

# THE COMMUNICATOR

## NOVEMBER/DECEMBER

### 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 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: 716-239-1097**

**Email: [ministry285@aol.com](mailto:ministry285@aol.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      716- 692-6862

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

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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)

Dear Members of St. Matthew...



Giving season has quickly come upon us again. How fast does this year go? It seemed like we had the church picnic just a few days ago. As we get ready for all the parties, the decorating, and the fun of getting presents for our loved ones, be sure to take the time to honor the one who gave you the ultimate gift.

Our Father has given us the most perfect gift, His Son, our Savior Jesus. From the first fall of man, God had a plan of salvation for His fallen creation, His Son, given at the perfect time, born under the law, so that He can fulfill the law. This gift, Jesus, has taken all of our shortcomings, all of our missteps, all of our brokenness and He took all this upon Himself, and He was obedient, even to the point of His death on the cross. It is this gift of love that keeps us rooted, gives us strength, and helps us live in this broken world.

Remember though, this gift is for everyone, give this gift to all you meet this season, tell people about the gift that waits for them as well. And when you run into another believer, share your story with them, laugh, love and bring joy to each other. Bring joy to your family, tell the people around you just how much you love them! God has loved us so much that sometimes we forget just how much He does love us, don't let that happen to you this year, spread the love of God everywhere you go, be a beacon of light in this darkened world!

"The people in darkness have seen a great light!"

Take that light and light up all you run into! Share it, give it away, that great and marvelous gift! Smile more, laugh, share, love... we were put here to be the hands, and mouth of our God... let this season be lit with His greatness!

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

Blessings to you all,

Pastor Blaine



It is with great sadness, but confident joy, that the family of Gerald Treichler announces his passing on October 9, 2024. A service was held on Saturday, October 26, 2024 at the Sanborn Historical Museum, 2660 Saunders Settlement Road, Sanborn, NY 14132. Officiant Pastor Kenneth Craig. Condolences may be sent to Janet Riggs, 1293 Saybrook Avenue, North Tonawanda, NY 14120.

Irene Curtis, called home by Jesus on October 19, 2024. Arrangements will be made at the convenience of the family.



Garrett DiSarno and Sara Jaenecke were married on Saturday, September 7, 2024 here at St. Matthew Lutheran Church.  
Officiant Pastor Blaine Jorg

Joseph Siegmann and Brianna Filippone were married on Saturday, September 28, 2024 at The Columns in Elma.

We all pray for a Christ filled life and happy marriage for them.



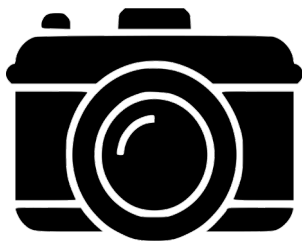
## President's REPORT

November is focused around thankfulness, which is why I use this time to thank everyone. It is all the people that help that make things so much easier, and sometimes even fun. There are a lot of people that help, 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 church picnics, 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, and our weed & feed team. Tom H and our maintenance team helpers got a lot accomplished this year. Some expenses were unexpected, but others were much less costly than originally expected. Thanks for their help and expertise.

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 for all the efforts of the decorating committee, who accentuate the seasons in the church year. 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. There isn't enough room to list all the different work areas, but thanks to God for providing all our time, talents and treasure that enable us to make His church possible.



EAT



On Thanksgiving, during our worship service, we hope to be able to show Scenes for Thanks as we typically do. As usual, I have received some pictures, but we need a lot more to be able to show them throughout the service. We had so many pictures last year, and many people commented on how great it was to have that many. I have pictures of the roof and tree work, but we **need** pictures of people. Please share your various family and church activities for our Thanksgiving day service. Please email pictures to me at [wbundy@daemen.edu](mailto: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. This is traditionally the budget and election meeting. Watch the bulletin for updates on this meeting, especially if we need to postpone it. 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. We need more help. 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. Please be in prayer about our budget. We had a lot of capital improvement donations this year, but are going to be short in our general budgeted receipts this year. The budget shortage is just as it was expected, which is a very concerning trend.

Bill Bundy  
President



## LADIES GUILD NEWS & NOTES NOVEMBER & DECEMBER

We would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who helped to make our "Holiday Bazaar" a success. A portion of our profits will be given to TCCO, and the remainder will be used for our Carpet Fund Project. Also, kudos to all the ladies (and gentlemen) who worked so diligently in every capacity to set-up for weeks before the Bazaar, and then by showing their Christian good will to all our guests on the day of the sale.



