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From the Desk of Pastor Moore:

Everything I Needed to Know I Learned from Star Trek

As many of you know, I am a “Trekker.” That’s a professional “Trekkie,” or a super fan of the TV show Star Trek.



For a variety of reasons, I’ve been thinking about some of the things I learned from watching Star Trek. They include:

- Seek out new life and civilizations (or new people and new experiences!).
- Humans are highly illogical (comes as no surprise to anyone).
- There’s no such thing as a Vulcan death grip (hard to explain, just trust me on this one).
- Live long and prosper (everyone knows that!).
- Having is not so pleasing as wanting; it is not logical but it is often true (spoken by a very logical person).
- When your logic fails, trust a hunch (explains a lot of ministry).
- Even in our own world, sometimes we are aliens (or at least geeks).

Of course the most famous line from Star Trek was spoken at the beginning of each episode:

- To **boldly** go where no one has gone before.

What is it that we need to be **bold** about at Saint Matthew?

What is it that we need to be **bold** about as Lutherans?



What is it that we need to be **bold** about as Christians?

In Deuteronomy, our Lord encourages the Israelites to be **bold** when facing their enemies. “Be strong and **bold**; have no fear or dread of them, because it is the Lord your God who goes with you; he will not fail you or forsake you.”

But I think the greatest **boldness** comes from the disciples as they move from timid followers locked in an upper room to **bold** proclaimers of the gospel. That happens when they encounter the risen Christ and are filled with the Holy Spirit.

Well guess what?? We have encountered the risen Christ and we are filled with the Holy Spirit. The Christ that showed his scarred hands and feet to the disciples is the same one we encounter when we gather for worship and share the bread and wine of communion.

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The Holy Spirit that empowered the disciples and made them **bold** is the same Holy Spirit that came to us in baptism.

Sisters and brothers, it is time to be **bold** in telling OUR story - the story of how Jesus makes a difference in our lives. We are called to move beyond being a welcoming church. We are called to be an inviting church - and to do that in **bold** ways.

For the Spirit God gave us does not make us timid, but gives us power, love and self-discipline. 2 Timothy 1:7

Let's be clear. Let's be **bold**. Jesus has left the building. Yes, we are called to invite our friends and



families and neighbors to join us at Saint Matthew, to be empowered by our time of worship, and to be sent out to do God's will. But we are

ALSO called to show people that Jesus is already in their lives - wherever they are, whenever they are, and whoever they are.

Brothers and sisters - it's time to go where no one (or few) has gone before. It's time to be disciples and evangelists!

+ Peace +

Pastor Rob

ST. MATTHEW IS PLEASED TO ANNOUNCE that the following students received college scholarships for the 2019-2020 school year: Hannah Arnold, Brandon Fadenrecht, Courtney Luckenbaugh, Daniel Mack, Madison Maloney, Kaitlyn Peck and Rylee Smith.



We pray God's blessings on them for a very successful school year.



Pastoral Acts

May 15 - July 15, 2019

Baptisms

June 2 - Riley Dakota Stank, daughter of Justin and Rebecca (Snyder) Stank
June 9 - Brynn Marie Kelland, daughter of Robert and Lindsay (Frederick) Kelland

Deaths

May 20 - Joan Hershey Hermanns
May 23 - P. Edward Aumen Jr.
July 5 - Michael A. Sewell
May 26 - Janet L. Mummert
June 21 - Tryann A. Aughenbaugh

TO ALL COMMITTEE CHAIRS AND COMMITTEE MEMBERS . . . As amazing as it seems, it is time to think about next year's church budget. Be prepared to come up with your proposals after All Committee night, August 13, since most committees will not have met in July. We are asking for submission to the church office or to Karyn George by Sunday, August 18. The financial folks need some time to pull everything together to present at the September 10, Finance Committee meeting. Please consider if you have any new ideas/plans/trips. Include those cost items in your budget. Any questions you may have should be directed to Karyn George thru the church office.





CHILDREN'S SERMONS continue throughout the summer during both services on the first and third Sunday of the month. All children in the 6th grade and younger are invited to come forward following the reading of the gospel to share this special time.

ST. MATT'S LUNCH-OUT goes Italian at La Cucina on Eisenhower Dr (behind Hibachi Grill) on Thursday, August 8. Everyone is invited to gather at 11:45 a.m. for fellowship around the table. Select from their menu of entrees, sandwiches, pizza or salads. Each person pays for their own meal. No reservations are necessary.

YOUTH GROUP has some amazing activities planned this August! All youth who have graduated from sixth grade through this year's high school graduates are invited to dive into the fun. Friends are always welcome!



In August, we'll move back to having Youth Group on Sunday evenings, 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. Our first meeting will be Sunday, August 4. We still have some "out and about" activities to be announced, check the weekly bulletin and the website for updates.

Be sure you are signed up for REMIND notices on your phone. That's where you'll get any last minute changes that are made due to weather or other circumstances. Please contact Tim or Chris Peck at 717-476-9920 or 717-476-9977 if you are not already on or for more information.



CYBER WOMEN invites all women of all ages to talk about faith in a relaxed atmosphere at Panera on Eisenhower Blvd. Our next meeting is August 19, 7:00 to 8:00 p.m. We use the current month's article(s) from Café, the on-line magazine for women of faith, to begin our discussion. It may be found at www.boldcafe.org.

