



ST. MATTHEW

Celebrating

67
years

Messenger

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

Thankful

As a Reading, Grammar and Writing teacher for many years, this time of the year inspired many writing topics for me to use for my students. The most used topic throughout the years was “What Are You Thankful For?” One year I was able to find a pumpkin with lines so students could write their response, color around their writing and cut out for a bulletin board display. Most of the students were excited to have only a few lines in which to write their response, however every few years I had a student that needed more than one pumpkin for their writing. These writings weren’t just a cute bulletin board filler. They were graded using a list of requirements to make sure each student fully understood the topic and explained their reasons for being thankful. As I reflect on those writings many of the students were thankful for many things, but they couldn’t explain why these things meant so much to them.

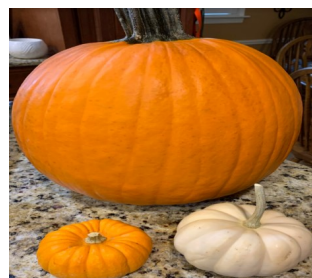


Are we, as the members of the Church body, any different? As young children and through our teenage years most of us were very thankful for our parents, grandparents, relatives, teachers and our pastors. We appreciated being fed, clothed, taught the Ten Commandments and the Lord’s Prayer at church. I was especially grateful to my Sunday School teachers, along with my parents, that taught me the miracles, promises and the life of Jesus. I haven’t stopped learning either! Each week as the Tuesday Bible Study group reads, discusses and dissects the weekly readings for clearer meaning, I am very thankful and grateful to each of the ladies in our group. I am very grateful for each one of you for the time, energy and love you give to our church. As I have grown older the things, I am grateful for aren’t necessarily material things like my students wrote in their writings.

Our Gospel lesson this Sunday is from Matthew 5: 3-11-the Beatitudes, and I can’t think of a better reading for the first Sunday of November. We don’t often think of the poor, mourners, meek, hungry and persecuted as being thankful or appreciative. They will be rewarded when they enter the kingdom of God. Each of us faces different ordeals in life, and we know that our reward will be revealed in heaven.

What more could we be thankful for?

Rose Johnson
Council President





Annual Congregational Meeting

When: Sunday, November 12, 2023 - Following worship

ANNUAL
CONGREGATIONAL
MEETING

Where: In the sanctuary

All voting members of the church (adult members and confirmed youth) are encouraged to attend this meeting to discuss the business of St. Matthew Evangelical Lutheran Church.

Annual Congregational Meeting

Sunday, November 12, 2023

Following worship (approximately 11:45am)

All voting members of the church (adult members and confirmed youth) are encouraged to attend this meeting to discuss the business of St. Matthew Lutheran Church. You may choose to attend in person or remotely by phone or computer.

- **Attend in person:** Please be in the sanctuary at the end of the worship service (approximately 11:45)

For attendance by phone or computer, please follow the appropriate instructions below:

- **To Zoom into the meeting:**

Time: 11:45 AM EST - please join a few minutes early. Also, please remember to mute your device when you call in! You are welcome to unmute when there is something you need to ask.

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://zoom.us/j/92232378783?pwd=RjdGK1pHdXh2T25NYWpiYmhKaWxQZz09>

Meeting ID: 922 3237 8783

Passcode: 784713

Dialing instructions (long distance rates may apply):

1. Dial 1 301 715 8592
2. At the prompt, enter the Meeting ID: 922 3237 8783 and Passcode: 784713

Dialing shortcut for one tap mobile (audio only, long distance rates may apply):

- +13017158592,,92232378783#,,,,*784713# US (Washington DC)
- +13126266799,,92232378783#,,,,*784713# US (Chicago)



REMEMBRANCE GATHERING

Thank you to those who have participated in the remembrance gatherings we have had so far. This is such a meaningful experience. We are having another gathering on Tuesday, **November 14th at 3:00** in the Church House. We invite all who would like to share their own or family stories related to World War II. Please feel free to invite others to attend! If you have any questions, please contact Zocia Barr at (706) 330-1001.

Oktoberfest

LOTS OF GREAT FOOD AND
LOTS OF GREAT FUN!
THANK YOU TO EVERYONE
WHO ORGANIZED,
BROUGHT A DISH AND
ATTENDED!
WE LOVE OUR ST.
MATTHEW FELLOWSHIP
TIME!



Unity Service


Please join us at Temple Israel
1617 Wildwood Ave.
Columbus, GA 31906

on Sunday, November 12th at 6:00 PM
for a Unity Service.


Congratulations!

Congratulations Jordi on a successful and amazing Senior Recital at CSU! We love you!




