

Light from the Ridge

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



June 2019

JaM Camp + Vacation Bible School

Join us for an adventure **To Mars and Beyond!** JaM Camp for age 4 through grade 6 will be held June 24-28, 9:00am to Noon at St. Matthew's. A registration form is available on page 5 of the newsletter. Activities for the week include Bible stories, crafts, music, games, activities, and a snack. We hope you'll invite friends and neighbors to join us for a week of discovering more about God!

Adults, teenage leaders and helpers are needed. Please sign-up on the bulletin board outside the office if you are interested and available to assist. Questions? Talk to Susan Lear.



Welcome Home Sunday with the Brunner Band

Join us on **June 2nd at 9:00am** as we celebrate the good news that God is always welcoming us home! Our musical guests will be the **Brunner Bluegrass Band**. It promises to be a great worship service followed by refreshments in the Welcome Center.

Is there a St. Matthew's member you haven't seen for a while? Or is there a friend you've been wanting to invite to worship but haven't quite gotten up the nerve? We hope that you will take this opportunity to invite your friends and family to join us in worship.



Graduation Recognition in Worship

Graduation recognition is on Sunday, June 16 at 9am. If you have graduated or are graduating from high school, college or trade school, come out and be recognized! Please email the church office your graduation information and post-graduation plans (office@kellerschurch.org).

Music Opportunities

There are music opportunities every time we gather for worship! Anyone interested in exploring and sharing their musical gifts with the congregation throughout the summer, please contact Susan Lear at music@kellerschurch.org.



Bear Creek Summer Camp

Experience God's love this summer at Bear Creek. This summer camp is for children who have completed grades 1-12. The camp program is centered on spiritual growth, outdoor living and small group development. Activities include chapel time, Bible study, canoeing/kayaking, high ropes course, zip line, low ropes course, swimming, archery, and hiking. St. Matthew's is offering a **scholarship** for those who wish to attend. Please go to www.bearcreekcamp.org for more information.

Wondering if you'll have fun at Bear Creek? Just check out the happy faces of these two Bear Creek campers from last summer!

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Dear Friends-

This spring our Synod Assembly theme was ***Being Beloved Community***. The Beloved Community is a term that was popularized by Martin Luther King, Jr. who saw it as a realistic, achievable goal. It is a global vision, in which all people can share in the wealth of the earth. In the Beloved Community, poverty, hunger and homelessness will not be tolerated because international standards of human decency will not allow it. The core value of the quest for Dr. King's Beloved Community was agape love... which he described as "understanding, redeeming goodwill for all," an "overflowing love which is purely spontaneous, unmotivated, groundless and creative" ... "the love of God operating in the human heart." [thekingcenter.org/king-philosophy/]

As I doodled at my seat during the assembly, I was trying to think of a name for St. Matthew's community garden which is now in a serious planning phase. What kind of name would express the intention behind creating the garden? Were there some cool Bible verses or Greek verbs that might look good on a logo? I googled the meaning of the name ***Matthew*** which is, "gift of the Lord." It was a good start but I wanted more. I looked up biblical references to gardening but at the end of the day, the name that stuck with me was ***Beloved Community Garden***. Perhaps a better name will come along in the future, but for now Dr. King's vision of a community that shares its gifts so that no one goes hungry seems to be a fitting description.

The garden planning team has now had two meetings and Teresa Hearn has agreed to chair the team at this time. Our first harvest won't be until 2020 but there is plenty of work to do in the meantime. In mid-June you'll be able to see the proposed layout of the garden which will be near the playground. At the end of the summer we will be having a construction day to build the frames for our raised beds.

This garden was voted one of the congregation's top three priorities for future ministries as you prepared to call a new pastor. We've got some talented people on the team so far, but we will need a lot more to make this vision a reality. So please know, the team is counting on you! And we have three requests.

FIRST REQUEST: If you have lots of experience or none at all, you are cordially invited to the next ***Beloved Community Garden*** team meeting on **Monday, June 10th at 7:00pm** in the Meeting Room.