DISCIPLE TRAINING CAMP LEADER MEETING will be held on Tuesday, August 20. We will meet over a pizza dinner at 6:00 p.m. in the Lounge. What's a Disciple Training Camp Leader meeting? It's our Sunday School teachers for our 2 year old through 6th grade classes! This coming school year, our Sunday School will transform into a camp setting, rather like our Vacation Bible School. In addition to our regular curriculum, we'll be incorporating larger group activities with exciting speakers (yes, we'll be visited by actual disciples!), lively storytellers and more. Our goal will be to grow disciples in Jesus' name by discovering ways to live out our faith in the world. If you would like to be a part of this new adventure as a weekly Disciple Trainer or as someone who can share a special gift such as acting or storytelling, please plan to attend this very important planning meeting. Please contact Deacon Jan Davis at 717-637-7101 or jdavisaim@stmattlutheran.org for more information.



Children's Choir registration forms

will be mailed to all children of the church.

The forms are due back to the church office by **September 11.**

If you did not receive one, please contact the church office.

If your child has never been in the choir, please considering having them join us. It is a wonderful way for children to be involved in our worship services and become a part of our church family. Please contact Scott Fredericks if you have any questions, 717-637-7101, ext. 235.





Ah summer. Bright blue skies, warm days, sometimes thunderstorms and humid weather, but no winter coats, no cold, no gray skies, no school. Best of all it is vacation time. Life seems to go slower and we take time to do fun things we

don't normally do during the winter. We travel, go to the beach, or to the mountains. Summer is wonderful.

Summer is a season God has blessed us with. God is still in the middle of everything pouring out the wonders of the season from a bountiful hand. And we go away. We go on vacation. And we often take our tithes and offerings with us as if the church, the body of Christ here in Hanover, does nothing, feeds nor helps no one.

But we do. God's work does not take a vacation. God's work continues even in the summer. God's work in fact will stretch out to summer camps and mission trips and quilt making for the fall's rush and feeding the hungry. God's work never ends. So even in the midst of vacation and travel, God's work in this place goes on.

If you are going away for the summer enjoy it, have fun, be safe and thank God for blessing you with the opportunity. And make sure you send your tithes and offerings to St. Matthew even while you are away. Since God's work does not take a vacation neither should your giving.

Rev. Cindy Chambers, co-chair of the Stewardship Committee



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Only 3 out of 100 Americans donate blood- and that's not enough. You can help fill the #MissingTypes. Learn how.

BLOOD DRIVE

Monday, August 26, 12 noon to 5:30 p.m. in Fellowship Hall

Every unit we donate at our blood drive can help save up to three lives. Each recipient of that blood donation has his or her own story. He or she could be an accident or trauma victim, cancer patient, a mother giving birth, a premature baby, a transplant recipient or surgical candidate. Our impact goes beyond that patient—it is multiplied by the impact it has on that person's loved ones who are thankful for the unit we donated. Within our own families and congregation there are countless stories of people grateful that others took the time to donate blood.

At our next blood drive on August 26, our goal is to schedule 38 donors. Think of all the lives you can touch by signing up to donate. A typical donation takes less than one hour. If you can't give, you can still make an impact by volunteering to support the drive and encouraging others to give using your social media channels and reaching out to family and friends.

Why donors are needed, especially first-time donors: Only 3 % of age eligible people donate blood on a regular basis. That is why it is so important for all of us to consider donating. Still, many people are hesitant. Here are some common concerns that keep people from donating:

"I don't like needles." You are not alone! Fear of needles certainly prevents some people from donating blood. But if you are willing to spend a few minutes facing your fears (donating really can be that fast) you may find that the satisfaction you feel makes it worth it.

"I am not sure I'm eligible." Approximately 38% of Americans are eligible to donate blood at any given time, so there's a very good chance you meet the criteria.

"Is it safe to donate?" Yes, donating blood is safe. You cannot get AIDS or any other infectious disease from giving blood because the Red Cross always uses new, sterile needles that are discarded after one use. You will even be given a mini-physical at your appointment to ensure you are healthy enough to donate that day. Your temperature, blood pressure, pulse and hemoglobin will all be checked prior to donating.

Please join us in this life-saving effort. For more information on blood donation, eligibility questions and to schedule an appointment, go to www.redcrossblood.org or call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767).

Social Ministry Committee, Barb Thomas, Blood Drive Coordinator, 717-586-7047.



Christian Fellowship Committee



OUR ANNUAL CHURCH PICNIC will be held on Sunday, September 15 this year. We will be at Penn Grove Retreat, 6419 Pamadeva Road, Hanover, again this year. Along with lunch and bingo, we will have animals from the company *Creatures Great and Small* for a petting zoo. There could be a snake, a bunny, a lizard, oh my! Put this fun, family event on your calendar!

Our train ride scheduled for October 26 has been cancelled. There are mechanical difficulties with the refurbished locomotive.

On **SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 23**, we will travel to "Sight and Sound Theatres" to see *Miracle of Christmas*. We will have dinner after the show at Good 'N Plenty Restaurant. Both the theater and restaurant are located in Lancaster County. Watch the bulletins and later Messengers for further details.

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