

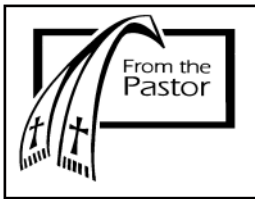
# The GOOD NEWSLETTER

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## From Our Pastor

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### It's Back to School Time!

I love the fall, and back to school time! I love the new books, the papers, the pens, the opportunity for new beginnings, the chance to reunite with friends one hasn't seen all summer long. While it has been many years since I have gone back to school, there is an excitement I still feel at this time of the year. Even as my daughters are now at school "far away" from me, I am thrilled about the classes they will be taking, and love the idea of discussing with them the new things they will be learning.

September is, of course, back to school time in the Church as well. We restart our whole educational program, from Sunday School to Confirmation to Adult Bible Classes to Pub Theology. It is a new start to our learning about Faith, God, each other, and the world within and around us. I love this time of year.

I love this time of year because I love the topic of our study: our Lord, Jesus. He is both the topic and our teacher, as we look at the words he and God the Father have given us to absorb and integrate into our lives.

*"Now when Jesus saw the crowds, he went up on a mountainside and sat down. His disciples came to him, and he began to teach them." Matthew 5:1, 2.*

We get to sit at the feet of Jesus as we hear his words, and learn both about and from him. Here is some of what is coming this fall:

### Sunday School Teachers for the New School Year!

We are pleased to share with you the "line-up" for our Sunday School this year. Most of them are familiar to most of you, but some are now in a different spot in the rotation. For all of them we express our thanks to God that they are willing to serve in the ministry of education, and fill a role in eQuipping our young people to grow in the love of Jesus. Your staff this year is:

3 & 4 year olds – Nicole Smith and Kathy Kinder  
5 year olds/Kindergarten – Vicar Dan Smith and Gary Pflieger  
1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade – Kristen Plachuta and Phil Kline  
3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Grade – Dave Russell  
5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> Grade – Dawn Liscom  
7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> Grade – Melissa Lavery  
9<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> Grade – Meredith Harris  
Adult Discussion – John Stefl

Please be sure to join us each Sunday at 9:00 a.m. for learning about our Lord and his will for us!

### Confirmation Classes Resume

The Confirmation program is for youth in 7<sup>th</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup>, and the beginning of 9<sup>th</sup> grade. We will begin our classes this fall with an orientation to the program on Sunday, **September 17<sup>th</sup>** during the **9:00** Sunday School hour. At this time we will go over the reasons for, and expectations of the Confirmation program. We will describe which grade is involved with which parts of the program, and answer whatever questions parents and youth may have.

This year I am very pleased to have Melissa Lavery working with me in this venture, both on Sunday morning and on the weekday evening times. The midweek time will be Thursdays, 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. This is a change from last year when we met on Wednesdays.

I look forward to meeting with all the youth and parents on the 17<sup>th</sup>, and working with the youth as they take this important step in their growth in faith over the weeks and months to come!

### Wednesday Bible Study

As we come to the fall, we also resume our Wednesday Bible Study. Class will start on September 13<sup>th</sup> with the morning session in the Library, and the noon session in the Parlor. At this time I haven't settled on what we will study, but I am considering one of the Old Testament prophets. As soon as a choice is made I will post it in the bulletin.

As we enter into the new school year we gather to grow in faith, learn about the Lord, and share in fellowship and growth together. Come join in the learning!

Pastor Karl

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## The Vicar's View: A Helper in the Waves

*"Therefore let all who are faithful offer prayer to you; at a time of distress, the rush of mighty waters shall not reach them. You are a hiding place for me; you preserve me from trouble; you surround me with glad cries of deliverance."* (Psalm 32:6-7)

One of my favorite things to do on vacation at the beach is to wade out into the ocean. I love the feel of the tides going out and in. I love knowing that the body of water I'm standing in stretches out far further than I could ever see. And, even though I'm not an expert swimmer, I absolutely love going out far enough into the water that I can turn my back to the waves, let them sweep over me, and get carried off by them a little. Over the years, I've gotten decent at knowing how to approach waves, and knowing when waves were too big for me to handle considering my dearth of swimming skills. But every once in a while, I underestimate one. It comes too fast, or gets bigger all of a sudden, and I can't handle it. It knocks me down hard and leaves me waterlogged and struggling to catch my breath.

