



## Faith Chat:

Pentecost, the festival 50 days after Easter, is a celebration that carries with it many meanings and possible responses. It's the birthday for the Church, it's a reversal of the tower of Babel, it's an anointing of apostles, it's the fulfillment of Jesus' promise of the coming of the Holy Spirit, it's the building of a community. And that's just for starters! Pentecost is also a time, as Peter proclaims loosely quoting the prophet Joel, of visions, dreams, portents and prophesying. Prophesying is a tricky word in our culture as it's come to mean forecasting the future. But in biblical terms, prophesying is about telling the truth of what is happening in our communities and what the outcomes could be if changes aren't made. Prophesying is revealing where God is at work and is inviting us to join God in ushering in the kingdom.

Prophesying is continuous work, it never ends! In February, St. Matthew Lutheran Church council met for a strategic planning morning. We prayed, meditated on scripture and did the hard work of naming our gifts, our opportunities, aspirations and where we think God is calling us to join in the kingdom building work. We produced a 1-3-5 year plan that we think is a good conversation to continue with the congregation as a whole. To this end, on May 19, Pentecost we will begin to seek input from you on how we can best follow Jesus out to the ends of the earth with the message of God's love for all. Look for poster boards with information and post-it notes for your input. You do not need to put your name on the input, however, it would be great to know who is thinking what to deepen our plan.

If you are home centered, please reach out to me, or anyone on council to offer your input.

We are grateful for the ministry that God has put in front of us-we are confident that whatever God calls us to do, God will gift us with the resources to accomplish. Thank you for your faithful commitment to being the body of Christ with us at St. Matthew!

In Christ,

**Pastor Brigette Weier**

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## Council President Letter:

Well, spring has finally sprung, flowers blooming, trees starting to fill in with leaves and the lawn is starting to grow. Maintenance on St Matthew's property will start hitting on all cylinders in the near future. If you would like to help with the property cleanup and maintenance, please see Mike Stoker or Frank Cordova. We can use all the help that we can get.

If you haven't joined us yet, Adult Forum is a delightful and engaging hour of discussion. Please join us for some great discussion on topics from the book, Into The Mess & Other Jesus Stories by Debie Thomas. Adult forum begins right after service every Sunday morning and we conclude our study at noon.

Our senior breakfast club is growing. If you would like to join us, we meet at Dee's Family Restaurant 4710 South Redwood Road every other Tuesday at 9:00 am. Our next breakfast dates are May 7<sup>th</sup> & 21<sup>st</sup>.

St. Matthew's Hospitality Ministry sets up a coffee and treat table just before service, beginning at 9:00 a.m. Services begin at 10:00 a.m.

Rev. Tevita Uesi and his church, the First Tongan Christian Church, Disciples of Christ have partnered with St Matthew's to help us spread the good word of God's grace in our Taylorsville area. If you see Rev. Tevita or anyone of his members around the building, please welcome them.

With the added Tongan Church to our building use, the days available to reserve the building or certain rooms for a special function becomes quite tight, so it imperative that you contact Cindy Becker for the availability of the church.

St. Matthew's has a lot going on, so please remember, for information about what's happening check out St Matthew's website, newsletter, Facebook page or your personal e-mails. Council is dedicated to keeping you informed and of course the best way to keep up to date is to come to service on Sunday. Council has also dedicated a bulletin board in the hallway and will post minutes, agenda, treasurer's report and all ministry reports for the past month.

*Mike Stoker*

Council President



## *May Newsletter Articles:*



### **Sunday Service Streams Live:**

It's snowing, I'm sick or I just can't get moving on a Sunday morning. Don't worry you can still watch service.

St Matthew's streams service live every Sunday at 10:00 am so join us online. If you can't join service on Sunday that week, service is still on our web page [www.stmatthewsut.org](http://www.stmatthewsut.org) for five days.

So if you want to hear the sermon again or want to hear the gospel or Sam's music during that week, just go to St. Matthew's web page and click on the link.

