

St. Matthew's Newsletter

"We show our love for God by welcoming all to grow in faith, community and service."

Vicar Mindelle K. Bartholomew

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Monday

9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Wednesday

9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Thursday

9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

+WORSHIP+

SUNDAY

10:30 a.m.

THE COMING OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

It is said that Christians are Easter People. Our life in the church centers around the Festival of Easter and the resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ. The resurrection was a one-time event over 2,000 years ago but it is also an ongoing event in our lives. Each day is a resurrection to life because of the saving act of Jesus Christ.

In the church, we celebrate that new life in Christ as we remember our baptism at the beginning of worship during the season of Easter. We celebrate it when we remember our baptism by making the sign of the cross in worship, our private devotions and perhaps when we arise in the morning. This new life in Christ changes everything for us and for the world.

It changes everything because we live as daily resurrected people, forgiven and loved by our gracious God. In that freedom we are called to love and serve others sharing the Good News of God's life changing gift in Jesus Christ.

This can be a daunting task. Yet, God has not left us alone in this endeavor. On May 28th the Easter season comes to a close as we celebrate Pentecost, the birthday of the church. On this day, we celebrate God sending the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, to comfort the disciples and stir them from complacency. God continues to send the Holy Spirit to us today. The wind of the Spirit blows through our lives empowering us to tell our stories of what Jesus has done and is doing in our life. It challenges us to love and serve our neighbor even when it is difficult. And the Holy Spirit keeps us connected to Jesus even when we struggle.

Thanks be to God for creating us, loving us, redeeming us and sustaining us.

Peace in Christ,

Vicar Mindy

COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS & MEETING DATE

The Congregational Council will meet on Monday,
May 8th at 6:30 p.m. in the church.

❖ Mark your calendars for this summer's Campfire Nights: June 11, July 16, and August 13

❖ St. Matthews 150th Anniversary will be on September 17th. We are looking for volunteers to help plan this event.....If interested see Vicar Mindy.

~Members Serving in May~

GREETER:

May 7- Jane Barnasconi

May 14-Melanie Derr

May 21- Carol SMith

May28- Carolann Bilger

LECTOR:

May 7- Vicki Troxell

May 14- AnneMarie Lawrence

May 21- Susan Fries

May28- AnneMarie Lawrence

COMMUNION ASSISTANT:

May 7- Sue Sidler

May 14- Michele Mitchell

May 21- Helle Derr

May28- Melanie Derr

OFFERING COUNTERS

May 7- M. Derr/H. Derr

May 14- M. Mitchell/ L. Lawrence

May 21- C. Smith/M. Derr

May28- M. Derr/H. Derr

**THANK YOU FOR
VOLUNTEERING!!**

Upcoming Events

- May 8th: Bishops Gold Classic
- May 20th: Camp Mt Luther Annual Spring Workday
- June 11th: July 16th, and Aug 13th Campfire Nights
- June 16-17th: Synod Assembly
- July 26-30th: SUN Area Work and Witness Week
- September 17th: Celebrate 150 years of St Matthews!

BUDGET INFORMATION: JAN-APRIL 2023

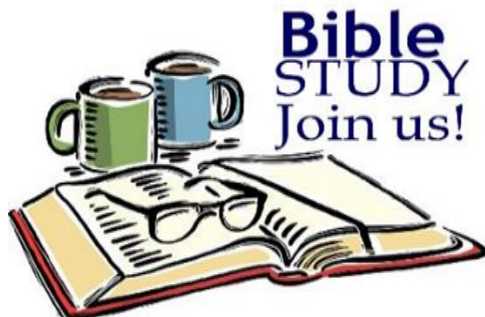
Donations \$1700
Envelopes \$22,416
Rec. Building \$950
TOTAL \$25,066

Amount needed to meet budget \$25,131

MAY BIRTH DAYS!

7 Leann Fogel
8 Judy Hayes
8 Jeff Ryan
8 Dan Ryan
9 Mark Benner
12 Bob Heintzelman
13 Kelsey Humphrey
15 Glenn Fogel
21 Brandon Grubbs
22 Helle Derr

Happy
Birthday!



PRAYER LIST

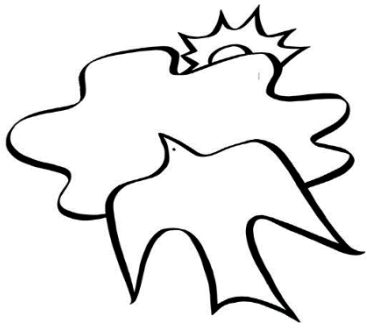


Lisa Yeager oversees the prayer chain. If you have a prayer request, please call or text Lisa at 570-743-7158 or email her at jmlvay@ptd.net. (Please leave a message if Lisa cannot make it to the phone.)

Current Prayer List:

Bonnie Heintzelman, Anita, Jo Bailey, Bryan Lenker, Vicar Mindy, Family and friends of Carol Main, Family and friends of Dave Walize, Our brothers and sisters at Salem Lutheran Church, George, Alea, Chris Wilcox, Anne Rebuck, Larry, Tammy, Anna and Don Fausey, Donna Marcinko, Council family, Gene, Kay F. , LeaRae Lewis, The Lewis family, Jude S. , Brian K., Carol H., Charlotte Zartman, Marian Beaver, Cindy Colyer, Lenus Haines, Frances, Scott Hummel, Warren, Gene Christine, Ethel Broschart, Sharon, Dennis Fausey, People of Ukraine, Henry K., Chris Becker, Lexi Opp, Russ Wynn, Brielle Caponera, Maralyn, Richard Saxton, Kay Fleming, Palmar Woodcock, Ben Keiser, Kenny Smith Jr., Archer, All front-line workers and first responders and their families, St. Matthew's Church, America, and persecuted Christians around the world

Vicar Mindy will be leading Bible study each Wednesday afternoon at 1 pm until May 24th. Bring your Bible and join in the discussion on the book of Acts



The Day of Pentecost is Sunday, May 28th.
Please wear red to celebrate the coming of the Spirit!