The fact is, no matter how good we think we are at handling the waves at the shore or the waves we encounter in life, sometimes the rush of mighty waters **do** reach us. Sometimes, situations in our lives or in the world do knock us down hard, make us struggle for breath, and have us wondering when we'll ever be able to come up for fresh air again. Sometimes, troubling situations come into our lives and don't seem to let up. We lose that job we needed; someone we love dies or gets sick; world events seem to take a turn for the negative. Considering this, some of the words of Psalm 32 above (my favorite psalm) are ones that I often struggle with.

But I think the emphasis of this psalm isn't that bad things will never happen to us, or that we will never be in distress. Rather, it's that God will be with us, steadfast, through it all. Sometimes, the waves will knock us down hard, and we will wonder when they will let up. But we are not in the ocean alone. Right alongside us are God and the people that God has put in our lives to minister to us and to pick us up when we're drenched and struggling to rise. We may not always be aware of that divine presence in times of trouble, but it's there. We may not always be able to hear the music of God, the glad cries of deliverance that God has surrounded us with, but it's there. Even when the waves come crashing down around us, that presence and that music are always there. Amen.

Vicar Daniel Smith

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## Thank You and Welcome

We wish to thank Rick and Joe Link for having served as our evening Sexton over the past several years. Now that Joe has headed off to the University of Scranton, we are transitioning the person responsible for closing the church at the end of each day. We are very pleased that Greg Smith has agreed to take over this role. His proximity to church and his role on the Property Committee make him a perfect choice to be sure that our facilities are secured and cared for. Thank you, Rick and Joe, and welcome Greg!

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## 30 Times Thank You!!

Thank you all for recognizing the anniversary of my ordination. What a wonderful luncheon! The food was delicious, the gifts were lovely, and the notes from so many of you have really touched my heart. I am also so grateful to Kevin Cunningham and Lynda Knaggs for singing a song by John Prine, one of my favorite folk-rock singers. For those who were not able to be present, I was given a special stole with Luther's rose, a triple picture with each of the three churches to which I have been called over the past thirty years, and a pair of "Here I Stand" socks, making a wonderful play on one of Martin Luther's most famous quotes! There was also a generous financial gift. It is striking to me that a third of my ministry has occurred here at Saint Matthew. How blessed I have been! I look forward to continuing to serve Jesus with you, my church family!

In Christ's service, and yours,  
Pastor Karl

## Christian Education

### Vacation Bible School

Our week of VBS in July went beautifully! Many thanks to Julie Cirillo and to all of the many volunteers who helped to organize and run it for the 69 children who attended! Our sanctuary and other rooms in the church were transformed into this year's theme, A Mighty Fortress. The children enjoyed being together as they heard the word of God through Bible stories and videos. They sang and danced to songs, made crafts, and enjoyed snacks and games. A special closing program was held on the last day for the families of the children, during which soft pretzels and lemonade were served on the front lawn. A luncheon was also held for volunteers after the closing program. A generous offering was collected to purchase school supplies for Loaves and Fishes.

### Rally Day on September 10

To kick off our Sunday School program this year, all children and adults are invited to our Sunday School Kickoff in the sanctuary on September 10, 2017 at 9:00 a.m. Children from ages 3 to high school will have the opportunity to meet their Sunday School teachers after a short worship opening that will include an offering. This year we will be learning about hunger and lack of access to water among the homeless in Philadelphia, and will be putting together kits that will be distributed to members of the Welcome Church. Parents may accompany their children to the Sunday School classrooms if they wish to do so. Children will be dismissed from their individual classrooms around 10:00 a.m. Please join us for the start of another year of learning and connecting with God and each other!

### Installation of Sunday School Teachers

Sunday School teachers and substitutes will be installed at the 10:15 a.m. service on September 10, 2017. We hope you will join us as we bless this coming year of classes!

God's Blessings,  
Vicar Dan  
Christian Education Committee

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## Vacation Bible School

**D**ear Saint Matthew Family,  
Our Vacation Bible School was a huge success! We had 69 children come to our Mighty Fortress Bible School this year! Many thanks to all the people who came and spent some time with the children at VBS. Also thank you to all the people who donated snacks. We hope to see you next year!

Thank you,  
Julie Cirillo

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## It's Back to Choir Time!!