### "THERE IS NO NOVEMBER GUILD MEETING"

But just because there's no meeting that doesn't mean that we're not in action....

### ST. CATHARINE'S SEMINARY GUILD

Carol Wilczak will be collecting Seminary Guild dues (\$10), if you are a current member or wish to become one, please contact Carol. The money is used to support the students with their studies at the seminary.



### THANKSGIVING PIE SALE

**SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 24TH**

Immediately following our worship service.

### CARIBBEAN CHILDRENS FOUNDATION MISSION PROJECT

We are currently collecting donations for this years Tuition Assistance Fund for Haiti. Our goal once again is to provide 3 tuitions @ \$300.00 a student. The Ladies' Guild has already provided the funds for 1 student, and several individual donations have been made toward our goal. If you would be interested in giving a donation to this project, please contact Linda Robinson @ 622-1255, Thank You for your ongoing support.



**YOU'VE GOT "CHRISTMAS" MAIL...** We would like to save you some postage this year! This is the process, just address your Christmas Cards (to St. Matthew members ONLY) and bring them into church MINUS THE STAMP! And for 25 cents each we will distribute them to your friends at church. Just see Toni Durick & Dottie Lemke in

the Quilting Room before services on 12/1 & 12/8 to bring in your cards, and then pickup will be on 12/8 & 12/15.



### MITTENTREE!

I know this is a strange looking Mitten Tree! But this year we are focusing our donations of **SOCKS!** We are looking for **socks** for every size and style for the families in need. Of course, hats, mittens and scarves will also be acceptable. The Christmas Tree will be in place in the Narthex on the first Sunday in November to receive your generous donations. Thank You.

### CHRISTMAS COOKIE SALE SUNDAY, DECEMBER 15TH

Immediately following our worship service

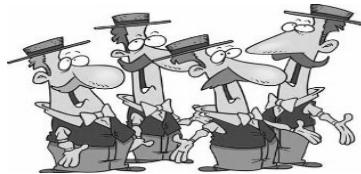


DECEMBER 5, 2024

CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION

POT LUCK DINNER @ 5:30 PM

FOLLOWED BY  
"HARMONIC EDGE QUARTET"



Performing @ 7:15 PM

**THIS EVENT IS OPEN TO EVERYONE!**

Please join us for an awesome evening of food & fellowship.

Just bring a dish to pass at the Pot Luck & then stay to enjoy the wonderful Christmas entertainment.

There is **NO CHARGE** for the evening! So, bring your family and friends and have some fun.

If you're not able to attend the Pot Luck you are more than welcome to come for the entertainment portion.

**SEE YOU THERE!!**



## November Serving Schedule

	Nov 3rd*	Nov 10th	Nov 17th*	Nov 24th	Nov 28th Thanksgiving Day
<b>ELDERS</b>	Pete Jaenecke Bill Olczak	Dan Wolf Joe Durick	Craig Heigl Rob Pidanick	Siggy Barke John Patton	Pete Jaenecke Bill Olczak
<b>VESTRYMEN CAPTAINS</b>	Art Marshall Paul Schultz	Dave Wendt Joe Siegmann	Bill Bundy	Tom Hromowyk	Art Marshall Paul Schultz
<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 Lemke	Jeff Binkley Charles Jaenecke Keith Schumacher
<b>COUNTING TEAM</b>	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	Team 2 Bill Bundy Paul Schultz
<b>9:15AM GREETERS</b>	M/J Patton	Linda Robinson	Toni Durrick Linda Pascucci	Joe Durick	Open
<b>SARB SERVERS</b>	Sharon E * Mary S	Lisa E * Debbie H	Sandy P * Rachel B	Sheryl E * Carol W	NO SARB

## December Serving Schedule

	Dec 1st* & 4th Advent Service	Dec 8th & 11th Advent Service	Dec 15th* & 18th Advent Service	Dec 22nd	Dec 24th Christmas Eve	Dec 25th Christmas Day	Dec 29th	Dec 31st*
ELDERS	Dan Wolf Joe Durick	Craig Heigl Rob Pidanic	Siggy Barke John Patton	Pete Jaenecke Bill Olczak	Dan Wolf Joe Durick	Craig Heigl Rob Pidanic	Siggy Barke John Patton	Pete Jaenecke Bill Olczak
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9:15AM GREET- ERS	M/M Stapar	Toni Durick Linda Pascucci	Carol Wilczak	M/M Siggy Barke	Open	Open	Debbie Kenney	Open
SARB SERV- ERS	Sheryl E* Carol W	Sandy M* Linda R	Sharon E* Mary S	Lisa E* Debbie H	NO SARB	NO SARB	NO SARB	NO SARB

## 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. 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](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.



