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JULY 2017 NEWSLETTER

St. Matthew's Lutheran Church

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Serving the community since 1875
Established 1876

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Word from Our Pastor

There are words from a song that reverberate in my consciousness: *"accentuate the positive, eliminate the negative, and don't mess with*

Mr. In-Between." Positivity, encouragement, and enthusiasm are contagious. The humorist, Mark Twain, once wrote, *"I can live on a good compliment for a month."* Haddon Robinson, a great teacher of preachers, was asked how he was so successful as a seminary president. He replied, *"I just try to catch somebody doing something good."*

I try to affirm our St. Matthew's leaders, volunteers, and even our "pew potatoes" often, since I frequently catch them doing some dedicated and selfless acts. They do these things to the glory of God and not for recognition. However, Barbara Brown, a widely recognized preacher out of the Anglican tradition, one Sunday praised some folks from the pulpit. Guess what? She regretted it – people not mentioned were green with envy. Therefore, I will not make that same mistake. Thank you each and everyone of you for all you do for the Kingdom of God through St. Matthew's!

Pastor Ed



Philippians 1:3-5



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Hymn-sing

Sunday, July 2, at 3:00 p.m.

Invite family and friends to come with you for an afternoon of singing your favorite hymns!

If you play an instrument please feel free to bring it with you to the service if you would like to play along on one or more of the hymns.

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:

- Kathy Goforth (president of the Church Council at Resurrection Lutheran; is now walking with a walker as she continues to improve following 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

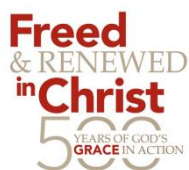
Highlights of June 11, 2017 Church Council Meeting

- 1) **Approval** of meeting agenda.
- 2) **Approval** of minutes for May 7, 2017 Church Council meeting.
- 3) **Approved** accepting bid of Gaston Sheet Metal to repair the roof of the bell tower in the amount of \$5,989 after receiving three proposals.
- 4) **Approved** not having a St. Matthew's newsletter in August..
- 6) **Approved** only providing college scholarships as currently designated in guidelines.
- 7) **Approval** of combining Evangelism and Social Ministry Committees into Evangelism/Social Ministry Committee.
- 8) **Approval** of Heather Reamer's request that she be given the old carpet from the fellowship hall when new carpet is installed.
- 8) **Approval** of visiting minister from Charleston, to lead service in July or August pro-bono (former pastor of Tim and Rachel Gladden).
- 9) **Approval** of treasurer's report.

The next Church Council meeting is Sunday, **July 9**, at 8:00 a.m. in the conference room. Contact Robert Wilson by Monday, **July 3**, 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

Looking Back & Called Forward



Save the date! Plan on joining ELCA Presiding Bishop Elizabeth Eaton on Tuesday, **October 31**, as she co-hosts a commemoration of the 500th anniversary of the Reformation. The event, *Looking Back & Called Forward: ELCA500*, will include

speakers and a worship service, and will be held at Lutheran Church of the Reformation on Capitol Hill in Washington, D.C. Bishop Eaton will be joined by co-hosts IN-KY Synod Bishop Bill Gafkjen, ELCA Vice President Bill Horne, and Metro D.C. Synod Bishop Dick Graham. The event is open to the public and will be available online via livestream.

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.

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.

Our Back Pack Food Ministry has been a very successful ministry during the school year. We have helped to feed many children who go without food on the weekends. We as that you continue bringing food during the summer months in order to stock our pantry for the fall. Our food needs are: 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 be sure to check expiration dates on packages! Leave items in the downstairs kitchen area, or on a pew in the fellowship hall. Please consider volunteering this fall to pack bags or financially supporting this important ministry. Contact Juanita Lutz at 704-739-3707 for more information.

Children and youth of all ages are invited to join us for EPIC Sunday on **July 9**. We will meet downstairs for the entirety of the eleven o'clock worship service. For more information, contact Beth Suber at 704-692-6712 or email her at bsecsmom@gmail.com . **Bring your journal!**

Confirmation Class will not meet in July.

The Church Council would like to remind anyone who wishes to make a donation toward the purchase of new carpet for the fellowship hall to make their check out to SMLC and put "carpet" on the memo line. Put it In the offering plate on Sunday or mail It to the church office.



