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From the Desk of Pastor Moore:

This month we welcome Pastor David Kiel to our staff. Pastor David will be our new Interim Associate Pastor.



Pastor David was born in Houston, Texas and grew up at Grace Lutheran Church in the Montrose area of Houston. He was very active in the youth ministry of his congregation and eventually the synod and the National Youth Ministry of the Lutheran Church in America. He also worked at Camp Lutherhill, the Lutheran camp in Texas, and it was there he felt his call to ministry.

Pastor David graduated from Texas Lutheran University in 1981 with a degree in Mass Communications. He attended Luther Seminary and after graduation was called to serve as the first Associate Pastor of Maple Grove Lutheran Church in Maple Grove, Minnesota.

His wife, Renee, is also an ELCA pastor. She currently serves as

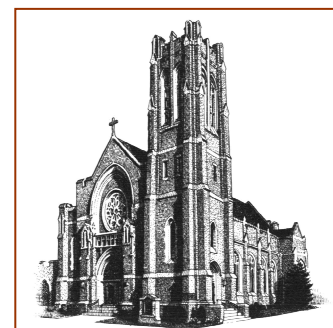
an Army Chaplain and is attending the Army War College in Carlisle (where they both live). They have served two churches together and have raised three sons. Joseph and Justin are twins. Joseph is currently living in Australia serving the ELCA through YAGM (Young Adults in Global Mission). His twin, Justin, is working in Charleston, South Carolina, as a Research Assistant at the Medical School of South Carolina. He is an Army Reserve Officer and hopes to go to Medical School soon. Their third son, Kristopher, is attending Winthrop University in Rock Hill, SC seeking an Economics Degree. Upon his graduation he will be commissioned as an Army Officer in the Reserves.

Pastor David's interests include singing and playing guitar, reading, hiking, bicycling, riding a motorcycle, boating and camping. He also enjoys hunting and fishing.

Pastor David will start his ministry the first of October. Please be sure to give him a warm welcome.

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What a blessing to be a part of this church family!! **St. Matthew members donated approximately 180 bags of food to Ruth's Harvest in the last 2 weeks!!** Can you believe it?

This is a huge improvement from last year's drive when we took the bags to the local neighborhoods – it is actually 3X as much! Many thanks to everyone who participated – the response was more than we could ever have imagined...but we are not surprised because we know how big our St. Matthew member hearts are.

Special thanks to Brad Hersh for helping to transport the bags to the packing room at 1st United Methodist Church on Middle Street and to Claudia Hudson who gave up her Sunday afternoon to help separate the foods, sort and box them. And special thanks also goes to Debby Seibert for donating the bags to us which made this fundraiser pure profit for us!



The Women of the ELCA will be assembling the **PERSONAL CARE KITS** for Lutheran World Relief on Wednesday, November 6 at 1:00 p.m. People who must flee their homes quickly often



do not have time to pack essential items. Personal Care Kits can help refugees maintain personal hygiene while living in exile. The Kits also contribute to a new start for those who can return home. **EACH PERSONAL CARE KIT CONTAINS:**

One new bath-size towel (approx. 52"X27"), dark color recommended

Two bath-size bars (4-5 oz.) of soap (must equal 8-9oz.), in its original wrapping

One adult-size toothbrush in its original packaging

One sturdy comb (wide-toothed) (at present, we have an abundance of these)

One metal nail clipper

You may drop off items in the designated boxes located in the elevator lobby or the church office. All items should be NEW, and in good condition. If you have access to Amazon, these items can be purchased in bulk. **THANK YOU!**



AMERICAN RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE SUCCESS! We had a great turnout for the blood drive on August 26! The donor schedule was full, yet our St. Matthew volunteers and the Red Cross team worked together to keep the drive running smoothly, minimizing wait times. 33 donors presented and a total of 36 units were collected. That's a lifesaving impact on potentially 108 lives! Thanks to all who donated or recruited donors. And thanks to our volunteers who assisted with the drive, registering donors and serving refreshments. Our next drive is scheduled for April 27, 2020.

~ Social Ministry Committee

GOD'S WORK OUR CANS

October will be our Canned Corn Collection for New Hope Ministries Thanksgiving Food Drive!

