



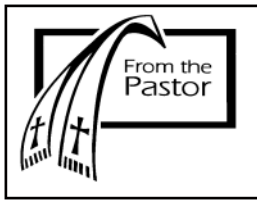
# The GOOD NEWSLETTER

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## From Our Pastor

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### Who is Luther? What is a Lutheran? What is the big deal about Lent?

As you are probably aware, this year we celebrate not one, but two significant anniversaries. Seventy-five years ago Pastor Donald Doll began forming Saint Matthew Lutheran Church in Springfield, PA, and five hundred years ago Pastor Martin Luther began the Reformation and what would be called the Lutheran Church. As we move through 2017 we have the chance to reflect on what both of these events tell us about who we are, from whence we came, and what these historic dates may say to us about how to move into the future.

I believe we are very blessed in our heritage. I believe there is a unique perspective on the Gospel that comes from the Lutheran "eye." I believe the way Luther helped to peel away layers of tradition and re-present the core of the faith was not only important five hundred years ago, but this core confession of justification by grace through faith is timeless. After all, Luther did not make it up. He rediscovered it in words 1,500 years older than he; he discovered it in the Bible.

What I have come to realize is that many do not know the story of Luther and his theological discoveries. We confuse Martin Luther with Martin Luther King, Jr., the American civil rights hero. Many come from other traditions in which Luther and his discoveries were not the focus. Others were raised in the Lutheran tradition, but have not reflected on these things since confirmation when they were teenagers.

Something that has been common in Lutheran circles is the practice of marking out the season of Lent, the 46 days prior to Easter, as a time for reflection, prayer, worship and learning. This comes from an ancient tradition of using Lent as the time to prepare people to be baptized at Easter. For Lutheran congregations where most are already baptized, this has been a chance to grow deeper in our knowledge of and connection to Jesus. We do this not only through Sunday worship and learning, but by adding in a mid-week time of prayer, worship and learning. This year we will attempt to cover both the

tradition of a mid-week worship, and rediscover the Lutheran lens on the Gospel of Jesus.

The sermon time during our midweek services will be a series on Luther and some of the significant points of his faith journey. We will look at aspects of his life and encounters with God to see how the insights he gained can clarify who God is for us, and describe what it might be to be a Lutheran Christian. Vicar Daniel and I will be sharing this series, which will include such topics as:

- Luther's beginning in the Church: Help me, Saint Ann!
- Luther's struggle with forgiveness: Who died and made you God?!
- Luther's friend articulates the Faith: By Faith we are saved!
- Luther's crisis of conscience: Here I stand!
- Luther shares the word with the world: God's word forever shall abide!

We hope that you will carve out time this season to rediscover Luther, Lent, and our heritage as Lutherans in this place and this time.

Ever being reformed in Christ,  
Pr. Karl M. Richard

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## The Vicar's View:

### Lent and Three Journeys Through the Wilderness

Every year as a kid, there would be a few days in March when many of my classmates would start a new conversation: what they were giving up for Lent. As an informally-traditional Methodist, it was a conversation that I couldn't really participate in. About a week into Lent, though, very few people seemed to be talking about it anymore. Usually, it was because their attempts to give up watching TV or eating chocolate had proven unsuccessful. I don't doubt the good intentions of my classmates; breaking engrained habits can be hard. They were human, after all, and being children of God doesn't exempt us from struggling to do the right thing. The 40-year journey of the ancient Israelites is a case in point.

In spite of having seen the love and power of God through their crossing of the Red Sea, in the bestowing of

manna and quails and water, they could have won the Olympic gold medal for grumbling against the Lord. They were guided in their journey by the actual presence of God, in the pillar of smoke by day and of fire by night. But in their spiritual lives, they were utterly lost. They refused to accept the spiritual gifts God had to offer, instead choosing to rebel against God and against Moses. They tempted the Lord and served other gods. None of that generation except Joshua and Caleb entered the promised land. In spite of being a people hand-picked by God they had fallen on their faces. They were human, after all.

