

# The View

March/April 2025

## A NEWSLETTER FROM ST. MATTHIAS LUTHERAN CHURCH

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What household chore do you hate to do? Is it ironing? cleaning the bathroom? doing laundry? washing dishes? dusting?

shoveling snow off the sidewalk? It seems like everyone has at least one household chore they really don't like to do. But our answers will vary, depending on our preferences.

But there's **one** thing almost no one likes to do. And that's self-reflection. It's asking yourself, "What are my faults and shortcomings?". And as Christians, it's asking yourself, "What are all the ways that I've chosen to rebel against God today (by not following God's commandments)?" And not just in what we've done. But as we confess in worship... "we have sinned against you (God) in thought, word, and deed".

How have we sinned against God in the thoughts that have gone through our head? Or in the words that have come from our mouth (or written in a text, email, letter, or something we've posted on the internet)? Or in the deeds or actions we've done... at home, at work, at school, at the grocery store, while driving, etc.?

Almost no one likes doing self-reflection. But as Christians, it's vital to our relationship with God, and with one another. As we hear in 1<sup>st</sup> John, "If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, (God) is faithful and just, and will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. If we say we have not sinned, we make (God) a liar, and His word is not in us." (1 John 1:8-10)

Lent is a time of deep self-reflection. It reminds us of the parable Jesus told about the man who humbled himself before God, "But the tax collector, standing far off, would not even lift up his eyes to heaven, but beat his breast, saying, 'God, be merciful to me, a

sinner!'". (Luke 18:13)

Lent is a time of reminding ourselves of how deeply sinful we really are, and humbly coming before God to confess those sins. It's only then that we can feel the full impact of what God's forgiveness really means, and everything Jesus did to give up His own life to save us.

We invite you to join us for the season of Lent, and entering into a time of deep self-reflection, and the revelation of how gracious, loving, and forgiving God really is. And how we can offer that same kind of love to our neighbors, even (and especially) to those whom we consider our enemies. Thanks be to God!

In Christ,  
Pastor Paul

### **Ash Wednesday Worship on March 5**

The season of Lent begins on Ash Wednesday, March 5, and we'll gather for worship and the imposition of ashes at 7pm that evening. Please welcome any friends or neighbors who would like to attend!



### **Souper Bowl of Caring Results**



Thank you to everyone who contributed during the Souper Bowl of Caring on the weekend of February 9<sup>th</sup>. We collected \$186, which went directly to our wonderful partners in ministry, the Westmoreland County Food Bank, to help feed those who are hungry. Thank you for your wonderful generosity!



### **Wednesday Evenings in Lent**

During the season of Lent, come and join us for **worship and Bible study** as you're able! **All are welcome**, so please invite your neighbors and friends! The schedule is as follows:

March 5 – Ash Wednesday worship

7:00pm - Imposition of Ashes and Holy Communion

March 12, March 19, March 26, and April 2:

7:00pm Holden Evening Prayer

7:30pm Adult Bible Study

April 9:

7:00pm Holden Evening Prayer

### **Lenten Adult Bible Study on Wednesday nights**

During the season of Lent, Pastor Paul will be leading a Lenten Adult Bible Study on **Wednesday nights at 7:30pm** in our Fellowship Hall. The topic is "Women of the Bible". All are welcome to attend, and **no** previous Bible experience is required! Please feel free to contact Pastor Paul with any questions. The dates of the classes are: **March 12, 19, 26 and April 2,** beginning at **7:30pm** each night. We'll look forward to seeing you there!



**All are welcome** to come and worship with us during Holy Week at St. Matthias. Please feel free to call Pastor Paul with any questions.

