



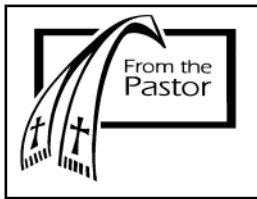
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From Our Pastor

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The Revelation of Jesus the Christ

An epiphany is a revelation, an “aha!” moment when things that were not evident or apparent suddenly become abundantly clear. We are now in the season of Epiphany, a time when the stories in worship focus on the recognition of who Jesus is. After we have heard the Christmas story about the birth of Jesus, we have stories that reveal who this child grows to be. The magi come from far away to witness to a king. At his baptism by John in the Jordan the Spirit descends and reveals Jesus as “Son of God.” In his miracles and his healings, in his teaching and his preaching, the power of God is revealed through this Jesus of Nazareth.

As we move through life we are given glimpses of the power of God that is still at work through Jesus and his Spirit. We see acts of kindness and grace, acts of forgiveness and reconciliation, and times of outright miraculous healings: physical, emotional, spiritual and relational. While we do not always have great “aha!” moments, we are given enough of them to remind us that God is still active in this world, even when it seems implausible to think so.

One of the amazing things about being a person of faith in Jesus is the way in which we are sometimes used as the source of revelation. God uses us to reveal God’s love to the world around us. As we live faithfully in our relationship with God, the life we live spills over in the way in which we live in relationship with others. There is a saying; “you may be the only Bible some people ever read.” From our life of faith, God can work to reveal Jesus to others. And we may never know it. Revelations are powerful, but not always universal. Sometimes they are just for the person who needs them.

In this season of Epiphany, be alert to the ways in which Jesus is revealed anew. And be aware that God may be using you as a source of revelation of Jesus the Christ, too!

Aha!

Pr. Karl M. Richard

The Vicar's View:

Paul’s “Love Poem” and the Love of God

A little while ago, I was helping a friend pick out selections from the Bible for her wedding ceremony. The priest had made a list of about 20 for her to choose from. At the very top was 1 Corinthians 13, which the priest had circled and underlined, presumably to call my friend’s attention to the fact that many people choose it. After I mentioned to my friend (who had been reading the King James Version) that the word “charity” would nowadays be translated as “love,” she smacked her forehead and said, “Ohhhhhh, that one!”

First Corinthians 13 is one of the most beautiful passages in the New Testament. However, 1 Corinthians 13 is not a stand-alone love poem, or advice offered to individuals on the occasion of their wedding day. Rather, it serves as the climax of a critique of the community Paul was writing to. Throughout the letter, he criticizes the church in Corinth for their divisions, boasting, and arrogance, all things which were preventing the Spirit from working in them fully. Moreover, the qualities he saw in them were against the teachings of Jesus. Paul believed that many in the Corinthian church were using their talents not as a way to glorify God but to raise themselves above the poor and the socially disadvantaged. Even though God had given them these gifts for the good of all in the community, the Corinthians treated their blessings like their private property.

In contrast to their self-centered interactions with each other, Paul was determined to show them a better, more “excellent” way to interact, modeled on God’s self-giving love. That love of God is what will remain far into the future, Paul tells them, not the Corinthians’ gifts. When Jesus returns and God’s Kingdom breaks in fully, we will all be speaking God’s language of love naturally, a language in which arrogance and pride in God’s gifts play no part. For now, Paul advises, we as Christians should be practicing that language for all we’re worth, knowing that the love we have for others is not in vain.

So, is 1 Corinthians 13 about love between romantically-involved couples? In a way, yes, because the love that Paul

is writing about can apply to **all** relationships. God, who is love, has given us the opportunity to have our lives energized by God's Spirit of love and peace. This is the message that Paul so badly wanted his churches to absorb into their minds and hearts. It's a message that has the potential to transform all relationships, whether between newlyweds, lovebirds, friends, strangers, or even enemies.

Vicar Daniel Smith

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A Month of Interfaith Engagement and Learning

Throughout February and into the first weeks of March, we will be offering several opportunities for learning, discussion, and fellowship with some of the members of Temple Shalom, a synagogue in Broomall. Starting February 8th, there will be classes and adult forums on Abraham, a figure of great importance in both Judaism and Christianity, facilitated by Rabbi Peter Rigler and Vicar Dan. In March, we will be inviting you to some shared community service as well! Stay tuned during the month of February for further details. We hope that you will be able to take advantage of some of these events, and if you see any visitors from the synagogue at our church, feel free to give them a warm welcome!

