

Light from the Ridge

Striving to Grow our Faith and Devotion to God at
St. Matthew's Lutheran Church

October 2018

Harvest Home Sunday

Last year on Harvest Home Sunday our congregation gathered close to 1,000 pounds of food in support of our local food banks and providers. We have been able to be a huge part in making a difference in many lives in our community through these donations. Landis is donating shopping bags for us to fill and will be available at all church entrances. If you are able, please bring food donations to church on Sunday, October 14. Any donation, large or small, is happily shared with those in need. Food items may also be dropped off during the month of October in the baskets at all church entrances for those who may not be able to join us for worship on October 14. Please join us once again in overflowing the church with our bounty!

Stewardship Fair

Making Sunday morning "work" takes a lot of hands doing many tasks. Did you ever wonder what some of those roles are and if you might be a part of making things go? Have you ever thought about how you could share your skills and talents with St. Matthew's? Well have we got an event for you! On **Sunday, October 21 from 9-10:00am** we will be having a Stewardship Fair in the Welcome Center. You may have attended Stewardship Fairs in the past but this one will be a little different- we're going to have **FUN!** Come play games, explore ideas and see how you might participate in the life of St. Matthew's.



Building Use

Now that the building project is complete, Council has reviewed and updated the Building Use Guidelines. For those who wish to use the facility for family gatherings, baby or bridal showers, meetings, dinners, etc. we have documents outlining acceptable usage, fees (if applicable), expectations for cleaning after an event, etc. Availability is on a first come, first served basis. The document is available on the website for anyone who is looking for a place to gather, both members and outside groups.

LYF Punkin Chunkin

7-12th Grade Youth

Gather your friends, siblings and parents OR come solo for our third annual "PUNKIN CHUNKIN" on October 28, noon to 2:00pm in the field behind St. Matthew's memorial garden. Those attending second service may bring a bag lunch. Apple cider and soft pretzels will be provided. Please sign up on the youth bulletin board.

Please note the new

Christmas Eve
WORSHIP
SCHEDULE

5:00pm - Worship "with children in mind"

8:00pm - Worship with Holy Communion



Some New Things to Try!

Dear Church-

There are three new things happening at St. Matthew's that I want to share with you today. The first is our new **Café** Group for women; the second is that curious "tower" in the Welcome Center; and third is a gathering for our new and old acolytes.

CAFÉ GROUP: The ELCA has a wonderful online magazine and podcast **Bold Café** which was created for "young adult women who identify as Lutheran or not." *Café* shares stories from bold young women who write about faith, relationships, advocacy and more. Readers and writers of *Café* include pastors, seminary and college students, and other young adult women. I am pleased to say that I know several of these writers and their contributions have been outstanding. These online resources can be used as a Bible study resource individually or with a group.

Although many women in their 20s and 30s contribute in every issue, it can be used and shared by women of any age. With that in mind, we are going to start a **Café Group** which will have its first meeting on **Thursday, October 11th at 7:00pm at the Starbucks in Quakertown**. The conversation will be directed by the October Monthly topic which has not yet been posted. (September was "God with us.") If you're interested in being a part of this new adventure. Check out the online resources at boldcafe.org and look for me and Holly Thorrington at the Starbucks. (We don't quite fit into the target demographic but we are committed to getting this new ministry on its feet.) If you have any questions, please talk to me or Holly.

PRAYER TOWER: If you've been in the Welcome Center in the last two weeks you hopefully saw our triangular shaped grid wall tower. We've been trying to come up with a good name but so far "**Prayer Tower**" is our best choice. (If you have a better idea, please let me know.) The original idea was that this would be a place for the kids to place prayers for sharing with the community, but on the very first day, it was clear that this was something our whole community could share.

The idea is simple. There are cardboard tags on which you can write your prayer and then fasten it to the tower. Other folks who see your card can then share in your prayer petition. For those who would like to take a prayer request with them, cards have been provided. If you have other ideas on how we might make this tool even more useful, please let me know. If you have kids in your family, encourage them to make use of the Prayer Tower whether they have prayers of concern, prayers of thanks or prayers of celebration.