More than a thousand years later, another man wandered the Wilderness, but in Judea instead of Egypt. Like the Israelites, he had recently been declared as the Son of God. As the Israelites had learned, this vocation came with great responsibility, responsibility to listen to and obey the Lord. But where the Israelites had failed, the Jewish Messiah would pass with flying colors. Satan tried his best to tempt Jesus at the end of his 40-day fast, urging him to use his divinity to create bread out of thin air, have angels save him from death, and gain control over all the nations of the earth. Jesus' response to each temptation showed his unflagging obedience to God and made the contrast between his Wilderness journey and that of the Israelites that much clearer. Because of Jesus' victory over Satan in the Wilderness, he was able to go on to conduct his ministry, die for our sins, and be resurrected. Because of his obedience to the Father, we were able to become God's adopted children.

As Christians, our relationship with God carries with it its own responsibilities. We're all in the midst of our own Wilderness journeys, having fled from the powers of sin and death and become God's children through baptism. For now, we're liable to make mistakes and sin, to hurt those we love and get things wrong again and again. During this journey, though, we're led not by a pillar of smoke and fire, but by Jesus himself and by the Spirit that his Father sent to comfort and guide us. For now, we have to trust with all our hearts that Jesus and the Holy Spirit will be able to get us to our own Promised Land, where God will truly be our god, and we will truly be God's people.

Vicar Daniel Smith

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## Christian Education

**T**hank you to all the Sunday School youth and their families for supporting the Souper Bowl of Caring event in February. A grand total of \$284 was collected in the soup containers. We also want to thank everyone for donating food, delivering flyers, collecting bags of food, sorting the food items and packing them into boxes, and loading boxes into trucks. Every job was very much appreciated!

Thirteen of our youth will attend a weekend retreat in Harvey Cedars, NJ the first weekend in March. Youth from grades 6 to 12 are encouraged to attend. Dawn Liscom, Vicar Dan, and Pastor Richard will be the chaperones.

Five youth will be attending a mission trip sponsored by YouthWorks in Steubenville, Ohio this June.

How wonderful that our youth are willing to help others!

First Holy Communion classes for fifth graders will begin March 12 during the Sunday School hour. Vicar Dan will be instructing the classes.

Carol Penjuko

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## Children's Corner

Dear Children,

**W**e have a lovely friend, Jane, who lives right across the courtyard from us and just about the time of day when dusk is slowly appearing in the night sky, we always turn on our table light. That soft glow, coupled with our battery-operated candles, makes a warm and cozy display of light. Now, Jane has often remarked how much she enjoys the warmth of this illumination--it makes her feel safe and happy and can turn a dreary night into one of happiness. Her thoughts made me think of how dependent we are on "**light**." Can you think of ways a beam of light relieved you from boredom, sadness, fearfulness, etc.? Ponder this: a flashlight on a camping trip, a night light in your hallway, a bright moon to guide your steps in the evening, a beautiful, bright sunny day. Now think in terms of our Bible and lessons you have learned in Sunday School.

Some of my favorite "**light**" passages are:

"Let there be **light**"—Genesis

"The people who have walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who have lived in a land of deep darkness—on them a **light** has shined"—Isaiah

"The **glory** of the Lord shone around them"—Luke

"A **light** for revelation to the Gentiles and for glory to your people Israel"—Luke

"Where is the child who has been born King of the Jews? For we observed his **star** at its rising and have come to worship Him"—Matthew

"The **light** shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it"—John

To whom do these words of **light** refer? Why, they refer to Jesus. There are many phrases in the Bible referring to Jesus as the **light** of the world—so what does that mean? From Genesis to Revelation the Word tells us that Jesus is forgiving, loving, and healing. He is a faithful friend and one who wipes away our tears. My question to you today is—Can you be a **light** for others?

Dear Parents,

Perhaps you can check out some passages of light and discuss what they mean. Our Advent Booklet "From Heaven to Manger" has some wonderful suggestions on becoming a "beam of light"—remembering to say you are sorry; doing a chore that may not be your responsibility; making someone smile; forgiving someone who has hurt you, and many more.

