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From the Desk of Pastor Faye:

....I give thanks to my God always for you. I Corinthians 1:4

To God's People at St. Matthew,

Over 50 years ago, I met a man who loved St. Matthew. He had grown up in this church. He was a born storyteller who would regale me with tales of people in his old neighborhood, as well as people of St. Matthew and Pastor Beidelman. Ralph had four baby sisters, born each about a year apart from the other. With each new baby, Pastor Beidelman would arrive at their home on Broadway with ice cream for the whole family...and they would celebrate new life and being part of God's beloved family.

I loved that story and I fell in love with that man, who had just been discharged from the Marine Corps. He really wanted me to be a St. Matthew Lutheran and for me to marry him there, in the sacred-ness of that beloved white marble sanctuary. And I did! I had one-on-one classes with Pastor McCarney to immerse me in Lutheranism, and then he presided over our December wedding. A Christmas wedding with red roses and velvet gowns. Life was wonderful!

Little did I imagine on that day, where life would take me, and that I would some day be a pastor on the staff of St. Matthew! God's call for me into ordained ministry came in the middle of a busy life with my husband, four (nearly) grown children, a grandbaby and many, many plans for our future. I know you've heard the maxim – *We make plans and God laughs*. So true for us.

Throughout all these years, my relationship with God's people at St. Matthew has been a constant. My deepest thanks to all of you - who welcomed and befriended me so many years ago, as a new Lutheran and a bride-to-be; who welcomed us back and became our closest friends as a young family with three little kiddos in the 70's...

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...who offered your love and support for my call to ordained ministry; who welcomed me back once again in 2012, as a Visitation Pastor on the St. Matthew staff. God has been so good.

This past Sunday, I was gratified and humbled by the 10th Anniversary party that celebrated my years as Visitation Pastor. I have been incredibly blessed as we have done ministry together in this place. Many thanks to Pastor Kathy, Pastor Taylor and Scott Fredericks for their strong, wise and compassionate leadership, and to all our gifted and committed staff and volunteers, who consistently go above and beyond what they're asked to do. Special thanks to my wonderful family for their love and support always. God's richest blessings on all of us as we walk together in Jesus' footsteps and strive to be his hands and feet, and his loving heart. *I give thanks to my God always for you. 1 Cor. 1:4*

Many Blessings,
Pastor Faye

A NOTE FOUND IN THE CARING CUPBOARD, addressed to, *"To the generous Parishioners of St. Matthew church: On behalf of all of us on the outside who receives, to all on the inside who donate these generous gifts. We thank you from the bottom of our hearts.*

Your generosity will not go unrewarded.

May the Lord bless each one of you and may His face shine upon you forever.

*Sincerely,
PW*

SPECIAL GUEST PREACHER, Pastor Mark Olsen On October 22 and 23, Pastor Mark Olson, Senior Director of Congregational Stewardship and Generosity of the ELCA will be our guest preacher and teacher. He is excited to be with St. Matthew to extend thanks from the ELCA for our generous support. In addition he will tell us how our generosity is multiplied through our church-wide ministries.

THE WORSHIP/MUSIC COMMITTEE would like to restart the practice of delivering altar flowers to our shut-ins and/or those who are ill or grieving. The flowers can be prepared on Sundays after the 10:30 service or Monday morning, whichever works best for you. There will be names and addresses of two homes to deliver the flowers to. We hope to have enough names that each person would only need to deliver once every several months. Please contact the church office, 717-637-7101 or by email, info@stmatthlutheran.org. Please consider being a part of this meaningful ministry.



A Message from the Generosity Ministry Team We will be celebrating Generosity through the month of November. Watch for more information regarding the ways our generosity is growing and what this means for 2023.

MILESTONES and EVENTS!



BIBLE PRESENTATION MILESTONE - Children in 3rd, 4th, and 5th grade are invited to participate in our Bible Presentation Milestone on **October 2**.

Children will be presented with their very own Bibles in worship at the 10:30 worship service, and we will host a short equipping session after worship with kids and their parents or caregivers to learn all about their Bible and practice using it together.

THE DIRECTORY DEADLINE has been moved to October 3. We need pictures – we need people – we need You! Forms are at the rear of the Nave and Fellowship Hall or on the website www.stmattlutheran.org. Contact Mike Jones with any questions, directory@stmattlutheran.org or 717-965-6680. Please note on the form if you need a printed copy of the directory. The cost will be \$10.