Each year New Hope Ministries provides groceries for area families in need so they can enjoy a traditional Thanksgiving meal at home with their loved ones. Area churches and community groups pitch in by collecting large quantities of a specific Thanksgiving food item. Here at St. Matthew we will continue our tradition of collecting canned corn (no cream corn, please). Our goal this year is 1,100 cans!

During the month of October there will be a large collection bin in the Gathering Place for you to drop off your cans. We will keep you posted on our progress. If you prefer to make a financial donation to this ministry, please make your check payable to "St. Matthew Lutheran Church" and be sure to write "canned corn" in the memo line. Cash donations should be placed in an envelope marked "canned corn." Thank you in advance for your support!



~ The Social Ministry Committee

RAISE THE ROOF! Our fundraising efforts continue as our congregational family works toward raising the \$250,000 for our roofing project. See our display in the Gathering Place as we track the progress we are making towards our goal. The first Sunday of each month, you will have the opportunity to make donations with a credit card. Simply stop by our display in the Gathering Place to complete. Of course, cash and check donations are accepted at any time.

THE ST. MATTHEW LUTHERAN CHURCH CONCERT SERIES will present Simon Johnson in concert on Sunday, October 27 at 4:00 p.m. Mr. Johnson is the organist of St. Paul's Cathedral in London, England. Free tickets are required for admission and can be ordered by sending a stamped, self-addressed envelope to: October Concert, St. Matthew Lutheran Church, 30 W. Chestnut St., Hanover, PA 17331. A free-will offering will be taken to assist with the concert costs. Please note the number of tickets desired. The doors open at 3:30 p.m. A reception will follow the program.



The program, sponsored by Mary Moore in memory of her daughter Pamela Moore Closs, will include works by Parry, Bach, Stanford, Brewer, Widor, Duruflé, Thalben-Ball and Walton. The program will be played on the St. Matthew 238 rank, 14,470-pipe Austin organ, which is one of the ten largest pipe organs in the world. There will be a large screen and cameras to enable the audience to view the organist up close.

Simon Johnson has been the organist of St. Paul's Cathedral in London, England since 2008. During this time he has played for the daily round of services as well as historical services and events. He has played for events with Her Majesty the Queen, the Dalai Lama, numerous Prime Ministers and Archbishops, and at all state occasions that have taken place at St. Paul's during his tenure.

Recitals have taken him all over the USA and Europe, including a Royal Festival Hall debut in 2017. Last year, St. Paul's was sold out for his performance of Holst's *The Planets* with link-ups to NASA and the International Space Station. Forthcoming work includes two solo tours of the US.

As a Director, Simon has played an important role in the Cathedral's ongoing partnerships with leading orchestras in London, conducting many significant works from the repertoire by Bach, Handel, Mozart, Bruckner, Saint-Saëns, Strauss, Gershwin, Poulenc, Duruflé and Messiaen. Previously, he enjoyed a distinguished tenure as Director of St. Albans Abbey Girls' Choir, leading them in several highly-acclaimed recordings and tours.

Simon's advice and analysis is sought worldwide: In 2018, he was a keynote speaker at the Pontificium Consilium de Cultura at the Vatican; he is presently Consultant for the new 4-manual Harrison and Harrison organ in St. Jude's Cathedral, Lagos; and he is on the Academic Board of The Royal College of Organists, for whom he is also an examiner.

Simon has performed with groups such as the London Symphony Orchestra, Royal Philharmonic Orchestra, and The Sixteen, recorded for *Decca* and *Hyperion*, been published by OUP and Peters, and worked on the Oscar-winning soundtrack for *The Grand Budapest Hotel*. www.simonjohnsonmusician.com

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CHRISTIAN EDUCATION



TRUNK OR TREAT will turn our parking lot into a spook-tacular event for all ages! On Monday, October 28, 6:00 to 7:30 p.m., our Youth Group will host Trunk or Treat to raise funds for Olivia's House. Our Youth Group is hoping for lots of decorated trunks to fill our parking lot. To participate, please let Tim or Chris Peck or Jan Davis know that you would like to bring your trunk. Then on October 28, bring your car, van, truck or other vehicle and pull into an empty space. Be creative with your trunk decoration—but please keep it PG rated at the most. There will be electric from a generator if your trunk needs to light up. Please bring treats to hand out to our Trick-or-Treaters who will visit Trunk or Treat. There will be prizes for the top trunks of the night.