Sylvia Yost

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## Men's Breakfast

The March Men's Breakfast will be held on Saturday, March 18, at 7:15 a.m. at Saint Matthew. 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

March will be another month containing many activities developed for the various happenings of March. We will discover if March "comes in like a lion" and "goes out like a lamb." All classes will celebrate Saint Patrick's Day with shamrocks, rainbows and leprechauns. We will also have a visit from the Philadelphia Zoo and have our school pictures taken by Mike DiTrolio of Active Image Photography.

All of the children continue to learn to recognize and print the letters of the alphabet, printing their names, doing fun activities and making new friends along the way. We will be singing new songs during music with Mrs. Heidi Starr and the children just love coming together to sing and march with the instruments.

Registration has been underway for the 2017-2018 school year. We offer a 2-day class for three-year-olds, a 3-day class for four-year-olds, and a 5-day class for the five-year-olds. As March approaches we look forward to sharing special times with the children...and possibly more snow fall!

Linda M. Maylie, Director

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## 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.

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## Family Ministries

Come join Family Ministries for a fun-filled family bowling party at Sproul Lanes on March 25, from 3:15 to 5:15 p.m. The cost of bowling is \$7 per person and includes shoes. Please pay and RSVP to Melissa Lavery by March 19 by Facebook, church sign-up sheet, or email: mnm62511@gmail.com. All ages welcome!

The Saint Matthew Lutheran Church's annual Easter Egg Hunt will be held on Saturday, April 8, at 1 p.m. Join us for crafts, music, refreshments, and lots of family fun! Admission is free and all children involved in the hunt (ages 7 and under) must be accompanied by an adult. RSVP with the number of children by April 1 to Melissa Lavery on Facebook, the church sign-up sheet, or email: mnm62511@gmail.com.

Melissa Lavery

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## Note from the Evangelism Committee

We are approaching (before we know it) the 4th of July. Oh my! Saint Matthew will be celebrating our 75th anniversary. That being said, Springfield Lions sponsor the 4th of July Parade. For several years, we have not been a part of the parade. This year we'd like to be a part of the parade. What a way to celebrate 75 years and the 500th anniversary of the Reformation.

What is needed, though, is lots of help. Anyone who is willing to help plan this and get it accomplished would be greatly appreciated. Please let either Pastor Karl or Barbara Kinsey know. Thank you. Even though this is only March, July will be here before we know it.

Barbara Kinsey

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## Financial Update

Give, and it will be given to you. They will pour into your lap a good measure, pressed down, shaken together, and running over. For by your standard of measure it will be measured to you in return. Luke 6:38

	<u>January 2017</u>	<u>Year to Date</u>
Giving/Income	\$42,345.11	\$42,345.11
Expenses	<u>46,318.90</u>	<u>46,318.90</u>
Plus/Minus	(\$3,973.79)	(\$3,973.79)

**Summary:** We had a decent start to the year in January with total giving/income being at \$42,345.11 while expenses were slightly higher at \$46,318.90. For the month we were in the red for \$3,973.79. Part of the overall expense for the month included repairs that were initiated for work on the Stained Glass window project which came in around \$5,200.

**Giving Opportunities:** Saint Matthew is blessed to have a pipe organ as part of our music program. It is an amazing and complex instrument with so many behind-the-scenes parts that no one ever even sees! In preparation for our Easter services, we will have our organ and piano tuned so they are in tip-top shape to celebrate the resurrection of our Lord. The tuning services cost approximately \$600. If you love our music program, please consider an extra gift to help defray the cost of tuning the organ and the piano.

In addition, we had our first significant snowfall in February and generally the cost for plowing runs about \$500. Would you be able to assist in helping to defray these costs as well?

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## "Ya Missed One, Dad!"

We were duck hunting—my Dad, his black lab retriever and young Tony together. The car we left parked off the road and then we hiked through some scrub land to reach the side of a lake where we might find a few wild duck as our quarry.

Right away the dog grew business-like and we

knew he was onto something. Dad loaded the double barrel shotgun and up flew not two but six mallard ducks. Bam, bam—two ducks—eject and reload. Bam, bam—two ducks—eject and reload. Bam, bam—one duck! Here was a remarkable feat in the space of a few seconds but all I could think of to say to my Dad was: “Ya missed one, Dad!”

