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# The Encounter

Monthly Newsletter of St. Matthew's Lutheran Church



"Proclaiming Christ Crucified"

Established 1892

## 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.

A Stephen Ministry Congregation

The next New Disciples Class is Saturday, August 20<sup>th</sup> at 9am. This class is for anyone new to Lutheranism or Christianity. New Member Orientation is September 17<sup>th</sup> at 9am. This class is for transferring Lutherans or those who attended the New Disciples class. New members will be received September 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup>. If you're interested in attending, contact Donna Capozio at 791-4582 or [dcapezio@stmatthewsch.org](mailto:dcapezio@stmatthewsch.org).



## Rally Day ♦ August 28

Rally Day begins at 9:45 a.m. in the Nave. There will be a potluck luncheon at 12:30 p.m. Drinks and dessert will be provided by the Fellowship Team. A sign-up sheet will be posted soon in the Commons.



## Confirmation Orientation on August 31 at 7 P.M.

All sixth, seventh, and eighth graders and their parents are expected to be present for the Confirmation Orientation on Wednesday, August 31, at 7 p.m. in McCombs Fellowship Hall. Please indicate your intention to attend by emailing [dcapezio@stmatthewsch.org](mailto:dcapezio@stmatthewsch.org) and copying to [szumwalt@bellsouth.net](mailto:szumwalt@bellsouth.net). On the day of his or her Baptism into the Lord Jesus' death and resurrection, you parents, grandparents, and godparents promised that you would provide for the child's instruction in the Christian faith. Now is the time to fulfill the promises you made to God and in the presence of this or another congregation. The first instruction begins on September 7.

## College and Young Adult Lutheran Fellowship

A new academic year and the fall semester are just around the corner. St. Matthew's will host a new group for Lutheran young adults beginning in conjunction with the fall semester. To receive invitations and other communications for Lutheran college and young adult fellowship, please email Pr. Sam at [szumwalt@bellsouth.net](mailto:szumwalt@bellsouth.net) or text to 910-512-0664. You will receive your first invitation very soon thereafter.



## *Monte Maxwell, US Naval Academy Organist In concert September 18th, 4:00 pm.*

Members will be allowed up to four free tickets for each member household may be ordered in advance by emailing Joan Wazybok at [finance@stmatthewsch.org](mailto:finance@stmatthewsch.org). Tickets can be picked up on August 7 or 14 at a table in the narthex. These tickets are for members only (and those joining the congregation on September 17-18). Each numbered ticket will be specifically tied to the name of a member and will be provided by a generous grant from the St. Matthew's Endowment Fund. You **must** have a ticket to attend the concert, so please order right away. Tickets for the general public will be \$10 each and will be available beginning August 15 through September 16 by ordering online at [www.stmatthewsch.org](http://www.stmatthewsch.org).

Tickets can be picked up at "will call" table on the day of the concert.

Some tickets may be available at the door on September 18 at \$10 each.

## Greetings from Pastor Sam

Dear Sisters and Brothers,

According to the opening chapter of the Bible, God made everything and declared it very good. He brought order out of the primeval chaos creating seven twenty-four hour days beginning with evening and morning the first day. On the seventh day, the biblical Sabbath, God rested from His ordering, creative work. Thus, the Sabbath, a day of rest and worship, was built into creation itself. Our Lord Jesus says, the Sabbath was made for mankind and not vice versa. Even before the rebellion in the Garden, the human body needed a day both to rest and to worship. Thus, the human body needs both work and leisure and a right understanding of one's place in the order of things. There is a God, who is not you. The human body will worship God when rightly ordered but worship something or someone else when adrift in chaos.

According to the opening chapter of the Bible, God made human beings male and female. Created in the image of God, the male and female are creators. Normatively, one man and one woman will be fruitful and multiply. Chaotically, the human body will be confused about who is and is not God, and, will, when not rightly ordered, be confused about who he or she is and what his or her body is for. Rightly ordered, men desire women and women men. The Lord Jesus looks back to Genesis 2:24 to define what marriage is. The man leaves father and mother and the woman her home. The two become one flesh literally in the creative act whereby they are fruitful and multiply. That is the biblical anthropology that Jesus holds up when questions arise about divorce. The Lord God never intended polygamy or, for that matter, serial monogamy. So many problems emerge when men and women go against God's right ordering.