Vicar Daniel Smith

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Christian Education

Souper Bowl of Caring is just around the corner. Souper Bowl of Caring supports organizations that help distribute food to those in needs. It is a nationwide event. Locally, our church supports Loaves and Fishes, a food bank in Prospect Park. Sunday School youth are encouraged to put coins in their soup containers and bring them to church on February 5th. In addition, the Loaves and Fishes food bank is always in need of nonperishable food items like 100% juices, spaghetti, spaghetti sauce in plastic jars, peanut butter, soups or stews that contain meat, and canned tuna and chicken. These items can be brought to the church on February 4th or 5th.

Families can help by sorting and packing food items at the church on February 4th. We are also in need of people to drive around the community and pick up food that people leave on their doorsteps that morning. Please contact Natalie Berry if you can assist in this manner.

Souper Bowl of Caring is quite an intergenerational event. It is heartwarming to see all our families work together for such a good cause.

Carol Penjuke

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Children's Corner

Dear Children,

It seems like February came to us in a flash and I am always surprised that a month of only 28 days has so many special days--Groundhog's Day, Presidents' Day, Valentine's Day, Black History Month, and Dental Health Month. Most everyone's favorite, of course, is Valentine's Day. Have you made cards or purchased a small trinket for someone you love? Often the best gift you can give to that "special someone" comes from your heart--a meaningful act of kindness, a word of appreciation, a pat on the back for a job well done, a compliment, a helping hand, etc. When Mr. Yost and I celebrated our 50th Anniversary, a dear friend gave me a beautifully framed picture containing the words of 1st Corinthians, Chapter 13 and it hangs in our hallway, causing us to stop and read the inspiring words of Saint Paul. As you know, Saint Paul was a devout follower of the Christian faith and he traveled to many parts of the Mid-East and Eastern Europe preaching God's word. In this chapter, Paul is preaching to the people of Corinth (in Greece) and they were a difficult group to convert to Christianity. Paul, however, used all the powers he possessed to find solutions for a very troubled community. This beautiful chapter, sends a message to all of us --you can have money, gifts, brilliance, musical talent, athletic ability, etc., but without **love**, you have nothing. When **love** overcomes our spirit, we do not boast, we are not impatient, we do not envy, but we rejoice with trust and hope. What a message!

Dear Parents:

The 13th chapter of 1st Corinthians is a great read for you and your child on Valentine's Day. Some vocabulary words might be: prophecy, persevere, fathom, cease. The knowledge of these words should help you understand this chapter. If your Bible Atlas has a map of Saint Paul's journeys--trace with your finger Paul's well-traveled road to preach God's word. Can you imagine traveling on those dusty roads by foot, or perhaps donkey--Mr. Yost and I (along with some Saint Matthew people) retraced these journeys in a bus and plane and we were very tired.

Talk with your youngster about "random acts of kindness"--seeking out someone who might be lonely and organize a play date, visit a skilled care unit, remember your manners in all situations, run an errand for an ill family member or neighbor, etc. Your search for the meaning of **love** will end as you "do" for others.

Sylvia Yost

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Men's Breakfast

The February Men's Breakfast will be held on Saturday, February 18, at 7:15 a.m. at The Court Diner, 140 E. Baltimore Ave., Media, PA 19063. All men are invited to join us for morning devotions, a great speaker, an excellent breakfast and good fellowship. Please come and enjoy an excellent way to start the day.

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Nursery School

The children and staff are back in full swing. Our mid-year teacher conferences will take place January 23-26. The teachers and parents of our 2 and 3 day children will meet to discuss their child's development and placement in our school for the 2017-2018 school year and our 5 day children for entry into Kindergarten.

We will begin to discuss and do activities for Groundhog Day, Valentine's Day and Clifford the Big Red Dog's Birthday. The children will also learn about some of our presidents such as George Washington and Abraham Lincoln for Presidents' Day. We will be discussing Dental Health Week this month as well. We will be continuing alphabet recognition, printing and coloring. We will also be starting our "Paper People" for the spring 2017 Art Show.

