

St. Matthew's



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JUNE 2017 NEWSLETTER

St. Matthew's Lutheran Church

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You are invited to an afternoon of food, fellowship and fun by the lake!

What: summer gathering and picnic with Resurrection Lutheran at Lake Montonia.

When: Sunday, June 4. There will be no Sunday school that morning. An abbreviated worship service will begin at 10:00am at each church. Feel free to dress more casually for worship and plan to go out to the lake for the picnic following worship.




Where: worship at 10am at both churches; picnic at 11:30am at Lake Montonia.

What is there to do? There is plenty of space for yard games and toys. You are encouraged to bring games to play. There is also an opportunity to take a swim in the lake so please plan accordingly if you would like to do so. (See swimming rules!) Bring snacks for the afternoon.

Additional Information: fried chicken and baked ham will be provided for lunch as well as paper products, cups and eating utensils, iced tea and water. If you would like something other than tea or water to drink you are welcome to bring that with you. Also you are asked to bring covered-dish sides and desserts to go along with the provided meats. Worship that morning will be brief so there should be plenty of time to make the transition and begin the picnic by 11:30am. We hope to see you at the lake on June 4!

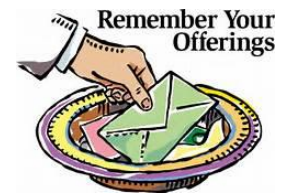
Directions to Lake Montonia: take King Street east to the intersection of York Road (Hwy 161 - Hardees on left) and take a right. Continue south on York Road. After you cross over I-85 go about half a mile and take a left at fork in road onto Lake Montonia Road. Continue on this road, and take second right which will continue as Lake Montonia Road. You will then come to an entrance gate. Once entering the gate, take a right and immediately go straight and continue on Lake Montonia Road around the lake. The lake will be on your left side as you go around. You will see the picnic shelter area on the left. One car at a time through the gate when entering and leaving.

Swimming Rules at Lake Montonia - Everyone is invited to swim after lunch. Lake Montonia is a private lake. Swim at your own risk. There are no life guards. All swimming is on the other side at the swimming area. Parents are responsible for their children. There is no swimming across the lake. Stay within the bars and buoys. No walking or diving off the bars in the swimming area.

 from the Pastor. . .

Sunday, May 21, we had a chance to share with a synod volunteer, performance artist Stephanie Burke, what God is doing at St. Matthew's. It was a source of pride as we learned all the ministry that is being accomplished at our church.

As we head off for vacations, picnics, graduations, etc., I pray that you have a blessed and renewing summer. In order to continue God's work here and to be Jesus' hands in the community and the world, we need your participation. When you are away, remember that the church's expenses continue. Please support our ministry together with your continued financial support even when you are away. Revelation 3:16 records some harsh words for lukewarm Christians: *So, because you are lukewarm, and neither cold nor hot, I am about to spit you out of my mouth.*



A more folksy way of looking at our mutual responsibility revolves around a wine barrel. The community celebration required a barrel of wine. People started thinking - "If I put in a jug of water, no one will know I am stingy". So many people poured in just water that the celebration had to go on without wine. The contents of the barrel tasted like water!

Please do not be a lukewarm Christian nor a watered down St. Matthew's member. Our ministry together cannot function or flourish without your whole-hearted financial and volunteer support.

Thank you, and have a great summer!

Pastor Ed

Hymn Sing

St. Matthew's Lutheran Church will host another community hymn-sing on Sunday afternoon, June 11. We encourage members to plan to attend the hymn-sing and invite your friends, family, and neighbors. The aim of these services is to provide a casual time of fellowship and fun. We will try to sing a variety of hymns, spirituals, and gospel music, and this will include hymns that are not typically found in a Lutheran hymnal. We plan to have the hymn-sing in the afternoon, so that those who attend another church will have an opportunity to come. Having an afternoon service will also give our members time to enjoy lunch and come back to the church. **We hope that you will plan to join us at 3:00pm on Sunday, June 11 for our second "hymn-sing"!**

NEW CARPET TO BE INSTALLED

Donations Welcome ...
We Appreciate Your Help!