HARVEST HOME FALL FESTIVAL: Come for the Food - Stay for the Fun! On Sunday, October 9, after the late service, our **Harvest Home celebration will extend beyond the Nave into Fellowship Hall** for a finger licking good meal and a variety of activities for all ages.

The meal, mostly catered by Dickey's Barbecue Pit, includes **BBQ pulled pork and chicken, baked beans, coleslaw, mac and cheese, dinner roll, ice cream with chocolate syrup and apple crisp.**

Our Fall Festival activities include an Apple Pie tasting contest, Corn Hole Tournament, Bingo, Line dancing and children's activities.

A suggested donation of \$10 for individuals and \$25 for families will help cover the costs of the meal. Please don't let the costs keep you away from attending. The Christian Fellowship Committee is looking for volunteers to help with set up on Friday, October 7 at 3 p.m. or clean up following the event. Attention Bakers! How about bringing an apple pie for the contest!

You are asked to **sign-up by Monday, October 3**, in one of the following ways: Mark the tear-off sheet inside the front cover of the Sunday bulletin; Sign-up at the Hospitality Desk in the Gathering Place; or contact the office at info@stmattlutheran.org with number attending (individuals or family), whether you can help with set-up or clean-up or bake a pie.

Jeanie and Tim Kent will be presenting special music at all services this weekend.

At all three services this weekend, we will collect single-serve items for Ruth's Harvest. We will bring the items forward and put them around the altar during each service.

Thank you to the Christian Fellowship Committee for planning and preparing this event. For more information you may contact Bonnie Williams, Claudia Hudson, Laurel Bell, Yvonne Hughes or the church office at info@stmattlutheran.org or 717-637-7101.

MORE MILESTONES and EVENTS!



SECOND ANNUAL HANOVER CLEAN UP DAY Get Ready. Get Set. Go, Members of St. Matthew! Unite to attack garbage and keep our town clean and beautiful. Put Saturday, October 15, on your calendar and meet at the Hanover Area Council of Churches Building at 136 Carlisle Street at 9 a.m.

Groups will be organized to pick up litter and work on any other cleanup projects provided by the Borough of Hanover. PAL lunch will serve hot dogs at noon at Wirt Park. Local churches are planning short activities in line with the theme of the blessings that come from serving each other! *See Matthew 25:40.* Please sign up on Justserve.org so the Council of Churches can keep you informed of details and organize work groups.

SPECIAL MUSIC FOR OCTOBER 16 at the 10:30 service- We are fortunate to have part of the cast of Hanover Little Theater's production of **Godspell** coming to St. Matthew to offer a number of songs from the musical during our 10:30 worship. They will be presenting the full musical at the theater in November.

FAMILY FALL FOLIAGE DAY at Camp Nawakwa, Sunday, October 23, 1-6:00 p.m. There will be pumpkin painting, apple butter boil, hayrides, hiking and more! Bring your family and friends to camp for a fall afternoon! An evening meal will be provided. Registration is \$15/person but St. Matthew will help families and friends who want to go by paying \$10 per person, leaving \$5/person for the family and friends. Please let Tim Peck or the office, info@stmattlutheran.org, know if you are interested!



ATTENTION: VOLUNTEERS NEEDED! Help us celebrate our confirmands. On October 30, following the late service, we will be hosting a Confirmation Banquet in Fellowship Hall. Volunteers are needed to donate side dishes, snacks and desserts. A sign-up sheet will be located at the Hospitality Desk in the Gathering Place during the month of October. Please indicate what you are able to donate. All donations can be dropped off with Madison Maloney in Fellowship Hall following the 8:30 worship service on October 30. Thank you in advance for your contributions.

CONGREGATION MEETING - This announcement serves as official notice that we will hold our Congregation Meeting on Sunday, November 13, immediately following the late worship service (approximately 11:30). The purpose of the meeting is to approve a budget for 2023 and elect four new council members and a youth representative. During the Faith Connections hour (9:40-10:20), members of the Finance Committee will be in the Gathering Place to answer questions regarding the budget. All voting (active) members of the congregation are asked to attend this important meeting.





CAROL WILLIAMS ORGAN CONCERT – The St. Matthew Lutheran Church Concert Series will present organist, Dr. Carol Williams in concert on Sunday, October 16 at 4:00 p.m. Free tickets will be used to guarantee seating. Mail a self-addressed, stamped envelope to the church office and mark the envelope "October Concert." Doors open at 3:30 p.m. Free-will offering will be taken.

