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Pentecost
Sunday
June 4

Day at Dunkirk!

Sunday, June 11
Worship 10:30
Church Picnic
to follow



Begins Sunday,
June 25, 9:00 AM
in the Pavilion

The MESSENGER

JUNE 2017 Newsletter

Spring Clean Out

Well, it finally feels like spring! The flowers are blooming, the grass is growing and boaters are on the lake. During these spring months many of us get the urge to purge all the clutter from our homes and open the windows to let in the light and warmth.

Spring cleaning can also be done in our lives. When we open God's word, we can discover some areas in our lives that may need a clean-out. Here are a few ways to begin a spiritual spring cleaning in your life.

Clean out pride and replace it with humility:

"God opposes the proud but gives grace to the humble." James 4:6

Clean out unbelief and replace it with faith:

"See to it, brothers and sisters, that none of you has a sinful, unbelieving heart that turns away from the living God. But encourage one another daily, as long as it is called Today, so that none of you may be hardened by sin's deceitfulness." Hebrews 3:12-13

Clean out revenge and replace it with forgiveness:

"Do not repay anyone evil for evil. Be careful to do what is right in the eyes of everybody. If it is possible, as far as it depends on you, live at peace with everyone. Do not take revenge, my friends, but leave room for God's wrath, for it is written: 'It is mine to avenge; I will repay,' says the Lord." Romans 12:17-19

"Do not repay evil with evil or insult with insult, but with blessing, because to this you were called so that you may inherit a blessing." 1 Peter 3:9

Clean out gossip and replace it with encouragement:

"Do not let any unwholesome talk come out of your mouths, but only what is helpful for building others up according to their needs, that it may benefit those who listen. And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, with whom you were sealed for the day of redemption. Get rid of all bitterness, rage and anger, brawling and slander, along with every form of malice. Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you." Ephesians 4:29-32

It is essential that we take a look at our lives and begin to rearrange it so that God is in control. Clean and clear out any personal agendas and invite God to show you His will for your life. Be prayerfully committed to tackling your clean-out list and focus on the spring cleaning of your soul.

Blessings, Rev. Bill

Sunday Morning Participants - JUNE

Acolytes

6/4 Blake Shrout
6/18 Christian Shrout

Altar Guild

Karen Cuddihy & Shirley Haberman

Child Care

6/4 Kim Hoffritz
6/18 Lauren & Jake Zdrojewski

Greeter

6/4 Judy McNerney
6/18 LaDonna Painter

Coffee Hour Hosts

6/4 Judy McNerney, Pam Lach
6/18 no coffee hour

Lay Readers

6/4 Bob Velazquez
6/11 Cheryl Larson
6/18 Karen Cuddihy
6/25 Dave Burger

Ushers: Team 3

David Kaznica-Leader
Dan Barrett
Steve Jankowski
Bob Majewski
Bill Nizamoff
Bob Velazquez

Thank you to Judy and Pam for covering Coffee Hour and Greeters for June 4.

~LaDonna Painter, Hospitality Com.

WORSHIP ATTENDANCE

May

5/7 90
5/14 102
5/21 81
5/28

Spring—Summer Worship Schedule

June 4

Pentecost  Sunday
Congregational Meeting

June 11

Worship & Church Picnic at Dunkirk Camp & Conference Center

Service 10:30 AM, Vesper's Point
Church Picnic to follow

Please sign up on the landing.

(No services at St. Matthew's Church on this day.)

June 18

Last day of Sunday School

Worship Service 10:30 am

-Teacher's Appreciation

-Schueler Scholarships

-Children's Awards



June 25

Summer outdoor worship!

Services in the Pavilion 9:00 AM



To My Caring Church Family,

A note of "Thanks" to all who sent meals, cards, phone messages, visits and especially prayers. Back surgery is a slow healing process and physical therapy is so much fun!!! Looking forward to getting back to church and a normal routine.

