

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

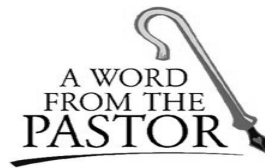
When calling 692-6862, you do not need to wait for a prompt to dial an extension. When you call the church phone number, and the call connects, you may dial any extension, immediately. If that extension transfers to a voice mail and you want to speak to a person, you may dial another extension. You do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

Contact the office at St. Matthew Lutheran Church at
office@stmatthewlutheran.net



Dearest members of St. Matthew:

We are now entering the seasons of gifts, gift giving, and gift receiving. We will spend countless hours searching for the “perfect” gift for people, we will search malls, online stores, and some insane traffic to obtain what we think will be the “Perfect” gift. Now there is nothing wrong with this, I love giving gifts to those who matter in my life. This is also the season where we realize the greatest gifts have already been given, Life, Truth, Justice, Love, and so much more from our God to His favorite people in His life.... You!

As we roll from season to season with different expectations, events, and responsibilities, let us never forget the Love God has bestowed on us. The Gift of life given to us in Baptism. Or the gift of Truth we only find in His Son. In truth we worship our God, who provides all things for us as His Bride.

So do not forget to Live as one Redeemed, as one who is Loved, as a Baptized child of God in Truth.

May Gods richest blessings be with you as we journey closer to Him who provides all we need in this life.

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

Blessings to you all,

Pastor Blaine





Operation Christmas Child

To Donate Cash for Items and/or Shipping Costs and The Greatest Journey, please see the envelopes and box in the Narthex at the display

Have Spare Change? Help Change the life of a child by please putting it in the Christmas Tree shaped jar and it will be used for item purchases.

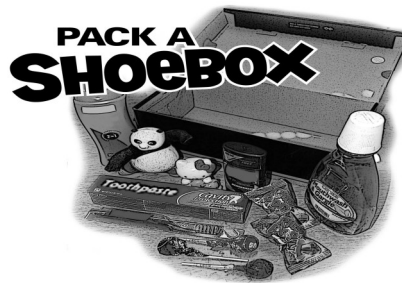
Lists for Items to Donate are also available at the display for those that would like to shop for the items and bring them in

Saturday, November 18th 10am-1pm

The Box Filling Family Fun Event!!!!

Members of St Matthew and your families

**Please come help us fill the shoeboxes, and enjoy
games, music, crafts, and more!!!**



Any questions please contact Kim Binkley at 716-909-6310

Thank you so much for your support



It may be surprising, but it is November again. It is time to think about Thanksgiving. As always, I like to start out my articles at this time of year thanking everyone for their help. All these people make the president's position easier to handle and not overwhelming. There have been a lot of different activities throughout the year that people have helped out with, from the breakfasts, to picnics, and the bazaar. A lot of planning and effort go into these events, and everyone comes together to make it work. Thanks to all who have helped move tables and chairs, setup for the outdoor church services, prepared food, cooked food, cleaned up afterwards, helped with the tent, and the people who took care of all the minor details to make it all work smoothly. Thanks to the grass cutters, weed and feed team, Tom H, and all those who help with the care and maintenance of the building and property. Thanks to the officers, the board members and the voter's, who put in the extra time to see to the smooth operation of our both the spiritual and business activities at the church. Thanks to the youth for coming with enthusiasm and energy, and the parents who shuffle them back and forth. Thanks to our members for supporting the church in keeping the bills paid and the doors open. The giving levels at a church of our size is a blessing, and your enthusiastic giving is appreciated.



During our Thanksgiving service, we hope to be able to show Scenes for Thanks during the service as we typically do. I have received some pictures, but we need a lot more to be able to show them throughout the service. I'm sure everyone took lots of pictures during their various family and church activities. Be sure to share them for Thanksgiving day. You can even include pictures of scenery that inspires you to think about this great creation with which we have been blessed. Please email pictures to me at wbundy@daemen.edu as soon as possible.

Time is running short for preparation. If you want to provide them on a memory stick or drive, I will happily copy the files and return your device. Please try to send the full size pictures. Pictures sent in text are often too small to be viewed on the large wall. If you are not sure, just send them along and I can sort through them.



There is a **Voter's Meeting** tentatively scheduled for the third week of November. Watch the bulletin for updates on this meeting, especially if we need to postpone it. This is our budget and election meeting. Please prayerfully consider participating as an officer or board member. There are several positions open, and the more volunteers we



get, the easier the work is for everyone. Look in the front of the communicator to see the open positions. If you have any questions about a position, feel free to ask me or any church officer. We are trending short in our budgeted receipts this year, which is concerning, so the budget preparation may be more work than usual.

Watch the bulletin for other activities planned for the season. Among the activities to watch for is a Farmer's Breakfast and a lunch day for the Young at Heart group.

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 your thoughts in a note to the office. Your input is important to us. Thank you.

