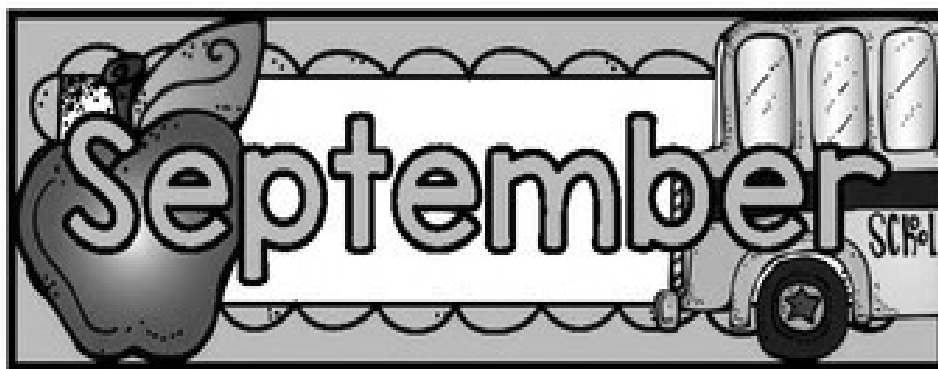


THE COMMUNICATOR

SEPTEMBER/OCTOBER

2024



ST. MATTHEW LUTHERAN CHURCH
875 Eggert Drive, North Tonawanda, New York 14120
Pastor R. Blaine Jorg
716-239-1097 cell
716-692-6862 church office

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.

Cell: 716-946-5725

Home: 716-6931373

E-mail: pastorklc@verizon.net



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 716- 692-6862

St. Matthew Lutheran Church Fax# 716-692-0242

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

Church Office	Ext. 202
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

Dear Members of St. Matthew... I have been blessed in my life that I have had the pleasure of experiencing so many different adventures, locations to live, people I have had the pleasure to call friends. The most incredible location where all these seemed to come together in the year 2002. I had left my position as a Police officer in Cincinnati to work for a small township Department in a different county. Being excited to move Kristen and I sought out to live deep in the country and give a whole new life style a try, and we were blessed to find a small "Gentlemen's" farm in Russellville Ohio, believe it or not, on US 62, yes the same US 62 that now runs through Niagara County herein New York. Kristen and I were both city kids, we knew nothing about the new life we were going to jump into, and even less about how this move would impact us for the rest of our life.

When we moved in we discussed what kind of farm we wanted, animals we would like to raise, and all the options that comes with having the land to do most anything we desired. The first thing we did was divide our acres into pasture areas so we could rotate our future herds, and developed a huge garden area to attempt to grow our own garden food. The first three animals we purchased were from a Police Officer/farm owner friend of ours, three Suffolk Sheep, from there we purchased a stable full of horses, cows, chickens, turkeys, a duck, and goats. Keep in mind we had zero practical education or knowledge on how to raise these beautiful animals.

For the sheep and goats, one friend educated us, for building and maintaining the garden, another neighbor educated us, for the cows my sixteen year old neighbor taught me so well, he was so knowledgeable that he went to Ohio State Univ. AG. Dept. on a full ride and is now a major cow farmer in Ohio. His father and two other friends taught me and Kristen horsemanship and riding skills. I learned how to farrier my own horses, train and even break horses for riding. My neighbor John taught me an "English Gentle Breaking" style of training our horses, no whips, no yelling, everything calm and reinforcing. After his continued instruction I was taught how to also gun break horses so you could shoot a shotgun while saddled on the horse and they stood perfectly still. John being the expert could accomplish this task in about forty five minutes, taking a green horse from wild to tame, it was quite impressive.

Kristen and I went through many horses, buying sick, mistreated or neglected horses, trained them, fed them, and mostly sold them off at a financial loss, but found them great homes. We had one horse that was a trouble maker, scared of everything and everyone, she wanted nothing to do with being ridden, let alone groomed. But she was beautiful. I worked with that horse often in our training pen and I dedicated a ton of time. It took a while, but in a few weeks I was able to ride her, and eventually use her in the cavalry in Civil War reenactment

What she had to understand is the relationship I was trying to build with her, I wasn't stripping her of her identity, her spirit, I wanted her to trust me and submit to my will. This is tough to do, but when we worked together, when she understood that I was saying, "If you trust me, I will not hurt you.", and she learned to trust me and that I would not hurt her. When that connection was made a huge change arrived. She submitted, but she grew stronger and more bold and proud, not the skittish mare we once purchased.

