

St. Matthew's Newsletter

"We show our love for God by welcoming all to grow in faith, community and service."

Pastor Mindelle K. Bartholomew

September 2024

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WE WILL BE CLOSED



The Church office will be closed
Monday, September 2nd
In observance of Labor Day
The office will be open
Wednesday 12 noon to 4 pm
Thursday 9 am to 1 pm

St. Matthew's Lutheran Church

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*Pastor Mindelle K
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Pastor's Office hours:

Thursday 10 am-noon and

By appointment

Pastor's day off: Friday

Church Contact Info:

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Office Hours:

Monday and Thursday

9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Wednesday

12 Noon- 4:00 pm

+WORSHIP+

SUNDAY

10:30 a.m.

Greetings!

For more than a month our Gospel readings from the book of John have been about bread. They have focused on our need for the bread of life, Jesus, in whom we receive forgiveness of sins and new life. In this new life, we have been freed in Christ to serve our neighbor. That doesn't make sense, freed to serve but that is exactly who we are as Christians, followers of the Lord Jesus Christ. We no longer need to work to save ourselves. By God's grace we have been saved. In that freedom we are invited into God's ministry in this place and beyond.

In some ways, bread, food, is a good theme for many of our recent and upcoming ministries. Thank you to everyone who helped not only St. Matthew's members but our neighbors to fellowship at our three campfires with music, food, and activities. It was good to see folks from our community join us.

September 8 marks God's Work, Our Hands Sunday, a chance for Lutherans in our Synod and throughout the ELCA to be out in our communities serving others in Christ's name. St. Matt's is planning an ice cream social with our neighbors at Stayman Park Apts. at 2:00 pm. You have the opportunity to donate toppings and come along to share in conversation with the folks who call Stayman home.

September 15 we will worship at Jack Treas Park with a picnic to follow. Once again, we are inviting our neighbors to join us for worship and the meal. After all, many of the stories in the Gospels find Jesus sharing in table fellowship with those around him. Even people we would not expect Jesus to eat with.

In the coming months we will have more opportunities to serve by doing God's work with our hands. And we can always participate by making donations of food to our Cupboard of Blessings food ministry and books, particularly children's books, to Marv's Book Barn.

I give thanks for all of you who dedicate your time to serving God's people and sharing the Good News of Jesus Christ's love for all.

Peace in Christ,

Pastor Mindy

COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS & MEETING DATE

The Congregational Council will meet on Monday,
September 9 at 6:30 p.m. in the church.

~Members Serving in September~

GREETER:

September 1—Carolann Bilger
September 8- Leann Fogel
September 15- Lisa Yeager
September 22- Barbara
Christine
September 29-Vicki Troxell

LECTOR:

September 1— Carolann Bilger
September 8- Vicki Troxell
September 15- Melanie Derr
September 22- Shawnie
Sprenkle
September 29-Jane Barnasconi

COMMUNION ASSISTANT:

September 1— Melanie Derr
September 8- Carol Smith
September 15- Mark Benner
September 22- Michele Mitchell
September 29- Susan Sidler

OFFERING COUNTERS:

September 1-C.Smith/
S.Sprenkle
September 8- L. Fogel/J Shotko
September 15- L. Lawrence/
H.Derr
September 22- S.Sprenkle/TBD
September 29-C. Smith/A.Olson

❖ If any member of our congregation has questions, comments, or suggestions; please feel free to bring them to the attention of any member of council: Leann Fogel (president); Deb Benner; Helle Derr; Angie Olson; JoAnn Shotko; Carol Smith; Shawnie Sprenkle; or Don Wilhour

Dear People of St. Matthews,

It is with much regret that I must resign as Office Manager at St. Matthews. These past two (2) years have been very fulfilling for me and I have been very happy to serve as your office manager.

I have very much appreciated the flexibility you have allowed so that I could also attend to family needs and my theological education. However, as some of you know, the past month has seen major changes in my family.

My son, Rob, and his wife have moved to Berlin, Germany. My daughter, Rachel, and her family (including my only grandson) moved from VA to Lancaster PA. I will need time to travel more and to be a part-time babysitter.