Carol Williams' programs are known for flashy classical pieces, theater, jazz, pop and everything in-between. Her concerts are of vast diversity, elegance and include her charismatic personality. Williams' performances are received with "rock star" enthusiasm as witnessed by the thousands who attended her concerts while at the outdoor Spreckles organ in San Diego.

British born Carol Williams was a child prodigy nurtured in a Welsh musical family. She began private lessons at age five and could read music before English. Carol began performing organ recitals throughout the UK at age eight. Dr. Williams' formal training started with five years at the Royal Academy of Music where she obtained the Academy's prestigious Recital Diploma. Carol was awarded all the major prizes for organ performance and she became a Fellow of the Royal College of Organists; a Fellow of Trinity College London; and an Associate of the Royal College of Music. Carol also studied with Daniel Roth, the Organist at the Church of St. Sulpice, Paris. Moving to the United States, she undertook postgraduate study at Yale University under the direction of Professor Thomas Murray (who has played two concerts at St. Matthew) and was awarded an Artist Diploma together with the Charles Ives prize for outstanding achievement. Carol undertook her Doctoral studies at the Manhattan School of Music.

Carol now lives in Atlanta, Georgia. She was in San Diego, California from 2001-2017 where she was Artistic Director of the Spreckels International Organ Concert Series, the largest in North America. Dr. Carol is the first woman in the world to hold the position "Civic Organist" and has been awarded the title "San Diego Civic Organist Emerita."

Dr. Williams has performed throughout the United States, England, France, Sweden, Finland, Estonia, Monaco, Luxembourg, Holland, Poland, Germany, Denmark, Singapore, South Korea, China and Russia. Williams is known for her collaborations with various symphonies, jazz, blues, pop and rock musicians including the BBC Concert Orchestra, San Diego Symphony Orchestra and the Beijing Symphony Orchestra as well as with various regional local bands. Carol has recorded over 23 CDs and published over 50 compositions on Melcot Music. Dr. Carol hosts "TourBus" a documentary series exploring the large and small, famous and unique pipe organs of the world and also, hosts a YouTube talk show series "On The Bench" interviewing musical artists. In the United Kingdom, Dr. Williams has been elected an Associate of the Royal Academy of Music (ARAM) in recognition of her contribution to music.

Carol has served as Chapel Organist at Yale University, New Haven, CT; Associate Organist at the Cathedral of the Incarnation in Long Island's Garden City, NY; Artist in Residence at St. Paul's Cathedral in San Diego, CA; Director of Music St. Thomas Aquinas Charlottesville, VA University Parish. Presently Carol is Artist in Residence and Organist, Peachtree Christian Church, Atlanta, GA. Some of her highlight concerts were for Princess Diana, the Virgil Fox Memorial Concert and the 10th anniversary concert of the Walt Disney Concert Hall Organ. Carol donates several performances per year for various charity fund raising efforts.



FAITH CONNECTIONS

Adult Offerings 2022-2023,
Sundays 9:30-10:20 a.m.

Discussing current events through a faith lens with the Generations Class on the third floor of the church building through a resource called *Wired Word* that connects scripture to current/everyday events for exploration of what it means to be a follower of Jesus today.

Bible study and music with the Parlor Class in the Parlor near the Gathering Place through *Augsburg Adult Bible Studies* and a continuing tradition of St. Matthew hymn singing as Christian education.



Rotating series with Pastor Kathy or Pastor Taylor in the Upper Room on the second floor. **For the five Sundays in October, participants in the Pastor's Class will focus on the Reformation as it relates to our Lutheran Church today.**

People new to the Lutheran faith are especially encouraged to attend.

October 2 "Did Martin Luther really call the Pope the Anti-Christ?"

October 9 "How can Lutherans believe in 'grace alone' if they also believe in 'faith alone' and 'Scripture alone'?"

October 16 "What's a synod and why are there so many different ones?"

October 23 Pastor Mark Olsen, Senior Director of Congregational Stewardship and Generosity of the ELCA will give a forum on how our mission is strengthened in partnership with ministries across the world.

October 30 "Do I have to memorize the Small Catechism to be Lutheran?"