God does the same thing for us, He desires us to know Him and His Father's will for our life, He desires that we submit to Him, not out of force, God asks us to submit to Him, but in doing so, so much more of our life is opened to us, new adventures that we would have never experienced had we kept to our old "easy, self-centered" ways. When we yoke to Christ, our burden is lifted, for He carries most of our hardship, we still tend to hold on to too much thinking we can handle it. But in truth, when we fully submit to our God, we are different, we walk different, talk different, handle our families, vocations and life completely different. We sacrifice our will to the Father in love knowing that when we do, He will not hurt us in anyway. In fact He does everything in His power to daily improve our life because we fully belong to Him. He is the good shepherd, the Gate, the Door, our Physician, our Father, Brother, Spirit, Leader, our very Life.

When we use words like submission, we think of weakness, but that is a human thought not God's thought, submission is the surrender of our stubbornness and our way of doing things and giving God the reigns. As you continue in your beautiful journey of your life, daily submit to your loving Creator, your Savior, and your Redeemer. God doesn't just want you partly, or just for a weekend service, He desires your life in full, and in return gives the greatest pasture for a Christian, the ability to live "in a feast of fine food, well-aged wine, a heavenly banquet with Lamb in His Kingdom." A treasure in heaven open to all through faith in Christ.

Horses are easy, it takes a little hard work and consistency, God did the hardest thing ever, He humbled Himself becoming man to fulfill the prophecies, fulfill the law we cannot, to live the life we fail at daily, to pay the ransom that we owe Him. He did this for you, He does this for you, He will continue to provide every possible avenue for us undeserving sinners to be reshaped, reformed, and resubmitted to His good and gracious will. Take His lead, let Him escort you, lead and guide you to home with Him, forever and ever.

With much love and compassion to my fellow believers here at St. Matthew,
Blessings to you all, Pastor Blaine



President's REPORT

I would like to thank everyone for the activities over the summer. It's good to see everyone staying connected. The Elders hosted the annual Men's Picnic in June. Some of the ladies attended the LWML luncheon in July. We had the Strawberry Social in August. The Strawberry Social schedule was a little different this year due to our substitute pastor, but a lot of people still attended for some fellowship and good food. I had the privilege once again this year to join the youth on their summer events. This year they went to Darien Lake and the Maid of the Mist. I enjoy helping out and it is good to see this energetic group of youth gather for some fun and Christian fellowship.



EAT



I am happy to report that our school roof project has been completed. Ribco completed the work in August, and the roof is now revitalized and sound for many years to come. It certainly feels good to have this accomplished because there are other urgent projects that are coming to light. One of the bathrooms at the parsonage has a leaky shower which will need to be fixed behind the drywall. In the church, the wood under the street side stained glass window is rotted and needs to be replaced. These are the major items, and there are other smaller items that are important as well. Please continue to pray about our budget and that we spend the money wisely. Our budget receipts are published every week in the bulletin. Be sure to attend the Voter's Meeting, scheduled for September 15th, to stay informed about this and other important information about our church.

Thank You
FOR
GIVING
...
GENEROUSLY

As a reminder, we are still looking for help in leading the congregation. The recording secretary position remains empty, and we will need a Vice President. Please prayerfully consider assisting us in one of these positions. I will happily help out and can provide any needed guidance to whomever may take on a position. If you have any questions about any open positions, please ask. No experience is necessary, just a willingness to work together to help the mission of the church succeed and continue.





We are very thankful that Pastor Blaine had successful back surgery that has relieved his pain. He has been able to return to services with some temporary limitations. His recovery is continuing and it is an incredible miracle and blessing that he is doing so well. He expects to resume doing visitations soon and we look forward to Bible classes resuming this fall. We are also thankful for Pastor Knupp's assistance once again. Pastor Knupp is retired now, and we wish him well on this next adventure of his life.

Please remember to share your photos for the Thanksgiving service. As we get into fall, it will be time to start gathering more pictures. Send your pictures to wbundy@daemen.edu. Pictures that are sent by text are often too small, so please try to email them. When sending them, send them original size so they show up well with the projector. Ask me for help if you are having trouble with this.

