



ST. MATTHEW

# Messenger

Celebrating

67  
years

The Newsletter of St. Matthew Evangelical Lutheran Church - June 2023

## Three Ministries: Two New, One Continuing

Summer's almost here!

Summer typically brings changes to “regular” church schedules. It will for us at St. Matthew, too.

We've already started our “pre-summer” series in the Augsburg Confession for our Tuesday evening (6 p.m.) gatherings at Mr. Pizza. We discussed the historical situation that led to this core confession of our church and worked through the first five articles this past Tuesday. We'll continue through June, with a one week break on June 13 (my other job takes me to Mobile, Alabama Sunday evening through Thursday that week).

Meanwhile, two new ministries are getting ready to gear up.

Starting (tentatively) June 21 at 6:30 p.m. in Luther Hall, Rabbi Beth Schwartz and I will offer an eight-week study on the story of the binding of Isaac (Genesis 22) and its aftermath. This will be an interfaith and ecumenical experience, with folks from St. Matthew, St. Thomas Episcopal Church, New Hope Presbyterian Church and the Jewish congregations in Columbus especially invited.

And among the other growth groups we're getting started, we'll be starting a prayer group to pray specifically for the businesses and business people who are our immediate neighbors, from the two funeral homes nearest us to I-185. This is an opportunity to get to know and offer love our neighbors as our selves as through a ministries of prayer and presence along Macon Road. If you are interested in being part of launching this new caring ministry of our church, please let me know ([twbe@liturgyfolks.com](mailto:twbe@liturgyfolks.com)).

So rather than simply taking the summer off, this year we're taking the summer on to learn from and build deeper relationships with scripture, with other congregations and faiths, and with our neighbors as we live into our mission statement: Reach in to grow in Christ, Reach up to worship God, and Reach out to welcome and witness!

May the peace of Christ be always with you.

Pastor Taylor



Rabbi Beth Schwartz



30  
Sunday  
APRIL

PASTOR  
INSTALLATION  
SERVICE



Welcome  
Pastor!





Spring  
Potluck

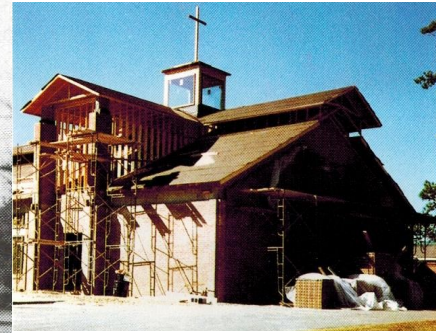


BIRTHDAY  
CELEBRATION



Christian  
fellowship

# Celebrating 67 Years



## We honor Mrs. Betty Davidson!

Ms. Betty is our last living charter member and we are so thankful for her and all the original 69 charter members who had a vision and followed God's call to organize and establish St. Matthew on June 10, 1956!



**Punch, Cake, Fellowship & Memories!**  
Please join us after worship on Sunday, June 11, in the Fellowship Hall to celebrate the 67th anniversary of St. Matthew Evangelical Lutheran Church.

We the undersigned, believing in the Lord Jesus Christ Our Saviour and desiring to have a place in our community where we and our children may worship Him, hereby petition the Board of American Missions of the United Lutheran Church in America to permit us to organize ourselves into a congregation of that body and to support the congregation by such means as the deem wise and advisable to foster its growth\_\_\_\_\_

If this request is granted, we pledge th Mission Board that we will faithfully and diligently prepare ourselves for membership in the congregation and will become confirmed members on the day that it is formally constituted and organized. As members of the congregation we pledge to support its efforts and do all within our ability to advance its growth. We will support the greater work of the church and the advancement of the Kingdom of Christ through the Benevolence Program of the Church at large\_\_\_\_\_

June 10, 1956 the following 69 charter members organized  
St. Matthew Lutheran Church:

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|-----------------------------|------------------------|
| 1. Ernest W. Scruggs        | 36. Gertrude M. Smith  |
| 2. Marie Scruggs            | 37. Hilda C. Fugate    |
| 3. Robert Scruggs           | 38. Roy C. Fugate      |
| 4. Esther Stanley           | 39. Erika Hopfer       |
| 5. Frank A. Stanley         | 40. Ludwig Spahr       |
| 6. Paul Smeby               | 41. Myrna M. Martin    |
| 7. Diane Smeby              | 42. Helen E. Martin    |
| 8. Gisela Martha Arrowood   | 43. William C. Martin  |
| 9. Paul Andersen            | 44. Alberta J. Loney   |
| 10. Aase R. Andersen        | 45. Ralph H. Loney     |
| 11. Hanne Andersen          | 46. India Broin        |
| 12. Janice Crumrine         | 47. Robert B. Broin    |
| 13. Gary Crumrine           | 48. Winifred Lambert   |
| 14. Robert S. Hood          | 49. Ross Lambert       |
| 15. Mary French             | 50. DeLouris Hollinger |
| 16. Katherine Knuth         | 51. Richard Hollinger  |
| 17. Ewald Knuth             | 52. Frank Andersen     |
| 18. Clara McCarley          | 53. Joseph Batliato    |
| 19. Paul McCarley           | 54. Mary P. Atkinson   |
| 20. Myra K. Gross           | 55. Vernon A. Atkinson |
| 21. Herbert L. Gross        | 56. Rebecca C. Moss    |
| 22. Betty A. Davidson       | 57. Julianne Plass     |
| 23. Charles P. Davidson Jr. | 58. Frank Plass        |
| 24. Frederick C. Bloom      | 59. Martin Steffen     |
| 25. Doris C. Burnes         | 60. Olga C. Steffen    |
| 26. Martha F. Hartje        | 61. Margot J. Balsar   |
| 27. Robert G. Hartje        | 62. Emma Schneeberger. |
| 28. Ruth S. Strine          | 63. Vida Arnold        |
| 29. Paul E. Strine          | 64. Carl P Langner     |
| 30. Walter M. Cox           | 65. Grace M. Langner   |
| 31. Johnnye Joyce Cox       | 66. Jo Ann Langner     |
| 32. Ann Kathleen Cox        | 67. Gretchen Langner   |
| 33. Betty Lou Endler        | 68. Paul W Heidt       |
| 34. Louis S. Endler         | 69. Daisy L. Heidt     |
| 35. Clyde M. Smith          |                        |