SPLASH CLASS - Parents of infants and toddlers 3 months to 3 years old are invited to attend Splash Class- a "baby and me" style group class. Together, parents/caregivers and children will explore what's next after you've been "splashed" in the waters of Baptism. Adam Amspacher, registered and licensed pediatric occupational therapist, and Lindsay Amspacher, board-certified music therapist, will lead this 30 minute class at St. Matthew from **9:45-10:15** on the following Sunday mornings: **10/23, 12/4, 1/22, 3/5, and 4/16**. Mark your calendars and invite a loved one along!



Welcoming Newcomers to St. Matthew - For all who are interested in becoming members of St. Matthew! You are invited to an **Orientation Lunch on Sunday, November 6 at 11:45 a.m.-1:30 p.m.** in our Fellowship Hall. You will be welcomed by members of our Evangelism Committee, staff and new member sponsors. You will also learn more about our congregation and how you may choose to connect. There will be activities for children. If you are interested in attending this Orientation and joining the congregation, let us know by Monday, October 24, at info@stmattlutheran.org. Please don't hesitate to contact Pastor Kathy, pastorkathy@stmattlutheran.org, or Pastor Taylor, pastortaylor@stmattlutheran.org with any questions. **We will welcome new members to our congregation on the weekend of November 12 and 13 at all services.**

WORSHIP ASSISTANT TRAINING

Liturgy means “the work of the people,” and it means so much to our identity at St. Matthew and as Lutherans. Worship always happens because of lots of work of “the people” - including you! You’re invited to consider how the Holy Spirit might be nudging you to share your unique gifts through one of the many ways worship assistants offer their leadership in the church. This fall, we’ll be offering trainings for worship assistants in all kinds of roles. Check out the schedule and pick one (or several) to join.

Trainings on Sundays, 9:40-10:15 a.m.

Assistant Minister Training Would you like to be an assisting minister in worship at St. Matthew? Have you been an assisting minister before and would like a refresher course? Are you curious what an assisting minister is and want to check it out up close? Mark your calendar for **October 2, at 9:35 a.m.**, because we will be offering Assistant Minister Training for anyone who's interested. Attending the training will not automatically sign you up to be on our assisting minister volunteer list, but you will have the opportunity to sign up if you'd like to. We will meet in the **Gathering Place** to begin and move into the Nave from there. No RSVP required- so it will help to be on time. Assisting Ministers represent the laity in worship leadership, and in doing so remind the worshipping community of our Lutheran belief in the priesthood of all believers. They typically lead the congregation in prayers, especially the Prayers of the People, which they may also choose to help prepare. Open to ages 11-111.

Greeter Training Would you like to be a Greeter in worship at St. Matthew? Have you been a greeter before and would like a refresher course? Are you curious what a greeter is and want to check it out up close? Mark your calendars for **October 2, at 9:35 a.m.**, because we will be offering Greeter Training for anyone who's interested. Attending the training will not automatically sign you up to be on our greeter volunteer list, but you will have the opportunity to sign up if you'd like to. We will meet in the **Gathering Place** to begin and move around as needed from there. No RSVP required- so it will help to be on time. Greeters set the tone of hospitality for our worshipping community. They typically stand near the entrances to the church building as worshipers arrive to say hello, help direct foot traffic, and answer questions newcomers may have. Open to ages 11-111.

Cross & Torch Bearer Training Would you like to be a cross bearer or torch bearer in worship at St. Matthew? Have you been one before and would like a refresher course? Are you curious about what it takes to be a cross or torch bearer and want to check it out up close? Mark your calendars for **October 16, at 9:35 a.m.**, because we will be offering Cross & Torch Bearer Training for anyone who's interested. Attending the training will not automatically sign you up to be on our cross and torch bearer volunteer list, but you will have the opportunity to sign up if you'd like to. We will meet in the **Gathering Place** to begin and move around as needed from there. No RSVP required- so it will help to be on time. On church holidays like Christmas, Easter, Epiphany, Reformation, etc., cross bearers and torch bearers lead the procession into the worship space during our opening hymn, helping the congregation to focus on Christ as our center. Open to ages 11-111.



MORE WORSHIP ASSISTANT TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES!

