

THE COMMUNICATOR

JULY/AUGUST 2023



ST. MATTHEW LUTHERAN CHURCH
875 Eggert Drive, North Tonawanda, New York 14120

Pastor R. Blaine Jorg

716-692-6862

HOME VISITS

Pastor Blaine Jorg 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.

Cell: 239-1097

E-mail: ministry285@yahoo.com



Church Phone Extension

When calling 692-6862, you do not need to wait for a prompt to dial an extension. When you call the church phone number, and the call connects, you may dial any extension, immediately. If that extension transfers to a voice mail and you want to speak to a person, you may dial another extension. You do not need to hang up and call back.

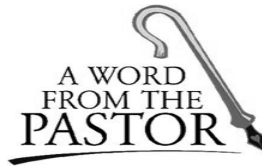
St. Matthew Lutheran Church 692-6862
St. Matthew Lutheran Church Fax# 692-0242

The following extensions can be reached from both phone #'s above:

Church Office	Ext. 202
Pastor Office	Ext. 203
Bible Conference Room	Ext. 204
Quilting Room	Ext. 206
Kitchen	Ext. 207
Music Room	Ext. 209
Computer Room	Ext. 210
Library	Ext. 214
Custodian Office	Ext. 219
Gymnasium	Ext. 220
YCC Room	Ext. 221

Email: stmatlcms@gmail.com (Church)

office@stmatthewlutheran.net (Church Secretary)



Dearest members of St. Matthew:

The following is a piece from Martin Luther from the year 1534 about the Grace of God: from his sermon on John 3:16

“We hear that all of us have been plunged into sin by the devil, but the Lamb leads all of us out. That people do not believe is not due to any insufficiency of the Lord Christ, but the fault is mine. If I do not believe it, I remain in my condemnation. I must simply say that the Lamb of God has taken away the sins of the world and that I have been earnestly enjoined to believe and confess this, to die on this fact. But, you may say: Who knows whether He also bears my sin? I do indeed believe that He took away the sins of all the saints; they were pious people.

Do you not hear what St. John says? This Jesus has taken away the sins of the world? We cannot deny that we are part of the world, you were born of man and woman, and your sins were covered and included in Jesus' actions. “

We can find solace and peace in knowing that our God has sent the redemption of the world to free the world from their sinfulness. Give thanks often for the righteousness you have received, while we were still enemies of God. For God alone has redeemed us, and made us whole.

With much love and compassion to my fellow believers here at St. Matthew,

Blessings to you all,

Pastor Blaine





President's REPORT

Looking at some of the recent activities, I'd like to **THANK** everyone that participated and helped out at the pancake breakfast. Although I wasn't there, I heard it did well, and they raised some funds to invest in new chairs for the lower hall. I was attending the Men's retreat at Pioneer on the Lake. This annual retreat is put on by the men of the Lutheran Hour Ministries (formerly Lutheran Laymen's League) of the Eastern District. I was unable to recruit any additional members from our church to attend, but it was still great to see guys that I have come to know over the last few years. We learned about justice, reconciliation and forgiveness after World War II and compared it with God's version of these subjects. Men, mark your calendars for May 31 – Jun 2, 2024, for the Men's Retreat next year.

The church picnic went on completely outside this year. We were very thankful that there were only a few sprinkles of rain during our outdoor service and the air quality was much better than it had been several days earlier. Afterwards the picnic portion was completely dry. The only people getting wet were the youth during the Slip and Slide Kickball game. It was nice to see that people stayed for a while afterwards and some even enjoyed watching the youth.

We want to take one more opportunity to enjoy an outdoor worship service this summer. The Ladies Guild will hold their annual Strawberry Social on August 6th. This will be scheduled just like a church picnic, with service at 11am by the outdoor altar, with food and strawberry desserts afterwards. Communion will be moved to the second week and then held at its regular schedule again on the third week.

As is our tradition, we take a break from regular meeting for July and August, so watch the bulletin and this communicator for any other special activities.

Bill Bundy

President



LADIES GUILD NEWS & NOTES JULY & AUGUST

As we enter the summer months, we pray you all have a restorative time of rest and relaxation with family & friends. May God go with you and bless your summer!

We would like to thank everyone for your support of our events this year.