LADIES GUILD NEWS & NOTES
NOVEMBER & DECEMBER

We would like to express our sincere thanks to everyone who helped to make our HOLIDAY BAZAAR a success this year! From the many ladies who volunteered countless hours setting up to everyone who worked on the day of the event. Also, to all who attended and brought along a friend. We pray you had a wonderful experience. It was our pleasure to serve you.

NOW ONTO GUILD BUSINESS...

THERE IS NO NOVEMBER MEETING. But, that doesn't mean that there are no activities planned for the month!



THANKSGIVING PIE SALE

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 19th.

Immediately following our worship service. Come down on your way to SARB and purchase a pie for your Thanksgiving dinner.



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

CARIBBEAN CHILDREN'S FOUNDATION

MISSION PROJECT

It is with great joy that I announce that we have reached our goal of \$900.00 in support of the Children's Tuition Assistance Fund. Thanks to the generous support of several members, our very own Ladies Guild & St. Matthew mission fund we are forwarding the funds to support three students for their next year of studies.

Thank you, Linda Robinson CCF Project Chairman

It's time once again for our

HELPING HANDS AT CHRISTMAS, "MITTEN TREE"

Mission project.

We will be collecting mittens/gloves, winter caps/hats, gloves/mittens, and socks for all sizes to help our neighbors in need to stay warm this winter. The Mitten Tree will be in place in the Narthex starting Sunday, November 5th.



**DECEMBER 8, 2023 CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION
LADIES GUILD CHRISTMAS PARTY MEETING**

***NOTE MEETING TIME – 2:00 PM**

Special Entertainment TBA. Please bring a friend and join us for this special "afternoon" gathering!

DECEMBER COMMITTEE: The Ladies Guild Board



**CHRISTMAS COOKIE SALE
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 17TH**



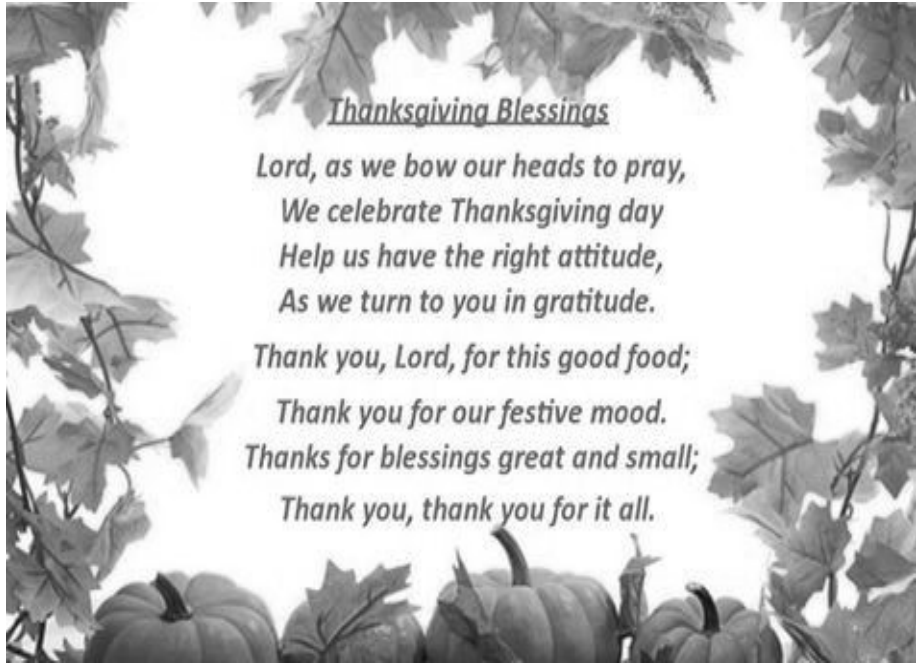
**Immediately following our
worship service
in the SARB hallway**

November Serving Schedule

	November 5th*	November 12th	November 19th*	November 23rd Thanksgiving Day 10am	November 26th & November 29th
ELDERS	Dan Wolf Joe Durick	Craig Heigl Rob Pidanick	Siggy Barke John Patton	Pete Jaenecke Bill Olczak	Dan Wolf Joe Durick
VESTRYMEN CAPTAINS	Gary Majewski Joe Siegmann	James Fretthold Bill Bundy	Tom Hromowyk	Art Marshall Paul Schultz	Gary Majewski Joe Siegmann
USHERS	Chris Reischel Jeff Reischel Dave Wendt	Dave Urtel Tank Jorg Tim Jorg	Eric Berg Justin Hromowyk Mark Lemke	Jeff Binkley Charles Jaenecke Keith Schumacher	Chris Reischel Jeff Reischel Dave Wendt
COUNTING TEAM	Team 3 Jolie Giardino Miriam MM Paula Benedyzak	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	Joe Durick	Open
SARB SERVERS	Debbie Hromowyk* Lisa Ellman	Mary Sansone* Sandy Patton	Carol Wilczak* Sheryl Essenburg	NO SARB	Linda Robinson * Sandy Moesch

