

## 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](mailto:ministry285@yahoo.com)**



## Church Phone Extension

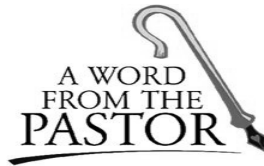
When calling 692-6862, you do not need to wait for a prompt to dial an extension. When you call the church phone number, and the call connects, you may dial any extension, immediately. If that extension transfers to a voice mail and you want to speak to a person, you may dial another extension. You do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

Contact the office at St. Matthew Lutheran Church at  
[office@stmatthewlutheran.net](mailto:office@stmatthewlutheran.net)



Dearest members of St. Matthew:

Boy! There are some good things happening this fall! Yes, the Bill's are back in action... but even bigger than that. Here at St. Matthew, we will return to our fall standards, Bible class & Sunday school will pick back up, choir will be practicing and singing in service, the weather will cool & a new beginning feel will blossom. We also have the showing and study of the show, "The Chosen" which I hope many will attend. But let's not forget, there are many people who would benefit from what St Matthew has to offer. Sure, we do lots of functions, our most important of those is asking friends and family to come to worship with us. Many are hurting in one way or another and could greatly be blessed by hearing the Word of God. By hearing the words of absolution. And worshiping with others. This is a task we need to embrace and enjoy, many will decline, and be resistant at first, so pray for them, tell them how important they are, and never give up on them. God's grace is the most important thing we all need, and what a joy it is when we see others enjoying it as well.

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

Blessings to you all,

Pastor Blaine





## **OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD**

We are looking forward again this year to collecting items and filling shoeboxes for Operation Christmas Child, one of the outreach projects of Samaritan's Purse. Last year, thanks to all of your generosity, we filled 120 boxes that were sent to children in need in both Columbia and South Africa. **Stay tuned for the date in November to come and fill this year's boxes at a fun and special event for the whole family.** More information will be available in future bulletins and church service announcements.

Please see the display in the Narthex where you can drop off items to fill the boxes, make a monetary donation, and get more information about Operation Christmas Child.

**It's time to think INSIDE THE BOX!!**

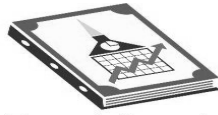


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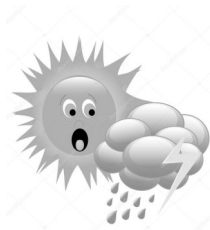
To visit the Samaritan's Purse website, please go to **<https://www.samaritanspurse.org/>**

Please contact Kim Binkley for any questions at 716-909-6310, or at **[kbink1789@roadrunner.com](mailto:kbink1789@roadrunner.com)**

Thanks so much for being a part of this very special project and bringing not just needed items to children across the world, but the Good News of Jesus Christ to all.



## President's REPORT



This summer there were days with smoke from the Canadian wildfires, and then we had more rain than usual, but there was still plenty of nice weather. I hope everyone had a chance to enjoy the summer outside. I'm sure everyone took lots of pictures during their various family and church activities. Be sure to share some for the Scenes for Thanks on Thanksgiving day. Please email them to me at [wbundy@daemen.edu](mailto:wbundy@daemen.edu).



In July, I had the opportunity to help with the youth and go to both Pioneer on the Lake and Darien Lake. While some might think the youth would enjoy Darien Lake more, I think they enjoyed the day at Pioneer just as much. We all had a lot of fun playing GaGa ball, and the lake water was comfortably cool afterwards. The youth trip that was planned to the Creation Museum and Ark Encounter in Kentucky was postponed until next year due to scheduling conflicts among most of the youth. Breanna and Pastor will be working with parents and youth to schedule a workable date. The money that was collected from the special offering in the spring will be saved for the group when they go next year.





In August, the Ladies Guild hosted their annual Strawberry Social. The weather was beautiful for the entire day. We were able to enjoy another service outside and some really good food afterwards. The funds raised from Strawberry Social donations will go towards purchasing new chairs. Hanna was also selling her lemonade to support youth with cancer. We were very appreciative of all the help cleaning up and putting the tent away afterwards, it made all the work so much easier.

In September we will be having a Voter's Meeting on September 17th. We are trending short in our budgeted receipts this year, which is concerning. Tom Hromowyk has been busy gathering roof quotes. I'm not sure if we will be ready to make any decisions yet, but we look forward to an update on this subject. Please plan on attending the Voter's Meetings when they are scheduled so you can be informed on everything that is happening in and around our church.