ACOLYTE MEETING: On **Saturday, October 20th** we will have a meeting for our new and old acolytes at 10:00am. This hour long gathering will include **acolyte training** and conversation with me about ways that acolytes can serve as a second pair of eyes, hands and feet for the pastor and liturgists. EVERYONE in fifth grade and older is invited to participate in this meeting.

I hope you will support these new ventures with prayer and participation in the events that appeal to you. If you have any questions, please let me know.

God's blessings for your week!

Pastor Heidi

Council Suggestion Box

Do you have a question, concern or compliment for St. Matthew's Church Council? Please use the Council Suggestion Box located in the round room to share your ideas. Our Council President checks this box before the monthly meeting. Please include your name if you would like a response to any questions.

Memorials

In Memory of Karen Gruver

Given by Bruce & Arlene Lenich (and in honor of Paul Gruver) to the Behner Fund; Julienne Kalvestrand; Bucks Country Gardens.

<u>Financial Update</u>		
	<u>YTD 8/31/18</u>	<u>YTD Budget</u>
<u>Current Fund</u>		
Current Fund Income	\$ 215,133.16	\$ 239,856.00
Current Fund Expenses	\$ 241,760.86	
Current Fund Balance as of 8/31/18	\$ (23,308.74)	
<u>Benevolence Income</u>		
ELCA/Synod	\$ 18,863.00	
Lutheran Charities	\$ 330.00	
World Hunger	\$ 846.00	
Lutheran Community at Telford	\$ 2,490.00	
FISH	\$ 2,660.51	
Meals on Wheels	\$ 1,498.00	
Lutheran Disaster Relief	\$ 20.00	
Bear Creek	\$ 280.00	
Global Barnyard - Sunday School	\$ 414.18	
Misc.	\$ 125.00	
Installation Offering	\$ 528.00	
Total Benevolence Income	\$ 28,054.69	
<u>Mortgage Fund Income</u>		
	\$ 22,917.75	\$ 57,600.00
Mortgage Fund Balance as of 8/31/18	\$ 11,225.88	
<u>Building Project/Capital Campaign</u>		
2018 Donations	\$ 35,036.90	
Building Project Fund Balance as of 8/31/18	\$ (24,399.29)	
Unmarked Triplex envelopes will be distributed as follows: 80% Current, 10% Benevolence-ELCA, & 10% Mortgage		
Thank you for sharing the blessings God has given you		

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Adult Forum

10/7 Human Trafficking led by Lou Ann Rittenhouse
10/14 How to Make Stress Your Friend led by Pastor Heidi
10/21 Stewardship Fair
10/28 Christianity Cults and Religion led by Linda Heckman

Support Youth Ministry!

Please consider purchasing \$20, \$50, or \$100 Giant or Landis grocery cards. Youth receive 5% of every dollar. Also purchase \$4 Wawa hoagie coupons—good for a shorti hoagie; cheaper too! Youth receive \$1 of every coupon sold. See Susan Lear or Katie Schnaath for grocery cards and hoagie coupons.

St. Matthew's Dance & Desserts

Saturday October 20th, 7-10pm, in the fellowship hall. Our own Alan Dean will DJ so we can dance the night away. We'll also have a Dessert Challenge - everyone gets to vote for their favorite. Come and dance, or come and eat - or do both. Fun for ALL AGES.

Thank you!

Thank you to everyone for their prayers, cards, flowers and visits from Linda Nice & friends. It is great to have a family like St. Matthew's! God be with you all. Bernice Gilbert

Thank you to all who donated blood at the Red Cross blood drive on September 13. We had 26 donors and 27 units of blood were given.

WELCA Women's Group

Looking for fellowship, Bible study, and mission work? Come join St. Matthew's Women's Group. The first meeting for the "new" year is Saturday, October 6 at 9:30am in the meeting room. Bring your ideas of what you would like the group to do this year. At the meeting we will be planning and packing school bags for Lutheran World Relief. See you there! Contact Carol Herstine (215-257-5811) if you have any questions.