December Serving Schedule

	December 3rd* & December 6th	December 10th & December 13th	December 17th* & December 20th	December 24th Christmas Eve 9:15am & 7pm	December 25th Christmas Day 10am	December 31*st News Years Eve 9:15am & 7pm
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NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Jeffery Pignatora 11/9

Sharon Engler 11/29



December BIRTHDAYS

Rachel Behnke 12/7

Lisa Ellman 12/10

Gayle Reischel 12/12

Carol Wilczak 12/18

Earl Graf 12/20

Mary Sansone 12/25







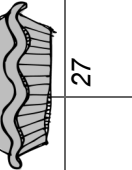
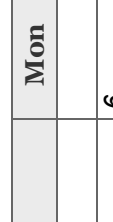
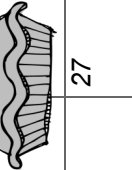
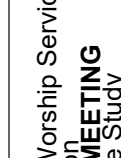
Pat And Donna Hutton 12/9



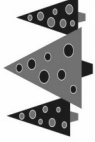
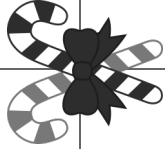


If you would like to have your birthday listed in the communicator please see Gloria Haeseler or stop by the office for more information.

November 2023

St. Matthew Lutheran Church

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5 9:15am Worship Service w/ Communion 10:30-Bible Study 10:30-Sunday School SARB Daylight saving time ends	6 	7 	8 5:45 Choir rehearsal	9 6:30-Elders Mtg.	10 	11 
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LIFE CORNER



Our fall 40 Days for Life vigil ends Sunday, November 5! Please meet us on the sidewalk after church for our final prayer time. Wednesday, November 8 will be our Victory Bash from 7-9 pm. The main course and beverages will be provided. Hear how the Lord worked and what next steps we can be a part of! RSVP's must be to Kristen by 11/1 at 231-286-8685. God bless all of you!



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.



Young At Heart started another season with a pot luck luncheon in September and had 14 in attendance. Our next scheduled event will be our Christmas luncheon on December 17th, at Olympia at 12 noon. Please plan to attend as we gather in fellowship enjoying the Christmas season preparing for the birth of Jesus. A sign-up sheet will be by the door on the way out of church. In February, Super Bowl Day, we will have our annual Soup or Chili luncheon. We are looking for suggestions for events we can enjoy as a group. Any questions, contact Carol Wilczak.

SARB NEWS



SARB has once again been assigned Aaron Parkhurst as our St. Catharines Seminary student for the year. SARB will send a check to help with his expenses each semester. This is made possible with your kind donations during SARB coffee and donut hour. Aaron is a IV-year MDiv student, Aaron, his wife Kristen and 3 daughters live in Silver Creek. Please remember Aaron and his family this Holiday season and the year ahead in prayer and correspondence. His address is 12377 Pennsylvania Avenue, Silver Creek, NY 14136. We look forward to hearing from him as he continues his studies at the Sem.



It is with great sadness we share that Janice Hartwig passed away on September 17, 2023. A service of Christian Burial was conducted by Pastor Blain Jorg and Pastor Kenneth Craig on Tuesday, September 26th, 11am here at St. Matthew Lutheran Church.

Our thoughts and prayers go out to the family of Leatrice Kopec who passed away on October 23, 2023 in Connecticut. Services will be at the convenience of the family.

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)

Joy Jenks

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

Priscilla Mattheus

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



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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

(Linda Jasulevich)



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



**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.

ALTAR GUILD

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

Psalm 119:105

LITURGICAL COLORS FOR NOVEMBER

White: means light, purity, joy
and glory

Green: symbolizes the hope of
eternal life.

CAPTAIN: Sharon Engler*
Elenor Grichen
Paula Benedyczak

LIURGICAL COLORS FOR DECEMBER



Blue: is the preparation for the
coming of the Christ Child, it
reminds us of Silent Night and
the Star of Bethlehem

White: means light, purity, joy
and glory

CAPTAIN: Linda Jasulevich*
Gayle Reischel
Jan Weich
Rachel Behnke



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 Nov & Dec..
Breanna Gerner, Youth Director - (716) 525-6953. bge-
mer22@gmail.com.

November

Sat, 11th – Give Thanks Together



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

Sat, 25th – Bible 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!

December

Sat, 16th – Christmas Party



Bring a Christmas item, hat, necklace, shirt/outfit, or toy! We'll play games, eat cookies, and talk about baby Jesus.

Sat, 30th – 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!



BRING YOUR NEIGHBORS AND FRIENDS FROM SCHOOL!

St. Matthew



UPDATE

St. Matthew Food Pantry does not need any donations at this time. We are asking that you donate to the North Tonawanda. They are looking for the items listed below. You can bring them in and place them in the blue tote in the Quilting room. 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 need of "Turkey & Fix-ins", canned meats, hot chocolate, tea bags & coffee. They are always in need of shampoo, toothpaste, toothbrushes and deodorant (personal care items). Thank you for your generosity.

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