**C**hoir will resume on Thursday, September 7, from 7:00 – 8:30 p.m. All ages from middle school on up are welcome. The choir sings at the 10:15 service on the 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays of each month. In addition, we have two special events coming up in October to celebrate milestone anniversaries. Music is a big part of Lutheran heritage and especially so this October. On Sunday October 8<sup>th</sup> we will mark the 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary of our ministry here at Saint Matthew with the Bishop presiding at the morning service followed by a luncheon. On the afternoon of Sunday October 29<sup>th</sup> Saint Matthew will be the site of a conference-wide celebration of the 500<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Reformation in which we will be recognizing the decades of ministries of all the churches in our conference as well as looking forward to our continued ministries. This event will include an anthem by the children's choir at the Martin Luther Silver Springs School and an anthem by a combined Festival Choir from all the churches in the conference. You don't have to be a regular member of the choir to be part of a festival choir for either event. What a joy it will be to participate in these events. Just let me know if you are interested so I can give you more details. Lift up your voice and celebrate!

Pat McHugh

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## Gluten-free communion wafers

**W**e will soon have gluten-free communion wafers available as an alternative to the regular communion wafers for those that need or prefer them. Watch the Sunday bulletins for details.

Pat McHugh

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## Family Ministries

**J**oin Family Ministries as we say "see-ya later" to summer and hello to the school year, and what better way is there than to have a tie-dye party!? Bring what you wish to dye (hats, socks, shorts, bags, shirts, scarves, etc.) Cotton material works best. We will supply the dye, rubber bands, and gloves. The party is from 3-5 p.m. on

Saturday, August 26. Meet us in the Courtyard (Elbert Hall for rain)!

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## Call for Worship Assistants

**S**erving on the altar with Pastor is an opportunity for meaningful participation in the Worship Service. Over the past couple of years due to other commitments the number of people available to serve has declined. If you would like to become a Worship Assistant, please contact Pastor. The assignments are scheduled every two months and you will be contacted before the list is finalized to see if any particular Sunday is not good for you and you will not be scheduled for that Sunday.

John Kampmeyer

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## College Student Addresses

**E**very fall we like to update our Saint Matthew member addresses of those who are commuting or are away at colleges and universities. Students, moms, and dads: we need your help! Give the church office a call or drop us a card with your school year address on it. Surprises await you!

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## Children's Corner

Dear Children,

**A**s the breezes of summer cool down and the sun is becoming less intense, we are reminded that Autumn is on its way. As you read this September piece, you probably have had a week or so of school. I am thinking back many years ago when early September rolled around, and I began to check my clothes, shoes, and school supplies for the next and exciting new school year. I have noticed that school supplies and even clothing are much different than they were in the 1950's; however, some things remain constant. With that thought in mind, I found some words of wisdom in a little book of mine (Life's Little Instructions from the Bible) and I would like to share them with you. Read each of the "words of wisdom" and see if you can find the corresponding verse in the book of the Bible.

Keep your desk and work area neat. 1 Corinthians 14

Smile a lot. It costs nothing and is beyond price Job 29

Hold yourself to the highest standards. Philippians 3

Pray. There is a lot of power in it. 1 Thessalonians 5

Don't be afraid to say, "I need help." Hebrews 4

Do more than is expected. Matthew 5

I hope this little exercise was challenging, but fun for you. Good Luck!

**Dear Parents:**

Well, off to a new school year! Your lives will be filled with homework, packed lunches, scouting trips, music lessons, Confirmation Classes, just to name a few. As you review your youngster's summer reading list and perhaps some math facts, think about your child's faith journey and how important it is to remember the love of God. Sunday School and the worship service renews our understanding of God's powerful love, forgiveness, strength, and His ever-present watchful care. Also, remember to thank Him for your many blessings.

Sylvia Yost

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**Social Ministry**

Summer vacations are past, many of our high school seniors are off to college, the children are back in school, and it is time to return to all of our Saint Matthew activities!!

Thanks to all of you for your gifts of school supplies to the children who attend Faith Immanuel Lutheran in East Lansdowne. The supplies were delivered in plenty of time for Pastor Moses to distribute everything to the children, and they truly appreciate our generosity.

As in years past, we will be organizing the Christmas Pajama Project for the children of Faith Immanuel this Fall. Please watch for further announcements.

We continue to collect food for the Loaves and Fishes Food Pantry in Prospect Park. We also pack food boxes for their clients there one Thursday night each month. If you would like to help, please see Bill and Marge Kobasa or Joanne Castagna.