St. Matthew's Church Council makes a recommendation that the carpet in the fellowship hall be replaced as it is showing signs of age and is becoming a tripping hazard.

If you would like to make a special contribution to this project, please place your check on the offering plate on Sunday or mail it to the church office. Mark it for "carpet replacement". The carpet would be installed during the summer when there are fewer activities and meetings in the fellowship hall.

PRAYER REQUESTS

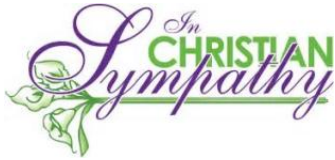
If you have someone to add to the prayer list please contact the church office. Names will be left on this prayer list for three weeks, then removed unless we are made aware of an ongoing need.

Our members, friends and family of the congregation:

- Melba Boyles (mother of Janet Suber; suffered a stroke and is in Kings Mountain Hospital)
- Carolyn Rhyne (our Music Director/Organist; broken shoulder from a fall)
- Kathy Goforth (president of the Church Council at Resurrection Lutheran; at home recuperating from back surgery)

Homebound: Kathleen Bridges, Meta Kopruch, and Jackie Queen.
Non-members: Cindy Campbell (mother of *Beth Suber*), and *Thelma Houser* (mother of *Charles Houser*)

Those in assisted living/nursing homes: Joyce Howell



We extend the sympathy of the congregation to:

the family of Eloise Stark Gallagher, former member of St. Matthew's, who passed away on April 30 in Shelby. Eloise joined Central United Methodist Church several years ago so that she could attend church with her daughter.

Tim Gladden at the death of his sister, Mrs. Ozelle G. Dixon, on April 28.

Ross Roberts at the death of his grandmother, Mrs. Louise Hambright Roberts, on Saturday, May 6.

the family of Louis (John) Kiser, Jr., 82, who died May 6 in Bellevue, WA. He was a native of Kings Mountain and the son of the late Louis Arnold and Julia Kiser, all former members of St. Matthews. A graveside service will be held at noon on June 17 at Mountain Rest Cemetery.

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The family of Herman Mauney (brother of Charles F. Mauney of Blowing Rock) invites anyone who wishes to attend that the interment of Herman's ashes will take place at the family columbarium at Mountain Rest Cemetery on Sunday, June 18, at 3:30pm.



The Church Council asks that any concerns or requests for repairs to the church property be submitted directly to the church office. These requests will then be forwarded to the appropriate committee or person responsible. Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

Pastor Ed requests that if you need him you call his cell phone at 704-962-0103 or text him at that number, instead of leaving a message on the church phone, which he may not receive immediately.

The Crisis Ministry is in need of jars of jelly, jars of peanut butter, bottles of cooking oil, mac 'n' cheese, spaghetti sauce and spaghetti noodles. Items may be placed in Mumsie's Little Red Wagon located in the narthex.

Back Pack Food Ministry needs: individual cups of cereal, packs of oatmeal or grits, cans of soup, individually packaged breakfast, lunch, or dinner items, and individually packaged snack foods. PLEASE check expiration date on packages! Leave items in the downstairs kitchen area, or on a pew in the fellowship hall. Bobby and Susan Buchanan are in charge of packing the back packs during the month of May. Please consider volunteering to pack bags or financially supporting this important ministry. Contact Juanita Lutz, Social Ministry Chairman, at 704-739-3707 for more information.



Women's Fellowship

Sisters in Christ will meet on Thursday, **June 8**, at noon at Gentle Moon Café. All ladies are invited. E-mail Susan Buchanan at sbuchanan@carolina.rr.com or call her at 704-484-1808 if you plan to attend so that she can reserve the space for the meeting. We hope that you will be able to join us!!!

CHILDREN/YOUTH INFORMATION

Children and youth of all ages are invited to join us for EPIC Sunday on **June 25**. We will meet downstairs for the entirety of the eleven o'clock worship service. We will be enjoying time together as we grow in Christ. For more information, please see Beth Suber or contact her at 704-692-6712 or email her at bsecsmom@gmail.com.

