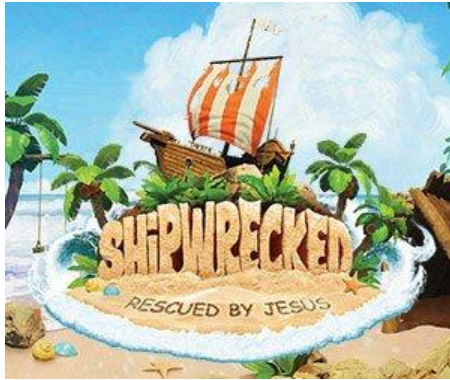


# St. Matthew's News

The Newsletter of  
St. Matthew's Lutheran Church  
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## VBS

**Sunday, July 15<sup>th</sup> – July 19<sup>th</sup>**  
Age 3 thru 5th grade

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**6:00 pm dinner**

**6:30 – 8:30 VBS**

## **From your Vice Chairman**

July will be a month of mixed emotions for us here at St. Matthew's. The first Sunday, July 1<sup>st</sup>, we celebrate Pastor Bob's 9 ½ years of service to our church and wish him well in the next chapter of his life with a luncheon. He brought many new and fresh ideas to our congregation. I do not have the space to list them all, but I would like to highlight a couple that really stands out to me. One was the Lenten plays and the other was the Campfirmation trips for our confirmands. I know everyone really enjoyed the plays and the confirmands, even if all of them will not admit it, really enjoyed Lutheridge. I would like to ask each one of you to reflect on what you enjoyed about Pastor Bob's time here and share it with him. I may ask a few of you to share on July 1<sup>st</sup> at the Luncheon in his honor.

Then, the next four Sundays will be very odd without Pastor Bob weaving a country music song or a favorite movie into his sermon. But, we will get to start as the SC Synod calls it "A Spirit Led Time of Renewal". As such, we will have supply pastors starting with Pastor Rus Stilwell on July 8<sup>th</sup>, Pastor Wayne Young on July 15<sup>th</sup>, Pastor Ernest Worman on July 22<sup>nd</sup>, and Pastor Ron Brown on July 29<sup>th</sup>. I hope that each of you will be able to make most, if not all, of these Sundays. It is rare for us to get to hear that many different perspectives in such short period of time.

Finally, I know all of you are wondering what the next steps will be after July. As I write this, I am hopeful that we will have an Interim Pastor by the first Sunday in August. We will form a Call Committee and most likely have a "Spirit-led Time of Renewal Congregational Event". The Call Committee will then receive names from the Bishop, interview the candidates, and recommend a candidate to Council. The Council will then present a candidate to the Congregation and finally the Congregation will vote whether to accept the candidate. I left out a few steps, but you get the idea. As I understand it, the entire process as a rule of thumb will take 9 – 12 months.

I hope this answers a few questions, but if you have others, feel free to get with me or any other Council member.

See you in church,

Doug



**REMINDER** On Sunday July 1, 2018 will be saying goodbye to Pastor Bob after 9 ½ years of dedicated service to our congregations. To show our appreciation we will be having a covered dish lunch after service to wish him well as he embarks on the next chapter in his life. Please plan to attend, the chicken and tea will be provided. Deadline to sign up is Wednesday June 27th; you can call or email the church office if you have not already signed up. Hope to see you there as we wish Pastor Bob and Lynn farewell.

We are collecting a *Thank you/Love* offering for Pastor Bob until 7/1/2018. Please mark your contribution “**Thank you**” or “**Love.**” Thank you for your assistance.



Roy & Olivia Whittle, Lydia Lindler, Nettie Bell Alewine, Brice McCartha, Ann Smith, Martin & Nina Watts, Annie Wannamaker, Billy and Danny Mayse, Larry McCartha

**We pray for all who serve in our armed forces,** especially Gus Monaco, Jacob Robertson, Dallas Moses and Douglas Vance, Jacob Hamblin, Amy Storrs, Megan Asbill, DJ Hoover and Matt Livingston.