Altar Guild Training Would you like to be a part of Altar Guild at St. Matthew? Have you been on Altar Guild before and would like a refresher course? Are you curious about what the Altar Guild does and want to check out their role up close? Mark your calendars for **October 16 at 9:35 a.m.**, because we will be offering Altar Guild Training for anyone who's interested. Attending the training will not automatically sign you up to be on our Altar Guild volunteer list, but you will have the opportunity to sign up if you'd like to. We will meet in the **Gathering Place** to begin and move around as needed from there. No RSVP required- so it will help to be on time. Altar Guild prepares the space for worship, changing the paraments with the liturgical seasons and otherwise attending to spatial needs. Open to ages 11-111.

If you're not sure whether you'd like to be a worship assistant yet but would like to explore, come to a training workshop and find out if it's right for you! If you'd like to learn a particular role but have a conflict that day, contact the office and we'll figure something out. **Ages 11 to 111 are welcome to try out any role.**

August 20 - September 22, 2022

Baptism

August 21– Bowie Russell Thomassy, son of Eric and BriAnna Thomassy with sponsors Jocelyn and Brian West

September 4 - Jaxton Hale Peterman, son of Justin and Ashley (Zumbrum) Peterman, with sponsors Adam and Lindsay Amspacher

Weddings

September 17 - Elijah and Kaitlyn (Peck) Fisher

Deaths

August 26 - Bowie Russell Thomassy

September 4 – Suzanne (Susie) Kurtz

September 11 – Bernard (Bernie) Stauffer



DISCOVERY PLACE PRESCHOOL is off to a fantastic start! The staff sends a very big "THANK YOU!" to all who have donated gift cards already this year. We have received cards to several local stores, especially Giant, and have begun putting them to good use. To date, we have used an Amazon card to purchase laminating film for our laminator, so the teachers can protect posters and other materials for years to come. We have also used a Giant gift card for first week snacks, and also to refresh our supply of cold packs for emergencies. We very much appreciate your donations to our preschool! If you still would like to donate during the year, we would like to suggest Walmart/Target, Staples, or Hobby Lobby/JoAnn's.



Please also keep watch for another way you can help our preschool's fundraising efforts, as we are working to plan a few "restaurant nights" throughout the preschool year. This is an easy way to donate to Discovery Place, plus you don't have to cook or clean up! We will post details in The Messenger and church bulletins as details are available. Thank you for your support of your church's preschool program!

ST. MATT'S YOUTH EVENTS!



Youth Connections

High School Mid-Week Connections in the Youth Suite from 7-8:30 p.m. This is a time for high school youth to get together to catch up mid-week, by request.



Confirmation and High School classes in the Youth Suite, Sundays 9:30-10:20 a.m.

Youth Connections Night in the Youth Suite, the first and third Sundays of the month, 6-8:00 p.m. We hope to see **all youth, 6th through 12th grade there!**

DEMYSTIFY PREPARING AND PAYING FOR COLLEGE: Real strategies to guide you in funding a higher education. At Thrivent's College Planning Strategies workshop, we'll explore what you need to know to plan and pay for college. You will learn how academics, admissions and financial strategies work together to help save you money and avoid excessive student debt. This workshop is hosted by Financial Advisor Ann Seitz-Brown, CLTC ©, CCPS ©, CDFA ©. This event will be held October 2, 6:00 p.m. in the Upper Room (Take the elevator or stairs to the 2nd floor.) Questions: Call 717-332-4219 or email ann.seitz-brown@thrivent.com.



TRUNK OR TREAT will turn our parking lot into a spook-tacular event for all ages! **On Monday**, October 24, from 6-8:00 p.m., our Youth Group will host Trunk or Treat. Treats will be provided to hand out to our Trick-or-Treaters who will visit Trunk or Treat. There will be prizes for the top trunks of the hour. Come out and support our Youth Group and check out the amazing trunks!



Any youth and parents who have not yet been added to our text groups, please email us at youth@stmattlutheran.org with your name and cell # and confirm your email. This is how you will receive info about any changes, including last-minute, between emails.

LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR COMMUNITY MEAL



Our third Community Meal will be Monday, October 24, beginning at 5 p.m. here at St. Matthew in conjunction with Trunk or Treat. We thought it would be a great idea to offer dinner as well as treats! The menu will be simple as always: Chili, Soup, Chips, Water, a fruit, or vegetable. We are hoping that our church family as well as our neighborhood friends and family will join us for a quick dinner and then participate in the Trunk or Treat event sponsored by our youth. If you would be willing to make a pot of chili or another soup, please let Amy know, Abeck1976@comcast.net or 717-404-1994. If you would like to help that evening, you can let Amy know or you can just show up. We love to see our community coming together!