Bill Bundy  
President



### **WHAT CAN WE DO BETTER AT ST. MATTHEW'S**

Please continue praying and thinking of ways we can make things better here at St. Matthew's and in our community. Share your thoughts by speaking to Pastor, the Elders or dropping off you thoughts in a note to the office. Your input is important to us. Thank you.

## **Ladies Guild News &Notes**

### **September & October**

#### **Welcome Back Ladies !!**

It's hard to believe that summer will be coming to an end and the beautiful colors and smells of Fall will be in the air. It is time however to get you updated on our plans for the new Guild work year-**THERE WILL BE NO SEPTEMBER MEETING! THE GUILD BOARD DETERMINED THAT UNLESS OTHERWISE STATED "ALL" OF OUR MEETINGS WILL BE HELD ON "FRIDAYS" AND THE STARTING TIME WILL BE AT 2PM!** Due to the popularity of the daytime meeting this past year we thought that this new day & time would serve us well.

#### **FRIDAY, OCTOBER 13th (2pm)**

#### **PROGRAM TOPIC:TBA BY Jolie Giardino**

**COMMITTEE:** Miriam M/M, Debbie Hromowyk, Sharon Engler, Paula Benedyczak, Linda Jasulevich, Joan Baroudi. Please come & bring a friend for a lovely afternoon. Jolie's presentation are always informative.



#### **ST. CATHERINES SEMINARY HARVEST DAY, Saturday October 21st.**

#### **COMMERCIAL MIXER "FOR SALE" COST; \$500.00**

The Ladies Guild is looking to sell our UNIVEX Commercial Mixer. Though it is not a new model it is in good condition. The attachments include: standard mixing beater: dough hook; and whisk; a plastic spatter shield for the bowl; and grinding attachment. The heavy-duty cart is included. Please contact; Linda Robinson @ 716-622-1255 or Carol Wilczak @ 716-531-3598 with questions & more details. \* Could be a good purchase for someone just starting out with a new bakery or catering business.

# Fall Bazaar



**OCTOBER 28TH from 9AM-2PM**

Will mark the return of our annual Holiday Bazaar!! There will be something for everyone at the following booths: Attic Treasures; Jewelry; Toys; Christmas/All Seasons; Sewing; Plants; Country Cupboard; Kitchen and Operation Christmas Child.

Proceeds will be used for our Guild Projects & to support the Twin City Community Outreach Center (TCCO).

Donations of gently used or new household items are being accepted in the lower hall. **PLEASE DO NOT BRING IN DIRTY ITEMS, NO TVS, COMPUTERS, HEAVY BOOKS OR CLOTHING.**

Please contact Ellen Graf with any questions.

If you are available and would like to help with advertising, or set-up & with clean-up after the Bazaar, please contact Ellen Graf, Carol Wilczak or Linda Robinson.

Fall  
FOR  
Jesus  
HE NEVER LEAVES



## September Serving Schedule

	September 3*	September 10th	September 17th*	September 24th
<b>ELDERS</b>	Pete Jaenecke Bill Olczak	Dan Wolf Joe Durick	Craig Heigl Rob Pidanick	Siggy Barke John Patton
<b>VESTRYMEN CAPTAINS</b>	Art Marshall Paul Schultz	Gary Majewski Joe Siegmann	James Fretthold Bill Bundy	Tom Hromowyk
<b>USHERS</b>	Jeff Binkley Charles Jaenecke Keith Schumacher	Chris Reischel Jeff Reischel Dave Wendt	Dave Urtel Tank Jorg Tim Jorg	Eric Berg Justin Hromowyk Mark Lenke
<b>COUNTING TEAM</b>	Team 6 Bill & Linda Olczak Leslie Stolzenfels Karen Horrigan	Team 1 Leslie Stolzenfels Dale & Donna Heiser Karen Horrigan	Team 3???? Jolie Giardino Miriam MM Paula Benedyszak	Team 2 Bill Bundy Paul Schultz
<b>9:15AM GREETERS</b>	M/M Patton	Linda Robinson	Toni Durrick Linda Pascucci	Joe Durick
<b>SARB SERVERS</b>	NO	SARB	TILL	OCTOBER



## October Serving Schedule

	October 1st*	October 8th	October 15th*	October 22nd	October 29th
ELDERS	Pete Jaenecke Bill Olczak	Dan Wolf Joe Durick	Craig Heigl Rob Pidanick	Siggy Barke John Patton	Pete Jaenecke Bill Olczak
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SARB SERVERS	SARB	WILL BE	DETERMINED	WEEK BY	WEEK



**Caribbean Children's Foundation**  
Fondasyon Timoun nan Karayib yo  
Fondation des Enfants de la Caraïbe

## It is time again to carry on our Caribbean Children's Foundation Mission Project!

It has been our honor to provide Tuition Assistance for multiple students in Les Cayes and Ile-a-Vache, Haiti since 2010. Each year we provided three tuitions for these young children who live in such challenging circumstances.