**ALL** Officers and Committee Chairs, please remember to check your box in the Fellowship Hall for mail. Thank you.



**Please** let Jan know if your address or telephone number has changed, so that she can make changes for the directory. Church Secretary Office Hours: Monday thru Wednesday 8:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. Please let Jan Lowman know if she can be of service to you. [jan@sml-lex.org](mailto:jan@sml-lex.org)



**July 15, 2018 - LMM Meeting at 7:45 am**  
Jessie Lowman and Howard McCartha are Cooks



Members are encouraged to write notes to our  
“**Members of the Month**”.  
This month we highlight:

**Larry McCartha**  
**3289 Two Notch Road**  
**Lexington, SC 29072**



The Family of Cromer Jumper would like to thank the members of St. Matthews for all of the prayers, cards, food and visits during Cromer's illness and death. A special thanks to Pastor Bob for all he did for our family. May God Bless each of you.

[Thank you to all for the visits, cards, thoughts and prayers during my recent surgery and hospitalization. It means so much to have your support and prayers!](#)

[Ann Smith](#)

## BUDGET REPORT

Year to date revenue as of 5/30/18

Need to date - \$70824.93

Received to date - \$64164.74

Shortage \$6660.19 short

Capital Maintenance/Roof - \$950.00

Children in Need - \$595.00

World hunger - \$.00

Cemetery - \$695.00

LICS - \$40.00

LCY - \$ 726.00

LaVie - \$626.00

Parsonage \$1499.04

Family in Need \$100.00

Check book balance - \$44,099.52



LICS

Food Collection

We continue to take food for the Lexington Mission Food Pantry every Sunday. Below is a list of foods for this month:

- 1- Canned/Dry Soup
- 8- Rice/Rice Products
- 15- Tomatoes/Spaghetti Sauce
- 22- Breakfast Foods
- 29- Pork&Beans/Canned Fruit



Special Offering in July is for *Vacation Bible School*. Your contributions will help pay for materials and meals for our children. Please mark your contribution for “**VBS**”. Thank you for your assistance.



## HAPPY BIRTHDAY

- |                        |                      |
|------------------------|----------------------|
| 1- Sandy Alewine       | 19- LaVern Steele    |
| 2- Coolidge Steele     | 19- Lance Lowman     |
| 2- Karen Smith         | 20- Dianne Kyzer     |
| 5- Ann Black           | 20- Kathy Trock      |
| 6- Lynn Balch          | 22- Verlene Jumper   |
| 6- John Gruber         | 23- Melvin Whittle   |
| 7- Pam Stocker         | 23- Joshua Smith     |
| 7- Brenda Snyder       | 23- Franklin Keisler |
| 7- Zachary Blackburn   | 24- Jamie Aldsworth  |
| 9- Joann Keisler       | 25- Sherill Asbill   |
| 9- Kevin Kyzer         | 25- Nolan Pollard    |
| 10- Joyce McCartha     | 26- Ivory Smith      |
| 10- Kaye Steele        | 28- Curt Brown       |
| 10- Laurie Owens       | 28- Deidre Smith     |
| 11- Ronald Norris      | 28- Justin Murray    |
| 12- Randy Smith        | 29- Rhonda Birchmore |
| 12 - Rodney Desjarlais | 29 - Angel Richmond  |
| 13- Adam Piszcz        | 30- Holden Roof      |
| 16 - Nancy Watson      | 31- Phil Stocker     |
| 17 - Kylie Steele      | 31 - Daniel Jones    |
| 17 - Mark Cothran      | 31 - Nathen Shumpert |