Our registration for 2017-2018 has already begun. Our 2 day program classes are booking up quickly and our in house placement of our children will begin after conferences. Our five day children will move on to Kindergarten. We are so proud of all of the children and how they have grown. A big thank you to our wonderful staff that have worked so hard and given so much to the future of our children. Anyone interested in having their child attend our school, please call Linda Maylie at 610-543-5589.

Linda M. Maylie, Director

Monthly Financial Update

A New Year's Prayer:
 Lord, You make all things new
 You bring hope alive in our hearts
 And cause our Spirits to be born again.

Thank you for this new year
 For all the potential it holds.
 Come and kindle in us
 A mighty flame
 So that in our time, many will see the wonders of God
 And live forever to praise Your glorious name. Amen.

	<u>December 2016</u>	<u>Year to Date</u>
Giving/Income	\$ 46,458.00	\$ 490,850.00
Expenses	<u>42,219.00</u>	<u>519,430.00</u>
Plus/Minus	\$ 4,239.00	\$ (28,580.00)

Summary: 2016 continued to be a challenging, and again a very rewarding, financial year for Saint Matthew. Although we began the year budgeting for a loss of \$41,600, we finished December and the year very strongly. For the month of December 2016 we finished to the positive to the amount of \$4,239. This allowed us to finish overall for the year with a loss of only \$28,580. (\$13,000 better than our budgeted amount). From a pledged and income standpoint we were right on target with our budgeted amount and actually finished within 1% of that figure. Our overall expenses were lower than budgeted and was the primary reason that we finished better than the

overall budget. We continue to be able to accomplish this by the continued support for Saint Matthew from our congregation. We had several donors throughout the year who made large donations of \$5,000 or more (in addition to regular giving). In the monthly Finance update throughout the year we noted "Giving Opportunities" for us to participate in and the response continued to be strong. We will continue to supply this information on a monthly basis so that you know where we stand from a financial standpoint and the special giving opportunities that help us to meet the budget. These include snow removal, grass cutting, worship supplies, new tables for the fellowship hall and many other items. Again as in 2015, the Church was very blessed with significant memorial bequests by the estates of Helen Owens, Dot Patterson and Jim Kerchner which allowed us to continue to rebuild our memorial funds.

Giving Opportunities: Some of the youth from Saint Matthew will attend the Harvey Cedars youth retreat in March. Our youth join with others in the Southeastern Pennsylvania Synod to celebrate, pray, sing, worship, learn and be equipped to carry out the Gospel in their lives. Our youth carry positive faith experiences from Harvey Cedars with them for a lifetime. Saint Matthew covers one-half of the cost for each youth to attend. Will you help defray these costs by sponsoring \$65 for one of our youth to attend Harvey Cedars this March?

500th Anniversary of the Reformation

We will be celebrating the 500th Anniversary of the Reformation and the 75th Anniversary of Saint Matthew Lutheran Church in 2017. Bishop Claire Burkat will be with us on Sunday, October 8, 2017; and there will be a luncheon and program at The Oaks Ballroom that day. If you would like to be part of the committee planning this event, please contact Nicole Smith or the church office.

Family Ministries

Family Ministries will be hosting Mardi Gras on February 25, from 3 to 5 PM in Elbert Hall (downstairs). Come join us in fellowship, as we enjoy refreshments, games, and an overall pleasant time together. Please, RSVP to Melissa Lavery via FaceBook, SignUpGenius, sign-up sheet, or at mnm62511@gmail.com.

Melissa Lavery

Equipping Youth for Ministry

Saint Matthew youth will be participating in the Harvey Cedars Weekend Retreat next month. During the Harvey Cedars retreat, our youth spend a weekend connecting with young Lutherans from area-wide churches, enjoying fellowship, worship and learning.

Some of our praise band songs come from the dynamic and energetic worship of Harvey Cedars. Some of our youth will also be gearing up for the Youth Works trip this summer where they will travel to Steubenville, Ohio to serve people in need. Looking forward to 2018, the ELCA Youth Gathering, a national triennial meeting of Lutheran Youth, also gets our young people out there participating in service with hands-on learning, worship, and fellowship; all while seeing first hand the adversity of others, cultivating compassion and empathy. The ELCA Youth Gathering is always a mountaintop experience as literally tens of thousands of Lutherans converge to be in community and service. The theme for the 2018 gathering is “This Changes Everything” (sound familiar from the Christmas pageant?) based on Ephesians 2:8, “By grace you have been saved...” These retreats equip our youth for a life of faith and ministry, opening their eyes to the needs of others and discovering the freedom and joy in our saving relationship with Christ.