Bill Bundy

President



Thank you all so very much for your support, encouragement, cards, phone calls, visits and kindnesses to me during my recent illness. I am slowly recovering thanks to God and your prayers. A special thanks to Pastor Craig, Ladies Guild and Michele.

In Christian Love, Doris Matheis

Please have all flowers and pots removed from the cemetery by Friday, October 25th.
Thank you. Dave Wendt.



LADIES GUILD

SEPTEMBER/OCTOBER NEWS & NOTES

Here we are once again saying so long to Summer and **FALLing** into our new years work schedule and activities!

NO SEPTEMBER GUILD MEETING

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We will resume our regular meetings starting in October!

OCTOBER 4, 2024

2:00 P.M.

GUEST SPEAKER: Jolie Giardino

TOPIC: "GRACE"

Committee: Miriam Moldenhauer/Majewski; Debbie Hromowyk;
Sharon Engler; Paula Benedyczak;
Linda Jasulevich; Joan Baroudi

Please join with us for an afternoon of fellowship & fun.
Jolie's presentations are always full of great
information and humor.

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Thank You to everyone who supported our recent
Strawberry Social. The proceeds will be used for the
Fellowship Hall Carpet Fund.

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Carol Wilczak will be collecting membership dues for
St. Catherine's Seminary Guild (\$10.00) at the October meeting.

St. Catherine Seminary Guild Harvest Day
October 19, 2024

Please see Carol Wilczak if you would like to attend.



It is time once again to gather our donations to continue our funding for the “**Caribbean Children’s Foundation Mission Project**”. We are trying to reach our annual goal of \$900.00. If you would like to do so, please contact Linda Robinson @ 716-622-1255 for details.

Thank You



HOLIDAY BAZAAR
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 19, 2024
(9 A.M.-2P.M.)

Come get an early start on the Holidays by checking out our annual Holliday Bazaar! There will be something for everyone at the following booths:

**ATTIC TREASURES; JEWELRY; TOYS; SEWING;
PLANTS; CHRISTMAS/ALL SEASONS; KITCHEN;
COUNTRY CUPBOARD; 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.

September Serving Schedule

	Sept 1st*	Sept 8th	Sept 15th*	Sept 22nd	Sept 29th
ELDERS	Siggy Barke John Patton	Pete Jaenecke Bill Olczak	Dan Wolf Joe Durick	Craig Heigl Rob Pidarnick	Siggy Barke John Patton
VESTRYMEN CAPTAINS	Tom Hromowyk	Art Marshall Paul Schultz	Dave Wendt Joe Siegmann	James Fretthold Bill Bundy	Tom Hromowyk
USHERS	Eric Berg Justin Hromowyk Mark Lemke	Jeff Binkley Charles Jaenecke Keith Schumacher	Chris Reischel Jeff Reischel Dave Wendt	Dave Urtel Tank Jorg Tim Jorg	Eric Berg Justin Hromowyk Mark Lemke
COUNTING TEAM	Team 1 Leslie Stolzefels Dale & Donna Heiser Karen Horrigan	Team 2 Bill Bundy Paul Schultz	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
9:15AM GREETERS	M/M Patton	Linda Robinson	Toni Durrick Linda Pascucci	Joe Durick	Debbie Kenney
SARB SERVERS	No SARB	Carol W * Sheryl E	No SARB	Linda R* Sandy M	Mary S * Sharon E

October Serving Schedule

	Oct 6th*	Oct 13th	Oct 20th*	Oct 27th	
ELDERS	Pete Jaenecke Bill Olczak	Dan Wolf Joe Durick	Craig Heigl Rob Pidanick	Siggy Barke John Patton	
VESTRYMEN CAPTAINS	Art Marshall Paul Schultz	Dave Wendt Joe Siegmann	James Fretthold Bill Bundy	Tom Hromowyk	
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9:15AM GREETERS	M/M Stapar	Toni Durick Linda Pascucci	Carol Wilczak	M/M Siggy Barke	
SARB SERVERS	Debbie H * Lisa E	Rachel B* Sandy P	Carol W * Sheryl E	Linda R * Sandy M	

7 Steps to A Joy-Filled, Blessed Life

Sunday, July 28, 2024. Service lead by Rob Pidanick

Number 1: Make God a Part of Your Everyday Life.