Please let Jan know if there are changes to birthday list



## HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

10- Charles & Crystal Morehouse

11- Marvin & Tammy Smith

22- Daniel & Sharon Settles

12- Barry & Kaye Steele

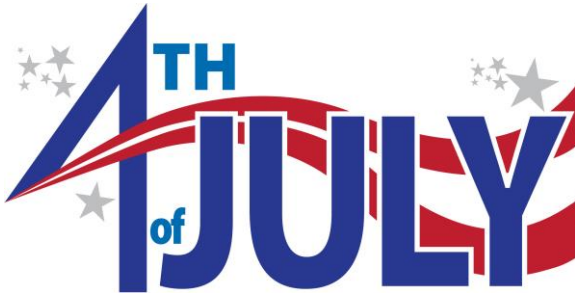
29- Jeremy & Lauren Harmon

15- Kevin & Dotti Steele

29- Don & Gale McCartha

20- Charles & Jill Hanna

**Please let Jan know if there are changes to Anniversary list.**



**Have a safe and happy July 4<sup>th</sup>!!**





### LAY ASSISTANT

- 1- Doug Whittle
- 8- Cheryl McCarthy
- 15- Ann Smith
- 22- Karen Smith
- 29- Jessie Lowman

### ACOLYTE

- 1- Jacob Smith
- 8- Kylie Steele
- 15- Abby Whittle
- 22- McKayla Lowman
- 29- Hailey Wicker

### ALTAR FLOWERS

- 1- Hicks Family
- 8-
- 15
- 22-
- 29- Roger and Jamie Shumpert

### USHERS

- Kevin Steele, Head Usher
- Travis Mooror
- Rusty Williams
- Ronald Norris

### OFFERING COUNTERS

- 1- Charles Norris and Karen Smith
- 8- Helen and Larry Smith
- 15- Delores and Jeff Lowman
- 22- Doug and Beth Whittle
- 29- Jan and Jessie Lowman

### NURSERY

- 1- Sandra and Allison
- 8- Kaye and Kristi
- 15- Delores and McKayla
- 22- Jan and Jessica
- 29- Tammy and Sheila

### CRUCIFER

- 1- Sarah Smith

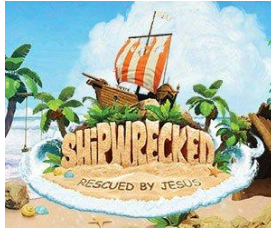
### GREETERS

- 1- Rachel Lowman
- 8- Linda Singley
- 15- Debra McCartha
- 22- Delores Lowman
- 29- Kaye Steele

### ALTAR GUILD/

### WASH COMMUNION WARE

- Gale McCartha
- Lois Roof
- Allison Taylor



**VBS**  
**Sunday, July 15<sup>th</sup> – July 19<sup>th</sup>**  
**Registration Form**  
**Ages 3 thru 5 grade**

Child's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Email Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone numbers: Home \_\_\_\_\_ Cell \_\_\_\_\_ work \_\_\_\_\_

Age Information

Date of birth \_\_\_\_\_ age \_\_\_\_\_

Last school grade completed \_\_\_\_\_

Home Church \_\_\_\_\_

Allergies/Medical Information/other  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Emergency Contacts

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Dismissal Information

Name(s) of person(s) who may pick up this child from VBS  
\_\_\_\_\_

Are parents helping with *ShipWrecked VBS*? \_\_\_\_\_

If yes where? \_\_\_\_\_



Happy 4th of July!

## Independence Day lessons for church life

- **Return to the basics** – On July 4 we commemorate the origins of our country. In terms of faith, we also periodically need to hear again the foundational stories of Creation, the Israelites and, of course, Jesus.
- **Honor the gift of freedom** – “For freedom Christ has set us free ... do not submit again to a yoke of slavery” (Galatians 5:1, ESV). We strive as citizens to preserve and live out our national freedom. Likewise, as citizens of God’s kingdom we live gladly in the freedom of salvation and share that gift with others.
- **Enjoy community** – July 4 is known for picnics, parades and other community gatherings. Similarly, the church is nourished by coming together for worship, meals and other special events.
- **Be light in the darkness** – As fireworks brighten the sky with light and color, the church is called to display the Gospel’s unique light in a dark world. Our word *dynamite* and the Greek word for *power* – as in, “You will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you” (Acts 1:8) – share a root. Through God’s power in us, we share Jesus – dynamically! – with others.

–Heidi Mann

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