Sunday, April 13 **Palm Sunday** Worship at **10:15am**

(Includes Holy Communion, the Blessing of the Palms, a Cross Procession, & the Passion Gospel Reading in play format)

Wednesday, April 16 **NO** Wednesday evening worship

Thursday, April 17 **Maundy Thursday** Worship at **7pm**

(Includes Holy Communion, the Laying on of Hands, the Footwashing, & the Stripping of the Altar)

Friday, April 18 **Good Friday** Worship at **7pm**

(Includes the Service of Light and Darkness, the Procession of the Cross, Reverencing the Cross, and the Extinguishing of Candles as the Gospel is read)

Saturday, April 19 **NO** Saturday evening worship at St. Matthias

(Pastor Paul will be participating at the evening Easter Vigil Worship, which will be held at one of the Greensburg Lutheran churches – time and location to be announced)

Sunday, April 20 **Easter Sunday** Worship at **10:15am**

(Includes Holy Communion, Processional Gospel, & brining our "Alleluias" back into worship)

# St. Matthias Women of the ELCA

The Synodical Women's Organization Designated Outreach Program for the year

**2025 is Robin's Home of Butler.** The purpose of this outreach is for women veterans and their children that need housing stabilization and supportive services. More information will be coming soon.

Our calendar for the next two months is the following:

**March 13– Social and small business, Thank offering, Hostess-Tina Weimer.**

**April 10-Social and small business, regular offering, and card ministry. Hostesses are Dana Gruesu and Bernice Gruesu.**



## A Joyful Noise for Easter

For Easter Sunday we are inviting all members of the congregation to bring to Church any hand bells that they may have from home to ring from the pews as the Alleluias are being sung during the Gospel Processionals. We are hoping to produce a really "joyful noise"...



welcome  
TO THE TEAM

Please welcome Mike Oestreicher as our new Treasurer at St. Matthias! We're very thankful that Mike has offered his skills to serve in this role at St. Matthias, and look forward to helping him get acclimated. We'd also like to acknowledge our heartfelt thanks to Eldora Crist, who served as our previous Treasurer for over 20 years. Eldora was a tremendous blessing to our church family here at St. Matthias.

St. Matthias Church Council

## 2025 SWPA Synod Assembly

Each year, St. Matthias may send 2 voting members to our annual SWPA Synod Assembly. This year's assembly includes **the election of a new Bishop**, since our current Synodical Bishop, Kurt Kusserow, is retiring from that role. With that in mind, this year's assembly is in a slightly different format. A Zoom only session will be held on Saturday, May 17 to hold the initial ballot for candidates for Bishop. We'll then resume in person at LaRoche College in the North Hills of Pittsburgh on Thursday evening through Saturday afternoon, June 12-14. Costs of attending the assembly are provided by St. Matthias. Please prayerfully consider attending this year's assembly as a voting member from St. Matthias! Please feel free to call/text Pastor Paul at (724) 837-6212 with any questions.



## Let's Make A Lenten Meal

Our tradition at St. Matthias has been to "Make a Lenten Meal" for people in need. We are collecting **non perishable microwaveable individual items, personal hygiene, paper products, etc** for those sheltered by the Blackburn Center in Greensburg. Items will be collected through **April 6th**. If you have any questions, please contact Pastor Paul at (724) 837-6212.

## Cleaning Committee

In an effort to conserve our financial resources, our congregation has started cleaning the church with the help of our own members. We certainly would appreciate more volunteers. It actually isn't very hard work. We have a list of what needs done every other week and all the supplies to do the cleaning are in the janitor's room. Anyone willing to help out, please contact Pastor Paul or the church office! Thank you!

### March:

3rd - 8th Barb Winslow  
17th - 22nd Lisa Pegg  
31st - April 4 - Fred and Bobbi Oestreicher

### April:

14th - 19th - Mary Lou and Bob Wolff  
28th - May 3rd - Gayle and Bob Kunko

### May:

12th - 17th - Dana Gruesu  
26th - 31st - Teri and Jim Frye

### June:

9th - 14th - Barb Winslow  
23rd - 28th - Lisa Pegg  
30th - July 5th - Fred and Bobbi Oestreicher

### July:

14th - 19th - Mary Lou and Bob Wolff  
28 - Aug. 2nd - Gayle and Bob Kunko

### August:

11th - 16th - Dana Gruesu  
25th - 30th - Teri and Jim Frye

### September:

8th - 13 - Barb Winslow  
22nd - 25th - Lisa Pegg

### October:

6th - 11th - Fred and Bobbi Oestreicher  
20th - 25th - Mary Lou and Bob Wolff

### November:

3rd - 8th - Gayle and Bob Kunko  
17th - 22nd - Dana Gruesu

### December:

1st - 6th - Teri and Jim Frye  
15th - 20th - Barb Winslow  
29th - January 3rd - Lisa Pegg