Bring your journal!

Confirmation Class meets Sunday, **June 25**, at 1:00pm.

Highlights of May 14, 2017 Church Council Meeting

- 1) **Approval** of meeting agenda with two additions.
- 2) **Approval** of minutes for April 9, 2017 Church Council meeting.
- 3) Interim Pastor's Report and Committee Reports received as information.
- 4) Carpet samples for replacing the carpet in the fellowship hall were selected. Members will be asked to make the final selection from the samples. Members will be invited to make donations toward the purchase.
- 5) Approved a new *St. Matthew's Facility Use Policy*, *St. Matthew's Lutheran Church Wedding Policy for Members of St. Matthew's Lutheran Church*, and *Funeral Policy for Members of St. Matthew's Lutheran Church* with updated fee schedule.
- 6) Six St. Matthew's youth have received scholarships to attend Lutheridge this summer.
- 7) A meeting with a volunteer synod representative was confirmed for May 21; will have abbreviated worship service and a meal.
- 8) **Approval** of Swannetta Fink to attend Synod Assembly June 2-4 as a delegate from St. Matthew's along with President Robert Wilson.
- 9) The year 2017 marks the Reformation's 500th Anniversary. Council president Robert Wilson will check with Resurrection about continuing our joint Reformation Service. Other churches may also be invited to participate in this special anniversary service.
- 10) Confirmed Joint Church Picnic with Resurrection on June 4 with worship at 10:00am at each church; picnic at 11:30am at Lake Montonia. Directions/swimming guidelines will be provided.
- 11) Pastor Ed's office schedule has been revised. He is here on Sundays and is in the office on Thursdays. He is available by phone (704-962-0103) at any time that he is needed.
- 12) Approval of treasurer's report.

The next meeting of Church Council is Sunday, **June 11**, at 8:00 a.m. in the conference room. Contact Robert Wilson by Monday, **June 5**, if you wish to have an item added to the council agenda. His phone number is 803-610-7215 or email him at carolinateacher@me.com



EPIC SUNDAY - Here are a few pictures from EPIC Sunday on May 14 as the children focused their attention on Philippians 4:13, "I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me." The children made a list of things God gives us the strength to do and then the kids created watercolor cross paintings and incorporated the verse in their artwork.



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>B = Birthday If yours is incorrect or not listed please contact the church office at 704-739-7466 or email us at smlc@carolina.rr.com</p>			(The choir will not rehearse during the month of June)	1 NC Synod Assembly	2 Church office closed NC Synod Assembly	3
<p>4 DAY OF PENTECOST</p> <p>No Sunday School 10:00am Worship Service 11:30am JOINT PICNIC AT LAKE MONTONIA</p> <p>B-Trey McIntyre</p>	5 Items due for council agenda	6	7	8 Noon – Sisters in Christ luncheon at Gentle Moon Café 6:30pm Girl Scouts (last meeting until fall)	9 Church office closed	10
<p>11 THE HOLY TRINITY</p> <p>8:00am Church Council meeting 9:15am Continental Breakfast 9:45am Sunday School 11:00am Worship with Holy Communion 3:00pm Hymn-Sing</p> <p>B-Priscilla Mauney</p>	12	13	14 12:30pm Devotion at Heritage Oaks	15	16 Church office Closed	17
<p>18 2nd Sunday after Pentecost</p> <p>FATHER'S DAY</p> <p>9:15am Continental Breakfast 9:45am Sunday School 11:00am Worship with Holy Communion</p> <p>B-Judy Wilson</p>	19	20	21 Summer begins	22 7:00pm LFS monthly meeting	23 Church office closed	24 B-Robert Wilson
<p>25 3rd Sunday after Pentecost</p> <p>9:15am Continental Breakfast 9:45am Sunday School 11:00am Worship with Holy Communion EPIC Sunday (children will meet downstairs for worship) 1:00pm Confirmation Class</p>	26 Items due for July newsletter	27 B-Fred Kiser	28	29 Secretary out of the office	30 Church office closed	