## **OUTREACH INFORMATION**



**When:** Saturdays from 9am-1pm

**Where:** The former Computer Lab/Library-the first room on the right after the restrooms, right before the school hallway.

**Who:** All members and their families are welcome. Also bring a friend if you would like.

**What will we be doing?** Currently our focus is on Operation Christmas Child. There are crafts, items to put together, bags to be filled, etc. If you aren't crafty, don't worry, there are other things to do!

Future things we plan to do include cards/care packages for our troops, continued support of Niagara Hospice, bringing things like chili or soup that we all make together to our local first responders, and more, all ideas are welcome!

**Our Goal:** To get to know one another better in an informal atmosphere, to serve our church and community, to bring support and joy to our brave troops, to provide children in need across the world, and to do the will of our Heavenly Father who has so richly blessed us in any and all other ways in which He guides us.

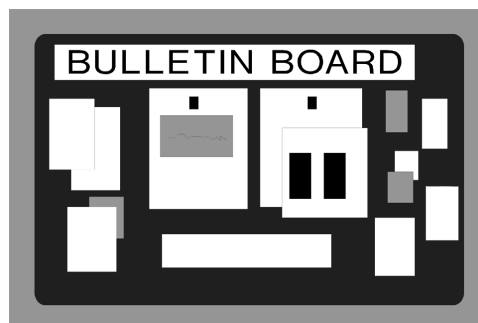
Light snacks will be provided, however please bring your own food and drink as needed.

Contact Kim Binkley with any questions at-  
kbink1789@roadrunner.com or 716-909-6310.

Looking forward to seeing you!!!



SARB will be serving coffee, juice and donuts on Sunday morning after church. Please join us and help support our student at St. Catharines Seminary. This year we have a new student, Andrew Hayes, a first year Seminary student. I hope to have updated information on him soon. His address is 16 Buchanan Crescent, Thorold, Ontario Canada L2V4M5. His birthday is November 3rd. Please remember our student in prayer and maybe send a note, card or Christmas card. The postage rate for Canada is \$1.50, maybe higher now. He hopes to visit St. Matthew in the future.



We have a bulletin board that is not currently being used. It is outside the office door above where you sign up for Communion. If you would like to use it to share information about what your committee is doing please contact the office.



11/9 Jeffrey Pignatore

11/29 Sharon Engler

12/7 Rachel Behnke

12/10 Lisa Ellman

12/18 Carol Wilczak

12/20 Earl Graf

12/25 Mary Sansone



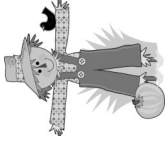
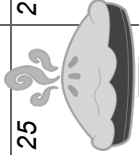
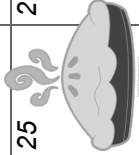
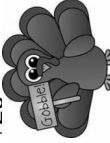
12/26 Jessica Thursam



12/9 Patrick and Donna Hutton

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 2024 St. Matthew Lutheran Church

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**Worship Service Schedule for November and December**  
**at a glance**