### March

3/6 - 3:30pm - 6:45pm  
3/8 - 11:30am - 3:30pm  
3/22 - 8:30am - 3:00pm  
3/27 - 6:00pm - 9:15pm

### April

4/3 - 3:30pm - 6:45pm  
4/12 - 8:30am - 3:00pm  
4/19 - 8:30am - 3:30pm  
4/24 - 6:00pm - 9:15pm

### Stamp Camp

On the 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Monday of each month, Kim Peles is leading a fellowship group at St. Matthias called "Stamp Camp". All are welcome for fellowship and to make personalized greeting cards together, which you can use to share God's love with others. There's a nominal fee to cover the cost of supplies. **Please feel free to contact Kim at (724) 875-0049 for more information.**



## Community Garden

Thanks to all for the continued success of our Community Garden. The final donations to the Westmoreland



County Food Bank are 1399lbs of produce and \$550.00! Thank you to everyone for your support! This brings our 8 year total to 6956 lbs of produce and \$8489.00 in monetary donations. Thank you again for participating in the community garden. If you do not want to participate next year let me know as soon as possible because we do have a waiting list for garden spots. The open house will be Saturday **April 26 2025 at 1pm**. Thank you Fred Oestreicher 412-558-7052 or 724-836-8228



**Remember to SPRING FORWARD your  
clocks on March 9th!**



# Church Council Highlights

JANUARY 13, 2025

Devotions were led by Fred Oestreicher. Pastor Paul presided over the election of officers for the 2025 Church Council **President** – Fred Oestreicher nominated Greg Paterno for the office of President. Bob Wolff seconded the nomination. Unanimous vote. **Greg Paterno** is elected to the office of President for the 2025 Council. **Vice-President** – Sharon Marks nominated Fred Oestreicher for the office of Vice-President. Bob Wolff seconded the nomination. Unanimous vote.

**Fred Oestreicher** is elected to the office of Vice-President. **Secretary** – Fred Oestreicher nominated Bob Wolff for the office of Secretary. Sharon Marks seconded the nomination. Unanimous vote. **Bob Wolff** is elected to the office of Secretary. President, Greg Paterno called the meeting to order at 7:11 pm. **In attendance:** Greg Paterno, Fred Oestreicher, Bob Wolff, Pastor Paul, Ryan Winslow, Sharon Marks, Gary Sullivan, Valerie Pratt. Also in attendance was Financial Secretary, Eliot Moore and Treasurer, Mike Oestreicher.

**Motion** made by Fred Oestreicher to approve the amended agenda to include approval of the minutes from the Annual Meeting Part 1. Second by Bob Wolff. Motion carried. **Motion** made by Ryan Winslow to approve the minutes from the December 9 council meeting. Second by Fred Oestreicher. Motion carried.

**Motion** made by Fred Oestreicher to approve the minutes of the Annual Meeting Part 1 from Nov. 17, 2024. Second by Greg Paterno. Motion carried. **Motion** made by Sharon Marks to approve the Treasurer's Report. Second by Fred Oestreicher. Motion carried. **Motion** made by Bob Wolff to approve the Annual Financial Summary. Second by Fred Oestreicher. Motion carried.

**Pastor's Report:** Pastor Paul made nursing home visits with Lillian Reno, Jean Kauffman, and Don Ohr. He attended a Synod Assembly Planning Committee meeting via Zoom. He used 3 leftover vacation days to travel to assist his brother in preparation for prostate cancer treatments. Pastor continues to serve as Interim Pastor at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church in Greensburg for approximately 5 hours per week.

**Communications:** the 2025 Teller Assignment sheet was reviewed.

**Concerns:** None **Committee Reports** were given.

## Old Business

**Annual Meeting Part 2 Jan 19, 2025:** The agenda for the meeting was reviewed.

**Installation of New Council Members:** Elected Council members Ryan Winslow, Gary Sullivan, and Valerie Pratt were installed on Sunday, January 12.