I hope not to leave you short-handed. I have a vacation planned for the end of September, so I will make September 26, 2024, my last day- unless someone is hired and trained sooner.

Thank you again for allowing me to serve you.

Peace,

Sherry Bingaman

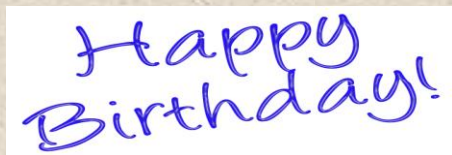
BUDGET INFORMATION: JAN-AUGUST 2024

Donations \$2,286
Envelopes \$79672
Rec. Building \$2,625
TOTAL \$84,684

Amount needed to meet budget \$68,944

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS!

- 16 Kara Herb
- 22 Haily Moody
- 22 Lisa Yeager
- 25 Dick Hare
- 26 Barbara Cawthern
- 27 Sean Stumpf



Fall Cleanup

Fall Clean is set for October 5th. We will be cleaning out the beds in front of the church and in front of the Rec Building. If you are willing to help, there is a sign up sheet in the fellowship room

PRAYER LIST



Lisa Yeager oversees the prayer chain. If you have a prayer request, please call or text Lisa at 570-743-7158 or email her at jmlvay@ptd.net. (Please leave a message if Lisa cannot make it to the phone.) **Current Prayer List:**

Jane and Dan; George and Sharon Lawer; Henry K.; Family and friends of Alice Longenberger; Todd B.; Andrew Loss; Nancy Schuetze; Ed M; Charlie; Ray Short; Kelly; Pete; Judy W.; Jack Fries; Linda; Tana Christine; Tanner; Ellen; Carey; Mike Sholley; Jeremy H.; Randy N.; Brian K; Carol; Tim; Gloria Kerstetter; Joyce Olson; Our Israeli and Palestinian siblings; Ellie Crane and her parents, Jamie and Dylan Crane; George Wilhour; Edie Wilhour; Brenda Enfield; Rusty Kerstetter; Pearl B.; Anita; Jo Bailey; George; Alea; Anna and Don Fausey; Donna Marcinko; Gene; LeaRae Lewis; The Lewis family; Jude S.; Carol H.; Charlotte Zartman; Marian Beaver; Scott Hummel; Gene Christine; Ethel Broschart; Dennis Fausey; People of Ukraine; Henry K.; Chris Becker; Brielle Caponera; Richard Saxton; Palmar Woodcock; Ben Keiser; Kenny Smith Jr.; Archer; All front-line workers and first responders and their families; St. Matthew's Church; America; and persecuted Christians around the world.



On September 1st, during worship, we welcome new members!

Please be sure to greet and welcome:

Greg Berger

Robert Chappel

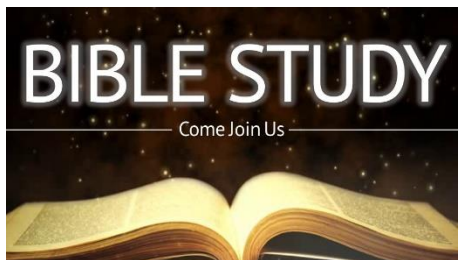
Kelly Essler

Anita and Tim Knoebel

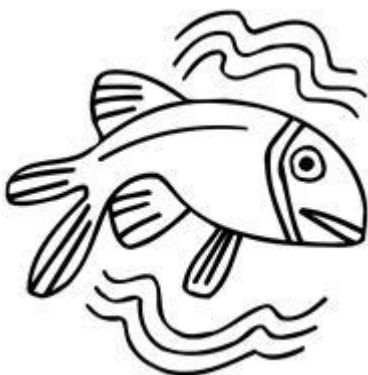
God's Work, Our Hands Day is September 8th, 2024.

We will once again be holding an ice cream social at Stayman Park Apartments at

2 pm. Please join us to help serve and visit with the residents of the apartments



CHILDREN'S
Sunday School



Children's Sunday School with Pastor Mindy will resume September 8th at 10 am before worship.