Upper Bucks WELCA Fall Gathering **October 20, 2018**

Speaker: Rev. Dr. Jennifer Ollikainen, Pastor of Trinity and the author of article about forgiveness in September 2018 *Gather* magazine

Registration: 8:30am in Fellowship Hall
Breakfast: 9am followed by devotions and program

Place: Trinity Lutheran Church - 19 S. 5th St., Perkasie, PA
Parking lot on 4th & Chestnut or park on street

Bring in-kind gift of bars of soap, sanitary pads (no tampons), wash cloths, deodorant, travel-sized hand sanitizer, toothbrushes, and toothpaste to support a Poverty Resolutions mission of women in Haiti

Please RSVP to Linda Garcia by Wednesday, October 17, 2018

by email jaglsq@comcast.net or phone 215-257-2925

Penridge CROP Walk

Take a hike for hunger during the 35th annual Penridge CROP Walk for the Hungry, Sunday, October 14. Registration for the five mile route begins at 12:30pm at St. Andrew's Lutheran Church, 20 Dill Ave., Perkasio. The walk, held rain or shine, begins at 1:00pm. Registration for the shorter "Golden Mile" route begins at 12:30pm at the Sellersville scout cabin in Lenape Park. Bring canned goods to donate to the Penridge FISH food pantry. 25% of all proceeds go to Penridge FISH for local hunger use. The remaining funds will be used by Church World Service and its partner agencies for hunger and disaster relief in the US and globally. See Marilynne Bagosy for a sponsor form or pick up forms in the round room. For more information, visit www.crophungerwalk.org/perkasiepa.

CROP Walk Fundraiser: Dine in or take out at JT Bankers, 309 S. Main St., Sellersville between 5 and 9 pm on Tuesday, October 9 and 10% of your check will be donated to the Penridge CROP Walk for Hunger and Penridge FISH.

Penridge FISH Pantry Donations

100% fruit or vegetable juice, spaghetti and other pasta, spaghetti sauce, rice and rice mix, pasta sides, canned fish and tuna, canned meat, beans, canned chili and stew, canned fruits and vegetables, dried fruit, pancake mix, and syrup, cold and hot cereals, dry potatoes, gravy, broth, soups- all kinds, cake mix and frosting, flour and sugar, condiments, spices, cooking oil, peanut butter and jelly, coffee, tea and hot chocolate, diapers sizes 4,5,6, diaper wipes, bath soaps and shampoos, laundry detergent and cleaning products, paper towels, toilet paper, tissues, gluten free and diabetic foods, feminine products, toiletries, shaving items, deodorant, toothpaste

The Empty Bowl Project + November 4th

Support the homeless and hungry in our community by attending **The Empty Bowl Project** at St. Andrew's Lutheran Church on Sunday, November 4th, between Noon and 3:00pm.

For \$15 (\$10 for children) you will receive a bottom-less bowl of soup, bread, a beverage, dessert AND a handcrafted bowl to take home as a tangible reminder of the food insecurity in our midst. Proceeds will go to Penridge FISH, Advocates for the Homeless of Upper Bucks and the Keystone Opportunity Center.

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MUSIC BOX

Wed 10/3	Bell Ensemble, 6:30pm rehearsal
Sun 10/7	Kasey Goepfert, clarinet
Wed 10/10	Bell Ensemble, 6:30pm rehearsal Choir, 7:15pm rehearsal
Sun 10/14	Julie Myers
Wed 10/17	Bell Ensemble, 6:30pm rehearsal
Sun 10/21	Bell Ensemble
Wed 10/24	7:15p Choir Rehearsal
Sun 10/28	Choir
Sun 11/4	Brunner Band

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 10a Staff Meeting 7:00pm Activities Team Meeting	2 7p Council Meeting	3 9a Women's Breakfast @ Dublin Diner 6:30p Bell Ensemble rehearsal	4	5	6 9:30a WELCA Meeting
7 20th Sunday after Pentecost 7:45 & 10:15am Worship Holy Communion 9a Sunday School, Confirmation & Adult Forum	8 <i>Columbus Day</i> 10a Staff Meeting	9	10 6:30p Bell Ensemble rehearsal 7:15p Choir Rehearsal	11 7p Cafe Group meets at Starbucks in Quakertown	12	13
14 21st Sunday after Pentecost Harvest Home 7:45 & 10:15am Worship 9a Sunday School, Confirmation & Adult Forum 1p Pennridge CROP Walk	15 Newsletter deadline	16 7p Boy Scout Troop 7 in room 210	17 9a WELCA Workday Knotting Quilts 6:30p Bell Ensemble rehearsal 7p Interior Sub-committee Meeting	18	19	20 Fall Dance in fellowship hall 10a Acolyte Meeting
21 22nd Sunday after Pentecost 7:45 & 10:15am Worship Holy Communion by intinction 9a Stewardship Fair 9a Sunday School, Confirmation & Adult Forum	22 10a Staff Meeting	23	24 7p Boy Scout Troop 7 in room 210 7:15p Choir Rehearsal	25	26	27
28 Reformation Sunday 7:45 & 10:15am Worship 9a Sunday School, Confirmation & Adult Forum 9:45a Presentation of Prayer Pillows 10:30a Presentation of First Grade Bibles 12p Punkin Chunkin LYF Youth Event	29 10a Staff Meeting	30	31 Halloween Reformation Day	Notes:		