**Donation Options:** Council continues to investigate ways for donations to be received via the website.

**Treasurer Position & Database:** Michael Oestreicher has assumed the role of Treasurer immediately. Pastor Paul, Mike Oestreicher, Tina Weimer and Mary Lou Wolff met on Wednesday, December 18, 2024 to discuss a transition plan. John and Tina Weimer are providing instruction on their system. Mary Lou Wolff is providing training on the new system. The two systems will run parallel for at least the first two months. Current membership at the end of 2024 will be loaded. John and Tina Weimer will provide hard copies of historic data. Once the software is up and running Mary Lou will provide training to personnel on their respective functions.

## New Business

**CPR classes:** Requested dates were reviewed.

**2025 Parochial Reports:** Pastor Paul and Eliot Moore will submit the forms to the ELCA by the Feb. 25 deadline.

**Annual Contribution Statements and Thrivent Choice Dollars Letters:** Statements and letters will be available in the narthex beginning Jan. 19. Those not picked up by the end of January will be mailed.

**Committee Liaisons:** The following will serve as committee liaisons: Worship & Music – Pastor Paul, Christian Ed. - Ryan Winslow, Stewardship – Bob Wolff, Fellowship – Valerie Pratt, Evangelism – Greg Paterno, WELCA – Sharon Marks, Finance – Eliot Moore, Property – Fred Oestreicher, Cleaning – Fred Oestreicher, Community Garden – Fred Oestreicher.

**Internal Audit:** Council has approved for Mary Lou Wolff to conduct the internal audit.

**The Calendar and Worship Assistants** for February were reviewed. The next meeting will be held on Monday February 10, 2025 at 7:00 pm via Zoom. Devotions will be led by Sharon Marks. **Motion** made by Bob Wolff to adjourn the meeting. Second by Fred Oestreicher. Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 8:13 pm. Respectfully submitted, Sharon Marks

# Church Council Highlights

FEBRUARY 10, 2025

Devotions were led by Greg Paterno. President Greg Paterno called the meeting to order at 7:07 pm. **In attendance:** Greg Paterno, Fred Oestreicher, Bob Wolff, Pastor Paul, Ryan Winslow, Gary Sullivan, Sharon Marks. Valerie Pratt was absent. Also in attendances was Financial Secretary, Eliot Moore and Treasurer, Mike Oestreicher. **Motion** made by Fred Oestreicher to approve the agenda. Second by Greg Paterno. Motion carried. **Motion** made by Gary Sullivan to approve the minutes of the January 13 meeting. Second by Ryan Winslow. Motion carried. **Motion** made by Fred Oestreicher to approve the minutes of the Annual Meeting Part 2 on January 19, 2025. Second by Bob Wolff. Motion carried. **Motion** made by Sharon Marks to approve the Treasurer's report. Second by Fred Oestreicher. Motion carried.

**Pastor's Report:** Pastor made nursing home visits with Lillian Reno, Jean Kauffman, Glenda Rosendahl and Don Kauffman. He made a home visit with Alycefaye Stewart. Pastor and Chuck Vita led afternoon worship at Redstone Highlands on February 2. He attended a Synod Resource Center Advisory Board meeting and a Synod Assembly Planning Committee meeting via Zoom. Pastor continues to serve as Interim Pastor at Good Shepard Lutheran Church in Greensburg approximately 5 hours per week.

**Communications:** The SWPA Synod has created a webpage titled "Caring for our Neighbors" which will address to the Lutheran Church's response to current events. The page will address issues of interest from the ELCA and specific issues from the SWPA Synod. A special link to the webpage has been added to the front page of our website.

Treasurer Mike Oestreicher along with a group of members from the congregation will meet with First National Bank to discuss questions concerning our account.

Annual Contribution Statements distributed in January did not include special fund donations. The error has been corrected. New statements were available in the Narthex. Those not picked up were mailed along with a letter of explanation concerning the error.