Submitted by Communication Ministry



*Prayer Shawl  
Ministry*

### **KNIT. CROCHET. PRAY.**

The Prayer Shawl Ministry will meet on the first Monday of every month at 2 PM. Prayer shawls, hats, baby blankets, and scarves are projects we work on together. We have a great need for yarn donations; please see Mary Wimmer or Henny Johnson for more information.



### Email Change:

Please note that the emails for St. Matthew’s have been changed. The new ones are:

- Office email will now be [officeofstmatts@gmail.com](mailto:officeofstmatts@gmail.com)
- Newsletter email will now be [newstmatts@gmail.com](mailto:newstmatts@gmail.com)

Submitted by Brian Schuster  
Communications Ministry



### Faith Letters to Jesus:

Thank you to all who wrote a faith letter to Jesus! Writing letters is becoming a lost art and there is something about putting pen to paper that cultivates intimacy and deep engagement with others. Jesus is here for us, so if you have a burden, give it to Jesus, if you want to give thanks, tell it to Jesus, if you have love in your heart, share it with Jesus. You may drop your letter in the mailbox located in the sanctuary next to the prayer loom. No postage required. Thank you!

One of the faith letters says:

*I did good on my test.  
Praise be to God!*

Submitted by Pam Lawrence  
Faith Formation Ministry



### Faith at Home:

In April, the Faith Formation ministry challenged you to include the FAITH5 Faith practice of “**SHARE**” your highs and lows” into your daily life. How did it go? Sharing the good and not so good parts of your day with someone helps us all - grown-ups and kids alike to get better at telling the truth about who we are and what we need. Sharing is caring and adds a sense of peace and calm, vital elements to one's spiritual and physical health. In May, we challenge you to **READ** a bible verse or story and then **TALK** with someone about how the Bible reading might relate to your highs and lows. Sounds like a good way to end the day with a bible story to nurture the connection and communication with your family.

Listed below are some bible stories that you may enjoy to get started.

- Love Your Enemies - Matthew 5: 38-48
- Fruit of the Spirit - Galatians 5: 16-26
- Jesus Blesses the Children - Mark 10: 13-16
- The Good Samaritan - Luke 10: 25-37

The FAITH5 practices are:

- **SHARE** your highs and lows.
- **READ** a bible verse or story.
- **TALK** about how the Bible reading might relate to your highs and lows.
- **PRAY** for one another's highs and lows
- **BLESS** one another

Submitted by Pam Lawrence  
Faith Formation Ministry



In March, the stewardship ministry met and reviewed the strategic goals that council put together during their recent retreat. In May these goals will be presented to the congregation. The Stewardship ministry is excited to see where the congregation will want us to focus for our one-year, three-year and five-year goals. Our 2024 initiative will be focused on what God calls this congregation toward for this next year and beyond. We will still of course have our annual appeal, as that is required for our budget, but our above and beyond ask this year may be more focused on participation, volunteering in the community or other gifts. As Andy Couch has said: "One who cultivates tries to create the most fertile conditions for good things to survive and thrive."

Submitted by Harmony Thiemert  
Stewardship Ministry



# Ministries

## Ministry Presentation:

Have you ever wondered, how many ministries St. Matthew's has? Maybe you considered getting involved in one or more of them, but was unsure of who to talk to about it.

Well, here's your chance. With a new pastor and new possible members coming in, your council has agreed that the time has come to answer those questions.

We are asking all ministry leaders to represent their ministry during the announcement portion of services. They will announce who is on their team, as well as a brief discussion about what that ministry does.

- **May 5<sup>th</sup>** – Caring Ministry
- **May 19<sup>th</sup>** – Worship & Music Ministry
- **June 2<sup>nd</sup>** – Communications Ministry
- **June 30<sup>th</sup>** – Endowment Ministry
- **July 28<sup>th</sup>** – Council

Submitted by Amanda Ventura  
St. Matthew's Council



Our senior breakfast club is growing if you would like to join us. We meet at Dee's Family Restaurant, 4710 South Redwood Road, every other Tuesday at 9:00 am. Our next breakfast dates are **May 7<sup>th</sup> & May 21<sup>st</sup>**.