TRUNK OR TREAT TREATS are welcome through October 28. If you would like to donate a bag of small, wrapped treats for those who will attend our Trunk or Treat event, please bring it to the church office or to the Gathering Place throughout October. Thank you!



CHILDREN'S SERMONS are another way that children may connect what they learn in our Disciple Training Camp (Sunday School) with what they experience in worship. Our Camp curriculum is lectionary based, which means that usually our camp lesson is about one of the Bible readings in worship. Children's sermons provide a time when God's word is spoken especially for them. They are offered on the first and third Sunday of each month at the 8:00 a.m. and 10:45 a.m. service. All children through the sixth grade, are invited to come forward immediately after the reading of the gospel. Parents are welcome to accompany children, especially infants and toddlers, to share in this time.

FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT takes place on the lawn on Saturday, October 12, 7:30 p.m. Everyone is invited to bring a lawn chair or blanket for seating and enjoy a fun Halloween-themed movie about a "monsters-only" resort where chaos ensues when a human shows up. Popcorn and beverages will be provided by our Youth Group. We'll move inside in case of inclement weather.



ST. MATT'S LUNCH-OUT will be at the Railside Diner on Thursday, October 10, 11:45 a.m. The Railside is at 241 N. Railroad Street, across the street from the library and in front of the Eichelberger building. Along with daily specials of soup, sandwiches and platters, they also have regular menu items. All our Lunch Out events are "Dutch Treat" so you pay for your own meal. If you plan to join us, please make your reservation by Monday, October 7 by calling Jan Davis at 717-637-7101 or e-mailing her at jdavisaim@stmattlutheran.org. You may also leave a message on the St. Matthew Facebook page. If you miss making a reservation, you may still attend. We are trying to get a more accurate number so the restaurants may prepare for us. Thank you!



YOUTH GROUP welcomes all 7th through 12th graders for fun and faith-filled events. October's regular meetings will be October 6 and 20 in the Youth Suite (rooms 303/304) from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. We'll be planning our theme for Trunk or Treat, which will be Monday, October 28, 6:00 to 7:30 p.m. Bring your ideas on how to transform the church van into a Halloween "spook-tacular!" We'll also talk about our Movie Night on the Lawn, planned for Saturday, October 12, 7:30 p.m.

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 will gather at Panera at 75 Eisenhower Dr. in Hanover on Monday, October 21, 7:00 to 8:00 p.m. Women of all ages are invited to talk about faith and daily life. We use the articles found in Café, the on-line magazine for women. You may read ahead at www.boldcafe.org or wait until our meeting. If you don't have an internet-ready device, we always read the articles aloud. We have introduced several new women to the group over the past summer. Why not start your fall as a Cyber Woman? Please contact Jan Davis at 717-637-7101 with any questions.





CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

LIFE IN JESUS' DAY is the theme for this fall's **RALLY DAY!** On Sunday, September 29, everyone is invited to begin our new school year during the Sunday School time of 9:15 to 10:15 a.m. Children through the sixth grade and their families are invited to step into the world of Jesus in 30 A.D. in our education building across the street from the church. Pick up your passport through Disciple Camp and discover how Jesus, his disciples and their neighbors lived way back then. Light your path with a hand-made candle, make a disciple necklace, hear about The Twelve Dudes Who Did and more!

DISCIPLE TRAINING CAMP LEADERS guide our campers on the path of discipleship with Bible stories, crafts, games and many other activities. Leaders have an excellent curriculum to help them along the way. Some days at camp have large group activities while others are in small age groups. Both are times when everyone can learn more about being a follower of Jesus. We especially are looking for leaders in the 1st through 6th grade cabins. If you are in the 9th grade or older (that's adults, too!) and would like to know more about being a Camp Leader, please contact Jan Davis at 717-637-7101 or jdavisaim@stmattlutheran.org.



THE BIBLE PRESENTATION for all third graders will be during the 10:45 a.m. service on Sunday, October 6. Third graders and their parents will be invited forward at the end of the children's sermon. Each will receive their own copy of the New Revised Standard Bible, with colorful pictures and Bible helps.

CONFIRMATION ORIENTATION will take place in the Upper Room on Sunday, October 6, 9:15 to 10:15 a.m. At least one parent is required to attend with their 7th or 8th grade youth. We'll go over the schedule for our year, along with providing details about our annual retreat. There will be a commissioning for youth with their parents during the 10:45 a.m. service that day.