SECOND REQUEST: Pennridge FISH can always use fresh produce and we'd hate to make them wait until next year when our garden will be harvested. If you would like to share fresh vegetables or fruit this summer, here is the garden team's second request. ***Every Sunday this summer*** you can bring fresh produce to the Beloved Community Garden table in the Welcome Center. If you will be having a home garden, this is a great way to share of your bounty. Maybe you'd like to even plant an extra row with FISH in mind. However, if you don't have a garden or even a green thumb, why not make a stop at Produce Junction or another local grocer so that you can make a fresh produce donation to FISH?

THIRD REQUEST: If you would like to make a contribution to the creation of the Beloved Community Garden please feel free to do so. Financial gifts should be designated to the "BC Garden." If you have supplies that might come in handy, please come to the next meeting or contact Teresa Hearn.

Thanks so much for supporting this exciting new venture! See you in worship!

Pastor Hearn





Confirmation on June 9th

Come celebrate the Affirmation of Baptism with five of our youth on Sunday, June 9th at 9:00am. Congratulations to our confirmands: Brookelyn Green, Connor Nicholas, Katie Nicholas, Nathan Spicer and Emily Winton!

June 9th is also the festival of Pentecost, so you are encouraged to **wear something red** as a part of the fun!

Memorials

In Memory of Bradley Hess: Given by Claude & Lorraine Buehrle

Friendship Forms

Beginning on May 26th we will have "Friendship Forms" in the pew every Sunday. The hope is that this weekly form will help us accomplish a number of things.

1. As the clipboard makes it's way down the pew and back again, you will have a chance to see the names of those sitting nearest to you.
2. Visitors will have the opportunity to share their info with us.
3. We can include sign-ups as a part of the form.
4. It will be an economical replacement for Communion Cards.

This idea has been thoroughly discussed and approved by the Church Council. The forms will not be used for tracking attendance. If you have any questions or concerns, please share them with a member of the staff.

Flower Sponsors Needed!

There are flower sponsorships available from July through September. Please sign up in the narthex.

It's Sock Dunk Time!

In honor of all fathers and father figures, St. Matthew's is **collecting socks and deodorant** until Father's Day, June 16th.

Show your dunking skills by dunking the socks into the laundry basket in the Welcome Center. Socks are the most requested item at shelters and personal care items are always welcome. Help us show compassion to those in need in our community by giving this Father's Day season.

For questions please contact Teresa Hearn at 215-205-5206 or murreytm@yahoo.com.



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Weeding on Wednesday, May 29th

April showers may bring May flowers, but May showers seem to bring weeds. If you are willing and able, a crew of volunteers will be doing upkeep and weeding on the church property this coming Wednesday, May 29th from 5:00 to 8:00pm or come when you can!

Support youth ministry!

Please consider purchasing \$20, \$50, or \$100 Giant 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. Grocery cards and hoagie coupons are available in the round room after worship. Please consider purchasing a sponsor gift card for someone in need to give to the Helping Hands Ministry here at St. Matthew's.

Thank you!

St. Matthew's would like to thank Jeff & Annette Gehman owners of Bernard Suess Funeral Home for their generous donation of twelve embroidered pew markers.

Thank you! The Diaper Wall was a huge success, the wall was six feet high, six and a half feet long, and two foot deep! We were able to donate 77 toddler size underwear, 3,470 diapers, and 8,344 wipes to those in need in our community through FISH pantry. A huge heart felt thank you to all who donated and honored all mother's and mother figures in our lives!