Submitted by Mike Stoker  
Breakfast Club



## Congregational BBQ Potluck **May 19<sup>th</sup>** following service

Please keep an eye out for sign-up sheets in the weeks to come.

Submitted by the Evangelism & Hospitality Ministry



### **Yard Sale:**

St. Matthew's annual yard sale will be held on **June 22<sup>nd</sup>** this year and we need your help. As you come across items you can no longer use, bring them to the church and we will store them in the basement until June. If you need help getting your treasures to church, we can help with that too. We will need volunteers to help with set up and clean up. More information will be available in the next newsletter.

Submitted by Karla Stoker



Thank you for giving to the ELCA World Hunger.

Here is what we have collected so far this year.

- Souper Bowl of Caring - \$124.40
- 40 Days of Lent - \$181.79
- ELCA World Hunger w/ April benevolence - \$306.19

Submitted by Mary Wimmer  
Outreach & Advocacy Ministry

## *Outreach & Advocacy:*



### **Little Food Pantry:**

**STOCK IS EXTREMELY LOW!!!** We are continuing a monthly food drive to help restock our shelves for the Little Food Pantry. On the first Sunday of every month, please bring a nonperishable food item and/or personal hygiene item.

Food Items that are needed; drinks, stews, pop tarts, spaghetti o's, cup of soup, cereal/oatmeal, canned ravioli, canned fruit, & canned meats.

Personal Items that are needed; shampoo/conditioner, bar soap, toilet paper, toothpaste/toothbrushes, & paper towels..

Submitted by Mary Wimmer  
Outreach & Advocacy Ministry



### **Chick Sales:**

The chick sale starts **April 7 - May 5**. Buy a chick, or two, for a \$1 each and enjoy some coloring time!

Proceeds to ELCA World Hunger

Submitted by Mary Wimmer  
Outreach & Advocacy Ministry

# God's work. Our hands.

## DAY OF SERVICE, GOD'S WORK OUR HANDS **SATURDAY SEPT. 7 & SUNDAY SEPT. 8**

This year we will fellowship with our Taylorsville neighbors on Saturday, Sept 7 for a Day of Service.

This is still in development, and we will share details with you as soon as possible.

The Outreach and Advocacy Ministry will also provide an opportunity to fellowship and serve as a congregation on Sunday, Sept 8, after worship service. This is an opportunity for all ages to join in. We will gather to assemble Personal Care Kits to be distributed to those in need by Lutheran World Relief. And of course, we are relying on your generosity to help supply this project. We will be gathering supplies, one item per month - April thru August. The items needed are:

- May - bar soap

Submitted by Mary Wimmer  
Outreach & Advocacy Ministry

## *St. Matthew's Information:*



### **St. Matthew's Newsletter:**

Our newsletter has more information about the life of the congregation that you don't want to miss. If you are not receiving the newsletter, please send an email to Amanda Ventura at [newstmatts@gmail.com](mailto:newstmatts@gmail.com) to get your name added to the list.



### **It's Easy, Safe & Convenient!**

Go to St. Matthew's Website.  
Click on the **BLUE** donation button.

St. Matthew's provider for online giving is Tithely. You can make one-time donations or set-up a giving schedule that meets your needs. Tithely will do the work for you, making your giving easy and convenient. If you have any questions please check with the Stewardship Ministry.