HOLY BOWLERS enjoy an afternoon of fun and fellowship at South Hanover Lanes, 1767 S. Baltimore St, Hanover. We meet the first and third Thursday of each month with our October dates October 3 and 17. All are invited to the Bible study portion from 1:00 to 1:45 p.m. We discuss the lessons for the up-coming Sunday. Following the Bible study, we bowl three games which costs \$5.00, including shoe rental. Bring your own ball or borrow one from the lanes. There is a snack bar where you may purchase lunch or refreshments. No previous bowling experience (or great skill!) is required—we bowl for enjoyment and fellowship. New bowlers are always welcome!

THE YARN EXCHANGE is now available for all our prayer shawl and finger labyrinth knitters and crocheters! Using Thrivent Action Dollars, yarn has been purchased for your use in creating these important ways to pass prayer along to those in need. The yarn may be found in the closet in the Lounge, which is open during office hours and on Sunday mornings between 9:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. Sign out the yarn you need (three skeins for a shawl or two for a finger labyrinth), complete your project, return it to the lounge and sign it in the appropriate record book. The Action Team will attach a charm (usually a cross) and a note about your shawl or labyrinth.



Prayer Shawl Ministry

A PRAYER SHAWL MEETING will be held on October 10 at 2:00 p.m. in the Lounge. You'll be able to see the new Yarn Exchange and to see some new patterns for knitting or crocheting. Sarah Morris and Jan Davis will be on hand to provide instructions on how to crochet a finger labyrinth. The fall is a wonderful time to get started in our prayer shawl and finger labyrinth ministries as the weather is cooler and it's comforting to have a pile of yarn on your lap! Come and see how to share that comfort and prayers with others.



DISCIPLE TRAINING CAMP

is the new name for our children's Sunday School.

Not many want to be in "school" after spending Monday through Friday there, but who doesn't love CAMP! We might not have a camp fire or s'mores (or will we??) but we will have lots of exciting and fun activities to discover ways to be a disciple. Our regular classes will begin on **Sunday, October 6**, 9:15 to 10:15.

All 2 year olds through 6th graders are encouraged to come to Disciple Training Camp and exercise your "disciple muscles!"

PASTORAL ACTS

August 16 – September 15, 2019

Funerals

September 4 – Marian J. (Swartz) Louey

September 5 – Mary R. (Brown) Utz

THANK YOU to those who helped with the neighborhood garden this year. We had a great yield of veggies that were used by New Hope Ministries. We are grateful for your help.

*Gail Mummert and
the Social Ministry Committee*



BRANCHING OUT TO COLLEGE STUDENTS:

If you are a college student or military member or have one in your family, please send the name, school address and email so that we can support them in their studies with a card and gift. Even if you submitted an address last year, please contact Kit Curlen, kcurlen@comcast.net or 717-891-4849. Thank you for your continuous support and prayers.

FROM OUR CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP COMMITTEE:

Our annual all member birthday dinner is scheduled for Sunday, November 10, after the 10:45 service. The menu for the dinner is spaghetti with a salad bar, Pixie dressing and dessert. A free-will offering will be collected. Watch the Gathering Place for the sign-up sheet.

A bus trip is scheduled for Saturday, November 23, 2019, to Sight and Sound Theatre for *Miracles of Christmas*. The bus will leave the church parking lot at 1:00 p.m. The show begins at 3:00 p.m. After the show we will go to Good 'N Plenty Restaurant near Lancaster for dinner. Their menu will include meatloaf, baked ham, fried chicken, plus side dishes. The cost for the show, food and bus is \$146/person. Watch for a sign-up sheet in the Gathering Place.

Save the date of Sunday, December 1 for our Advent Social. We will prepare our Advent wreaths and have a craft for all age, with a menu of boiled chicken potpie.

Sixth Annual Tree 4 Hope Charity Golf Outing

Manada Golf Club, Grantville, PA

October 14, 2019

9:00 a.m. Shotgun Start

12:00 p.m. Lunch, Silent Auction, and Prizes



On February 27 of this year, Hope Academy officially opened its doors, off sight at Hogar Miguel Magone Orphanage, to its first class of 15 Kindergarteners! The first floor of the building is just about ready and our girls cannot wait to move into their school building! Over our past few months of classes, the girls of Hope Academy have jumped into an immersive bilingual STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, and Mathematics) curriculum, the first of its kind in Guatemala. Your generous support of this event helps to provide new opportunities and brighter futures to countless girls in rural Guatemala who will go on to change their communities and the world for the better!