Dad had lost an eye during the fighting of World War II. It was his right eye, and since he was right handed, he had a shotgun made and mounted specially for him with a curved stock so that he could sight along the barrel with his good left eye. He could see better with his left eye than I could see with both of mine. As the dog worked on retrieving the feathered friends, my Dad looked at me silently with a grin on his face. He later related the story to his good hunting friends who thought it hilarious that young Webb was so expectant of perfection from his Dad.

On another occasion, we were in a small group, again in the scrub land. This time we were quail hunting. The dog had found an interesting scent in the thicket and I, thinking I could help him by moving some brambles away, ran out in front of the guns. Up flew a quail and Blam! Blam!—two guns went off! The concussion was a tremendous force which impacted my body and I fell to the ground with my ears ringing. The men were astounded, thinking that I’d been hit. My Dad rushed to my side worried his son was wounded. Then, when he saw I’d not been shot, began to weep with such relief. “You must never go out in front of the guns, son” he said to me. “We thought you were hit.” I never did that again.

I would often accompany my Dad and watch him fly fishing for trout in country rivers and lakes. He studied the feeding habits of the fish which were often different at varied times of the day and from stream to stream. On one occasion he fished a river near a creamery where we were told that nobody had caught fish in that location. There were big trout there. My Dad took time in the afternoon to study their feeding habits and discovered that they were gorging on the milk curds from the creamery. In the evening, he took out his tackle box and tied a piece of cotton wool onto a fly hook and set off the next morning for a trial fly cast into the water downstream from the creamery.

As I watched from the highway bridge above, I witnessed a huge flurry in the water as Dad struck a 10 pound trout with the new cotton fly. Off they flew downstream. Dad, in his hip waders, raced after the big fish splashing through the boulder-strewn water. They continued further down the river and out of sight beyond the big bend. With his light fly-casting tackle, all he could do was to play the fish until it tired itself so he might reel it close enough to scoop it up in his net. It took some time before Dad came back beaming with his catch secure.

After all these years since Dad was taken from us, I still have his split-cane fly rods and the tiny fly hooks which he carefully tied in anticipation of another adventure in the rivers and streams of our homeland. Some day they will be passed to young Derek, my son and my father’s namesake.

The joy my father had for the outdoors and the natural world lives in me. I too am moved by vistas of mountains, lakes and rivers and the sunlight which makes them sparkle. This Earth, this planet, our home, continues to give us her

blessing to flourish in harmony with God’s Spirit. In this awareness, we are drawn to the conclusion with our knowledge that we are all **one** people. Can we not live on this planet in harmony as equal human beings? We are brothers and sisters in God’s love and abundance.

May His peace be unto all of us.

Tony Webb

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## First Thursday Friends

**F**irst Thursday Friends will gather on Thursday, March 2, at 11:30 a.m. at Pho Street, 204 Baltimore Pike, Springfield. For more information contact John Stefl.

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## Newsletter Deadline

**A**rticles for the April newsletter are due in the church office by **noon on Wednesday, March 15.**

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## Library

**T**his month’s book report is about Martin Luther. He was born November 10, 1483 and died February 18, 1546. The book is *Martin Luther: A Man Who Changed The World*, Shelf F:F.MAL.

More than anything, Martin Luther wanted peace with God. His search led him to the Bible, where he learned about salvation through faith. This discovery caused Luther to challenge the church to return to the roots of the Christian faith.

The church leaders liked things the way they were, however, and tried to stop Martin Luther. But he stood his ground, and his tireless work led to the Reformation of the church and to far-reaching changes in society. Here is a story of adventure, courage, and—most of all—faith. Here is the story of a man who changed the world.

Barbara Kinsey

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## Thank You from Worship and Music

**T**he Worship and Music Committee would like to thank those who wrote devotions for our Lent devotional booklet. We realize this is not always an easy task and we truly appreciate the thought, time and effort that went into your writings. We hope you realize the impact that your personal devotions will have on our members as they are shared during the days of Lent.

Pat McHugh

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## It’s Time to Order Easter Lilies

**E**aster lilies that beautify our sanctuary and parlor may be ordered by signing up in the church hallway or calling the church office. Look for the sign-up sheet in the church hallway. The cost of each plant is \$10.00, and it may be taken home following the 11:00 a.m. Easter service. The last day to order lilies is Sunday, April 9. Thank you.