**Concerns:** None

**Committee Reports** were submitted.

## Old Business

**Website donations:** After continued discussion and investigation of Vanco, an on-line donation option on our website, motion was made by Pastor Paul to use the option on our website once all concerns with our bank have been addressed. Second by Greg Paterno. Motion carried.

**Database Update:** The two database systems will run parallel for the rest of the month. The new system will go live in March. Mary Lou Wolff will be providing training in early March.

**2025 Parochial Reports:** Pastor and Eliot Moore will submit these reports before March 1.

**Internal Audit:** Mary Lou Wolff is currently conducting an internal audit. She expects to complete the audit by the end of February.

## New Business

**Synod Assembly:** A new Bishop will be elected at this year's Synod Assembly. A Zoom meeting will be held on Saturday, May 17 to hold the initial ballot for candidates for Bishop. In-person Assembly will be held at LaRoche College Thursday through Saturday, June 12-14. Council members were asked by Pastor Paul to prayerfully consider attending or recommending delegates from the congregation.

**The Calendar and Worship Assistants** for March and April were reviewed  
The next meeting will be held on Monday, March 10, 2025 at 7:00pm via Zoom.  
Devotions will be led by Sharon Marks.

**Motion** made by Fred Oestreicher to adjourn the meeting. Second by Gary Sullivan. Motion carried. the meeting adjourned at 8:13 pm.

Respectfully submitted  
Sharon Marks

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## 2025 Mowing Schedule

The following mowing schedule for the 2025 season. On the dates that you're assigned, we ask that you try to mow toward the end of the week if possible. So that the yard is mowed for the weekend. Feel free to switch with someone if you have a scheduling conflict. If you have any questions or problems please contact the church office at 724-834-2457 or any member of the Property Committee. If you need to buy fuel, fill the red 5 gallon container and give the fuel receipt to Mike Oestreicher for reimbursement. If you can't mow on your week due to weather conditions please make arrangements to help the next scheduled person the following week. Thank you for serving God in this important ministry.

### The Property Committee

Dates listed are Monday through Saturday.

#### Week of:

April 1 - April 6 - Fred Oestreicher  
April 7 - April 13 - Ray Wasilowski  
April 14 - April 20 - Andrew Harrold.  
April 21 - April 27 - Jeff Sano.  
April 28 - May 4 - Gary Sullivan  
May 5 - May 11 - Eliot Moore.  
May 12 - May 18 - Jim Frye.  
May 19 - May 25 - Bob Wolff  
May 26 - Jun 1 - Norb Georges  
June 2 - June 8 - Brian Hixson  
June 9 - June 15 - Dave Bell  
June 16 - June 22 - Ray Wasilowski  
June 23 - June 29 - Andrew Harrold  
June 30 - July 6 - Jeff Sano  
July 7 - July 13 - Eliot Moore  
July 14 - July 20. - Jim Frye  
July 21. - July 27 Bob Wolff  
July 28 - Aug. 3 - Mike Oestreicher  
Aug. 4 - Aug. 10 - Brian Hixson  
Aug. 11 - Aug 17 - Gary Sullivan  
Aug. 18 - Aug. 24 Ray Wasilowski  
Aug. 25 - Aug. 31 Andrew Harrold.

Sept. 1 - Sept. 7 - Jeff Sano  
Sept. 8 - Sept. 14 - Dave Bell  
Sept. - 15 - Sept 21 - Eliot Moore  
Sept 22 - Sept - 28 - Jim Frye  
Sept - 29 - Oct. 5 - Bob Wolff  
Oct. 6 - Oct. 12 - Norb Georges  
Oct. 13 - Oct. 19 - Brian Hixson  
Oct. 20 - Oct. 26 - Mike Oestreicher  
Oct. 27 - Nov. 3 - Fred Oestreicher

Barb Winslow will help mow if asked.