**Thank You, LORD!**

**November**

**11-28-2024-10:00am-Thanksgiving Day Worship**



**December**

**12-4-2024-7:00pm-Advent Worship Service**

**12-11-2024-7:00pm-Advent Worship Service**

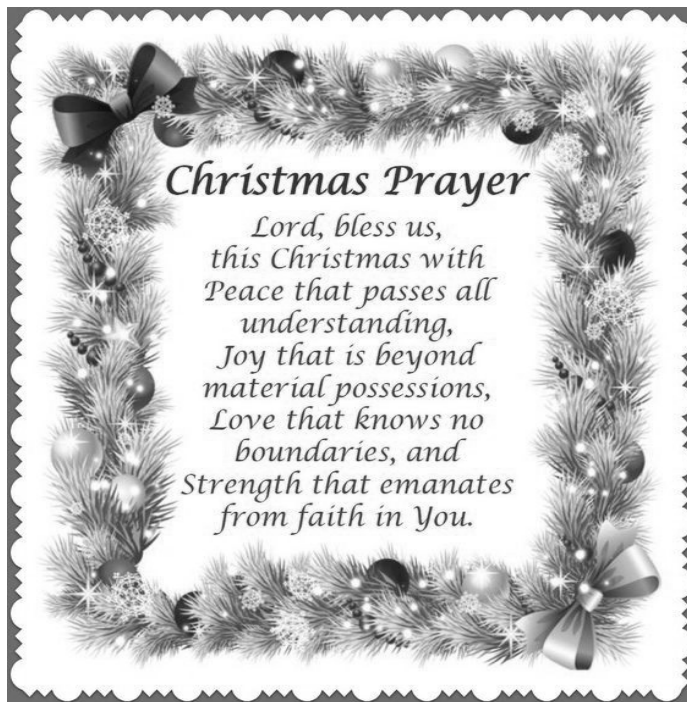
**12-18-2024-7:00pm-Advent Worship Service**

**12-24-2024-7:00pm-Christmas Eve Worship Service**

**12-25-2024-10:00am-Christmas Day Worship Service**

**12-31-2024-7:00pm-New Years Eve Worship Service**

## PRAYERS FOR THE HOLIDAYS



# Our Shut In Members

**William & Patricia Doeblar**

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)



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**

“All things were created through Him and for Him. He is before all things, and in Him all things hold together.”  
Col 1:16, 17

### **Lutherans for Life**

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

Our local Lutherans for Life group invites you to join us in the ONLY chapter in the state of NY. We meet at First Trinity Lutheran Church on alternating Monday evenings. We plan ministry projects inside and outside the church working to support and protect life from conception to natural death. Please see Kristen or go to [Lutheransforlife.org](http://Lutheransforlife.org) for more information.



### **40 Days for Life**

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

So far, 40 Days for Life international efforts have saved 24,919 babies, closed 155 abortion centers, and helped 263 abortion workers leave the industry for God-pleasing work! The fall vigil goes til November 3. Afterward, we will celebrate God's work with a victory dinner. Details to come. Please call Kristen at 231-286-8685 for details or to RSVP for the Victory Dinner.

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

**All Sunday Meetings starting at 6pm**

**Bring your friends and neighbors to join the fun!**



## **November**

**10th – Mario Kart**

Scooter your way through courses in the gym to be the first to reach the finish line!

**24th – Thankful Team Building**

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

## **December**

**8th – Superhero night**

Races, paper airplanes, and “sword” fights for a night of villainous fun!



**22nd – Christmas Party!**

Bring or wear a Christmas themed item! We'll play games, eat cookies, and talk about why we celebrate this wonderful holiday.

# ALTAR GUILD

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

*Psalm 119:105*

## LITURGICAL COLORS FOR NOVEMBER

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

**WHITE:** means light, purity  
and glory.

CAPTAIN: Sharon Engler\*  
Linda Robinson  
Lily Jorg



## 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  
and glory.

CAPTAIN: Linda Jasulevich\*  
Gayle Reischel  
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

## FOOD PANTRY



St. Matthew Food Pantry is in need of Kleenex, mayonnaise, canned fruit. 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 all food items you would use at holiday dinners. **Boxed potatoes, gravy, cranberry sauce, canned vegetables.** They are always in need of shampoo, toothpaste, toothbrushes and deodorant (personal care items). Thank you for your generosity.

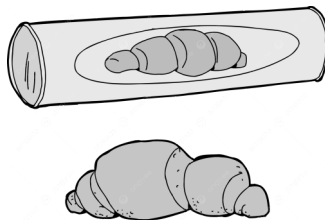
## Very Sad News

It is with the saddest heart that I must pass on the following news. Please join me in remembering a great icon of the entertainment community. The Pillsbury Doughboy died yesterday of a yeast infection and trauma & complications from repeated pokes in the belly. He was 71.



Doughboy was buried in a lightly greased coffin. Dozens of celebrities turned out to pay their respects, including California Raisins, Betty Crocker, the Hostess Twinkies and Captain Crunch.