Ladies of the Guild, we are in need of someone to adopt a recently added Shut-In. If you are interested, please contact Linda Robinson @ 716-622-1255 for details. Thank You



Our annual **LADIES GUILD RETREAT** was held on June 17th, with the **TOPIC: The Women of the Bible** Speak written by Shannon Bream.

This study will be continued, during the **BIBLE BRUNCH** gatherings when they resume in October.

It was a pleasure to gather with the ladies to study God's word and enjoy a shared luncheon and fellowship time together.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!!
SUNDAY, AUGUST 6TH



We will be hosting our annual Strawberry Social following another
OUTDOOR WORSHIP SERVICE!

There will be hot dogs & hamburgers and of course
an assortment of Strawberry Desserts.

**REGULAR LADIES' GUILD MEETINGS WILL
RESUME IN OCTOBER.** Please come and see how much fun we
have working together for our church & community!



**ANNUAL HOLIDAY BAZAAR WILL BE
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 28TH (9 AM – 2 PM)**
**ATTIC TREASURE DONATIONS CAN BE BROUGHT IN STARTING
JULY 1ST. "PLEASE, items need to be clean and in working or-
der. NO TV'S, COMPUTERS OR CLOTHING. Contact Ellen Graf
with any questions. Thank You**

Wishing you God's continued blessings from the
Ladies Guild Board: Ellen Graf, Donna Heiser, Carol Wilczak,
Linda Pascucci, Dottie Lemke, Toni Durick & Linda Robinson

The logo for July Anniversaries features the word "JULY" in a large, bold, sans-serif font. Below it, the word "anniversaries" is written in a smaller, lowercase, serif font. The text is surrounded by several five-pointed stars of varying sizes and orientations. A decorative flourish with two circular motifs is positioned below the word "anniversaries".

JULY
anniversaries

7/3 Paul & Lynda Schultz

7/3 David & Kelly Urtel

7/11 Olaf & Gail Stapar

7/28 John & Sandy Patton

8/4 Jeff & Wendy Binkley

8/5 Jack & Michele Siegmann

8/19 Mike & Terry Lance

8/21 Jim & Sandy Moesch

8/25 Siggie & Judith Barke

8/27 Robert & Lorna Burton

8/31 Casey & Beth Gordon





7/6 Megan Goodwin

7/15 Gloria Haeseler

7/20 Chris Reischel

7/25 Kristen Jorg

7/30 Ryan Baroudi



8/3 Leah Urtel

8/8 Tyler Thursam

8/8 Donna Hutton

8/11 Tim Jorg

8/17 Dr. Lisa Ann Haeseler

8/18 Michael Thursam

8/18 Ron Witt

8/22 Michael Meyerhofer

8/30 Karl Robinson

If you would like to have your birthday listed in the communicator please see Gloria Haeseler or stop by the office for more information.

July Serving Schedule

	July 2nd*	July 9th	July 16th*	July 23rd	July 30th
ELDERS	Siggy Barke John Patton	Pete Jaenecke Bill Olczak	Dan Wolf Joe Durick	Craig Heigl Rob Pidanick	Siggy Barke John Patton
VESTRYMEN CAPTAINS	Tom Hromowyk	Art Marshall Paul Schultz	Gary Majewski Joe Siegmann	James Fretthold Bill Bundy	Tom Hromowyk
USHERS	Eric Berg Justin Homowyk Mark Lemke	Jeff Binkley Charles Jaenecke Keith Schumacher	Chris Reischel Jeff Reischel Dave Wendt	Dave UrteI Tank Jorg Tim Jorg	Eric Berg Justin Homowyk Mark Lemke
COUNTING TEAM	Team 3 Jolie Giardino Miriam MM Paula Benedyszak	Team 4 Wendy Binkley Sue Ridge Florence Lindaman	Team 5 Jeffrey Binkley Megan Goodwin Mike & Terry Lance	Team 6 Bill & Linda Olczak Leslie Stolzenfels Karen Horrigan	Team 1 Leslie Stolzenfels Dale & Donna Heiser Karen Horrigan
9:15AM GREETERS	M/M Patton	Linda Robinson	Toni Durrick Linda Pascucci	Open	
SARB SERVERS	NO	SARB	TILL	FALL	