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## Women of the ELCA

*"For I testify that they gave as much as they were able, and even beyond their ability." 2 Corinthians 8:3*

Every month it warms my heart to see all the articles our congregation gives to "The Welcome Church." As we give of our time and resources to those in need, may we feel the joy of sharing. This month we will collect cookies and reading glasses.

Ladies, won't you join one of our circles as we support and encourage one another and reach out to those in need:

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

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

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

March 22—Esther Circle—Parlor at 10:00 a.m.

March 29—Sarah Circle—Parish Ed Building at 7:00 p.m.

Thank you for all the help with the congregational luncheon.

Joan Krauter, President

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## Monthly Mailbag

Hi everyone,

Thank you very much for the Valentine's care package. It was such a nice surprise and is filled with delicious snacks. Thank you for thinking of me!

Best,  
Elle Clendenin

To everyone at Saint Matthew,

Thank you so much for the extremely thoughtful Valentine's Day package. I wasn't expecting it at all, and when I got a mail notification, it really brightened up a rough day. Your act of kindness reminded me of the command to love thy neighbor as yourself. Kindness generates more kindness in return, and I am thankful to have the church and God to spread this beauty through a sometimes ugly world.

Thank you and Happy Valentine's Day!

Sarah Larkin

Dear Nancy and the Social Ministry Committee,

Our thanks to you and our friends at Saint Matthew Lutheran Church and the Social Ministry Committee for the donation of a terrific collection of Christmas gifts for the children of Silver Springs-Martin Luther School that they enjoyed during the holiday season! The boys and girls were thrilled to receive toys, sport balls, Legos, dolls, books, movies, games, hats, socks and so much more that you delivered to us.

We are grateful for your support of our ministry and work to bring education, nurturing and healing to vulnerable children. For many of our boys and girls, this was the first time they experienced an abundant, festive, and joyful

Christmas. Through the help of caring partners like you, we are able to help them to make lifelong memories. On behalf of the children, thank you!

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

Dear Saint Matthew Friends,

Thank you very much for the sweet winter treats for the children in the Residential Treatment Program at Silver Springs-Martin Luther School. The treats you delivered were awesome and much appreciated! You helped to bring many smiles to little faces on a dreary winter day!

We are very grateful for your kindness toward the children and faithful support of our ministry. With your support we are able to help vulnerable boys and girls in our care heal, learn, and reach for bright futures. Thank you again!

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

Dear Friends,

Your generosity of material things and spirit made the Souper Bowl of Caring 2017 a success, and please accept thanks from the many who will be more food secure in the coming (few) months. At Saint Matthew Lutheran Church 9,287 "pieces" were collected for a total of 6,314.5 pounds of food and monetary contributions of \$661.10 were made (with more still coming). The other collection sites, Saint Francis of Assisi and Princeton Presbyterian, also had great success.

Next year, as you clear away the last of the Christmas celebrations, please remember that this important effort will be right around the calendar page turn!!

*"whenever we have an opportunity, let us work for the good of all"*  
*Paul's Letter to the Galatians, 6:10*

Cordially, in Faith,  
Natalie

Dear Saint Matthew Friends,

Thank you for your gift of \$24.53 to ELCA World Hunger. 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 of Christ,  
The Rev. Daniel Rift, Director  
ELCA World Hunger and Disaster Appeal

Dear Friends at Saint Matthew,

Thank you very much for the poinsettia that you gave me. Someone brought it while I was out and they did not give their name. Please pass my thanks along to the right person.

Again, thank you very much.

Sincerely,  
Bennie Lybrand

Dear Pastor Richard,

Many thanks for your visits, especially since I missed the Saint Matthew group visit in December, which is so enjoyable to see church friends.

My poinsettia was delivered and is holding up quite well.

Thanks so much to all for remembering the Saint Matthew members here at Lima Estates.

Sincerely,  
Edna Graefe

Dear Pastor,

A belated thank you to all who participated in the communion service here in the chapel at Lima Estates. All the residents here who attend look forward to your visit.