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## Prayer List

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| Bruce Dalena                  | Darla Dalena's Son                              |
| Karen Anderson                | Friend of the Congregation                      |
| Valerie Pratt                 | Member  |
| Jessica                       | Pam Sullivan's Daughter                         |
| Rick Elliot                   | Sharon Mark's Friend                            |
| Lisa Pegg                     | Member  |
| Larry Saylor                  | Dana Gruesu's Cousin                            |
| Jackie                        | Coworker of Annette Benedict                    |
| Steve Gruesu                  | Pastor Paul's Brother                           |
| Candace                       | Friend of Mary Lou Wolff                        |
| Valetta Bradosky              | Member  |
| Don Garlow                    | Linda Wasilowski's Brother                      |
| Brenda & Bud                  | Friends of the Wasilowski's                     |
| Theresa Frye                  | Terri Frye's Daughter in Law                    |
| Patti Gruesu                  | Bernice Gruesu Daughter in Law                  |
| Glenda Rosendahl              | Member  |
| Tonia                         | Friend of Annette Benedict                      |
| Leon Moyer                    | Eldora's Son in Law                             |
| Carol                         | Friend of Bernice Gruesu                        |
| Larry                         | Friend of Terri Frye                            |
| Chase Lawlor                  | Friend of Tina Weimer                           |
| Brian Sindorf                 | Susan Spillar Nephew                            |
| Roy Millhouse                 | Friend of Vickie Georges                        |
| Chase Yates                   | Keith & Carol Bowman great grandson             |
| Greg Ferrier                  | Member  |
| Chris Thorpe                  | friend of Vicki Georges                         |
| Joan Downing                  | Member  |
| Alycefaye Stewart             | Member  |
| Carol                         | Friend of Lisa Pegg                             |
| Kevin                         | Ron Pegg's Friend                               |
| Laura Dalena                  | Niece of Darla Dalena                           |
| Larry Slicker                 | Darla Dalena's Brother                          |
| <b>Arleen Hawk</b>            | <b>friend of the congregation</b>               |
| <b>Evelyn Malinish</b>        | <b>Member</b>                                   |
| <b>Craig</b>                  | <b>Dana Gruesu Coworker</b>                     |
| <b>Ron &amp; Carol Bowman</b> | <b>Keith Bowman's brother and sister in law</b> |
| <b>Teri Pappas</b>            | <b>Vicki Georges sister</b>                     |
| <b>Lorraine Howell</b>        | <b>Member</b>                                   |
| <b>Barry Santavy</b>          | <b>Member</b>                                   |

To contact the prayer chain, please call:

Joan Wilson at (724) 836-3055

**PRAYING** is the first of our Faith Practices Medallions...and is lifted up in this way so that all may remember these folks who are in some way related to St. Matthias Lutheran Church. We appreciate this opportunity to inform you of an active ministry going on throughout our congregation on a daily basis. Remember these brothers and sisters in Christ in your prayers.



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| Andrea Petrill     | March 4  |
| Benton Blankenship | March 5  |
| Jennifer Lightner  | March 5  |
| Lynn Ann Kemerer   | March 5  |
| Jamie Paterno      | March 11 |
| Kyle Hart          | March 11 |
| Susan Rothrauff    | March 12 |
| John Weimer        | March 15 |
| Bobbie Oestreicher | March 18 |
| Justin Ferrier     | March 20 |
| Alex Cook          | March 23 |
| Leo McEliece       | March 25 |
| Travis Dominick    | March 30 |

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|-------------------------|----------|
| Todd & Teresa Frye      | March 6  |
| Jeffrey & Jennifer Sano | March 23 |



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|--------------------|----------|
| Alex Santavy       | April 4  |
| Pastor Paul        | April 7  |
| Cooper Frye        | April 7  |
| Alyse Lightner     | April 11 |
| Teri Frye          | April 11 |
| Sally Brier        | April 12 |
| Rachel Harmatz     | April 13 |
| John Wohlin Jr     | April 15 |
| Terry Yeagers      | April 17 |
| Theresa Santavy    | April 18 |
| Geraldine Lohmeyer | April 20 |
| Susan Spillar      | April 20 |
| Lisa Pegg          | April 21 |
| April Blankenship  | April 22 |
| Michael Schmitt    | April 26 |
| Anastasia Moore    | April 29 |

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|------------------------|----------|
| Alex & Maryann Himler  | April 7  |
| Jamie & Greg Paterno   | April 7  |
| Don & Jean Kauffman    | April 10 |
| Robert & Nancy Ferrier | April 21 |
| Leo & Dana McEliece    | April 20 |





## **Order your Easter Flowers**

This year we will have EASTER LILIES, TULIPS, AND MUMS TO adorn the Chancel at Easter. The cost will be \$8 for each 6 " pot and orders must be received by **March 23rd, 2025**

Please complete this form and enclose your payment. Return to Church Office. Make checks payable to St. Matthias Lutheran Church.