Golf* and Sponsorship Registration Form

_____ Gold Sponsor - \$1,000 (includes 4 golfers; 1 page ad in event brochure, and large sign at registration table)

_____ Hole Sponsor - \$600 (includes 4 golfers; ½ page ad in event brochure, and sign at sponsored tee box)

_____ Green Sponsor - \$150 (I cannot attend the outing, but still wish to partner with Tree 4 Hope and Hope Academy. Includes company or individual sign at sponsored green and acknowledgement in event brochure)

_____ Foursome - \$400 (includes 4 golfers)

_____ Individual golfer - \$125

*Golf includes greens fee, cart, range balls, and lunch

Names of Golfers

Phone#:

Email Address:

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____

Name of Sponsor (if applicable.): _____

Mail form and check(s) to "Tree 4 Hope" 1492 Linglestown Road, Harrisburg, PA 17110.

Tree 4 Hope is a 501c3 non-profit. All proceeds from this event benefit the girls of Hope Academy and Hogar Miguel Magone Orphanage in Guatemala.

Special Events Calendar



October

- 6 Confirmation Orientation for 7th & 8th graders
- 6 Bibles presented to 3rd graders during 10:45 service
- 6 11:45 a.m. Anniversary celebration for Pastor Rob and Deacon Jan
- 20 1:00 p.m. CROP Walk – Codorus State Park
- 27 4:00 p.m. Organ Concert, Simon Johnson from St. Paul's Cathedral, London - By free ticket
- 28 6:00-8:00 p.m. Trunk or Treat - church parking lot



November

- 2/3 All Saints Day Services
- 9/10 Stewardship Weekend
- 10 12:00 noon Annual All-Member Birthday Dinner
- 13 7:15 p.m. Healing Service at SAW
- 15/16/17 Youth Group Retreat
- 16/17 Women of the ELCA Thank Offering weekend
- 17 11:45 a.m. Congregation Meeting – Nave
- 17 4:00 p.m. Organ Concert with Peter Conte and Andrew Ennis, Flugelhornist (Free tickets required)
- 23 Bus trip to Sight and Sound Theatre for *Miracle of Christmas* – 3:00 p.m. show
- 27 7:00 p.m. Community Thanksgiving Eve Service (Place to be announced)
- 27 No SAW – Happy Thanksgiving!
- 28/29 Church Office Closed - Happy Thanksgiving!



December

- 1 12:00 p.m. Advent Social - Fellowship Hall

- 3 6:00 p.m. Women of the ELCA Advent Social and Christmas Meeting (Upper Room) All women welcome!
- 7 9:00-11:00 a.m. Cookie Walk – Fellowship Hall
- 7/8 Winterfest - Synod event for youth
- 8 3:00-5:30 p.m. Hanging of the Greens, dinner at 5:00 p.m.
- 12 10:30 a.m.-12:00 p.m. Scott Fredericks' & Jeanie Mummert Kent Christmas Concert (by purchased ticket)
- 13 7:00 p.m. Discovery Place Christmas Program – Fellowship Hall
- 15 9:15-10:15 a.m. Christmas Pageant Fellowship Hall
- 15 2-4:00 p.m. Christmas Caroling to Shut-Ins
- 24 Church Office closes at Noon
- 24 **Christmas Eve Services:**



- 6:00 p.m. Family Service
- 7:45 Nativity Recital
- 8:00 Candlelight Communion Service
- 10:30 Nativity Recital
- 11:00 p.m. Candlelight and Carol Service

- 25 & 26 Church Office Closed - Merry Christmas!
- 31 Church Office Closes at Noon
- 31 7:00 p.m. Mini-Ministers Puppet Show – Fellowship Hall

January - 2020

- 1 Church Office Closed & No SAW- Happy New Year!
- 5 12:00 p.m. Unhanging of the Greens
- 17 7:00 p.m. Joseph Martin Concert with Joel Raney, David Schwoebel and the Westminster Ringers (by free ticket)
- 18 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Shawnee Press Workshop for Choral Directors
- 25 9:00 a.m.-3:30 p.m. Women's Retreat – Moving Mountains

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