Sisters in Christ will meet on Thursday, **July 13**, at noon at Gentle Moon Café. 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 all ladies of the congregation will be able to join us!!!



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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 July)			1
<p>2 4th Sunday after Pentecost</p> <p>9:15am Continental Breakfast 9:45am Sunday School 11:00am Worship with Holy Communion 3:00pm Hymn-Sing</p>	<p>3</p> <p>Secretary on vacation</p> <p>Items due for council agenda</p>	<p>4</p> <p>Holiday - Church office Closed</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>4th July * Happy * Independence Day</i></p>	<p>5</p> <p>Secretary on vacation</p>	<p>6</p> <p>Secretary on vacation</p> <p>B-Ann LeFevers B-Alex Mauney B-Charlie Mauney</p>	<p>7</p> <p>Church office Closed</p> <p>B-Susan Buchanan</p>	8
<p>9 5th Sunday after Pentecost</p> <p>8:00am Church Council meeting 9:15am Continental Breakfast 9:45am Sunday School 11:00am Worship with Holy Communion; EPIC Sunday , children meet downstairs for worship</p>	<p>10</p> <p>B-Myra McGinnis</p>	11	12	<p>13</p> <p>Noon – Sisters in Christ luncheon at Gentle Moon Café</p>	<p>14</p> <p>Church office Closed</p>	15
<p>16 6th Sunday after Pentecost</p> <p>9:15am Continental Breakfast 9:45am Sunday School 11:00am Worship with Holy Communion</p>	17	18	19	<p>20</p> <p>7:00pm LFS monthly meeting</p>	<p>21</p> <p>Church office Closed</p>	22
<p>23 7th Sunday after Pentecost</p> <p>9:15am Continental Breakfast 9:45am Sunday School 11:00am Worship with Holy Communion</p>	24	<p>25</p> <p>Items due for August newsletter</p>	26	27	<p>28</p> <p>Church office Closed</p>	29
<p>30 8th Sunday after Pentecost</p> <p>9:15am Continental Breakfast 9:45am Sunday School 11:00am Worship with Holy Communion</p> <p>B-Margaret Boheler B-Jacqueline Queen</p>	<p>31</p> <p>B-Mack LeFevers</p>					

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**A Community of
 God's Redeemed People**

Church Staff

Interim Pastor, Rev. Ed Crotty	704-962-0103
Secretary, Faye Dellinger	704-739-7466
Music Director/Organist, Carolyn Rhyne	704-860-7571
Pre-School Director, Ina Blanton	704-739-7467
Sexton, Jewel Watson (call Property or the church office)	

Council Officers (until 12-31-16):

President, Robert Wilson	803-610-7215
Vice-President, Nancy Smith	704-739-9428
Secretary, Nancy Abasiekong	704-473-3225
Treasurer, Jeff Mauney	704-692-4186

Committee Chairpersons:

Altar Guild, Emily Suber	704-739-6710
Benevolent Foundation, Fred Kiser	704-739-5471
Christian Education, Beth Suber	704-692-6712
& Tim Buchanan	704-477-7184
Evangelism/Social Ministry, Susan Buchanan	704-484-1808
& Juanita Lutz	740-739-3707
Property, Vinny Hollenberger	704-750-4130
& Jimmy Mauney	704-739-9137
Stewardship/Finance, Myra McGinnis	704- 473-9338
Worship & Music, Judy Wilson	704-739-3547

Servers for July, 2017

Communion Assistant: Vinny Hollenberger
 Usher Captain: Tim Buchanan
 Usher: Howard Lutz

<u>Date:</u>	<u>Capacity:</u>	<u>Server:</u>
July 2	Flowers: Greeter Lector	Chris & Mike Nichols Aniedi Abasiekong Judy Wilson
July 9	Flowers Greeter Lector	OPEN Margaret McGinnis Jeff Mauney
July 16	Flowers Acolyte/Crucifer Greeter Lector	OPEN Ila Reamer Vinny Hollenberger Beth Suber
July 23	Flowers Greeter Lector	Jim & Anne Mauney Fred Kiser Robert Wilson
July 30	Flowers Acolyte/Crucifer Greeter Lector	OPEN Samaria Downs Chuck Downs Judy Wilson