Please complete this form and enclose your payment.

Amount Enclosed \_\_\_\_\_ AT \$8 EACH

Your name \_\_\_\_\_

Given in Memory of \_\_\_\_\_

Honor of \_\_\_\_\_

To The Glory of God \_\_\_\_\_

Please indicate how many LILIES \_\_\_\_ TULIPS \_\_\_\_ MUMS \_\_\_\_

Will pick up flowers \_\_\_\_\_ Give to Shut-Ins \_\_\_\_\_ Plant my flowers at the church \_\_\_\_\_

I would like to make a Donation To: \_\_\_\_\_



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# MARCH

| Sun  | Mon                            | Tue                  | Wed  | Thu   | Fri             | Sat                          |
|--|--------------------------------|----------------------|--|---|-----------------|------------------------------|
|  |                                |                      |  |   |                 | 1                            |
| 2<br>Transfiguration of<br>our Lord<br>10:15am Worship<br>Food 2 Go 4 Kids<br>Food Due | 3                              | 4<br>9:45am Al-Anon  | 5<br>7:00pm Ash<br>Wednesday Worship                                 | 6<br>CPR 3:30pm –<br>6:45pm                                       | 7<br>8:00pm NA  | 8<br>CPR 11:30am –<br>3:30pm |
| 9<br>1 Lent<br>10:15am Worship<br>Food 2 Go 4 Kids<br>Pack Food                        | 10<br>7:00pm Church<br>Council | 11<br>9:45am Al-Anon | 12<br>7:00pm Holden<br>Evening Prayer<br>7:30pm Adult Bible<br>Study | 13<br>1:00pm Women of<br>the ELCA<br>Food 2 Go 4 Kids<br>Delivery | 14<br>8:00pm NA | 15                           |
| 16<br>2 Lent<br>10:15am Worship  | 17                             | 18<br>9:45am Al-Anon | 19<br>7:00pm Holden<br>Evening Prayer<br>7:30pm Adult Bible<br>Study | 20  | 21<br>8:00pm NA | 22<br>CPR 8:30am –<br>3:00pm |
| 23<br>3 Lent<br>10:15am Worship  | 24<br>Stamp Camp               | 25<br>9:45am Al-Anon | 26<br>7:00pm Holden<br>Evening Prayer<br>7:30pm Adult Bible<br>Study | 27<br>CPR 6:00pm –<br>9:15pm                                      | 28<br>8:00pm NA | 29                           |
| 30<br>4 Lent<br>10:15am Worship  | 31<br>Stamp Camp               |                      |  |   |                 |                              |

## WORSHIP ASSISTANTS FOR March 2025

|                            | March 2                     | March 5<br>Ash Wednesday    | March 9                     | March 16                    | March 23                    | March 30                    | April 6                            |
|----------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|------------------------------------|
| <b>Host</b>                | Jim Frye                    | Ray Wasilowski              | Bobbie Oestreicher          | Bob Wolff                   | Sharon Marks                | Jeff Sano                   | Fred Oestreicher                   |
| <b>GREETER</b>             | Jeff Sano                   | Linda & Ray Wasilowski      | Andrea Petrill              | Fred & Bobbie Oestreicher   | Joe & Bernice Gruesu        | Lorraine Howell             | Darla Dalena                       |
| <b>LECTOR</b>              | Fred Oestreicher            | Bob Marks                   | Tina Weimer                 | Andrew Harrold              | Fred Oestreicher            | Bob Marks                   | Tina Weimer                        |
| <b>COMMUNION ASSISTANT</b> | Debra Adams                 | Bernice Gruesu              | Fred Oestreicher            | Andrew Harrold              | Ryan Winslow                | Dana Gruesu                 | Bernice Gruesu                     |
| <b>TELLERS</b>             | Eliot Moore<br>Sharon Marks | Eliot Moore<br>Sharon Marks | Eliot Moore<br>Sharon Marks | Eliot Moore<br>Sharon Marks | Eliot Moore<br>Sharon Marks | Eliot Moore<br>Sharon Marks | Fred Oestreicher<br>Andrew Harrold |
| <b>ALTAR GUILD</b>         |                             |                             |                             |                             |                             |                             | Dana Gruesu                        |
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# APRIL