<u>Financial Update</u>		
	<u>YTD 04/30/19</u>	<u>YTD Budget</u>
<u>Current Fund</u>		
Current Fund Income	\$ 111,828.68	\$ 118,408.00
Current Fund Expenses	\$ 112,064.57	
Current Fund Balance as of 04/30/19	\$ 480.79	
<u>Benevolence Income</u>		
ELCA/Synod	\$ 9,251.40	
World Hunger	\$ 698.00	
Lutheran Community at Telford	\$ 1,384.00	
FISH	\$ 1,587.00	
Meals on Wheels	\$ 499.00	
Lutheran Disaster Relief	\$ 275.00	
Bear Creek	\$ 245.00	
Total Benevolence Income	\$ 13,939.40	
<u>Mortgage Fund/Capital Campaign Income</u>	\$ 23,615.07	\$ 28,536.00
Mortgage Fund Balance as of 04/30/19	\$ 31,029.47	
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		



**St. Matthew's Lutheran Church
JaM (Jesus and Me) Camp
Child Registration Form
Monday, June 24 –Friday, June 28
9:00 am – 12:00 pm, Ages 4 – grade 6**

Child's Name (One Form Per Child): _____

Date of Birth: _____ Age: _____ Grade Completed: _____

Parent/Guardian Name(s): _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____ Phone #: _____

Secondary Phone #: _____ Email Address: _____

Emergency Contact Name: _____ Phone #: _____

How did you hear about JaM: _____ Home Church: _____

Persons designated to pick up your child: _____

T-Shirt Size (circle one): S M L XL (All sizes are youth sizes)

PHOTO AND VIDEO RELEASE

_____ I hereby authorize and give full consent to St. Matthew's Lutheran Church to capture and
(initial) publish any photographs or videos in which the above named student, parent(s) or
grandparent(s) appear while participating in our JaM Camp program as long as they are not
identified by name.

EMERGENCY INFORMATION AND MEDICAL AUTHORIZATION

Purpose of the following information: To enable parents and guardians to authorize the provision of emergency treatment for children who become ill or injured while under church authority, *when parents or guardians cannot be reached.*

In the event reasonable attempts to contact me at (phone #) _____ have been unsuccessful, I hereby give my consent for: (1) The administration of any medical treatment deemed necessary by (physician) Dr. _____ at phone # _____ or (Dentist) Dr. _____ at phone# _____, or in the event the designated preferred practitioner is not available, by another licensed physician or dentist; and (2) the transfer of the child to (preferred hospital) _____ or any other hospital reasonably accessible.

Facts concerning the child's medical history including allergies, medications being taken and any physical impairments to which a physician and JaM Camp staff should be alerted:

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ Date _____

*Please turn in registration forms to St. Matthew's Lutheran Church, 3668 Ridge Road, Perkasio, PA 18944. For more information or questions about registration please contact Susan Lear at music@kellerschurch.org or 215-795-2965.

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2 Welcome Home Sunday with Brunner Bluegrass Band Holy Communion 9a Summer Worship 10:15a ASP Meeting	3 3p Walking Club at Peace Valley Park	4 7p Council Meeting	5 9a Women's Breakfast @ Dublin Diner	6	7	8 9a Confirmation Breakfast
9 Pentecost Sunday 9a Summer Worship with the Rite of Confirmation	10 Plant Geraniums 7p Beloved Community Garden Team	11 7p Website Review Meeting	12 7p Walking Club at East Rockhill Township Park	13	14 Flag Day	15 Newsletter deadline for July/August
16 Father's Day The Holy Trinity Holy Communion by intinction 9a Summer Worship Graduate Recognition	17	18 9a WELCA Workday knotting quilts 7p Walking Club at West Rockhill Township Park	19	20	21	22
23 Second Sunday after Pentecost 9a Summer Worship 2p 90th Birthday Party	24 9a-12p JaM Camp 7p Walking Club at Hilltown Civic Park	25 9a-12p JaM Camp 7p Stewardship Team Meeting	26 9a-12p JaM Camp	27 9a-12p JaM Camp	28 9a-12p JaM Camp	29
30 Third Sunday after Pentecost 9a Summer Worship	Notes:					 <p>Bring a friend to JaM Camp!</p>

Penncridge FISH food donations needed!