Thank you for sending me a beautiful poinsettia at Christmas, the Christmas church bulletins, and the 2017 church calendar.

Blessings to all,  
Helen McHenry

Dear Members of Saint Matthew,

The McHugh family would like to thank the wonderful Saint Matthew family for their prayers and concerns over the past two months, first when we lost Tom's Mom and then during Tom's recent hospitalization. The cards, the well wishes, the visit from Pastor Karl, and the altar flowers brought us comfort and reminders that we are not alone in life's journeys.

Tom, Pat and Scott McHugh

Dear Pastor Richard (and congregation):

On behalf of the client families and the volunteers of Loaves and Fishes Food Pantry, we want to thank all of you for your great generosity towards the Pantry. Your donations last year totaled 2,380.4 pounds of food **plus** school supplies, personal care items, coats, hats, gloves, kitchen items and a freezer. Your ongoing generosity is so thoughtful, and needed.

We are also so appreciative for the volunteers that come to help with the box packing on the third Thursday night of each month. Thank you also to Rick Link and Dave Krauter for delivering the donations each week.

Each time we are open, new families come to us who have been forced to ask for help as they can no longer afford even the most basic necessities. What this means is a constant influx of new families to Loaves and Fishes.

As food prices and the cost of living continue to grow, so will our pantry as we do our best to meet expanding need. Your continued support is deeply appreciated for helping us to meet our clients' needs throughout the year. Thank you for seeing their need and being so generous in

helping them. What you have done has had a profound effect upon our clients' lives.

Your thoughtfulness and generosity for our client families means a great deal. May all of you be blessed as you have continued to bless us. We are deeply grateful. We wish everyone a happy and healthy New Year.

Blessings,  
Joanne F. Castagna, Director  
Loaves and Fishes Food Pantry

Dear Members of Saint Matthew,

I'd like to thank you for filling the stamp chest with your cancelled stamps. They are used as therapy for veterans. They make lots of different things with them, i.e. pictures, decorate boxes, and whatever else that helps with therapy. So keep the stamps coming. Thank you!

Barbara Kinsey  
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### Vital Statistics

**Death:** **Elinor Gordon**  
Died January 17, 2017  
Funeral January 24, 2017

**25th Wedding Anniversary:** **Mr. and Mrs. Robert McClintock**  
March 28, 2017

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### Worship Responsibilities

<b>Altar Guild</b>	<b>Coordinator: Jeff Wesley</b>
March 1	J. Wesley, C. Morrell
March 5	J. Krauter, M. Larkin
March 12	P. McHugh, B. Camagna
March 19	M. Miller, D. Frattini
March 26	B. Terry, C. Morrell

<b>Worship Assistants</b>	<b>Coordinator: John Kampmeyer</b>
March 1	7:00 p.m. Vicar Daniel Smith
March 5	8:00 a.m. Vicar Daniel Smith
	10:15 a.m. Vicar Daniel Smith
March 12	8:00 a.m. Joanne Castagna
	10:15 a.m. Fran Gordon
March 19	8:00 a.m. Kathie Morgan
	10:15 a.m. (No assistant needed)
March 26	8:00 a.m. Abby Richard
	10:15 a.m. Jeff Wesley

<b>Acolytes</b>	<b>Coordinator: Dawn von Berg</b>
March 1	7:00 p.m. Ethan Scott, Matt Johnston
March 5	8:00 a.m. Cole Bennett
	10:15 a.m. Rebecca Engberg, Ethan Kraft
	Crucifer: Briana Burdette
March 12	8:00 a.m. Abby Kiely
	10:15 a.m. Patti Wesley, Madison Wesley
	Crucifer: Matt DiSanto
March 19	8:00 a.m. Stephen Scott
	10:15 a.m. Rebecca Engberg, Abby Richard
March 26	8:00 a.m. Alexa von Berg
	10:15 a.m. Matt DiSanto, Briana Burdette
	Crucifer: Ethan Kraft