Because we read the Bible in worship in a series of fragmented stories and instructions, we often lose sight of the simple narrative that begins at Genesis and ends at Revelation. The imposition of other stories on the biblical narrative, including "Darwinianism" or the more recent Marxist idea that Bible reading is all about power, falls under God's judgment. God has ordered creation rightly and not chaotically. Where there is chaos, the quest for power and empowerment, and indeed one's "personal God" (as in "My God wouldn't..."), the biblical narrative itself gives an etiology when in Eden the tempter asks: "Did God really say?" Our Lord Jesus is very instructive: "The thief comes to steal, kill, and destroy" (John 10:10). He says that the ancient tempter is the father of lies. And, at the end of the metanarrative, John identifies the tempter, the father of lies, as the angel Lucifer who was thrown down to earth and whose end is certain.

The Enlightenment, which parallels and intersects with the Reformation, was meant to reclaim the ancient languages, philosophy, and culture of the pre-Christian world. With that came helpful tools including Erasmus' Greek New Testament, but also the very unbiblical notion that "man is the measure of all things." With that, the Lord God is chaotically pushed from the center, that rightly belongs to Him, and the resulting, chaotic ideological twists and turns have brought us to today. Indeed, the wrongly purposeful misreading of the First Amendment of the U.S. Constitution has resulted even in Christians believing that there can be no exercise of the Christian religion in the public square. Of course! The Bible says *God* is the center of all things and *not* humankind. The narcissistic self *must* be omnipotent, and all people *must* bow down to the so-called god within. Again, the Bible has an account for this. In rebellion against God's right ordering, humans seek their own will, and the consequence thereof is death, which is the final Word from God on human life apart from God's good and gracious will. Our chaotic culture needs a Savior, and only God's Son Jesus, born of the Virgin Mary, can deliver from sin, death, and evil! Cling to His story!

If you need greater motivation for getting to worship each Lord's Day (the early Church's recognition that the resurrection of God's Son Jesus is the beginning of the new creation) and for faithful reading and learning His story, just look around at the chaos. Do not neglect to assemble as is the habit of some!

Your father in Christ,



Pr. Sam Zumwalt+



## Church Council Meeting - July 14, 2022

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

- At the request of 94 eligible voting members, Council called a Special Congregation Meeting to vote on our intent to terminate our relationship with the ELCA. The meeting will be held in the McSwain Activity Center on Sunday, August 21, 2022 at 1:00 pm.
- Motions were approved to be presented at the Special Congregation Meeting. 1) Council will recommend the congregation vote to terminate our relationship with the ELCA (this is a for or against vote) and 2) That the vote be taken by ballot.
- Council approved St. Matthew's Wedding Policy
- Nathan Mough was appointed to the Search Team for the Director of Youth & Family Ministries as Youth Representative.
- Two Continuing Resolutions were approved for 1) Establishment of the Director of Youth & Family Ministries (DYFM) Search Team, and 2) The Purpose, Duties & Responsibilities of the DYFM Search Team.

<u>Operating Fund: June 2022</u>		
	<b>Month</b>	<b>YTD</b>
<b>Revenues:</b>	40,999.92	254,045.41
<b>Expenses:</b>	<u>47,425.65</u>	<u>252,772.99</u>
<b>Income/ (Loss)</b>	(6,425.73)	1,272.42



In the book of Acts, Luke describes how the early church took care of its own. The Apostles chose some of God's people to tend to the needs of others, the widows and orphans in particular. They chose Stephen as the leader to look after the people in the Church. Today, the Church continues to help people in need. Following in the footsteps of Stephen. Stephen Ministers are called and trained to be servants who take care of others. Today at St. Matthew's, there is a Stephen Ministry Team that carries out the kind of support first started in the early Church. Stephen Ministers, in complete confidentiality, pray for you, listen to you, and work with you in times of difficulties and need. Do you want to be a Stephen Minister? Could you, like Stephen and his early Church ministry team, help others? Have you ever thought about becoming a called, trained servant and member of St. Matthew's Stephen Ministry team?