## *May Birthday Wishes:*



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| • Mary Beck         | May 2  |
| • Betinna Allen     | May 6  |
| • Gordon Erickson   | May 8  |
| • Mike Wimmer       | May 12 |
| • Nate Cox          | May 14 |
| • Silke Becker      | May 15 |
| • Edrie Bridenbaugh | May 15 |
| • Ronda Schuster    | May 18 |
| • Zeegan Larsen     | May 21 |

# Church Calendars:



## May 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	
				1	2	3	4
Cinco de Mayo! Confirmation @ 9 AM Worship @ 10 AM	Prayer Shawl @ 2 PM	Breakfast Club @ 9 AM Worship & Music @ 7 PM		8	9	10	11
Mother's Day! Confirmation @ 9 AM Worship @ 10 AM	Outreach & Advocacy - 7 PM			15	16	17	18
Confirmation @ 9 AM Worship @ 10 AM Congregational BBQ Potluck	Newsletter Articles Duel! Council @ 7 PM	Breakfast Club @ 9 AM Stewardship @ 7 PM	Faith Formation @ 7 PM	22	23	24	25
Confirmation @ 9 AM Worship @ 10 AM	Memorial Day! Evangelism & Hospitality @ 7 PM			29	30	31	

### ST. MATTHEW'S LUTHERAN CHURCH ACTIVITIES, MINISTRIES, & EVENTS.

We are called to proclaim God's grace by sharing the story of Jesus to bring light, hope, and healing to the world.  
St. Matthew's Mission Statement



Watch for announcements in emails, snail mail, text messages, voicemails, & Facebook.

# May 2024

<b>10:00 AM</b>	<b>Presiding Minister</b>	<b>Preacher</b>	<b>Worship Assistant</b>	<b>Childrens Message</b>	<b>Greeter</b>	<b>Usher</b>
<b>5-May</b>	Pastor Brigette	Pastor Brigette	Eric Stoker	Pastor Brigette	Mary Wimmer	Harmony T. & Liz H.
	<b>Counters:</b> Lue & Mary Kay		<b>Hospitality:</b> Frank		<b>Caring Ministry:</b> None	

## Mother's Day!

<b>12-May</b>	Mary Kay Arnold	Pam Lawrence	Liz Hawke	Liz Hawke	Frank Cordova	Lue & Frank
	<b>Counters:</b> Harmony & Eric		<b>Hospitality:</b> Mike		<b>Caring Ministry:</b> Mary Kay & Mary W.	

<b>19-May</b>	Pastor Brigette	Pastor Brigette	Mary Kay Arnold	Pastor Brigette	Mike Stoker	Cindy B. & Jacki P.
	<b>Counters:</b> Leandra & Mary Kay		<b>Hospitality:</b> Jacki		<b>Caring Ministry:</b> Liz & Debbie	

<b>26-May</b>	Leandra Ludlam	Liz Hawke	Karla Stoker	Samantha J.	Craig Widdowson	Debbie & Amanda Ventura
	<b>Counters:</b> Cindy & Jacki		<b>Hospitality:</b> Debbie		<b>Caring Ministry:</b> None	

If you are unable to serve as scheduled, please switch with someone or find someone to take your place.  
 Thanks, Mary Kay Arnold (801) 232-7564



## *Prayer Chain:*

### **For Healing in Mind, Body or Spirit:**

Mavis Agar, Selam Alemu, Danny Behounek, Sandy Behounek, Mary Beck, Brianna & Dan Bell, Ellen Dahl, Julie Durrance, Leone Eastman, Scott Frandsen, Gretel Gallagher, Annalisa Giles, Josie Granlund, Carl Hedin, Henny Johnson, Christine Knittle, Edie Knittle, Mark Knittle, Nancy Marple, Sandra Muthreich, Jim Peverelle, Rod Rowland, Pastor John & Jackie Sandstrom, Norman Seglum, Shy Schaugaard, Viki Tellez, Allison Winters, Dave Wolfe, Joe Wolfe, & Minnie Wolfe.

### **Military & Other Public Servants:**

1<sup>st</sup> Lt. William Clausen, US Army; Andrew Nguyen, US Air Force; Cadet Evan Schomaker, US Army; & Cody Wood, US Army.

### **The Community & World:**

Our prayer partner congregation, Mt. Tabor; schools; all victims of violence and/or warfare; those who have lost homes and businesses in the fires, hurricanes, and other natural disasters, all who are suffering because of COVID-19, and those recovering from addictions.