Over the years we have funded this mission project in various ways. Originally, we started by using the offerings given at our Lenten Dinners along with support from our very own Ladies Guild as well as our Sunday School.

Last year we were able to once again provide three tuitions and an additional school meal program donation thanks to the generous donation of several St. Matthew members combined with \$300.00 from our Ladies Guild which totaled \$900.00.

The Guild Board has approved spending the \$300.00 once again this year and I anticipate that our membership will ratify the recommendation from the Board.

**WE ARE IN NEED OF YOUR HELP. If you would like to participate in this mission, please consider making a donation(s) towards the remaining \$600.00 needed to fully fund th "3" Tuitions needed for this year.**

Please contact Linda Robinson @ 716-622-1255 if you have any questions or would like to help by giving a donation for our project.

Thank you, Linda Robinson

CCF Mission Project Chairman



10/5 Amy Thursam

10/13 Jenna Knapp

9/14 Pastor Jorg

9/15 Nick Baroudi



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



9/15 Nelson & Schalley Rambath

9/16 Gary & Sara Stone

9/19 Justin & Whitney Hrmowyk

10/1 Lora & Ronald Waliszewski

10/4 Nicole & Andrew Graber

10/11 Bill & Linda Olczak

10/12 Lisa & Douglas Ellman

10/12 David & Santa Wendt

10/14 Randal & Linda Jasulevich

10/20 Nicholas & Joan Baroudi


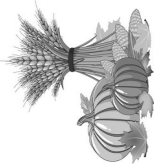
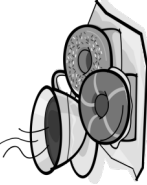

10/20 Pater & Susan Jaenecke

10/29 Pastor & Kristen Jorg

# September 2023 St. Matthew Lutheran Church

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24 9:15am Worship Service 10:30am Sunday School	25 	26	27 5:45 Choir re- hearsal 40 Days of Life vigil starts	28 	29	30

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## **LIFE CORNER**

Thank you to all who came out to the Love-N-Life Picnic! It was a wonderful time of fellowship and fun with Life loving friends from across the region! Both Life volunteers and children saved from abortion were in attendance to celebrate the work we do to save God's children from Death in the womb.

### **40 Days for Life Sep 27 - Nov 5!**

Please see Kristen to sign up for this life-saving ministry! We will be praying and handing out pregnancy care information once again at 15 Webster Street.

Our kickoff is being held in conjunction with our Buffalo 40DFL friends at St. Phillips church on September 21. The time is TBD. More details to come.

### **Issues as We Age Workshop November 12!**

Lutherans for Life of Western NY is holding a comprehensive readiness seminar. Learn how to prepare your finances, advanced directives for medical care and hospice, and funeral planning. Speakers include: LFL Executive Director Pastor Salemink, Linda Gage - LCMS Foundation, Pastor Whited - First Trinity, Lisa Hansson - Fretthold Funeral Home. There will be lunch beforehand. See Kristen for details.

### **Life Chain October 1!**

Since 1987, each first Sunday in October life chains form across cities nationwide to make a public, prayerful, peaceful stand for life. We will assemble after church until 3:30 to form a silent human chain beginning at First Trinity Lutheran Church and stretching as far as we can go. There will be lunch beforehand. Please see Kristen for details of new information to come!

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**THANKS**  
*You're the best!*  
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Thank you to all who helped make our strawberry social a success. Thank you to Pastor and the Elders who made it possible for us to enjoy an outdoor service. Thank you to all who brought in donations, helped prepare, set up, serve and help clean-up at the end. It was a beautiful day and a day everyone could enjoy. Thank you for your donations toward our new chairs for the lower hall. Carol Wilczak

**Young At Heart** will enjoy a lunch on **September 17th at 11:30 in the lower hall**. More information on the lunch will be forthcoming. Please bring ideas for future events we can enjoy. Sign-up sheet will be on the stand on the way out. Please see Carol Wilczak with any questions.



### SARB

**We plan to have SARB in October. Please check the bulletin each week for updates.** We will have coffee and juice along with donuts and assorted wrapped item. We look forward to seeing you.



The cemetery will be doing our fall cleanup on Friday, October 27th. Please have all pots removed by then. Thank you Dave Wendt.