Pray and think about serving God, the church, and other people. Contact Pastor Sam, Ana Marie Jackson, Terry Miller, or Jon Lindsay for more information. Then come join the team.



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

Alan Richey, and family on the death of his wife, Maureen Richey.  
Walt and Loretta Brehm, and family, on the death of their grandson, David Brehm.  
Elaine Mattes on the death of her friend, John Goss  
Karin Cook, and family, on the death of her brother-in-law, Robert W. Cook.

***MEMBERS:***

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

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

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|-------------------|-------------------------------|---------------------|
| Amie Knauer       | Sally Przybranowski           | Megan McKinney      |
| Albert Rossetti   | Jo Beth Brinkley              | Envy Willow Gernant |
| Jerry Knoll       | Jackie Horne                  | Pr. Rob Moore       |
| Journey Heyer     | Donna Lawhorn                 | Eleanor Eisenman    |
| Richard Truax     | Eileen Carzon                 | Debbie Clary        |
| Tracy Boandl      | Bill and Dot Pearson          | Edward Morrison     |
| Barbara Colton    | Hudson Dingfelder             | Ron Bloom           |
| August Hopper     | Jeff James                    | Robert Shaffer      |
| Kattie Duff       | Laurena Sundberg              | Wilhelmina Stanland |
| David Schwartz    | Josiah Heyer                  | Dylan Wrench        |
| Ronnie Carter     | Holly, Brett, and Lala Limmer | Lori Aquirre        |
| Gunder Peterson   | Amy Kelm                      | Carla Ramm          |
| Vinny Swidorski   | Russ Kuhn                     | David Searle        |
| John Tullous, Jr. | Peter and Marlene Thomas      | Bobby Roberts       |
| Tonya Reeves      | Alex and family               | Ashley Lawson       |
| Cannon Helms      | Rufus Horne                   | Heidi Baldwin       |
| Lynne Bryson      | Jim Campbell                  | Mary Miller         |
| Glen Lindner      | Alice Copeland                | Elena Scalora       |
| David Hunsberger  | Hardin Hosford Croom          | Kathryn Webster     |

***REMEMBER OUR HOMEBOUND MEMBERS:***

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|-----------------|-------------------|----------------|
| Elsie Cates     | Ruthann Getsinger | Jane McDougald |
| Margaret French | Laura Gray        |                |



## *Gifts to Honor and Remember*

**IN MEMORY OF MARILYN WILSON**, a gift to the Christkindlmarkt Fund by Peggy Barr.

**IN MEMORY OF MAUREEN RICHEY**, a gift to the Building Fund by Joe and Diane Rumsey; a gift to the Contingency Fund by Rick and Laura Fritz.

**IN MEMORY OF DAVID BREHM**, a gift to C-ing the Way Forward/Office Renovations by Charles and Darlene Schucker; a gift to Pastor's Discretionary by Rick and Laura Fritz.

**IN MEMORY OF ROBERT WINFIELD COOK**, a gift to Pastor's Discretionary by Maria and David Cook.

**IN HONOR OF FRED DOLL**, a gift to the Property Fund by Craig and Beth Hales.

**IN HONOR OF KAREN SCHMOKE**, a gift to the Christkindlmarkt Fund by Joyce and Terry Crouch.

### *Congratulations to...*



Jerry and Sarah Knoll on the birth of Evelyn Collins Knoll born on July 14<sup>th</sup>. Proud grandparents are Andy and Helen Knoll.

Bryanna and J.R. Johnson on the birth of Parker Robert Johnson born on July 23<sup>rd</sup>. Proud grandparents are Randy and Sheila Mallo, and great grandparents are Dick and Sherri Hiler.