October Responsibilities

Counters: Bob Grasmeder, Bruce Seachrist; alternate: Kelly Smola
Altar Guild: Sharon Andress, Holly Thorrington
FISH Food Delivery Volunteer: Paul Gruver

10/7 Liturgist: 7:45 Barbara Hess; 10:15 Brett Wimmer
Holy Communion Assistants: 7:45 server Linda Nice; wafers Barbara Hess; wine Joyce Koenig, Gary Monesmith; 10:15 server Bev Kern; wafers Paul Gruver; wine Bruce Seachrist, Cindy Detweiler, Kathleen Herstine, Bob Podraza
Lector: 7:45 Gary Monesmith; 10:15 Brooke Rush
Kids Space Volunteer: Katie Schnaath
Greeter: 7:45 Donna Buzdygon; 10:15 Becki Wieder

10/14 Liturgist: 7:45 Kevin Rice; 10:15 Becky Kummery
Lector: 7:45 Mary Fowler; 10:15 Cathy Hall-Currey
Kids Space Volunteer: Mike VanValkenburgh
Greeter: 7:45 Scott Buzdygon; 10:15 Rose Vargo

10/21 Liturgist: Gary Monesmith
Holy Communion Assistants: 7:45 Barbara Hess; 10:15 Sharon Myers, Holly Thorrington, Becki Wieder
Lector: 7:45 Carol Kirby; 10:15 Andrew Spicer
Kids Space Volunteer: Linda Seachrist
Greeter: 7:45 Elmer Diehl; 10:15 Sharon Conrey

10/28 Liturgist: 7:45 Carol Miller; 10:15 Marilynne Bagosy
Lector: 7:45 John Cimino; 10:15 Julie Myers
Kids Space Volunteer: Carol Miller
Greeter: 7:45 Carol Herstine; 10:15 Marilynne Bagosy

Church Nursery Attendant is still needed!

Primary duties: Caring for children (infant through kindergarten) during worship services. All clearances and background checks will be required if not already obtained. This is a weekly position, Sundays from 7:30am -12:00pm from Labor Day through Memorial Day and during the summer months the hours change to 8:45am -10:30am. There may be additional times possible throughout the year with 4 Sundays off at your discretion. For any additional information, you may call the church office at 215-795-2965. Please share this with anyone who would be interested.

Would you like a visit from Pastor Heidi?

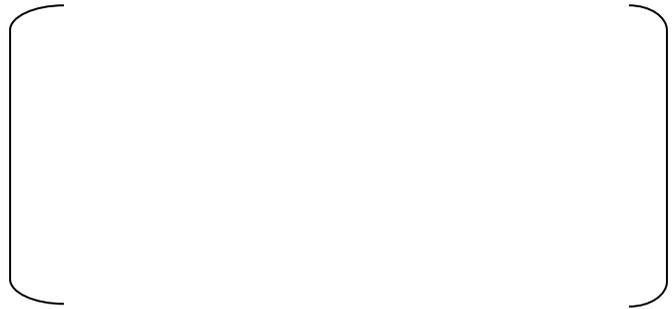
If you would, simply fill out one of the cards in your pew and drop it in the offering plate. Pastor Heidi will contact you by phone or email and set up a time to get together. Whether you have a pastoral concern or just want a chance to "get to know you," this is one way to set up a visit.

You can also email her at pastor@kellerschurch.org or call the office. Pastor is typically in the office Monday through Thursday, so feel free to drop by as well.

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