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St. Matthew's Messenger

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Dear People of God:

Between a week away for continuing education and a string of rainy days, Otto and I took an abnormally long break from hiking in May. When we returned to the trail, the transformation was too dramatic to miss; I was amazed by how full the lush green forest had grown in such a short time—not really more plants, but renewed growth of the plants that were already there. (I'm amazed at how rapidly the weeds grow at my house as well, but that's a different story).

In June, we'll settle into the long liturgical season that is represented by green, the color of growth. In the church, we often speak about growth in terms of numbers: how many more people join a congregation or attend worship. But equally important is the growth that happens within individuals: how much more kindness, patience, love, joy, peace, mercy, self-control, and generosity are manifested in those of us who are already part of the faith community.

Although this season of growth is symbolized in green, summer begins with the fiery red of Pentecost—God sending the Holy Spirit to inspire, enliven, and equip the first apostles. Their transformation made the spread of the gospel possible: the church grew to include people from all over the world because visitors to Jerusalem witnessed the power of God in the disciples.

As folks take much needed and well deserved summer vacations, we can be tempted to look at smaller Sunday gatherings and worry about growth in terms of numbers. Instead, let's try digging deeper to grow our own spiritual fruit; see if that transformation doesn't make our neighbors take notice and maybe even join us on this spiritual adventure we call the baptized life.

Peace,
+Pastor Traci



Martinsburg Food Pantry

The Food Pantry will be open for food distribution on Thursdays, June 5 and June 19 from 9:00 to 11:00 a.m.

Those helping will be 3 or 4 people from St. John's UCC besides the regular volunteers to distribute food.

Following are the most needed items for June: Juice, Cereal, Pasta or Rice Sides, Scalloped Potatoes, Hamburger Helper.

Many thanks for the Food items, Paper products and Monetary gifts!

*Many thanks!
Linda K. Smith*

Graduates' Sunday June 1st at 9:30



**Celebrating
Jay Hoenstine & Camden Kuster**
Reception After Worship



Summer Office Hours

MONDAY & WEDNESDAY 8:30 - 10:30
TUESDAY, THURSDAY, FRIDAY 9 - NOON
OR BY APPOINTMENT



Ways to Make Donations to St. Matthew

Giving Online: Giving online is easy and allows you to set up automatic recurring contributions and view your complete online giving history from anywhere you have access to the Internet. Simply follow these

easy steps:

- 1) Hold your mobile phone in the camera position over the "QR Code"
- 2) A link will pop up on your phone and tap the link
- 3) Follow the instructions on your phone to set up an online profile and manage your contributions.



Offering Envelopes: These are mailed to your home on a monthly basis. Contact the church office at 814-793-2413 to get started.



A Stewardship Minute June 2025

Johann Sebastian Bach, the great German composer, was also an organist who played in the church of St. Thomas in Leipzig for many years. Amazingly, he also wrote the music for the choir. His sacred compositions number in the hundreds and many are still played by organists and sung by choirs in our time. Bach was a faithful steward of the musical talent God had given him. And that compels us to consider whether each of us uses the talent or talents God has given us.

I suspect that many among us may be asking “What talent? When God passed out talents I must have been overlooked.” To any of you who feel that way, I say, “Yes you do. Believe me, you just need to think of how you can serve God in many ways.”

Let's begin with menial chores that need to be done around the church. Did you ever see what happens after worship each Sunday? Well, some volunteers walk through the sanctuary to pick up items left behind and Bibles that need to be picked up and taken to the church office.

The article in *Stewardship* points out that each of us needs to let God use us to do the work of the church, to help work on behalf of the Kingdom of God; that each of us should be a “human instrument letting God use us.” Surely we can let God have a healthy portion of our time, talent, and resources to further the work of God's church. That is what stewardship is all about.

Prayer: *Dear Lord, awaken us to the opportunities we can respond to on behalf of your Kingdom. In Christ's name. Amen*

A **Stewardship Minute** is available to subscribers of *Stewardship* at www.parishpublishing.org.



To the Property Committee,
Congregation and volunteers from
St. Matthew Lutheran Church:

Thank You so much for your continued support of Sequanota. We are so grateful to the group of hard-working volunteers who joined work day and gave Cabin 4 some much needed TLC!

