

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

APRIL 14, 2024

ORDER OF WORSHIP



Hymns: TLH:657,201,410
First Reading: Acts 3:11-21
Epistle: 1 John 3:1-7
Holy Gospel: Luke 24:36-49



WELCOME TO ST MATTHEW!

The Lord richly bless your time here this morning as we receive Christ in the liturgy, hymns, and preaching. There are guest cards and envelopes in the pews. All guests are encouraged to fill these out. The envelopes are provided for guests to contribute during the offering.

There will be one Worship Service at 9:00am. Holy Communion will be celebrated the 1st & 3rd Sunday of the month. Please announce your intention to commune by signing the sheet in the narthex. If you would like to receive communion in your pew please check

QUESTIONS ABOUT WORSHIP, BAPTISM OR COMMUNION? Please see the Pastor or the Elder on duty.



The flowers on the altar today are in celebration of April birthdays from Ladies Guild.

FLOWER CHART FOR THE ALTAR

If you would like to place flowers on the altar in remembrance of a loved one, birthday or for blessing received please put your name on the flower chart in the Narthex then contact Toni Durick at 695-2596. Thank you for supporting Ladies Guild.



Amanda Allen	Joan Baroudi
Kelly Benedict	Christiana Brenon
Bob Burton	Bill & Pat Doebler
Michele Durick	Toni Durick
Tom Essenburg	Joy Jenks
Pastor Jorg	Hannah Koepsell
Florence Lindaman	Gary Majewski
Doris Matheis	Phil Moldenhauer
Jeffrey Morrison	Jason Painter
John Patton	Renee Patton
Diane Pieper	Jacquelyn Scott
Mary Smith	Ron Waliszewski

Our Shut Ins

HOME VISITS

Pastor Ken Craig is available to bring Holy Communion to the home of any member desiring a visit. You may also call him, regardless of the time, if any congregation member is in need of pastoral care. This is particularly important when there is a serious illness, an accident, a hospitalization and when death approaches or occurs.

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TODAY IN THE CHURCH YEAR:

The Preaching of Repentance and Forgiveness of Sins Makes Us Pure

The risen Lord Jesus taught His disciples "that the Christ should suffer and on the third day rise from the dead" and "that repentance for the forgiveness of sins should be proclaimed in his name to all nations" (Luke 24:46-47). Therefore, St. Peter preaches repentance and forgiveness to the people of Jerusalem. As he proclaims that Jesus fulfilled all that "God foretold by the mouth of all the prophets" (Acts 3:18), he also convicts the people of their sin, because they "delivered over and denied" this Lord Jesus and "killed the Author of life." Yet God "glorified his servant Jesus" and raised Him from the dead (Acts 3:13-15). St. Peter calls the people to repent, so that their "sins may be blotted out, that times of refreshing may come from the presence of the Lord" (Acts 3:19-20). Through this forgiveness of sins and by faith in this forgiveness, the Father shows His love for us in order that "we should be called children of God; and so we are" (1 John 3:1). Thus, we hope in Him and are made pure even "as he is pure," because "he appeared in order to take away sins, and in him there is no sin" (1 John 3:3, 5)



Please have your articles for the May/June Communicator into the office no later than tomorrow Monday, April 15th.
Thank you.



Thank you so much for recognizing our 60th Wedding Anniversary. We will enjoy the gift card. We truly love our St. Matthew family!

Dick and Sharon Engler



A offering was given from Laura Saalman, Virginia Doebler's daughter, to St. Matthew Lutheran Church, her favorite (childhood) church. To be put towards the General Fund.

YOUNG AT HEART, we will enjoy a game of miniature golf at the Dome **next Sunday, April 21 at 3 pm** with dinner afterwards. We will meet at church at 2:30. Sign-up sheet will be on the stand on the way out of church or contact Carol Wilczak at 716-693-1837.

COMPASS CARE ANNUAL WALK

Please join us in supporting **CompassCare** through their annual Walk for Life Weekend! Details are on the insert. Kristen will be in the narthex following the service to sign up walkers and take donations toward the Lutherans for Life of WNY team goal. Thank you!



Mount Olive Lutheran Church is having a Books, Baskets, and Bake Sale Fundraising on April 26th & 27th from 10am-2pm. See the bulletin board for more information.

Redeemer Lutheran Church will be having a Meat Raffle on May 17th. Doors open at 6 PM. It will be held at Gratwick Hose Fire Co. See the bulletin board for more information.

PIONEER ON THE LAKE

Pioneer on the Lake has sent out a newsletter of upcoming activities and important dates. This will be posted on the bulletin board in the hall. Each month we will post fliers with the activities and information they would like to share. The "PIONEER ON THE LAKE" fliers will be posted to the right of the office door.

**YCC ACTIVITIES FOR APRIL
WILL BE ON SATURDAYS FROM 6-8**

Any Questions contact Breanna Gerner Youth Director at 716-525-6953, bgerner22@gmail.com.

27th-Team Games



HELP FILL OUR FOOD PANTRY

St. Matthew Food Pantry has a great need of **n and peas, Soup and canned fruit. Please place the items in the bushel basket in the narthex.** If you know of a neighbor, friend or family in need, please contact the church office at 716-692-6862. Thank you.

N. T. FOOD PANTRY

The North Tonawanda Food Pantry is need of **cleaning supplies.** They are always in need of shampoo, toothpaste, toothbrushes and deodorant (personal care items). Put the items in the blue tote in the Quilting room. Thank you for your generosity.



ATTENDANCE & OFFERINGS YTD

Attendance 4/7/2024		79
Offering for 4/7/2024		\$4,984.00
Week Ending 4/13/2024		YTD
Budget	\$4,365.00	\$61,110.00
Received	<u>\$4,984.00</u>	<u>\$59,603.00</u>
	\$619.00	-\$1,507.00
Capital Improvements YTD		\$165.00

**MEETINGS & EVENTS AT ST. MATTHEW
APRIL 14, 2024**

Sun: 8:30am-Worship Service
10:00am-Sunday School
10:00am-SARB

Wed: 6:00pm-Choir Rehearsal

MICHELE'S CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

Mon: 9:00am-1:00pm
Tue: Off
Wed: Off
Thu: 9:00am-1:00pm
Fri: 9:00am-11:00am

3rd Sunday of Easter

**With that their eyes were opened
and they recognized him,
but he vanished from their sight.
Luke 24:31**

**SERVING IN THE LORD'S HOUSE
TO-DAY**

Elders: Siggy Barke, John Patton
Vestrymen: Tom Hromowyk
Ushers: Eric Berg, Justin Hromowyk,
Marke Lemke
Greeters: Toni Durick, Linda Pascucci
Sunshine Committee: Open
Organist: Tom Goodrich
Sr. Choir Director: Open
Male Chorus Director: Open
Chimes: Open
Offering Counters: Team 4
SARB (Mary Sansone) Sharon Engler