| Sun                                    | Mon                     | Tue                  | Wed  | Thu                                  | Fri                              | Sat                                   |
|--|-------------------------|----------------------|--|--------------------------------------|----------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
|  |                         | 1<br>9:45am Al-Anon  | 2<br>11:00am Worship & Music Meeting<br>7:00pm Holden Evening Prayer<br>7:30pm Adult Bible Study | 3<br>CPR 3:30pm – 6:45pm             | 4<br>8:00pm NA                   | 5                                     |
| 6<br>5 Lent<br>10:15am Worship         | 7                       | 8<br>9:45am Al-Anon  | 9<br>7:00pm Holden Evening Prayer  | 10<br>1:00pm Women of the ELCA       | 11<br>8:00pm NA                  | 12<br>CPR 8:30am – 3:00pm             |
| 13<br>Palm Sunday<br>10:15am Worship   | 14                      | 15<br>9:45am Al-Anon | 16   | 17<br>7:00pm Maundy Thursday Worship | 18<br>7:00pm Good Friday Worship | 19<br>CPR 8:30am – 3:30pm             |
| 20<br>Easter Sunday<br>10:15am Worship | 21<br><i>Stamp Camp</i> | 22<br>9:45am Al-Anon | 23   | 24<br>CPR 6:00pm – 9:15pm            | 25<br>8:00pm NA                  | 26<br>Community Garden Open House 1pm |
| 27<br>2 Easter<br>10:15am Worship      | 28<br><i>Stamp Camp</i> | 29<br>9:45am Al-Anon | 30   |                                      |                                  |                                       |



## WORSHIP ASSISTANTS FOR April 2025

|                            | April 6                            | April 13<br>Palm Sunday            | April 17<br>Maundy Thursday        | April 18<br>Good Friday            | April 20<br>Easter                 | April 27                           | May 4                        |
|----------------------------|------------------------------------|------------------------------------|------------------------------------|------------------------------------|------------------------------------|------------------------------------|------------------------------|
| <b>Host</b>                | Fred Oestreicher                   | Jeff Sano                          | Jim Frye                           | Ray Wasilowski                     | Bobbie Oestreicher                 | Bob Wolff                          | Sharon Marks                 |
| <b>GREETER</b>             | Darla Dalena                       | Linda & Ray Wasilowski             | Jeff Sano                          | Andrea Petrill                     | Fred Oestreicher                   | Joe & Bernice Gruesu               | Lorraine Howell              |
| <b>LECTOR</b>              | Tina Weimer                        | Lisa Pegg                          | Andrew Harrold                     | _____                              | Fred Oestreicher                   | Bob Marks                          | Tina Weimer                  |
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| <b>TELLERS</b>             | Fred Oestreicher<br>Andrew Harrold | Fred Oestreicher<br>Andrew Harrold | Fred Oestreicher<br>Andrew Harrold | Fred Oestreicher<br>Andrew Harrold | Fred Oestreicher<br>Andrew Harrold | Fred Oestreicher<br>Andrew Harrold | Sharon Marks<br>Pam Sullivan |
| <b>ALTAR GUILD</b>         | Dana Gruesu                        | Dana Gruesu                        | Dana Gruesu                        | Dana Gruesu                        | Dana Gruesu                        | Dana Gruesu                        | Linda Wasilowski             |
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**SPECIAL SERVICES:**

**Ash Wednesday, March 5, Wednesday 7:00pm**

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**Good Friday, April 18, Friday 7:00pm**

**Easter Sunday, April 20, Sunday 10:15am**

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