We are hoping to institute some new projects this year, and we welcome all suggestions. If you are interested in learning more about Social Ministry, please contact Marge Kobasa or myself. We meet the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday at 7:00 p.m. about 6-7 times a year, so there is not a huge time commitment, but we hope our efforts bring joy to those who are less fortunate.

Cheryl Morrell

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**Social Ministry  
Crayon Initiative**

Thank you for your support of The Crayon Initiative. Together we contributed over 15 lbs. of used/broken/unwanted crayons. They will be recycled into 75 boxes of new crayons, and donated to children's hospitals throughout the country.

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**Silver Springs News**

We have been invited by the staff at Silver Springs-Martin Luther School to assist them with their annual "Student Fun Day" on Thursday, September 28. We have been asked to assist with the prize table and some

of the food tables. They will provide us with dinner. We need to meet at the church at 3 p.m. to carpool up and we should return about 7 p.m. Please sign up on the sheet on the table. Any questions, please call Nancy Regan.

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**Church Directory**

We will be printing a new church directory in the near future. If you have a new address, telephone number or email, please contact Janice at 610-543-8700 or office@stmattspringfield.org.

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**Women of the ELCA**

I hope everyone has had a restful and enjoyable summer. May we return to our meetings with renewed energy.

Ladies, please join one of our circles. Esther Circle meets the 4th Tuesday at 9:30 a.m. Sarah Circle meets the 4th Tuesday at 7:00 p.m.

- Sept. 9 LWR Quilting—10:00 a.m.—Parish Ed. Bldg.
- Sept. 13 Board Meeting—9:30 a.m.—Library
- Sept. 20 R. McDonald Quilting—10:00 a.m.—Parlor
- Sept. 26 Esther Circle—10:00 a.m.—Parlor
- Sept. 26 Sarah Circle—7:00 p.m.—Parish Ed. Bldg.

This September we will collect socks for the homeless as part of the Welcome Church.

Our congregation has been so faithful in supporting those in need. Jesus said, "When you have done for the least of these you have done for me."

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**Men's Breakfast**

The September Men's Breakfast will be held at 7:15 a.m. on Saturday, September 16, at The Court Diner, 140 E. Baltimore Avenue, Media. It's a great way to start the day!

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**Royalty**

My Mom was very excited as we dressed for the cocktail party we were hosting at our house on the air force base in Lauthala Bay near Suva, Fiji. "Now Tony, you and Janette will be serving the hors d'oeuvres tonight—please remember to show good manners." Mom said, "We are having royalty with us from Tonga!" (She didn't know that, years later, she would meet Britain's Queen Elizabeth in New Zealand.)

Little sister Janette, age 4, and I, at the ripe old age of 8 years old, were becoming old hands at these parties for the many dignitaries visiting Fiji on official business. We were cordial and courteous as we served our guests the tasty treats prepared in our kitchen by the staff. Many of the folks we served asked for seconds, and some of them were locals we had met at previous gatherings. I would open the front door for the new arrivals and greet them as they entered our living

room.

Janette remembers when the Tongan Prince came, I opened both sides of our double front door to accommodate his grand stature. He was a very tall and rotund man who wore the traditional woven palm leaf fabric around his midriff. He was humorous and gracious and little Janette really liked him. Several months later, Dad and Mom flew out to Tonga to officially attend Queen Salote's birthday celebration.

Another personality whose company we enjoyed was Harold Gatty who had a private swimming pool and a German shepherd named "Bruno." We spent many hours at the Gatty pool with friends and visiting family. Little Janette and Bruno got along so well, she wanted to take him home with us. Gatty himself was famous for the exploits he and Wiley Post made flying their airplane around the world. We also met another worldly traveler, the celebrated author James Michener who wrote *South Pacific*.

Janette for her own birthday that year received a chain-driven tricycle which had inflatable tires and she loved to ride around on our large veranda which had a guardrail but no spindles. It was this feature that let to my little sister tumbling off the deck of the veranda beneath the guardrail and down onto the ground several feet below. The tricycle was OK, but poor Janette lost her two front teeth when she landed. Needless to say the guardrail of the veranda swiftly received a trellis infill.