Lunch items needed for school aged children: bottled juice or juice box packs, peanut butter and jelly, macaroni and cheese, soups and stews, canned tuna or chicken, saltine-type crackers, fruit packs, applesauce packs, cheese/peanut butter cracker packs, granola and snack bars, kid's snacks.

June's Volunteer Leaders

Counters: Teresa Hearn, Lisa Rice; alternate: Sue Robinson
Altar Guild: Lois Buckman, Robin Rush, Janet Gruver, Becki Wieder
Ushers: Joyce Koenig, Patti Goepfert, Joan Price
FISH Food Volunteer: Teresa Hearn

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Liturgist Marilynne Bagosy
Communion Assistants: server Bev Kern, wafers Becki Wieder, wine Marilynne Bagosy, Sharon Conrey, Judy Smolenski, Mike VanValkenburgh
Acolyte: Nathan Spicer
Greeter: Darlene Hardy

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Acolyte: Owen Gruver
Greeter: Kathleen Herstine

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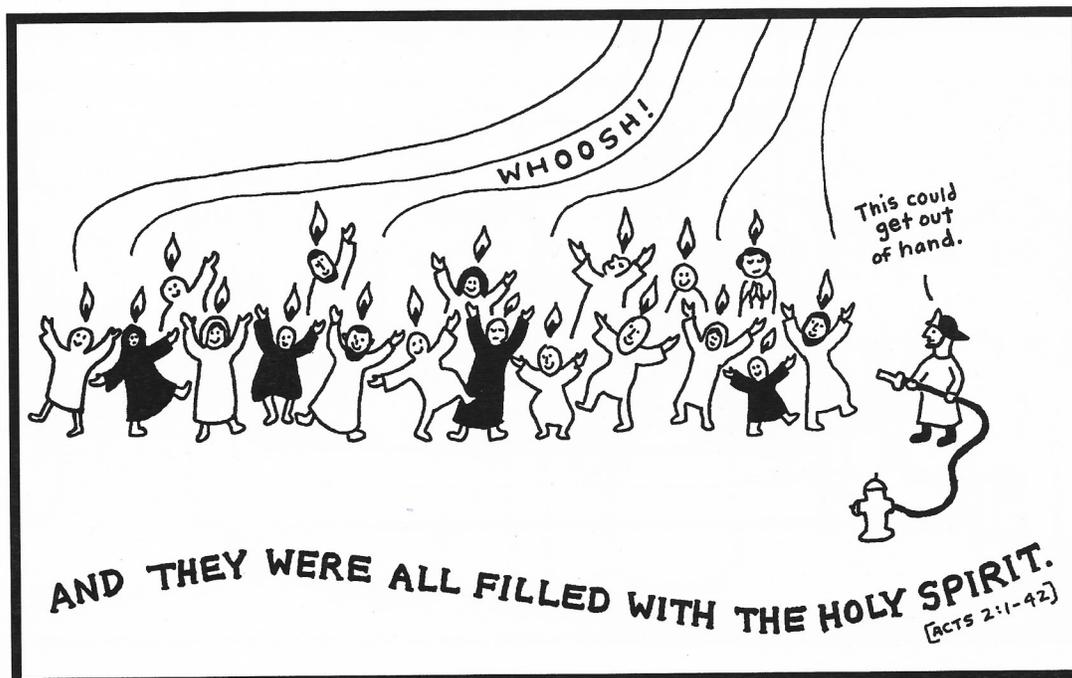
Lector: Joe Goepfert
Communion Assistants: Lauren Draper, Deb Yates, Sharon Myers
Acolyte: Mackenzie Robinson
Greeter: Donna Buzdygon

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Lector: Sharon Myers
Acolyte: Kasey Goepfert
Greeter: Brayden Robinson

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Liturgist Katie Schnaath
Lector: Casey Barnes
Acolyte: Brayden Robinson
Greeter: Denise Anders



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