Matthew 6:33: Seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added to you.

Number 2: Be Good to People.

Galatians 6:10: Therefore, whenever we have the opportunity, we should do good to everyone....

Number 3: Have a positive attitude.

Colossians 3:2: Set your mind on the things above.

Number 4: Stay in peace.

Exodus 14:14: The Lord Himself will fight for you. Just stay calm.

Number 5: Focus On the Promise, Not the Problem.

Hebrews 13:5: I will never leave you nor forsake you. Phillipians 4:13: I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me. Matthew 11: 28 -29: Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. Psalms 27:1 The LORD is my light and my salvation— whom shall, I fear? The LORD is the stronghold of my life— of whom shall I be afraid? Phillipians 4:19: And my God will supply every need of yours according to his riches in glory in Christ Jesus. 2 Chronicles 20:6: You are the ruler of all the kingdoms of the earth. You are powerful and mighty; no one can stand against you.

Number 6: Have a Spirit of Abundance.

Deuteronomy 1:11: And may the Lord, the God of your ancestors, multiply you a thousand times more and bless you as he promised.

Number 7: Live with Confidence.

Galatians 5:10 – I am confident in the Lord.



Pastor Jorg 9/14

Nick Baroudi 9/15

**Joe Durick will be celebrating his
65th birthday on 9/20**

Amy Thursam 10/5

Jenna Knapp 10/13



HAPPY
Anniversaries

Jamie & Daniel Wilczek 9/7 , Gary & Sara Stone 9/16

Justin & Whitney Hromowyk 9/19

Nicole Graber & Andrew 10/4

Allan & Susan Ridge 10/6

William & Linda Olczak 10/11

Lisa Ellman & Douglas 10/12



Dave & Santa Wendt on 10/12

Randall & Linda Jasulevich 10/14

Nicholas & Joan Baroudi 10/20



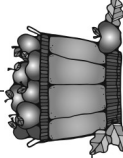
Peter & Susan Jaenecke 10/20

**30th Wedding Anniversary
for Rev Blain & Kristen Jorg on 10/29**





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

September 2024

St. Matthew Lutheran Church

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 9:15 am Worship Service w/ Communion	2	3 	4 5:45pm Choir	5 6:30pm Elders Meeting	6	7
8 9:15 am Worship Service 10:30am Bible Study SARB 6pm-YCC	9	10 6:30 Church Council Mtg.	11 5:45pm Choir	12 10:30am Bible Study	13	14
15 <u>VOTERS MEETING</u> 9:15 am Worship Service w/ communion NO SARB 10:30am Bible Study	16	17	18 5:45pm Choir	19 10:30am Bible Study 7:00 pm 40LOF Kick off	20	21 1pm The Chosen Season 4
22 9:15 am Worship Service 10:30 Bible Study SARB 6pm-YCC	23 	24	25 5:45pm Choir 40 DOL Fall Vigil	26 10:30am Bible Study	27 	28
29 9:15 am Worship Service 10:30am Bible Study SARB	30					

October 2024 St. Matthew Lutheran Church

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2 5:45pm Choir	3 10:30am Bible Study 6:30 Elders Meeting	4 2pm Ladies Guild Mtg.	5
6 9:15 am Worship Service w/ Communion SARB 10:30am Bible Study 10:30am-Sunday School	7	8 10am Bible Brunch 6:30pm Church Council Mtg.	9 5:45pm Choir	10 10:30am Bible Study	11 	12
13 9:15am Worship Service 10:30am Bible Study SARB 10:30am Sunday School 6pm-YCC	14	15 	16 5:45pm Choir	17 10:30am Bible Study	18	19 9-2 Holiday Bazaar
20 9:15 am Worship Service w/ Communion 10:30am Bible Study 10:30am Sunday School SARB	21	22	23 5:45pm Choir	24 10:30am Bible Study	25 Fall clean-up at the cemetery 	26
27 Reformation Sunday 9:15 am Worship Service 10:30am Bible Study 10:30am Sunday School SARB YCC	28	29	30 5:45pm Choir	31 10:30am Bible Study		

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD



We are looking forward again this year to collecting items and filling shoe-boxes for Operation Christmas Child, one of the outreach projects of Samaritan's Purse. **Save the Date of Saturday, November 16th from 10:00am to 2:00pm for filling the boxes.** There will also be games, crafts, snacks and more for members of St. Matthew and your families!