August Serving Schedule

	August 6th*	August 13th	August 20th*	August 27th
ELDERS	Pete Jaenecke Bill Olczak	Dan Wolf Joe Durick	Craig Heigl Rob Pidanick	Siggy Barke John Patton
VESTRYMEN CAPTAINS	Art Marshall Paul Schultz	Gary Majewski Joe Siegmann	James Fretthold Bill Bundy	Tom Hromowyk
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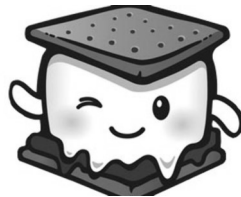
Thank you to all who came out and supported SARB this pass year. Your support helps support a student from St. Catharines Seminary. This year we supported Aaron Parkhurst. Please continue to keep him in your prayers over the summer. Enjoy your summer and we will see you in October. Once again, thank you. SARB



Operation Christmas Child

Kick Off In July

This event is for the members of St. Matthew Lutheran Church with their children and grandchildren on Saturday, July 29th from 10am-12pm in the lower hall. Kim will share information about Operation Christmas Child, part of Samaritan's Purse. The main goal will be for the children to get involved in the importance of giving to other children in need through out the world. There will be various fun activities for the children to participate in. Please come and join us to learn "S'MORE" about this special outreach mission.





We would like to thank Randy Witt for the installation of the bricks on The Walkway of Memories. If you would like to commemorate a family birth, anniversary or the memory of a loved one by purchasing a brick please fill out the envelope on the table next to the office door, follow the instructions on the envelope, enclose your check and place it in the basket on the office desk.

Thank you for supporting the project.






Waylen Knight Fendrick was “Baptized in to Christ” on June 18, 2023 at St. Matthew Lutheran Church by Pastor Blaine Jorg. Waylen is the son of Jamie and Caitlyn Fendrick. His sponsors are Jamie Knight and Noah Fendrick.

Thank you to all who contributed to the annual church picnic, from bringing coolers to be used, donations of food, desserts, salads, meat and all those who helped with set up/take down of the tent, set up of the pavilion, games for the kids and clean up!!! Thank you for your help!

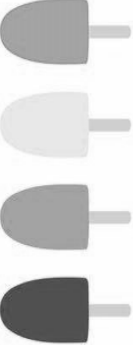



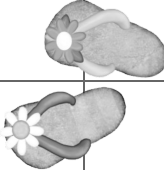
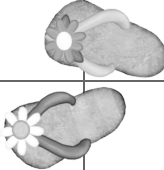

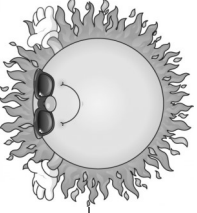


July 2023

St. Matthew Lutheran Church

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 YCC- Pioneer on the Lake
2 9:15am Worship Service w/ Communion	3	4 	5	6	7	8
9 9:15am Worship Service	10	11	12	13 	14	15 YCC-Darien Lake
16 9:15 am Worship Service w/ Communion	17	18	19	20	21	22
23 9:15am Worship Service	24	25	26 	27	28 Love N Life Picnic	29 10am-12pm Operation Christmas Child Kick- Off
30 9:15am Worship Service	31					

August 2023 St. Matthew Lutheran Church

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
 6 11am Worship Service Strawberry Social 	7 	8 	9 	10 	11 	12
13 9:15 am Worship Service w/Holy Communion	14 	15 	16 	17 	19 	
20 9:15am Worship Service w/ Holy Communion	21 	22 	23 	24 	25 	26 
27 9:15am Worship Service	28 	29 	30 	31 		

LIFE CORNER

LOVE N LIFE PICNIC!

Friday, July 28th enjoy family fellowship with our Life loving friends from all over the greater Buffalo/Niagara area! Our joint 40 Days for Life teams have reserved an enclosed lodge at Como Park for a special day of food, fellowship, and games with our whole WNY for life family. Please call Kristen for details or how you can help make this a joyful family event! 231-286-8685.