**Communion Servers**      **Coordinator: Joan Krauter**  
 March 1      7:00 p.m.      Janice Sadowski, Dawn Liscom  
 March 5      8:00 a.m.      Dave and Joan Krauter  
                  10:15 a.m.      Chris and Karen DiSanto  
 March 12      8:00 a.m.      Steve and Cheryl Morrell  
                  10:15 a.m.      Tony Webb, Carol Jo Eick  
 March 19      8:00 a.m.      Diane Frattini, Barbara Kinsey  
                  10:15 a.m.      Abby Richard, Jeff Wesley,  
    Joe Link  
 March 26      8:00 a.m.      Michael and Lisa Umbehauer  
                  10:15 a.m.      Vicar Daniel Smith  
    Gail Hendrickson

**Lectors**                      **Coordinator: Jeff Wesley**  
 March 1      12:00 p.m.      Barbara Kinsey  
                  7:00 p.m.      Natalie Berry  
 March 5      10:15 a.m.      Beth Camagna  
 March 12      10:15 a.m.      Gail Conrad  
 March 19      10:15 a.m.      Phil Kline  
 March 26      10:15 a.m.      Vicar Daniel Smith

**Sunday Nursery**          **Coordinator: Janice Gardner**  
 March 5      10:15 a.m.      Kristen and Ivan Plachuta  
 March 12      10:15 a.m.      Sue and Brian Barber  
 March 19      10:15 a.m.      Mike and Melissa Lavery  
 March 26      10:15 a.m.      Gary Pflieger, Kathy Kinder

**Greeters**                      **Coordinator: Nicole Smith**  
 March 5      8:00 a.m.      John and Patti Stefl  
                  10:15 a.m.      Rick and Joelle Link  
 March 12      8:00 a.m.      Diane Frattini, Barbara Kinsey  
                  10:15 a.m.      Josh and Lori Martin  
 March 19      8:00 a.m.      Nancy Regan,  
    Kathy and Anna Kinder  
                  10:15 a.m.      Linda Shipley, Jim Snyder  
 March 26      8:00 a.m.      Chris and Kristen Rohrer  
                  10:15 a.m.      Don and Sylvia Yost

## March Birthdays

Madalein Cunningham	3/1	Robert Lutz	3/19
Lori Schuler	3/1	Karen Doherty	3/20
Robert Calhoun	3/2	Jennifer Johnson	3/20
Stephen Bashore, Jr.	3/4	Patricia Turner	3/20
Shane Knoell	3/4	Patricia Daniels	3/21
Richard Wilson	3/4	Jovie McBrearty	3/21
Jackson Bennett	3/5	Margaret Nigro	3/21
Lucas Sherwin	3/5	Gary Pflieger	3/21
Anthony Stadler, Sr.	3/5	Brad Crossin	3/22
Andrea Brassell	3/7	Bailey O'Brien	3/22
Jacky Chan	3/7	Bruce Wagner	3/22
Erik Hinrichsen	3/7	Christopher DeSantis	3/23
Jessica Miller	3/8	Becky Halko	3/23
Jacqueline Nave	3/8	Annalise Dukes	3/24
Brian Barber	3/9	Brendan Hendrickson	3/24
Gary Hendrickson	3/11	Mike Psenicska	3/24
Beth Terry	3/11	James Angstadt	3/25
Seamus Doherty	3/12	Mary Anne Liebeskind	3/25
Adrienne Lamprinos	3/12	Quintin Stotts	3/25
Kacie McCormick	3/12	Morgan Stadler	3/26
Alyxa Psenicska	3/12	Carol Arnao	3/27
Lindsay Bergmann	3/13	Portia Bahl	3/27
Karen Franchi	3/13	Skylar Brightbill	3/27
Kellen McCormick	3/13	Alene McLoughlin	3/27
Diane Redash	3/13	Daniel Perlingiero	3/27
Carl Aronson	3/14	Aurora Millon	3/28
Madelyn Arbutina	3/15	Gary Gordon	3/29
Elizabeth Turner	3/15	Elisabeth McCain	3/29
Lila Langdale	3/17	Morrow Ziff	3/29
Diane Caruso	3/18	Pam Crossin	3/31
John Barber	3/19	Christopher Jacque	3/31
Austin Jacque	3/19	Megan Stark	3/31
Paul Krauter	3/19		

**If we have missed your birthday, please notify the church office.**





# Coffee Connection

*Sunday*

*March 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.*