As part of our youth ministry, we also remember our students at college with the periodic mailings of snacks and well wishes they receive from our congregation. How comforting it must be to receive these unexpected treats from home.

Thank you to all of our leaders, volunteers and members who share their time, talent and treasure to ensure that we can connect, care, cultivate and equip our youth!

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A Hand of Destiny

Tony! You’re not listening! Go to the corner!” How many times did I hear these words in the Third Grade? It wasn’t that I was not hearing what was being taught in class, it was just my consciousness inviting me into my imagination.

In these days, today, we would call it “Zooming Out” or “Daydreaming” or becoming “One with the What-If’s.” I was not deliberate in this pursuit, it was started by a word or a color, or sound that would begin my little reveries. In any case, it made my sojourns in the corner quite interesting.

The girls in class would snicker behind their hands at Tony’s so-called punishment again, for lack of attentiveness. The corner for me soon became the vantage-point from which I was able to observe the graces of our young teacher as she taught the class. She was always smartly dressed. More often than not she wore, to complete her outfit, a straight skirt and high-heeled shoes. Those shoes remain embedded in my memory forever. Just hearing their click-click and tap-tap back and forth from her desk to the blackboard at the front of the classroom was mesmerizing to me. I think I was “in love!”

I remember Mrs. MacFarland and her kindness to all of us children in her class. She could see a budding young artist in her midst. Often she found me drawing everything I could see. She said, “Tony, some day you’ll be an architect.” I had never heard that word or title before and was uncertain as to the great compliment she had given to me. She could see my emerging talent for visualization which is so very important in the design process. Already though, I had determined to become a fighter pilot in the Air Force like my Dad.

Some time later, I came to a momentous discovery. I

had been at boarding school for nearly three years and at sixteen I found a certain difficulty in reading from a distance the announcements on the quadrangle blackboard. “You’re blind!” my friend joshed after I asked him if he could read the words for me. I was not blind, but he helped me to realize my need for glasses.

“You can still join the Air Force, but you won’t be able to fly fighters!” This was my discovery, and thus was the realization I needed to fulfill Mrs. McFarland’s prophesy. No matter how I felt about being an “Air Force pilot” this dream could not be a reality.

When we look back to our early years, we can view the gradual pattern from which our life unfolds. We see how the events were placed before us, seemingly by unseen hands, for our learning and benefit in the future—hands from the Higher Realm which shape our destiny.

I did become the architect as foreseen by my Third Grade teacher and later, after a son was born, I became a private pilot. That flying bug I had early-on was then fulfilled for me. Many years following this, my son Derek also became a pilot who presently flies corporate jets.

The Third Grade has special meaning for me because of these youthful memories I have in the now. Grateful I am that my life has been filled with graceful and benevolent teachers on Earth as well as in Heaven.

May Peace be in our hearts and with us all.

Tony Webb

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First Thursday Friends

First Thursday Friends will gather on Thursday, February 2, at 11:30 a.m. at The Porch at Lamb Tavern, 865 W. Springfield Road, Springfield. For more information contact John Stefl.

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Newsletter Deadline

Articles for the March newsletter are due in the church office by **noon on Wednesday, February 15.**

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Library

Wow! February already! Soon we’ll be preparing for Lent. Our weather sure has been crazy. How about we pick up a book and read. This month’s book is *Having a Mary Spirit: Allowing God to Change us from the Inside Out* by Joanna Weaver, found on Shelf 248.843/WEA.

“Lord, whatever it takes, make me like you!” You long to serve God with grace and strength, to reflect Christ in every word and action. Yet you find yourself continually struggling to bring that vision to life in your daily walk.

At our very core, every one of us is a “twisted sister” within whom the flesh and spirit battle constantly for control. We are afflicted with spiritual schizophrenia, the disconnect

between our good-girl desire to put Jesus first and our bad-girl realities that crowd our thoughts and push him out of the way.