God Bless each and everyone,

Love, Nancy





- 6/1 Marilyn Fenske
- 6/1 Shirley Stickler
- 6/2 Joann Ertel
- 6/4 Andy Federmann
- 6/4 Christian Kanaley
- 6/6 Jessie Gillette
- 6/9 Aaron Ertel
- 6/11 Katie Nowak
- 6/12 Steve Jankowski
- 6/15 Joan Haney
- 6/15 Travis Meyers
- 6/16 Keith Kanaley
- 6/18 Gary Burdick
- 6/18 Curt Pitcher
- 6/18 Sharon Raymond
- 6/19 Maxine Helm
- 6/22 Juliet Hoffritz
- 6/27 Roger Corlett
- 6/30 Tammy Kruszka
- 6/30 Diane Miltz

Pamela Kaznica
 Caleb Shrout
 Nancy Jankowski
 Margie Phillips
 Karen Kaitanowski
 Those in the Military & Veterans
 St. Matthew's Church



Those Residing in Assisted Living:
 Maxine Helm
 Miriam Sheffield

Happy Anniversary!

Carl & Brandi Nichols

June 8, 2013

Ken & Tammy Kruszka

June 10, 1989

Dennis & Margie Phillips

June 22, 1990



Ken & Shirley Haberman

June 24, 1967



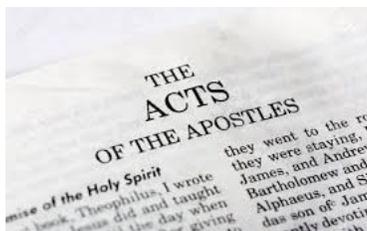
More than a dozen members of all ages rolled up their sleeves to spruce up the church property on Saturday, May 13... and had fun in the process!

On behalf of Andy Federmann and Buildings & Grounds Committee,

THANK YOU!



ADULT BIBLE STUDY continues!



Have you ever wondered...

what the disciples did after the resurrection and ascension of our Lord and Savior, Jesus ... what they were asked to do and how they were able to do it...how the church began ... how a persecutor of Christians became perhaps the greatest apostle who went on to fulfill God's will for him to establish churches.

In the book of Acts, you see how God can do amazing things through ordinary people when he empowers them through his Holy Spirit. Join us any given Wednesday evening for an hour beginning at 7:00. The last class will be on June 28th. Just bring your bible!

The Board of Christian Education is looking ahead to September and putting out a call for Sunday school teacher volunteers.

Anyone interested, please pray about it and contact me.

Diane Miltz, BCE President

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Pentecost

*All
the
Believers
were One
in Heart
and Mind.*

Acts 4:32

Middle School Students Support Ronald McDonald House

The students in the middle school Sunday school class worked together to make fleece blankets for sick children (and their families) who are in the hospital for extended periods of time and stay at the Ronald McDonald House in Buffalo.

At the end of April, the students gathered in the Fellowship Hall to make the blankets from donated pieces of fabric. The next day, the blankets were blessed by Rev. Bill, and later were hand-delivered.



Thank you to everyone who donated fleece and to Carla Shrout and Vanessa Rich who joined us in helping the kids put the blankets together. And most of all, thank you to the students who came up with the idea and made and delivered the blankets: Emily Rich, Sydney Capasso (and friend, Mia), Christian Shrout (and friend, Chase), and Sabrina Hoffritz.



After delivering the blankets, one student remarked how she was touched by meeting a sick child with her father in the house - making it all real and the gifts more meaningful.

We feel blessed by the opportunity to teach and share God's love with this great group of kids.

~ Michelle Kemp, Joann Ertel, Co-teachers

Last Call for Camp!

It is not too late to sign up for one or more of the great camps at Dunkirk. Check out the list of **Youth Camps**:

- June 25 – July 1 Senior High Camp and Pilgrims (Grades 1-4)
- July 2-8 Junior Highs (Grades 7-10) & Fine Arts (Grades 5-10)
- July 16-22 Outdoor Adventure (Grades 3-8)
- July 30-Aug. 6 Pioneer Camp (Grades 3-6)
- Aug. 6-12 Soccer Camp and Swim Camp (Grades 3-9)



Scholarship forms for the Timm Scholarship are in the Church Office.

Family Camp Two (July 23-29) is always a great experience for several of our St. Matthew's families. If you are first time family campers, kids can come free and parents are half price. Returning families who may need some financial help may take advantage of the Burdick/Dean Scholarship. See Gary Burdick for either of these scholarships or call him at 381-8079. Register online at dunkirkcc.com

**Friends of
Night People**

Please sign up to volunteer to help on **Wednesday, June 7,** and during the summer.