The veranda was a gathering spot for the kids' group. We would play on the swing there and make human pyramids stacked on top of one another. On one afternoon two of us, Denise and I, were waiting for the others to come when I had a notion to give "Nicey" a kiss. I was not very gentle and she ducked at my approach, so we wrestled and she started to yell in protest, "Get away, Tony—don't do that!" Mom raced out of the house with some choice words of admonishment! I never did that again . . .

In the vicinity near the air base were the Polo grounds. A friend and I would hike down there to visit "Ginger Beer," a chestnut mare with a kind heart for us kids. She had her own field and we would often visit for a ride. We had no saddle but one of the groomsmen at the barn loaned us a homemade bridle. Ginger Beer was so patient with us as she bent her head down to take the bit in her mouth and stood quietly as we clambered onto her bare back; and then we were off! She took us in a big circle around the field in a steady canter. It felt like we were real cowboys!

On one occasion, Ginger Beer shared the field with a full-grown breeding bull and, as we approached her with bridle in hand, he began to bellow and paw the ground. We were well frightened! Ginger Beer took the bit and bridle and we leapt aboard. Wheeling about, we found the bull already beginning his charge—head down and horns a-coming! Our fright rose to terror! Heels in and yelling in panic, we raced for the gate. Even today I can still feel the adrenalin! Approaching the gate, we could hear the loud snort and thundering hooves close behind. I closed my eyes and braced for the crash and destruction that looked inevitable! Ginger Beer suddenly left the ground—we were flying as she vaulted the gate! She sailed to

safety and we tumbled to earth in amazement and gratitude for the noble horse who saved our lives.

Beyond the Polo grounds was an inlet and a little sandy beach where I could play with my toy boat. One late afternoon as I was playing I realized I should get home soon for dinner, so I anchored the little boat offshore thinking I'd be back tomorrow. As I scanned the water the next day, the boat was nowhere in sight. I began to rail against who I thought could have come to steal it when it dawned on me that I had forgotten the tidal action from the moon every day. There are two high tides in each 24 hour period at different times, usually one in daylight and one at night! That was a lesson I remember to this day.

One afternoon, after returning home from school, I was surprised by the sound of hilarious laughter coming from the driveway outside. Running out onto the veranda I observed Kelera, our sitter and good companion, in hysterics at the sight of our car stuck in the bushes off the driveway. Mom had arrived home and was unloading some groceries to take into the kitchen and forgot to put on the parking brake. The car began to move down the slope of the drive, then over the grass and into the bushes without a driver! It was so funny and poor Mom was quite chagrined. "Please don't tell Dad," she told me, thinking she'd be forever embarrassed.

I remember, during the school holidays one year, we participated in a training exercise of the air-sea rescue launch which was always ready to save survivors of accidents at sea. We visited several offshore groups of islands and, avoiding the coral reefs, spent a day or two in the Yasawa Islands. We met the chiefs at several villages there and then observed the site where the movie "Blue Lagoon" was filmed. It was a touching story in which young Jean Simmons was the female movie star. We even had the opportunity to swim in the blue lagoon grotto made famous by the film.

The people of these islands would communicate with those of neighboring islands using drum beats from their hollowed-out tree trunk native drums. No cell phones back then. In the dark of night, when daytime noises are diminished, these drums could be heard from other villages across the water. It was a little eerie not to interpret these signals ourselves—they reminded us of the time of the headhunters and shrunken heads!

I was especially intrigued with the design and construction of the buildings in the villages. They were all built on stilts above the ground with local materials, thatched roofs and had woven palm leaf mats covering the floors. There were common fire pits in the ground outside for cooking the family meals. The people all wore grass skirts and the very active children wore loin cloths and not much else. Coconut palms of course were abundant and we were thrilled by the sight of an islander scaling the trunk of the coconut palm to cut a coconut at the top nearly 35 feet high! Fresh coconut milk is so refreshing. The guava is another favorite fruit, freshly picked, its deep pink flesh is

unforgettable.

Fiji is such a paradise. I'm so grateful to have lived there when I was a youngster. I believe it has given me a framework in which to build my concepts for interactions with personalities from elsewhere and to confirm the belief that, in this world, all people are our brothers and sisters without exception.

There may be other viewpoints of people from other lands which they hold true in their traditions. These viewpoints, religious or otherwise, are what works for them and understanding this can help us to communicate peacefully together without conflict.

God shares his grace with all of his children. In peace I say heartfelt thanks and gratitude to God in glory.