Drawing on the stories of the biblical Marys (Mary, mother of Jesus; Mary, sister of Martha; and Mary Magdalene) and others whose experience with God transformed their lives, Joanna shows how you can find what you long for: hope, healing, wholeness, and joy. Having a Mary spirit will launch you toward lasting personal transformation: soul-deep change that results in a complete make over—from the inside out.

Barbara Kinsey

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Music Notes

Seems like we just finished the Christmas celebration and now it is time to look onward to Lent and Easter. Did you enjoy the bell choir at Christmas? Want to be part of it for Lent or Easter? It really is a lot of fun. How about the choir or the instrumental ensemble? In addition to the fellowship enjoyed from being part of a musical ensemble, it is also a way to enhance your appreciation of the season as you learn the music. Don't sit on the sidelines, join us!! See me with any questions or a rehearsal schedule.

Pat McHugh

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Women of the ELCA

Paul wrote in Philippians 1:4-6 *"In all my prayers for all of you, I always pray with joy because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now, being confident of this, that he who began a good work in you will carry it out to completion until the day of Christ Jesus."*

As we continue to do God's work here on earth may we always give thanks for what we have and joyfully share with those in need. We continue to help those in The Welcome Church. For February we are asking for pens, colored pencils, drawing pads and cookies.

Ladies, won't you join us in the activities for this month:

February 8—Board Meeting—Library at 9:30 a.m.

February 11—LWR Quilting—Parish Ed Building at 10:30 a.m.

February 15—Ronald McDonald Quilting—Parlor at 10:00 a.m.

February 22—Sarah Circle—Parish Ed Building at 7:00 p.m. (note time change)

February 23—Esther Circle—Parlor at 10:00 a.m.

Thank you for all the help with the congregational luncheon.

Joan Krauter, President

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Monthly Mailbag

Dear Saint Matthew Lutheran Church,



As the dark nights grow deeper and longer, our hearts yearn and turn toward the Christ who brings new light and new life. In him, we are given the power of faith, the power of forgiveness and the power to respond to the holy presence of God in our lives. Thank you for your gift of \$732.00 to Lutheran Disaster Response.

With your gift, we are walking alongside those in deepest need, bringing hope and healing. Thank you. With your gift, you are providing care, concern and essential supplies. Thank you. With your gift, you are helping the most vulnerable men, women and children rebuild and reshape their lives. Thank you.

With gratitude for your partnership in this ministry,
The Rev. Daniel Rift
Director, ELCA World Hunger and Disaster Appeal

Dear Saint Matthew Lutheran Church,

Thank you for your gift of \$189.14 to ELCA World Hunger.

On Epiphany, God reveals Jesus to the nations by the leading of a star. We pray for God to lead us by faith to know God's presence in our lives. Your gift to ELCA World Hunger is surely a manifestation of your faith in God's grace and mercy and a witness to the light that shines brightly through Christ to all the nations.

Thank you for accompanying companion churches and trusted partners as they work together to provide water and sanitation, education and training, agriculture and nutrition, income and savings, healthcare and prevention—whatever it takes until all are fed.'

With gratefulness, and in the light and life of Christ,
The Rev. Daniel Rift
Director, ELCA World Hunger and Disaster Appeal

Dear Lutheran Church Women,

Thank you for your partnership in our work to bring education, nurturing, and healing services to many vulnerable children and families!

Please share our appreciation with the Lutheran Church Women of Saint Matthew for their November 4, 2016 gift of \$25 to Silver Springs-Martin Luther School to support our organization. With the help of partners like you, Silver Springs is able to serve more than 1,400 children and families each year. We are very grateful!

We appreciate your involvement in this mission as these precious children reach for a brighter future.

Sincerely,
Lynn Unipan, CFRE, Development Director
Silver Springs-Martin Luther School

Dear Saint Matthew Church Women of the ELCA,

Thank you for supporting Katie's Fund with your gift of \$50.00. Your gift makes a real difference in women's lives. Thank you.