Practice stewardship through Mount Luther at the Annual Saturday, May 20, 2023, from need your help getting the ready for summer. There will everyone in the family can to do cleaning, mulching,



service at camp at Camp Spring Work Day on 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. We camp grounds and facilities be plenty to do and help! Please bring supplies raking, and light

construction projects such as step ladders, buckets, rakes, etc. A light lunch will be served. RSVP by May 15 if staying for lunch to cml@campmountluther.org or 570-922-1587

Mark your Calendar for our Summer Campfires

We will hold three campfires this summer on and June 11, July 16, and Aug. 13. Kj Reimensnyder-Wagner will be our guest musician for two of them. Join us at 6:30 pm for food, music, and fellowship.



How May I Pray for You?

If at any time you have something for which you would like me to pray, please put it on a slip of paper in the prayer bowl on my desk. You may also hand me a note with your request. This is not part of the prayer chain but part of my personal prayers. If you wish to share something with me about the prayer request you may. If you simply want to request prayer for something, that is fine as well.



We are in need of coffee cans or other containers for altar flowers.
Lids not needed



This year, St. Matthew's Lutheran Church is celebrating our 150th anniversary. A milestone indeed. We are planning to hold a celebration on Sunday, September 17. Bishop Miller will be preaching and presiding at our morning worship.



Following worship there will be a dinner in the recreation center with a short program about the history of St. Matthew's. We would love to have display tables with photos and other documents related to the history of our congregation available for folks to enjoy.

Please mark your calendars for this special occasion. If you are interested in helping to plan this event, please see Vicar Mindy.

SHINE, CHILDREN, SHINE Celebrated Easter!

On Wednesday morning, April 5, 2023, 20 children and their parents had a wonderful Easter Celebration led by Miss AnneMarie and Miss Carol. Thank you both for this awesome ministry each week!



Sun Area Work & Witness
"Inspire Hope"

Dates: July 26th – 30th, 2023



Dear Sun Area Work & Witness Participant,

We are excited for you to join in this life-giving and life-changing ministry that we believe will make a difference in the lives of others in our local community. It is because of individuals like you and our sponsors that we are able to "inspire hope" and reflect the love of God.

Workdays are Wednesday to Saturday and Sunday is a day of worship, reflection, and celebration. Individuals are free to volunteer for as many, or as few, days as they desire. For days that you volunteer, we ask that you participate for the full day. Each day breakfast, lunch, and dinner are provided along with faith enrichment activities.

On Sunday, July 30th there will be a large closing celebration. You and your family members are invited to this event.

On July 23rd there is a "Work & Witness Trip Kick-Off" meeting held for all participants. All participants are asked to attend this meeting. You will receive your 2023 W&W trip shirt, first day work site assignments, and other information that will help you the days you volunteer. The orientation will be held at Selinsgrove Church of the Nazarene, 543 W. Sassafras St., Selinsgrove 17870 from 6-7pm.

If you are at least 10 years old as of July 26, 2023, you are eligible to participate in Sun Area Work & Witness. Individuals between 10 years old and 14 years old as of July 26, 2023, must have a parent/guardian attend as well.

There is a registration fee of \$15 for each participant or \$50 maximum per family. Each participant receives one W&W trip shirt as part of your registration. You can purchase additional shirts for \$10 each. All checks should be made payable to "Selinsgrove Church of the Nazarene" or "SCN". In the memo line, please indicate "Sun Area Work & Witness".

Areas to volunteer in are:

- **Site Crew** - complete homeowner and community work projects
- **Supply Crew** - organize, purchase, and deliver supplies
- **Kitchen Crew** - help prepare, serve, and clean up meals
- **Listener** - visit with homeowner during project
- **Media Crew** - capture moments through photography/videography
- **Spiritual Development** - provide faith enrichment opportunities

All forms and clearances **must be submitted no later than May 13, 2023**. All forms along with payment can be mailed to SCN, 543 W. Sassafras St, Selinsgrove, PA 17870 or handed in to the church office. If you have any questions, please contact the Selinsgrove Church of the Nazarene church office at 570-374-0028 or email us at Sunareaww@gmail.com.

Each participant, 18 years and older, is required to submit a child abuse clearance, state police clearance, and affidavit form. All clearances for volunteers are free. You will receive a notification if any of these are not in the church's files or are out of date.

Sincerely,
SAWW Mission Team

Registration forms are on the Welcome Table. There are also applications for assistance if you know someone who could use some help.

Celebrate the Feast of Pentecost

May 28, 2023

In the church year, the day of Pentecost is the culmination of the 50 days of the Easter celebration. After showing himself to the disciples and after having ascended, Jesus' followers received the promised gift of the Holy Spirit.

On the fiftieth day of Easter, our Lutheran worship is filled with festivity, color and movement as we both conclude the Easter celebration and welcome anew the gift of the Holy Spirit.

Many ELCA worshipers wear red on the festival of Pentecost, recalling the red of the flames of the Holy Spirit.

The wind of the Holy Spirit both forms the church and urges us outside the walls of the church to carry on the mission and ministry of Christ in the world.

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