THE JOYCE & HENRY SCHWOB SCHOOL OF MUSIC
 COLUMBUS STATE UNIVERSITY
 SAUNDERS CENTER FOR MUSIC STUDIES

Jordi Banitt, flute
Tatiana Muzanova, piano
Ben Richardson, guitar
Wednesday, November 1, 2023
RiverCenter, Legacy Hall
 7:30 PM

Sonata in E Major, BWV 1035	J.S. Bach (1685-1750)
I. Adagio ma non tanto	
II. Allegro	
John Doe's Running	Deirdre Lynds (b. 1965)
I. The Mind Field	
II. Anxieties	
III. Dreams of Freedom	
IV. Escape Attempt	
Concerto for Flute and Orchestra	Carl Nielsen (1865-1931)
I. Allegro moderato	
<i>Intermission</i>	
Mei for solo flute	Kazuo Fukushima (b. 1930)
First Sonata for Flute and Piano	Bohuslav Martinu (1890-1959)
I. Allegro moderato	
II. Adagio	
III. Allegro poco moderato	

Jordi Banitt is a student of Andrée Martin.
 This recital is given in partial fulfillment of the requirements for
 the Bachelor's of Music degree.

Birthday Celebration will be on 11/5/2023 this month in the Fellowship Hall after the worship service. Please join us!

November Birthdays



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| 1 Zach Rollinson | 11 Mike Taylor |
| 1 Lisa Pettit | 14 Cecil McGouirk |
| 2 Sara Catherine Johnson | 14 Debby Ullman |
| 5 Clara Vargas | 17 Samantha Thies |
| 5 Michelle Mathias | 18 Katherine Kelly |
| 8 Bella Burns | 18 John Schwarting |
| 8 Faith Schwarting | 19 Bill Wallace |
| 10 Abigail Peterson | 23 Constance Johnson |
| 10 Amanda Regnier | 24 Amy Hoag |
| 10 Jeff Stickles | 27 Forrest Klein |
| 10 Martha Vargas | |



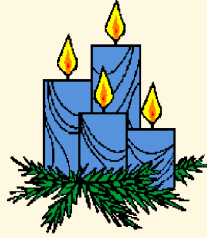
Advent & Christmas Services



Midweek Worship

Wednesday, 5:30 p.m.

December 6, 13, 20



Weihnachts Service

Sunday, December 17
2:00 p.m.

Christmas Eve

Holy Communion Service
Saturday, December 24
7:30 p.m.



Finance Committee Report

	September 2023	Year to Date
Income	\$9,279	\$105,731
Expenses	\$12,858	\$115,010
Difference	\$-3,579	\$ 9,279

Operation Christmas Child

Children ages 2-14



The following items are needed for Operation Christmas Child boxes. Please place the items in the box in the narthex labeled "Operation Christmas Child".

Small cars, balls, small stuffed animals, kazoos, harmonicas, yo-yos, jump ropes, slinky, small dolls, toys that light up or make noise, pens, pencils, pencil sharpeners, crayons, markers, small notebooks or writing pads, solar calculators, small coloring books, small picture books, tooth brushes, bar soap in original wrappers, washcloth, ballcaps, sunglasses, watches, flashlights (with extra batteries), combs, hairbrushes, hair accessories. **Please: NO war related items, military items, guns, knives, toothpaste, candy, gum, chocolate, food, liquids, glass, breakable items, aerosols.**

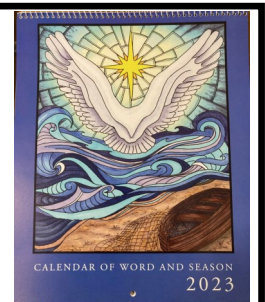
If you would like to make a monetary donation to cover the processing of each shoe box (\$10 per box) OR have us shop for you, please see Allena Sperry. Thank you for assisting with this mission. If you have any questions, please contact Allena Sperry at 706-563-3107 or agsperry@bellsouth.net.

We will be packing boxes on November 14th at 12:00 in Luther Hall for our 18th year! Join us!

Donations will be collected through
Sunday, November 12

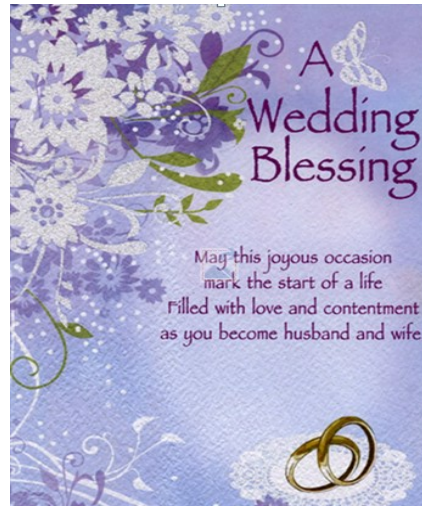
Calendars

The 2024 Calendars are now available for \$10 each from Altar Guild members. Proceeds from the calendar sales will support purchases of worship supplies, including everything from communion wafers to palms for Palm Sunday.