Questions? Contact Tom Schaner at 998-3138.



CIA Work Weekend

St. Luke's Mission of Mercy

May 19 and 20th.

Painting & Gardening



Progress Report - Parking Lot Fundraiser

As you may know, we are conducting a fund drive to offset the cost of the reconstruction of the parking lot and the driveways. The cost was between \$65,000 and \$70,000. In the past five months, we have raised over \$5,580 towards the fund. This means we have a long way to go.

As a break down, we have received: \$2,025 in memorials for loved ones, over \$2,400 from the basket raffle, and about \$885 in miscellaneous donations and your giving envelopes.

Also towards the fund drive, we have earned \$270 from the sale of F.I.R.S.T. certificates. This is an ongoing project. For every certificate that you buy for \$10, we earn \$2.50. These certificates are available any time from Nancy, and can be used any time at one of the restaurants listed on the certificate.

Looking ahead, watch for our drive-thru chicken BBQ. As always, we are looking for your financial support and your assistance in any of our fundraisers.

Again, we thank all of the volunteers who made baskets and goodies and assisted us in any way at the basket raffle.

-Steve Jankowski



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Update from St. Matthew's Library



Monthly Book Review

TITLE: "The Story"

PUBLISHER: Zondervan

Are you interested in the Bible written as one continuing story of God and His People in an easy-to-understand format?

"The Story" is condensed into thirty-one (31) accessible chapters and unfolds the progression of the Bible's characters and events from Genesis to Revelation. It allows the stories, poems, and teachings of the NIV Bible to read like a novel, and like any good story, it is filled with intrigue, drama, conflict, romance and redemption – and this story is true!

In a special introduction written by Joyce Meyer (one of the world's leading Bible teachers), she states "The Bible is really one big, beautiful story about an incredible God who loves His people".

A Teen Edition of "The Story" is also available. Written in a format geared towards teens, it is still the same powerful story. Max Lucado, well known preacher with a storyteller's gift and Randy Frazee, pastor and author, co-wrote the special introduction to this Teen Edition.

An accompanying DVD is also available in the library.

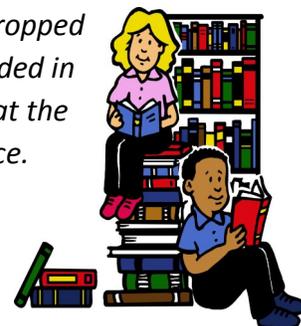
~ Brenda Carver

CHILDREN'S BOOK PROJECT

The library has a shortage of children's books.

Please help us by donating children's books (new or gently used) based on bible stories.

Books can be dropped off in bin provided in the library or at the church office.



A big THANK YOU to Debbie Zdrojewski and her mom, Alva Looze, for doing such a wonderful job decorating the bulletin boards in the hallway.

June 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 Praise Band 6:15 pm Choir 7:00 pm OA 7:30 pm	2 Men's Bible Study 7:30 am	3
4  PENTECOST Sunday School 9:15 am WORSHIP 10:30 am  Congregation Meeting	5	6 BCE 7:00 pm	7 AA 10:30am Friends of Night People Outreach Bible Study 7:00 pm	8 OA 7:30 pm	9 Men's Bible Study 7:30 am	10
11  Worship & Church Picnic at DCCC 10:30 AM Srvc Picnic to follow (church closed)	12 Church Council 7:00 pm	13	14 AA 10:30am Bible Study 7:00 pm	15 Activity Grp 12 noon Praise Band 6:15 pm Choir 7:00 pm OA 7:30 pm	16 Men's Bible Study 7:30 am	17
18 Father's Day Sunday School 9:15 am WORSHIP 10:30 am Schueler Scholarships, Teacher's Apprec.	19	20	21 AA 10:30am Bible Study 7:00 pm	22	23 Men's Bible Study 7:30 am	24
25  Outdoor Summer Worship begins! 9:00 AM	26	27	28 AA 10:30am Bible Study 7:00 pm	29	30 Men's Bible Study 7:30 am	

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No matter where you are in your life's journey, you are welcome here!