Peace,
Sequanota Staff

Our Senior Neighbors Are Invited To A Young at Heart Luncheon



Tuesday, July 15, 2025, at 12:00 PM
Held at St. Matthew Lutheran Church
Fellowship Hall
115 East Penn Street
Martinsburg, PA
Please RSVP to the Church Office
(814-793-2413) by July 7th

Church Messenger



The June 2025 *Messenger* is now available at the St. Matthew **Website** (stmatthewlc.com), and on your recent **Email** message from St. Matthew by using the link listed in the body of the message. A paper copy of the *Messenger* is available in the news rack in the church Narthex. You can request a paper copy to be sent by mail to your home by calling the church office at (814-793-2413). Do not hesitate to call the church office if you need help in securing a copy of the *Messenger*. Your readership and articles are always appreciated.



Social Ministry Committee Report Corner

Social Ministry Committee members want to wish everyone a Happy and Warm June. Summer is coming, the sun will come up every day and like the love of Christ our hearts will be filled with His warmth.

1. Mending Ministry

Mending Ministry will be June 11 in the fellowship hall from 2 to 4 pm.

We can help you get that favorite outfit fixed and ready for summer.

Takeout for our homebound members will be provided.

2. Young At Heart Luncheon

Invitations for the Young At Heart Luncheon are available to invite neighbors and friends. Invitations are available at the church or contact Lottie Ebersole.

A fun filled afternoon is planned with Christmas in July being the theme.

Just think...a meal you do not need to prepare, spending time with friends, and the cooks at St Matthew are simply the best.

3. Due to circumstances beyond our control there will be no Social Ministry Corner

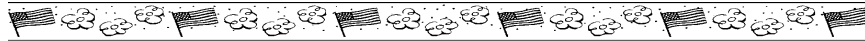
Highlight for June. We do want to congratulate our high school graduates: Jay Hoenstine and Camden Kuster. May their futures be a reflection of their upbringing in the church.

If The Social Ministry Committee is something you would like to participate in or if you would like more information, contact any member: Kaye Burket, Sarah Detwiler, Tina Harclerode, Linda Smith, Jean Sinal, Peggy Fryer, Lottie Ebersole and Pastor Traci. New members are always welcome.

Next Social Ministry Committee meeting will be Monday, June 2nd via zoom at 6:30 pm.

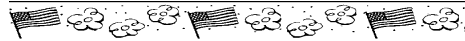
As we enter June, may the love of Christ be our guide to share a kind smile and acts of kindness.

Social Ministry Committee



June Anniversaries

2	Joey & Lori Tremmel	16	David & Jackie Lightner
3	Mike & Connie Lamborn	24	William & Dorothy Stahl
10	E. Allen & Stacy Kuster	28	Larry & Sharon E. Frederick
11	David & Audrey Stern	30	Jeff & Beth Garner
13	Derek & Leah Park		



Birthdays for June

2	Ashley Zanfino	7	Sarah Detwiler	19	Lottie Ebersole
4	Jane C. Hoenstine	8	Mary E. Creps		Donald Grove
	Audrey Stern		Stacey M. Kensinger	21	Kim E. Lee
5	Jack Howsare	12	Seth Gunnett	23	Terri Rodgers
6	Warren Daniel		Andrew Smith	25	Paul Decker
	Sheena Tremmel	13	Don Bulger	27	Madison Rodgers
			Michael Tremmel	28	Nathan Smith
		16	Max A. Baker	29	Bill Selby

SERVING GOD AND US JUNE 2025

Date	June 1	June 8	June 15	June 22	June 29
Acolytes	No Acolytes during the Summer.				
Lectors	Greg Haffling	Norah & Stacy Kuster	Jane Hoenstine	Janet Stewart	Peggy Steinfurth
Altar Guild	Jean Sinal	Jean Sinal	Jean Sinal	Jean Sinal	Jean Sinal
Offering Counters	Beth Garner Jim Barley	Beth Garner Jim Barley	Beth Garner Jim Barley	Beth Garner Jim Barley	Beth Garner Jim Barley
Audio/Video	Camden Kuster	Camden Kuster	Camden Kuster	Camden Kuster	Camden Kuster
Ushers	Randy McGraw	Dennis Smith	Jeff Garner	Martie Gilbert	Stanley Smith
Assisting Ministers	Amanda Decker	Greg Haffling	Jane Fagans	Jean Sinal	Shawn Orczeck

2025 COUNCIL DIRECTORY AND MINISTRY STAFF

All phone numbers start with (814) unless otherwise noted.

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May 2025 Highlights by Council

1. Correction: The summer schedule will begin on Sunday, June 1 with an earlier church service and no Sunday School until early September.
2. The next Mending Ministry is scheduled for June 11, 2:00 - 4:00.
3. The theme for the July 15 Young-at-Heart Luncheon is “Christmas in July”.
4. The church worship service and picnic will be Sunday, September 7 at Ed Kreider’s farm.