Brynlee Marie Turri was "Baptized in to Christ" on August 13, 2023 at St. Matthew Lutheran Church by Pastor Blaine Jorg. Brynlee is the daughter of Ashley Turri, granddaughter of Janine Turri. Her sponsors are Megan and Brandon Lippke.

# 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**

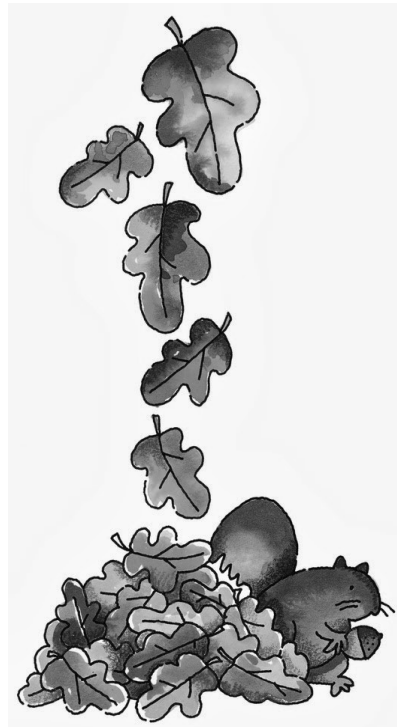
Elderwood @ Wheatfield  
2600 Niagara Falls Blvd Rm# 317B  
Niagara Falls NY 14304  
Birthday-February 15th  
(Linda Robinson)

**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

**Gerald Treichler**

Wheatfield Commons  
3920 Forest Parkway Rm# 103  
North Tonawanda, NY 14120  
Birthday-March 8th

**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.



As the waterparks empty out and the classrooms start to fill, it's the end of yet another great summer. But like all things that end new things begin. A new school year is approaching and children are settling back into their routines. **The 2023-2024 Sunday School year will begin on September 24th at 10:30am.** We wanted to give the children some time to get back into their daily routines before starting up. Here at St. Matthews Sunday School, we encourage all children starting at the age of 5 to join us in the teachings of God's Word. There are lessons, crafts, snacks and fellowship in every class. We sometimes watch movies and play games to help and understand how to love everyone as God loves us. We understand that for some children church might be hard to understand and to concentrate in as Pastor covers a lot in one service. And for us adults we understand and can understand the services better. There is also our bookstore located at the entryway of the hallway, there the children can buy things with their coupons that they can earn by good attendance, birthdays, bringing a friend or doing good deeds during the week. This allows them to be more helpful and to understand that there are more important things in life, like being kind, holding the door for an elderly person at the store or helping mom & dad without being asked, picking up trash from the ground and throwing it in a trash bin or sharing or giving with a less unfortunate friend or person. Jesus treated everyone with kindness and love and that is what we hope to install into the children every Sunday. So please join us and bring the little lambs every Sunday to our Sunday school program. If you have any concerns or questions, please don't hesitate to call the Sunday School Superintendent Sara at 716-444-5480 or the office at 716-692-6862.

**WE WANT  
TO HEAR  
FROM  
YOU!**

If you would like to have a poem, joke or thought in the communicator please contact the office at 716-692-6862 or email to [office@stmatthewlutheran.net](mailto:office@stmatthewlutheran.net).

# ALTAR GUILD

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

*Psalm 119:105*

## LITURGICAL COLORS FOR SEPTEMBER

**Green:** symbolizes the hope of  
eternal life.

CAPTAIN: Mary Sansone  
Gloria Haeseler



## LITURGICAL COLORS FOR OCTOBER

**Green:** symbolizes the hope  
of eternal life.

**Red:** indicates charity, life,  
the presence of the Holy Spir-  
it.

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

We will have all **SATURDAY** meetings from 6-8 in Sept & Oct..  
Breanna Gerner, Youth Director - (716) 525-6953. bgermer22@gmail.com.

### September

#### **9th – Give Thanks Together**

Crafts, team building games, and celebrating all that God has given us.



#### **23rd – Scavenger Hunt**

Bring your thinking caps and use the clues to guide you from place to place! Try to beat the other team by working together!



### October

#### **7th – Minute to Win it**

An old favorite with all new games! One minute per game to beat the other team is a sure fun-filled evening!

#### **21st – Halloween Party**

Spooky games, costumes, snacks, and fellowship at our yearly Halloween party!



# St. Matthew FOOD PANTRY

St. Matthew Food Pantry is in need of salad dressings, canned ravioli and mac & cheese. 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 need of prepacked puddings and Jello, peanut butter and jelly. They are always in need of shampoo, toothpaste, toothbrushes and deodorant (personal care items). Thank you for your generosity.