Last year, thanks to you and other generous people like you throughout our church, 12 diverse young adult women

joined the ELCA Young Adult Ministry Peace Not Walls Pilgrimages to the Holy Land. These 10-day journeys were not field trips or service trips; instead, they were journeys of accompaniments and transformation. These young women, whose travel and learning were supported by your gifts to Katie's Fund, discovered new insights into peace, justice, and the roots of our shared faith. And now, they are sharing their wisdom with the larger church.

This is just one example of the global education, living theology and leadership development opportunities that your giving to Katie's Fund supports. As Katie's Fund continues to grow, thanks to you, those opportunities will continue to grow—far into the future.

Your dedication and faithful support make this possible, and much more. Thank you. To learn more about our work together, please visit www.womenoftheelca.org.

With gratitude,
Linda Post Bushkofsky, Executive Director

Dear Esther Circle,

We at Saint Paul's Lutheran Church would like to thank you for the generous gift of hymnal page markers that your circle has so graciously provided for our church hymnals. The tireless work performed by your circle will provide our congregation with the convenience of marking the numerous hymns that accompany our church services. Many of our church members have children that are students in the Daniel Boone Area School District whose school colors just happen to be the same color ribbons that you used to construct the hymnal page markers. What a wonderful coincidence!

It is encouraging to know that we share a common goal to provide our communities with service projects that encourage hope and support. I hope this relationship between our two churches continues to flourish as we work toward the common good in our church communities.

Thank you again for your generous gift. I hope that we have the opportunity to return the favor in the near future.

Sincerely,
Rev. Gregory W. Frey, Pastor
Saint Paul's Lutheran Church
Douglassville, PA

To the members of Saint Matthew's Women of the ELCA,

I wanted to thank you for giving me the opportunity to speak at the Women of the ELCA breakfast. It was a real honor! Thank you also for the generous honorarium!

Sincerely,
Vicar Dan

Dear Friends,

Thank you so much for all of your gifts to The Welcome Church (financial and ever-so-useful gift items) throughout the year!

Love,
Schaunel Steinnagel
The Welcome Church

Dear Family of Saint Matthew,

Thank you for your very generous gift to my family and me this Christmas time. Once again you overwhelm me with your generosity, not just to the ministry, but to me personally. Your gift is a reflection of your care and support, for which I am most grateful. Your gift was very timely as we sent out Abigail's college applications! And beyond that, I was able to use your gift to "pay it forward," expressing my support and gratitude for the work of the Synod, Seminary, and Colleges of the Lutheran Church. Thank you again for your care and concern for me, and for my family!

Pr. Karl

Dear Saint Matthew Friends,

A big thank you to all of you for the Christmas cards, gifts, and goodies, and for the generous congregational gift! Some of that congregational gift has been donated to a previous faith community of mine, the Islamic Center at New York University, which faced issues with vandalism and harassment in early November. I also bought a brand-new copy of the Episcopal Book of Common Prayer. (It's a well-loved book for me, so my previous copy was on its last legs.) My six months at Saint Matthew have been incredibly blessed. Thank you for making me feel from day 1 like I was part of your family. God bless you!

Sincerely,
Vicar Daniel Smith

Dear Saint Matthew Congregation,

Thank you to the congregation for the very thoughtful and generous Christmas gifts and cards. I truly appreciate them. And my family especially enjoys the home baked treats!! It is a privilege and an honor to play a part in your worship life all year round, and it is especially so during the Christmas season as I have so much to be thankful for. Plus, I get to spend time with you all!!! So thank you again, and best wishes for a spiritual filled and blessed 2017!!

With love,
Pat McHugh

Dear Members of the Church,

It's amazing another year has gone by so quickly. Like I have said in the past, it is a real pleasure to be here and every day is better than the last, which I hope never ends.

The Christmas gifts and cards received were very appreciated. I also want to thank all the Nursery School teachers for their gift. It is a pleasure walking into the Parish Education Building and seeing all the kids enjoying their time here. They always seem to be happy and upbeat. When they say "Hi" to me, it makes my day.

Sincerely,
Ted Hidell

Dear Friends,

Thank you so much for the very generous Christmas gifts and cards. They are all very much appreciated. We hope to visit our son and his family in Seattle, and the generous gift from the congregation will help make this possible. It is truly

a blessing to be a member of the congregation and staff of Saint Matthew—you all make it a pleasure to be here. May 2017 be a year filled with God's blessings for each of you.