1	Diane Sundberg
1	Connie Forler
2	Sondra Tullous
2	George Schwenzer
3	David Everette
3	Todd Bishton
5	Greg Adams
6	Ron Asmus
7	Janelle James
7	Bryce Mallo
7	Isaac Schneider
8	Barbara Keyl
8	Patty Macino
8	Sara Schneider
9	Paul Miller

9	Colleen Johns
9	Danny Walker
10	Ruth Rice
13	Becky Mahler
16	Elizabeth Gains
17	Inge Shelton
17	Laura Matthess
17	Marlene Murrell
18	Arielle Nelson
19	Pr. Marv Schedler
19	Charles Smith
19	Shannon Icard
20	Braden Cumbo
22	Tom Brondy
22	Lala Hollamon
23	Sally Birnstein
25	Wanda Slocum
27	Mike Burns
27	Erika Braje
28	Bill Glisson
29	Micki Matthess
30	Joan Wazybok



1	Robbie & Shannon Icard
2	Pr. Bob & Lois Kuppler
2	Bill & Ruth Rice
3	Bob & Elaine Willow
6	Scott & Christi Monroe
8	Steve & Pat Manor

8	Raymond & Karen Schmoke
10	Terry & Sue Miller
11	Anthony & Delores Irenze
12	Perry & Diane Guy
14	Daniel & Leah Sparks
16	Joel & Cindi Peterson
17	Jim & Margaret Ballantine
18	Tom & Margo Russell
22	Jamie & Cyndi Price
23	Dan & Celey Cumbo
26	Scott and Rhonda Mough



# St. Matthew's Lutheran Church

## Christkindlmarkt News



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### An Indoor Outdoor German Christmas Market

# Saturday, November 19, 2022

## 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Featuring The Harbour Towne Fest Band, Bratwurst, German Beer, Baked Goods, Vendors, Activities for the Kids, and MUCH MORE!

The festival is three and a half months out and we are moving full steam ahead!

**Did you know?** We need to raise \$21,000 BEFORE the festival in order to rent our supplies and equipment and to buy sufficient merchandise to sell. Like any other activity, there are costs involved. That is why we depend so heavily on Sponsorships, donations of merchandise and participation in our mini-fundraisers. As of July 20th, we have about \$11,000 available to spend on our festival; meaning we must raise another \$10,000 pretty soon so we can be well stocked and prepared for our opening. Help us be ready for our guests!

### Something Old ~ Something New:

The Food and Beverage team is thinking about expanding the menu.

German Ornaments are looking a bit different this year. Take a peek.



- ◆ **Meet Lumina!** Word got out that this cute little goat will be visiting us this year along with some of her friends like a lamb, bunny or chick. You'll be able to find her at the petting zoo. Make sure the kiddos stop by to say "Hello".
- ◆ About half of our Vendor slots are taken, 20 in all. Of those, five are new to our festival.
- ◆ St Nick's Basement is accepting donations of new or gently used Christmas decorations or Christmas themed gifts. Consider items which would make good stocking stuffers. We are offering a selection reasonably priced from 50¢ to \$20.00
- ◆ Mini-fundraisers: This month we want to hear about the Youth Gathering. Come watch a video and join in the fellowship.



A Fall pumpkin-themed event is in the planning stages. Stay tuned for that; it should be fun for all ages!

### Our Leaders

#### Perry Guy

Infrastructure and Grounds  
Set Up and Clean Up

#### Carol Roller

Finance

#### Robert Kuppler

Food and Beverage

#### Marti Felter

Member Booths

Arts and Crafts

German Ornaments

German Gifts

Baked Goods

St. Nick's Basement

Silent Auction

#### Joyce Crouch

Communications and Advertising

#### June Doll

Entertainment and Other Activities

Harbour Towne Fest Band

Der Weihnachtsmann

Organ Demonstrations

Nave Tours

Church Info (Evangelism)