Tony Webb

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## First Thursday Friends

**F**irst Thursday Friends will gather on Thursday, September 7, at 11:30 a.m. at Stinger's Waterfront, 401 S. Swarthmore Avenue, Ridley Park, PA 19078. For more information, contact John Stefl.

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## October Newsletter Deadline

**A**rticles for the October newsletter are due in the church office by **12:00 noon** on **Friday, September 15.**

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## Saint Matthew Christian Nursery School

**S**eptember has rolled around very quickly and I would like to welcome all our families back to Saint Matthew Christian Nursery School. School starts Monday, September 11; and the staff and I await the arrival of both our new and familiar faces. I would like to thank the Nursery School Advisory Board, Pastor Karl Richard and Janice Gardner for all of their support. Also, Ted Hidell is quite a friendly and familiar face to our staff, the children and their families; and I would like to thank him for everything he has done to help with the start up of our school. Another thank you to Joe Regan for all of his assistance keeping up with our building needs. Thank you also to Jim Snyder, our Treasurer, for all of our financial needs. It is our pleasure to serve the children of our community. If you have a child age three to five and would like to register him/her at Saint Matthew, please call our office at 610-543-5589.

Linda M. Maylie, Director

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## Monthly Mailbag



Dear Saint Matthew Congregation,

Just wanted to thank the congregation and Pastor Karl for all the thoughts, prayers, text messages, Facebook posts, visits and flowers during my hospital stay and recovery. Thanks once again. Everything was very much appreciated.

Thanks all,  
Jeff Morgan

Dear Saint Matthew Congregation,

Thank you for the beautiful flowers and continued prayers for me. I continue to feel blessed from our church members. Thank you!

Love,  
Carol Arnao

Dear Saints of Saint Matthew,

On behalf of a grateful synod, I thank you for your support of our *Forward Together in Faith* campaign through your gift of \$135. I hope you can see how, by the power of God, we can accomplish far more *together* than all we as individuals can ask or imagine.

We call this campaign "Forward Together in Faith" because we can do so much more when we are doing it together. Ultimately the synod is not an organization, or a body of congregations, or a collection of programs; it is a web of relationships, of people working together to be God's hands and heart here in Southeastern Pennsylvania. Thank you for being part of our robust and faithful network.

Your support—and that of many generous saints like you—allows us to focus on our mission of equipping leaders and congregations for ministry in the challenging 21st Century mission field. We could not sustain the level of services and support our congregations and leaders now enjoy without your gift.

I pray as we continue to move *Forward Together in Faith* that the Church of Jesus Christ will be blessed, and your generous gift will be multiplied for future generations by our small part in God's great mission.

With and in Christ,  
The Rev. Claire S. Burkat, Bishop

Dear Pastor Richard,

Thank you for your partnership in the fight against hunger! Your generous support helps Philabundance continue to grow as the region's largest hunger relief organization, serving more than 90,000 people weekly through a network of over 350 member agencies and innovative fresh produce distribution programs like *Fresh For All* and *KidsBites*. Because of you, Philabundance is able to provide assistance to those in your neighborhood who need it most.



But your contribution helps to provide more than just meals. Through the *Philabundance Community Kitchen*, you are changing the future for graduating culinary professionals. At *Fare and Square*, the region's first non-profit grocery store, you are helping to eliminate a food desert and provide access to good quality food. On local farms, you are supporting volunteers who harvest and rescue thousands of pounds of produce each year. You truly are making a difference.

On behalf of the entire Philabundance family and all those who will experience the comfort of a meal because of your generosity, thank you!

Gratefully,  
Glenn S. Bergman,  
Executive Director, Philabundance

To our Church Family,

Sincere thanks for all your thoughts, cards, and prayers at the recent passing of my brother, Ted. A thank you also to the Altar Guild for the lovely flowers that were delivered.

Sincerely,  
Marie Miller

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Thank you so much for the beautiful flowers we received after the service on Sunday August 13. They brighten up our home and are a constant reminder of all the love and caring we receive from Saint Matthew. We are very blessed to be members and to have each and every one of you in our lives.

Sincerely,  
Greg and Nicole Smith and Kids

Dear People of Saint Matthew,

Thank you all for the birthday cards in June, and for the gifts and many cards marking the end of my internship year in July. Your generosity and kind words have meant a lot to me, and I look forward to spending another year with you all. God bless you!