## All Saints

Joyce Garver-Messenger  
 Anneliese Schwarting  
 Hans Salheiser  
 Bobby Wright  
 Joe Stewart



## Prayer Requests

The Armed Forces, their families, and victims of war  
 Persecuted Christians  
 The ministries of St. Matthew  
 Presiding Bishop Elizabeth Eaton  
 Bishop Kevin Strickland  
 Southeastern Synod Staff  
 Seminarian, Brandon Konnow  
 Laura Alexander  
 Zocia Barr family  
 Keandra Bashful  
 Carol Bingemann  
 Dave Bonaker  
 Pat Bonaker  
 Eva Brown  
 Betty Davidson  
 Ken Hoag  
 Bennie Jackson  
 Mairetha Jackson  
 Marga Miller  
 Christine Minor  
 Traudel Mosely  
 Debby Owen  
 Dorothy Redden  
 Connie Sieg  
 Joan Smith  
 Jim Sperry  
 Carla Stickles  
 Albert VanHousen II  
 Margarete Walsh  
 Monika Wright  
 Gary Anderson  
 Judy Bultman  
 Kyle Carter

Jim Chappel  
 Jean Clemmons  
 Xavier Danguilan  
 Becky Goldsmith  
 Estrella Gonzales  
 Doris Grier  
 Beverly Huckaby  
 Norma Kilby  
 Ken Korn  
 Michelle Matthias  
 Tim Moore  
 Gary Nearhoof  
 Kimberly O'Malley  
 Michael Owen  
 Angela Paul  
 Vincent Pawlowski  
 Dwight Redmond  
 Tiffany Richardson  
 Dayna Ryan  
 Yuliia Savitska  
 Shirley Scott  
 Ricky Skinner  
 Betty Townsend  
 Charlie VanHousen  
 Dawn VanHousen  
 Martha Zimmerman



Birthday Celebration will be on 6/4/2023 this month in the Fellowship Hall after the worship service. Please join us!



## June Birthdays

4 Michael Steinagel	24 Betty Davidson
12 Dawn Hoag	26 Toni Mion
13 Donna Doughty	26 Anna Mion
17 Darien Sieg	29 Kelly Peterson
23 Mason Klein	30 Mario Mion

## Save the Date

- **Pub Theology (Mr. Pizza):** June 6, 20, 27 (6:00 pm)
- **Anniversary Celebration:** June 11 (11:30 am)
- **Bible Study (Luther Hall):** June 21, 28 (6:30 pm)
- **Congregation Council Meeting:** June 22 (4:00 pm)

## Finance Committee Report

	April 2023	Year to Date
Income	\$15,395	\$54,604
Expenses	\$12,808	\$43,961
Difference	\$ 2,587	\$10,643

# St. Matthew Evangelical Lutheran Church

## June 2023



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<p><b>Our Church's Anniversary</b></p>						
				1	2	3
4 <i>Trinity Sunday</i> Worship 10:30 AM Communion	5  AA 8:00 PM - LH	6  BIBLE STUDY 10:30AM CH  Pub Theology 6:00 PM at Mr. Pizza	7	8  AA 8:00 PM - LH	9	10
11 <i>2nd Sunday after Pentecost</i> Worship 10:30 AM Communion  Anniversary Celebration	12  AA 8:00 PM - LH	13  BIBLE STUDY 10:30AM CH	14	15  GERMAN CLUB 5:00 PM LH  AA 8:00 PM - LH	16	17
18 <i>3rd Sunday after Pentecost</i> Worship 10:30 AM Communion  Father's Day	19  AA 8:00 PM - LH	20  BIBLE STUDY 10:30AM CH  Pub Theology 6:00 PM at Mr. Pizza	21  Bible Study 6:30 LH	22  AA 8:00 PM - LH  COUNCIL MEETING 4:00	23	24
25 <i>4th Sunday after Pentecost</i> Worship 10:30 AM Communion	26  AA 8:00 PM - LH	27  BIBLE STUDY 10:30AM CH  Pub Theology 6:00 PM at Mr. Pizza	28  BIBLE STUDY 6:30 LH	29	30	

Contact Us . . .

## St. Matthew Evangelical Lutheran Church

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Visit us on the web at  
www.stmatthewcolumbusga.org

**Worship: Sundays at 10:30 am.**  
**Zoom is also available**

### OFFICE HOURS

Tuesday/Thursday 2:30 PM - 5:30 PM

Friday - 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM

### St. Matthew Evangelical Lutheran Church Mission Statement

*Reach in  
to grow in Christ  
Reach up  
to worship God  
Reach out  
to welcome and witness*

### Staff . . .

<b>Pastor</b>	Reverend Taylor Burton Edwards
<b>Parish Administrator</b>	Sonja Metcalf <i>office@stmatthewcolumbusga.org</i>
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