All Saints

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



Congratulations to Jack Steinagel and Katie McIntosh on their marriage on November 4th at the Botanic Garden at Georgia Southern University where they met. Jack is the grandson of Zocia Barr and the son of Mike and Renee Steinagel.



Prayer Requests

The Armed Forces, their families, & victims of war	Jean Clemmons
Persecuted Christians	Xavier Danguilan
The ministries of St. Matthew	Brandy Garnett
Presiding Bishop Elizabeth Eaton	Becky Goldsmith
Bishop Kevin Strickland	Estrella Gonzales
Southeastern Synod Staff	Doris Grier
Seminarian, Brandon Konnow	Petra Henderson
Laura Alexander	Beverly Huckaby
Zocia Barr family	Norma Kilby
Keandra Bashful	Ken Korn
Carol Bingemann	Laura Lester
Dave Bonaker	Robert Lowe
Pat Bonaker	Michelle Matthias
Eva Brown	Tim Moore
Betty Davidson	Gary Nearhoof
Ken Hoag	Kimberly O'Malley
Myrna Hoag	Michael Owen
Bennie Jackson	Angela Paul
Mairetha Jackson	Vincent Pawlowski
Marga Miller	Dwight Redmond
Traudel Mosely	Tiffany Richardson
Debby Owen	Dayna Ryan
Dorothy Redden	Yuliia Savitska
Connie Sieg	Shirley Scott
Joan Smith	Ricky Skinner
Jim Sperry	Betty Townsend
Carla Stickles	Charlie VanHousen
Albert VanHousen II	Dawn VanHousen
Margarete Walsh	Martha Zimmerman
Monika Wright	
Gary Anderson	
Judy Bultman	
Kyle Carter	
Jim Chappel	

Business Prayer Requests



Mr. Pizza	Gold Teeth World
Quality Inn	Apparel King & More
Smoke Buddy's	Hollywood Barber Shop
Days Inn	The Cell Plug
Enterprise	Plaza Furniture
Comfort Inn	Guthrie's
Octapharma Plasma	Master-Kleen
Kamoree's Beauty Salon	Title Max
Broken Tarot Tattoo & Piercing	JD Wings
Beaute' Matrix	Burger King
5 Fourteen	Animal General Hospital
DQ	Klose Kutz
Freedom Adult Day Center	Xpert Tax Service
Transformation Salon	Gateway Church
Pathway Worship Center	Bi-City Driving School
Menzie Dance Company	Sunset Finance
Frankie's Hair Design	Diamond Kutz
AMG Financial	Kee J's
Acceptance Auto	Angel's Nails
Phuong's Tailor Shop	Y & J Health
Walgreen's	Hidden Lake Grocery
USPS	Beauty Queen
Peachtree Immediate Care	Brewster's
Hidden Lake Bottle Shop	Waffle House

Did you know that you can go to our website and leave a prayer request for yourself? Just click here <https://forms.wix.com/r/7095504952415486031> to be taken to the prayer request form.

The Athanasian Creed: Join us each Tuesday at Mr. Pizza at 6:00 PM as we study the Athanasian Creed! We would love to see there for fellowship and the growth of our knowledge of this very important creed in the life of the church.

St. Matthew Evangelical Lutheran Church

November 2023

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1	2	3	4 
5 All Saint's Worship 10:30 AM Communion Birthday Celebration after service	6 AA 8:00 PM - LH	7 BIBLE STUDY 10:30AM CH Athanasian Creed Study at Mr. Pizza 6:00	8	9 AA 8:00 PM - LH	10	11
12 24th Sunday after Pentecost Worship 10:30 AM Communion Congregational Meeting Unity Service 6:00 PM	13 AA 8:00 PM - LH	14 BIBLE STUDY 10:30AM CH Remembrance Gathering 2:00 CH Athanasian Creed Study at Mr. Pizza 6:00	15	16 GERMAN CLUB 5:00 PM LH Council Meeting 4:00 CH AA 8:00 PM - FH	17	18
19 25th Sunday after Pentecost Worship 10:30 AM Communion	20 AA 8:00 PM - LH	21 BIBLE STUDY 10:30AM CH Athanasian Creed Study at Mr. Pizza 6:00 OFFICE CLOSED	22	23 HAPPY THANKSGIVING DAY!  OFFICE CLOSED	24 OFFICE CLOSED	25
26 Christ the King Sunday Worship 10:30 AM Communion	27 AA 8:00 PM - LH	28 BIBLE STUDY 10:30AM CH Athanasian Creed Study at Mr. Pizza 6:00	29	30 AA 8:00 PM - LH		

Contact Us . . .

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www.stmatthewcolumbusga.com

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

OFFICE HOURS

Tuesday/Thursday 2:00 PM - 5:00 PM

Friday - 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM

***OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED THE WEEK OF
NOVEMBER 20TH FOR THANKSGIVING HOLIDAYS**

St. Matthew Evangelical Lutheran Church Mission Statement

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

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