Kids' Crafts

<i>Sun</i>	<i>Mon</i>	<i>Tue</i>	<i>Wed</i>	<i>Thu</i>	<i>Fri</i>	<i>Sat</i>
	<b>1</b> 9:00 Counting Team 6:00 Evening Prayer (online only) 7:00 Midtown AA 7:00 Harbour Towne Band rehearsal	<b>2</b> 10:00 Prayer Group	<b>3</b> 8:30 Men's Breakfast Bible Study 12:00 Healing Euch.	<b>4</b> 10:00 Quilt Ministry 7:00 Midtown AA	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b> 11:00 Fellowship Team 6:00 Eucharist
<b>7 9th Sunday after Pentecost</b> 8:30 Eucharist 11:00 Eucharist	<b>8</b> 9:00 Counting Team 6:00 Evening Prayer (online only) 7:00 Midtown AA 7:00 Harbour Towne Band rehearsal	<b>9</b> 10:00 Prayer Group 5:30 Joyful Noise	<b>10</b> 8:30 Men's Breakfast Bible Study 11:00 Finance Team 12:00 Healing Euch.	<b>11</b> 10:00 Quilt Ministry 6:30 Council 7:00 Midtown AA	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b> 6:00 Eucharist
<b>14 10th Sunday after Pentecost</b> 8:30 Eucharist (C) 11:00 Eucharist 12:30 Grief Support Group	<b>15</b> 9:00 Counting Team 12:00 Conversations 6:00 Evening Prayer 7:00 Midtown AA 7:00 Harbour Towne Band rehearsal	<b>16</b> 10:00 Staff Meeting/ Calendar Planning 10:00 Prayer Group 6:30 Stephen Ministry 6:30 Joyful Noise	<b>17</b> 8:30 Men's Breakfast Bible Study 12:00 Healing Euch. 6:00 Handbells 7:00 Adult Choir	<b>18</b> 10:00 Quilt Ministry 7:00 Midtown AA	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b> 9:00 New Disciples Class 6:00 Eucharist
<b>21 11th Sunday after Pentecost</b> 8:30 Eucharist 11:00 Eucharist	<b>22</b> 9:00 Counting Team 12:00 Conversations 6:00 Evening Prayer 7:00 Midtown AA 7:00 Harbour Towne Band rehearsal	<b>23</b> 10:00 Staff Meeting 10:00 Prayer Group 5:30 Joyful Noise	<b>24</b> 8:30 Men's Breakfast Bible Study 12:00 Healing Euch. 6:00 Handbells 7:00 Adult Choir	<b>25</b> 10:00 Quilt Ministry 7:00 Midtown AA	<b>26</b> Hospice Meal	<b>27</b> 6:00 Eucharist
<b>28 12th Sunday after Pentecost Rally Day</b> 8:30 Eucharist (C) 9:45 Rally Day Activities 11:00 Eucharist 12:30 Fellowship Luncheon	<b>29</b> 9:00 Counting Team 12:00 Conversations 6:00 Evening Prayer 7:00 Midtown AA 7:00 Harbour Towne Band rehearsal	<b>30</b> 10:00 Staff Meeting 10:00 Prayer Group	<b>31</b> 8:30 Men's Breakfast Bible Study 12:00 Healing Euch. 6:00 Handbells 7:00 Adult Choir 7:00 Confirmation Orientation			

### **Upcoming Worship and Events**

**September 3-4** -- Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost, Eucharists 6:00 pm; 8:30 am, and 11:00 am

**September 5** -- Labor Day; Evening Prayer, 6:00 pm; Church Office closed

**September 7**-- Midweek Eucharist and Healing Prayer, 12:00 pm

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

**September 12** -- Evening Prayer, 6:00 pm

**September 14** -- Midweek Eucharist and Healing Prayer, 12:00 pm

**September 17** -- New Disciples Class, 9:00 am

**September 17-18** -- St. Matthew's Sunday, Eucharists 6:00 pm; 8:30 am, and 11:00 am; New members received

**September 18** -- Monte Maxwell, US Navel Academy Organist, in concert, 4:00 pm

**September 19** -- Evening Prayer, 6:00 pm

**September 21** -- Midweek Eucharist and Healing Prayer, 12:00 pm

**September 24-25** -- Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost, Eucharists 6:00 pm; 8:30 am (Contemporary), and  
11:00 am

**September 26** -- Evening Prayer, 6:00 pm

**September 28** -- Midweek Eucharist and Healing Prayer, 12:00 pm