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!!



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

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.



Some Bible Humor

A father was approached by his small son who told him proudly, "I know what the Bible means!"

His father smiled and replied, "What do you mean, you "know" what the Bible means?"

The son replied, "I do know!"

"Okay," said his father. "What does the Bible mean?"

"That's easy, Daddy," the young boy replied excitedly: "It stands for Basic Information Before Leaving Earth."

Submitted by Carol Wilczak



We have a few members that have asked not to be added to our shut in list but would like to be in our thoughts and prayers;

Schalley Rambath-Brookdale Senior Living Rm # 510
6741 Nash Road, North Tonawanda, NY 14120

Howard Carlson-496 Wallace Ave, North Tonawanda, NY 14120

Sharon Lemke-1227 East Robinson St, North Tonawanda, NY 14120

Our Shut In Members

Irene Curtis

2717 Oppenheim Ct. Apt# 1
North Tonawanda, NY 14120
Birthday December 18th
(Toni Durick & Dottie Lemke)

William & Patricia Doeblner

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)

Gerald Treichler

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



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

LIFE CORNER

The Author of Life

“Before I formed you in the womb I knew[you,
before you were born I set you apart; I appointed you as a prophet to
the nations.”

Jeremiah 1:5

Lutherans for Life

“Equipping Lutherans and their neighbors to be Gospel motivated
voices for life”

Our local Lutherans for Life group meets at First Trinity Lutheran
Church on alternating Monday evenings. We plan ministry projects in-
side and outside the church. Please see Kristen or go to

Lutheransforlife.org for more information.



First, **THANK YOU** to all our St. Matthew members who have worked
together in this ministry of prayer and rescue!

Fall Vigil September 25-November 3.

Joint Kickoff Rally September 19 at 7 pm at First Trinity

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“Defend the weak and the fatherless; uphold the cause of the poor
and the oppressed. Rescue the weak and the needy; deliver them
from the hand of the wicked.”

Psalm 82:3-4

Thank you

Kristen

St. Matthew YCC - Young Christians for Christ
Breanna Gerner, Youth Director – (716) 525-6953,
bgerner22@gmail.com

All Sunday Meetings in Sept & Oct.

September

8th - Oobleck fun



Making oobleck is always a fun, messy craft! We will make and play with it outside and have some free outside play time.

22nd – S'mores & Outdoors

Weather permitting we will play lawn games and team games, have an outdoor fire and make some s'mores!



October



13th – American Ninja War

Jump, tumble, and run through the courses,
lots of fun to be had!

27th – Halloween Party

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



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.

WHITE: means light, purity,
and glory.

CAPTAIN: Mary Sansone*
Gloria Haeseler

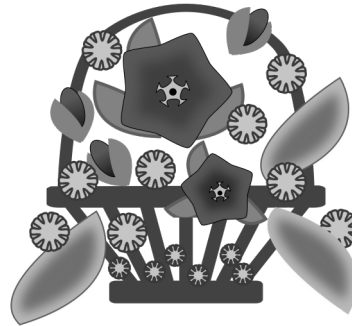


LIURGICAL COLORS FOR OCTOBER

GREEN : symbolizes the hope
of eternal life.

RED: indicates charity, life, the
presence of the Holy Spirit.

CAPTAIN: Donna Hutton*
Florence Lindaman
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

FOOD PANTRY




St. Matthew Food Pantry has a need for mayo, peanut butter, jam, cereal-**NO Cheerios please.** . **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.



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 snacks for kids. Ex; individual crackers & cheese, pudding & Jello cups, cereal. They are always in need of shampoo, toothpaste, toothbrushes and deodorant (personal care items). Thank you for your generosity.



*You will be enriched in every way so that
you can be generous on every occasion,
and through us your generosity will
result in thanksgiving to God.*
2 Corinthians 9:11

Heavenly Father, thank You for all of
the blessings You've poured over my
life. Help me to be a blessing to others
so they too may know Your goodness
and give thanks to You. Amen

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