Adult Bible Study will resume Wednesday September 11th at 1 pm. We will study the Book of Jonah



Sunday, September 15th at Jack Treas Park. Bring a lawn chair. Potluck picnic to follow worship. See sign up sheet on Fellowship Table.



FREE CPR & AED Certification Class

Date & Time: Monday October 7th, 2024 - 5:30 PM

Location: Saint Matthews Lutheran Church, Shamokin Dam, PA

Every second counts when you're faced with a medical emergency. Knowing the proper way to administer CPR and operate an AED device can make all the difference.

Let us help get you prepared!

Space is limited. You must pre-register in order to attend.

See Sheet in fellowship area.

**HEALING
SERVICE**



Healing service scheduled for Sunday, October 20th.



Dear Member of St Matthews Lutheran Church,

One of the finest Lutheran organizations in Central Pennsylvania is Camp Mount Luther. For more than 60 years, this wonderful camp and retreat facility has provided us with a "place apart" for renewal and spiritual growth.

Congregations look to Camp Mount Luther as a resource in providing a valuable ministry to our youth and families. We, at St. Matthews, have sent children to camp and used Mt Luther facilities for many years for youth retreats. We, personally, have benefitted from "camp" as children, as adult leaders, and as adult campers.

Because of the need for Camp Mount Luther to upgrade and modernize its facilities, the congregations of the Upper Susquehanna Synod, including our congregation, will conduct a Capital Campaign to help raise \$1.6 to \$2 million. Our church council, on behalf of St Matthew's has made a \$10,000 commitment to this 3-year campaign.

During the next 5 weeks, you will learn more about this important effort. We pray that your commitment to ministry will encourage you to become involved and excited about the "*Foundations for the Future*" Capital Campaign.

Yours in Christ,

Michele Mitchell
Congregational Leader

Pastor Mindy

A Variety of Gifts!

A day of learning and fellowship for all members of God's church!

Saturday, October 19, 2024

9am-3pm
(lunch included)

Milton Lutheran Church
1125 Mahoning Street
Milton, PA

Keynote: TBD

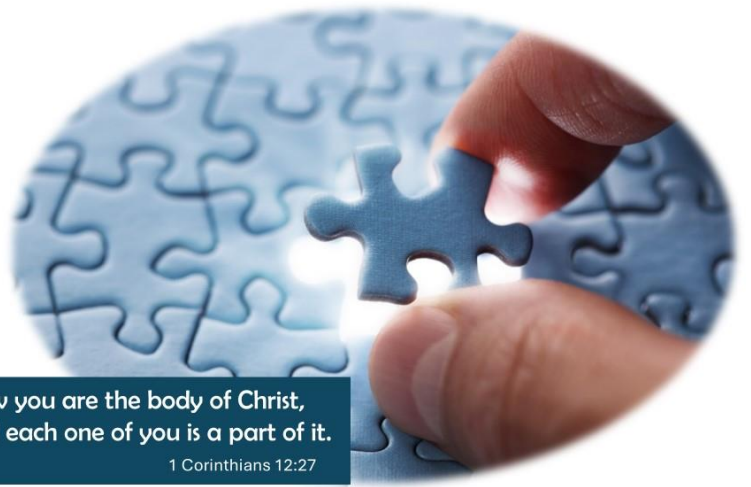
Workshops may include:

Worship without a Pastor
Using Your Gifts for God's Mission

Choosing Hymns
And many more!

Cost is \$10 per person to cover cost of meal.

Pre-register by contacting the Synod Office at [\(570\) 524-9778](tel:5705249778) by 10/11/24.



**Now you are the body of Christ,
and each one of you is a part of it.**

1 Corinthians 12:27

Sponsored by the Lay Ministry Institute of the Upper Susquehanna Synod.



BAKE SALE



Election Day November 5th, 2024

In the Rec Building During election hours

Proceeds to go to Cupboard of Blessings

Signup sheet and more info coming soon!



stop in and welcome your new office manager

Shawanda (Sissy) Long!

She started on August 26, 2024

All contact information will be the same

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