Love,
Janice Gardner

Dear Saint Matthew Family,

Thank you so much for the generous Christmas gift; we are always overwhelmed at the generosity that we see every day in the church and we are sincerely grateful for your gift. Thank you as well for your thoughts and well wishes this past holiday season!

The Link Family

Dear Saint Matthew Congregation,

Many great prayerful thanks to my church family for the poinsettia, Christmas cards, birthday cards—also a great thanks to Kathie Morgan and Vicar Dan for the Christmas music that they sang so beautifully. If you were not able to be there to see it, stop by the church and borrow a copy of the program.

Being a shut-in, I was able to watch it on Christmas Eve, and that brought comfort to me.

Thanks again, and Happy New Year.

Jackie Calhoun

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Worship Responsibilities

Altar Guild	Coordinator: Jeff Wesley
Feb. 5	M. Miller, D. Liscom
Feb. 12	C. DiSanto, M. Larkin
Feb. 19	D. Liscom, P. Stefl
Feb. 26	P. McHugh, B. Terry

Worship Assistants	Coordinator: John Kampmeyer
Feb. 5	8:00 a.m. Vicar Daniel Smith 10:15 a.m. Vicar Daniel Smith
Feb. 12	8:00 a.m. Kathie Morgan 10:15 a.m. Joe Link
Feb. 19	8:00 a.m. Abby Richard 10:15 a.m. (No assistant needed)
Feb. 26	8:00 a.m. Maureen McCleary 10:15 a.m. Fran Gordon

Acolytes	Coordinator: Dawn von Berg
Feb. 5	8:00 a.m. Jake and Robbie O'Brien 10:15 a.m. Madison Wesley, Patti Wesley Crucifer: Briana Burdette
Feb. 12	8:00 a.m. T. C. Cobb 10:15 a.m. Rebecca Engberg, Abby Richard Crucifer: Matt DiSanto
Feb. 19	8:00 a.m. Tyler Bennett

	10:15 a.m. Ethan Kraft, Rebecca Engberg
Feb. 26	8:00 a.m. Jacob Scott 10:15 a.m. Briana Burdette, Matt DiSanto Crucifer: Madison Wesley

Communion Servers	Coordinator: Joan Krauter
Feb. 5	8:00 a.m. Steve and Jean McGarvey 10:15 a.m. Morrow Ziff, Bea Toomey
Feb. 12	8:00 a.m. Kevin and Karen McCormick 10:15 a.m. Abby Richard, Vicar Daniel Smith
Feb. 19	8:00 a.m. Steve and Cheryl Morrell 10:15 a.m. Meredith Harris, Dan Lazaro, Gail Hendrickson
Feb. 26	8:00 a.m. Vicar Daniel Smith, Doug Bratz 10:15 a.m. Vicar Daniel Smith, Natalie Berry

Lectors	Coordinator: Jeff Wesley
Feb. 5	10:15 a.m. Natalie Berry
Feb. 12	10:15 a.m. Beth Camagna
Feb. 19	10:15 a.m. John Engelbrecht
Feb. 26	10:15 a.m. Vicar Daniel Smith

Sunday Nursery	Coordinator: Janice Gardner
Feb. 5	10:15 a.m. Mike and Melissa Lavery
Feb. 12	10:15 a.m. Diana and Pat Dolan
Feb. 19	10:15 a.m. Sue and Brian Barber
Feb. 26	10:15 a.m. Gary Pflieger, Kathy Kinder

Greeters	Coordinator: Nicole Smith
Feb. 5	8:00 a.m. Nancy Regan, Kathleen and Anna Kinder 10:15 a.m. Gus and Karen Franchi
Feb. 12	8:00 a.m. Chris and Kristen Rohrer 10:15 a.m. Gail Hendrickson Marion Hessenauer
Feb. 19	8:00 a.m. Matthew and Christine Scott 10:15 a.m. Philip and Susan Kline
Feb. 26	8:00 a.m. Dee and Doug Bratz 10:15 a.m. Paula Toland, Carol Mueller



Coffee Connection

Sunday

February 12, 2017

Join us for food, fellowship, and fun

Refreshments and treats will be served in the parlor after each service

If you would like to donate a treat, there is a signup sheet outside of the office. All contributions are greatly appreciated.