The way to happiness: keep your heart free from hate, your mind from worry. Live simply, expect little, give much. Fill your life with love. Scatter sunshine. Forget self, think of others. Do as you would be done by. Try this for one week and you will be surprised. Submitted by Rob Pidanick



Dylan Ellman

Matthew Cake

Timothy Jorg

“Walk with wise
people & become
wise: befriend fools
& get in trouble”

Proverbs 13:20

Our Shut In Members

William & Patricia Doebler

Elderwood @ Wheatfield Rm# 219
2600 Niagara Falls Blvd. Niagara Falls, NY 14304
Williams Birthday-August-3rd
Patricia's Birthday-January 6th
Anniversary-May 5th
(Ellen Graf)

Carol Haak

100 Crestwood Court Apt.#217
Niagara Falls, NY 14304
Birthday-September 11th
(Linda Jasulevich)

Janice Hartwig

Elderwood @ Wheatfield
2600 Niagara Falls Blvd Rm# 317B
Niagara Falls NY 14304
Birthday-February 15th
(Linda Robinson)

Joy Jenks

100 Crestwood Court Apt. # 101
Niagara Falls, NY 14304
Birthday-January 3rd
(Ellen Graf)

Leatrice Kopec

c/o Ron Kopec
23 Great Heron Lane
Brookfield, Connecticut 06804-1739
Birthday-March 30th
(Doris Matheis)



Priscilla Mattheus

Beechwood Homes at Trinity House Rm# 139
2235 Millersport Highway
Getzville, N.Y. 14068
Birthday- June 17th
(Linda Robinson)

Ora Ganschow

1334 Moll Street, North Tonawanda NY 14120
Birthday-February 22, (Doris Matheis)

Diane Piper

131 Homestead Dr.
N. Tonawanda, NY 14120
Diane's Birthday-January 14th
(Carol Wilczak)

Rod Rowland

779 Brighton Rd.
Town of Tonawanda, NY 14150
Birthday-March 10th



Janice Witt

Comprehensive Rehabilitation & Nursing Center of Williamsville Rm# 615
147 Reist St
Williamsville, NY 14221
(Gloria Haeseler)



If you wish to be on the Ladies Guild shut-in list please contact Linda Robinson at 716-622-1255.

A SUMMER BLESSING

May you walk with God this
Summer in whatever you do and
Wherever you go. May you talk
To God this summer and every
Day and in every situation.
May you talk with God every day.



ALTAR GUILD

*"Thy Word is a Lamp unto my
feet and a Light unto my path"*

Psalm 119:105

LITURGICAL COLORS FOR JULY

Green: symbolizes the hope of
eternal life.

CAPTAIN: Ellen Graf
Carol Wilczak
Lisa Ellman
Linda Robinson



LIURGICAL COLORS FOR AUGUST

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of eternal life.

CAPTAIN: Donna Hutton
Florence Lindeman
Doris Matheis



ALTAR GUILD CARD RACK

Don't forget to stop at the card
rack in the narthex to pick out a
card for that "special" person or
event. Save a trip to the store,
support the Altar Guild.

Thank you

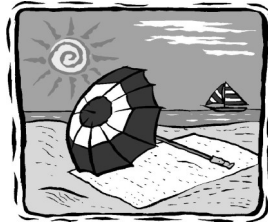


ST. MATTHEW YOUTH CHRISTIANS FOR CHRIST

Regular Meetings 6pm to 8pm every 1st and 3rd Sunday each month.
Breanna Gerner, Youth Director - (716) 525-6953. bgermer22@gmail.com.

JULY

July 1st - camp pioneer trip, leave at 11am. All the congregation is invited to the beach. There are stairs to get down to beach level. I need a headcount by June 25th.



July 15th - Darien Lake trip. Leave at 10:15am from church parking lot. \$40 per ticket



August 6-10th- Trip to Arts Encounter Museum and Creation Museum. Contact Breanna for more information.



St. Matthew



St. Matthew Food Pantry is in need of ketchup, apple sauce, cake mix and instant potatoes. If you know of a neighbor, friend or family in need, please contact the church office at 716-692-6862. Thank you.



THE NORTH TONAWANDA FOOD PANTRY

**Is open 8:30am 12:30pm Mon-Fri
for deliveries on 100 Ridge Street, NT,
716-692-8552**

The North Tonawanda Food Pantry is in desperate need of the following items; bar soap, shampoo, toothpaste, canned fruit, paper bags and egg cartons. They would appreciate any donations given. Thank you for your kindness.

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