Sign up for the print magazine

We heard you—and listened. We have found a way to bring back the magazine’s print publication in a quarterly fashion. Each issue (spring, summer, winter and fall) will feature the stories you know and love, along with updates on the church and your ELCA community.

You can sign up today on the sign-up sheet on the Narthex bulletin board or call the church office to let us know you would like to subscribe to the magazine.

The first expected issue to be mailed is Summer 2025. We will keep you updated.

Community Mending Ministry at St. Matthew

✂ *Favorite clothing in need of repair?* ✂
Give it another chance!

Bring laundered clothes that need mending
to work on yourself or get help from our sewers.
Materials, machines, & expertise provided.
And we'll have snacks!

Wednesday, June 11th
2PM to 4PM

St. Matthew Lutheran Martinsburg Fellowship Hall
115 E Penn Street (Maple Street Parking Lot)



Weekend Themes

- Self-care
- Food & Health
- Arts & Media
- Environment
- Music & Dance
- Spiritual Life

COST:

120 + housing

Register
today



sequanota.com/tendfest

Come to Tend to share in intentional time of faith discussions, good music, art, worship, ecology, and fellowship. This event will have an open schedule allowing participants the freedom to pick what is right for them. It will include options for multiple workshops, open recreation & hiking, food and time to refresh yourself and the family.

Talk-O Tuesday



Fellowship, Food, & Faith Conversation
Tuesday, June 24th at 6PM
La Fiesta at the Airport
RSVP to the office by Noon



You're invited to a Life Line Screening event!



Where: St Matthew Lutheran Church
115 E Penn St
Martinsburg, PA 16662

When: Tuesday, June 24, 2025
June is Men's Health Month

Life Line Screening is the nation's leader in **Stroke and Cardiovascular Disease Risk Screenings.**

Trusted by over 10 million customers.

Screenings are simple and painless. Get peace of mind or early detection.

Who should attend: Anyone over the age of 40

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- Atrial Fibrillation Screening
- Abdominal Aortic Aneurysm Screening
- Plus a FREE Hypertension Screening

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and use promo
code: HSCA001

Visit
[LLSA.SOCIAL/HSCA](https://llsa.social/hscatext)

Text the word
"circle" to
216-279-1607

These tests cannot detect all risk factors for all conditions, such as and including the presence of coronary artery disease.

Those with abnormal results should discuss possible next steps with their family healthcare provider and ensure they understand the risk and benefits of any additional testing or procedures.



June 2025
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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<u>1</u> 7th Sunday of Easter 9:30 am Worship in Sanctuary Graduates' Celebration following Worship, FH	<u>2</u> 6:30 pm Social Minis- try Meeting, Zoom	<u>3</u>	<u>4</u> 3-6 pm Pastor in Office	<u>5</u> 9-11 am Food Pantry, Allegheny St.	<u>6</u> Pastor's Sabbath	<u>7</u>
<u>8</u> Day of Pentecost 9:30 am Worship in Sanctuary	<u>9</u> 6:00 pm Worship & Music Mtg., via Zoom	<u>10</u> 6:30 pm Council Mtg., WRZoom	<u>11</u> 2-4 pm Mending Ministry, FH 4-6 pm Pastor in Office 6:30 pm Endowment Com- mittee Meeting, WR	<u>12</u>	<u>13</u> Pastor's Sabbath	<u>14</u>
<u>15</u> The Holy Trinity 9:30 am Worship in Sanctuary	<u>16</u>	<u>17</u>	<u>18</u> 12-3 pm Pastor in Office	<u>19</u> 9-11 am Food Pantry, Allegheny St.	<u>20</u> Pastor's Sabbath	<u>21</u>
<u>22</u> 2nd Sun. after Pentecost 9:30 am Worship in Sanctuary	<u>23</u>	<u>24</u> 12:30-3:00 pm Knotty Ladies, QR Lifetime Screenings Fellowship Hall by appointment  6:00 pm Talk-O Tuesday, La Fiesta, Airport	<u>25</u> 9:30 am Employee Meeting, FH 11 am-2 pm Pastor in Office	<u>26</u>	<u>27</u> Pastor's Sabbath	<u>28</u>
<u>29</u> 3rd Sun. after Pentecost 9:30 am Worship in Sanctuary	<u>30</u>			<i>FH—Fellowship Hall CE-Christian Ed Office CL—Church Lounge QR—Quilt Room WR—Window Room K—Kitchen In case of emergency, Pastor Traci maybe reached at 814-935-9267 Jen will be in the Office Mon.-Fri. from 9:00 am-12:00 pm</i>		