David Hunsberger	Alex and family
Crosby James Asher	Sally Przybranowski	Rufus Horne
Tracy Boandl	Jo Beth Brinkley	Jim Campbell
Bishop Mayfield	Jackie Horne	Megan McKinney
Jean Langrall	Donna Lawhorn	Alice Copeland
Barbara Colton	Eileen Carzon	Hardin Hosford Croom
August Hopper	Bill and Dot Pearson	Pr. Rob Moore
Kattie Duff	Hudson Dingfelder	Sally Jo Capozio
David Schwartz	Jeff James	Envy Willow Gernant
Ronnie Carter	Laurena Sundberg	
Gunder Peterson	Josiah Heyer	
Vinny Swidorski	Holly, Brett, and Lala Limmer	

***REMEMBER OUR HOMEBOUND MEMBERS:***

Elsie Cates	Ruthann Getsinger	Jane McDougald
Margaret French	Laura Gray	

# St. Matthew's Lutheran Church

## Christkindlmarkt News

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5th Annual Christkindlmarkt  
Saturday, November 19, 2022  
An Indoor & Outdoor German Christmas market



### Money Matters

Momentum is building. So far we have about \$6,000 to invest in our festival. The bake sale brought in over \$440 and we received \$500 for helping out with the youth parking fundraiser.

### Who are our leaders this year ?

- ♥ Our Leadership team is in place. **Perry Guy** is heading up the Infrastructure team which covers the layout of our grounds and all those details that make it work. **Bob Kuppler** is covering Food and Beverage supported by David Medlin. **Joan Fracalossi** is handling finances and the immediate task is to make sure we can cover our up-front expenses. **Marti Felter** leads our Member Booths to ensure we have sufficient merchandise to sell. **Joyce Crouch** is our "Editor in Chief" who will review all our communications to ensure correct and consistent information is being disseminated. **June Doll** is the Lead Coordinator for the balance of our Entertainment & Activities.

### Vendor Splendor

We have the capacity for **over 40 vendors again** this year! We have already heard from at least 10 who want slots. We hope to fill all the slots this year—especially outside. If you know of a vendor who might be a good fit for our market, please contact Beth Hales at [vendors@stmatthewsch.org](mailto:vendors@stmatthewsch.org)

### Sponsorship Opportunities

*Your support means the world to us.*

- ♥ **Individual Sponsorship Forms** are now available in the Narthex. We have added several unique opportunities to show your support. Take a look at the back of the form to find out how you can help.
- ♥ The **Corporate and Business Sponsorship Forms** will be available in June. If you know of a business which may benefit from being a sponsor, pick up a form for them or let us know so we can send them one.

### What's New?

- ♥ **German Christmas Village** around the Christmas tree
- ♥ **St. Nick's Basement** nearer to the band tent to attract some strollers and impulse buyers
- ♥ **Some very sweet Cookie Jars** ...we really love our baked goods

### Help Wanted. Servants Needed Please

Even if you are not going to be around in November, we can use your help. Perhaps you can make a few phone calls. Perhaps you can send a few emails. Maybe you enjoy crafting. A really great idea just popped into your head. We want to hear from you. Please contact one of our leaders and share what you have in mind. We are open to all suggestions.

<i>Sun</i>	<i>Mon</i>	<i>Tue</i>	<i>Wed</i>	<i>Thu</i>	<i>Fri</i>	<i>Sat</i>
			<b>1</b> 8:30 Men's Breakfast Bible Study 12:00 Healing Svc. 6:30 Confirmation Banquet 7:00 Adult Choir	<b>2</b> 10:00 Quilt Ministry 7:00 Boy Scouts 7:00 Midtown AA	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b> 11:00 Fellowship Team 6:00 Eucharist
			<b>5 Pentecost</b> 8:30 Eucharist (C) 9:45 Confirmation and Graduation Reception 11:00 Eucharist; Confirmation	<b>6</b> 9:00 Counting Team 12:00 Conversations 6:00 Evening Prayer 7:00 Council mtg. w/ Bishop Smith	<b>7</b> 10:00 Staff Meeting 10:00 Prayer Group	<b>8</b> 8:30 Men's Breakfast Bible Study 11:00 Finance Team 12:00 Healing Svc. 7:00 Adult Choir
<b>12 Holy Trinity</b> New Members rec'd 8:30 Eucharist 11:00 Eucharist 12:30 Grief Support	<b>13</b> 9:00 Counting Team 12:00 Conversations 6:00 Evening Prayer 7:00 Midtown AA 7:00 Harbour Towne Band rehearsal	<b>14</b> 10:00 Staff Meeting 10:00 Prayer Group	<b>15</b> 8:30 Men's Breakfast Bible Study 12:00 Healing Svc.	<b>16</b> 10:00 Quilt Ministry 7:00 Midtown AA	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b> 6:00 Eucharist
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### ***Upcoming Worship and Events***

***July 2-3*** -- Fourth Sunday after Pentecost, Eucharists 6:00 pm; 8:30 am, and 11:00 am

***July 4*** -- Church Office closed; Evening Prayer, 6:00 pm

***July 6*** -- Midweek Eucharist and Healing Prayer, 12:00 pm

***July 9-10*** -- Fifth Sunday after Pentecost, Eucharists 6:00 pm; 8:30 am (Contemporary), and 11:00 am

***July 11*** -- Evening Prayer, 6:00 pm

***July 13*** -- Midweek Eucharist and Healing Prayer, 12:00 pm

***July 16-17*** -- Sixth Sunday after Pentecost, Eucharists 6:00 pm; 8:30 am, and 11:00 am; Stephen Ministry Information Session, 9:45 am.

***July 18*** -- Evening Prayer, 6:00 pm

***July 20*** -- Midweek Eucharist and Healing Prayer, 12:00 pm

***July 23-24*** -- Seventh Sunday after Pentecost, Eucharists 6:00 pm; 8:30 am (Contemporary), and 11:00 am

***July 25*** -- Evening Prayer, 6:00 pm

***July 27*** -- Midweek Eucharist and Healing Prayer, 12:00 pm

***July 30-31*** -- Eighth Sunday after Pentecost, Eucharists 6:00 pm; 8:30 am, and 11:00 am