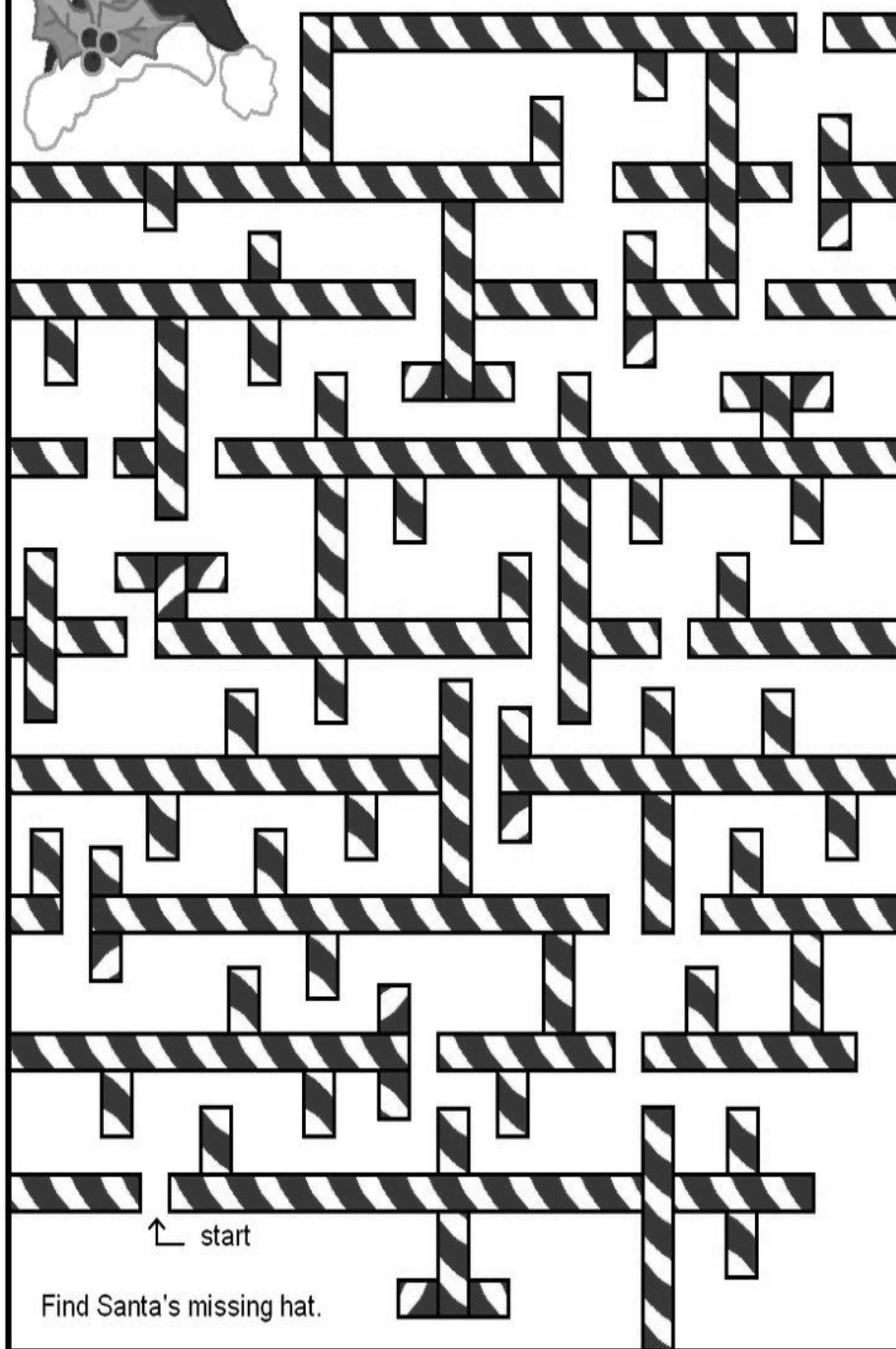
The grave site was piled high with flours. Aunt Jemima delivered the eulogy and lovingly described Doughboy as a man who never knew how much he was kneaded. Doughboy rose quickly in show business, but his later life was filled with turnovers. He was not considered a very smart cookie, wasting much of his dough on half-baked schemes. Despite being a little flaky at times he was still a crusty old man and was considered a roll model for millions. Doughboy is survived by his wife, Play Dough, two children, John Dough and Jane Dough, plus they had one in the oven. He is also survived by his elderly dad, Pop Tart. The funeral was held at 3:50 for about 20 minutes.



Submitted by Sandy Moesch. She found this while cleaning the Quilting Room.



Christmas Maze #01



↑ start

Find Santa's missing hat.



'for unto us  
a child is

born...  
and His  
name shall  
be called

Wonderful

Isaiah 9:6

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