Sincerely,  
Vicar Dan

Dear Saint Matthew family,

Thank you so much for all the prayers, get well cards, the call from Pastor and the visit from Barb Kinsey who delivered altar flowers. I am recuperating from my knee surgery and hope to be up and around (without the cane!) in the near future.

Blessings,  
Joanne Castagna

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## Vital Statistics

**Deaths:**  
**Robert Potter**  
Died: July 4, 2017  
Funeral: July 17, 2017  
**Edith Boose**  
Died: July 10, 2017  
Funeral: July 15, 2017

**Gloria Wurzer**  
Died: July 27, 2017

**Mary Anne Liebeskind**  
Died: August 7, 2017  
Funeral: August 10, 2017

## 25th Wedding

**Anniversaries: David and Dawn Liscom**  
September 12, 2017

**David and Patricia Turner**  
September 12, 2017

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## Worship Responsibilities

### Altar Guild

Sept. 3  
Sept. 10  
Sept. 17  
Sept. 24

**Coordinator: Jeff Wesley**  
Barbara Kinsey, Diane Frattini  
Beth Camagna, Beth Terry  
Chris DiSanto, Morrow Ziff  
Marie Miller, Maureen McCleary

### Worship Assistants

Sept. 3  
  
Sept. 10  
  
Sept. 17  
  
Sept. 24

**Coordinator: John Kampmeyer**  
8:00 a.m. Vicar Daniel Smith  
10:15 a.m. Vicar Daniel Smith  
8:00 a.m. Maureen McCleary  
10:15 a.m. Fran Gordon  
8:00 a.m. Vicar Daniel Smith  
10:15 a.m. (No assistant needed)  
8:00 a.m. Kathie Morgan  
10:15 a.m. Vicar Daniel Smith

### Acolytes

Sept. 3  
  
Sept. 10  
  
Sept. 17  
  
Sept. 24

**Coordinator: Dawn von Berg**  
8:00 a.m. Tyler Bennett  
10:15 a.m. Ethan Kraft, Rebecca Engberg  
8:00 a.m. Jacob Scott  
10:15 a.m. Madison Wesley, Patti Wesley  
Crucifer: Briana Burdette  
8:00 a.m. Cole Bennett  
10:15 a.m. Briana Burdette, Rebecca Engberg  
8:00 a.m. Matthew Johnston  
10:15 a.m. Patti Wesley, Madison Wesley  
Crucifer: Ethan Kraft

### Communion Servers

Sept. 3  
  
Sept. 10  
  
Sept. 17  
  
Sept. 24

**Coordinator: Joan Krauter**  
8:00 a.m. Steve and Cheryl Morrell  
10:15 a.m. John and Dotty Engelbrecht  
8:00 a.m. Steve and Jean McGarvey  
10:15 a.m. Morrow Ziff, Bea Toomey  
8:00 a.m. Kevin and Karen McCormick  
10:15 a.m. Judy Hendrickson,  
Gail Hendrickson, Jeff Wesley  
8:00 a.m. Vicar Daniel Smith, Doug Bratz  
10:15 a.m. Vicar Daniel Smith, Dawn Liscom

### Lectors

Sept. 3  
Sept. 10  
Sept. 17  
Sept. 24

**Coordinator: Jeff Wesley**  
10:15 a.m. Heather Markland  
10:15 a.m. Joan Krauter  
10:15 a.m. Vicar Daniel Smith  
10:15 a.m. Maureen McCleary

<b>Sunday Nursery</b>	<b>Coordinator: Janice Gardner</b>
Sept. 3	10:15 a.m. Diana and Pat Dolan
Sept. 10	10:15 a.m. Mike and Melissa Lavery
Sept. 17	10:15 a.m. Sue and Brian Barber
Sept. 24	10:15 a.m. Gary Pflieger, Kathy Kinder

<b>Greeters</b>	<b>Coordinator: Nicole Smith</b>
Sept. 3	8:00 a.m. Nancy Regan Kathy and Anna Kinder
	10:15 a.m. Linda Shipley, Jim Snyder
Sept. 10	8:00 a.m. Chris and Kristen Rohrer
	10:15 a.m. Don and Sylvia Yost
Sept. 17	8:00 a.m. Matthew and Christine Scott
	10:15 a.m. Dorothy D'Arcy, Nicole Smith
Sept. 24	8:00 a.m. Dee and Doug Bratz
	10:15 a.m. Steve and Cheryl Morrell

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