

St. Matthew's News

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St. Matthew's Lutheran Church
October 2, 2016

Invite your entire family, friends, neighbors,
and former members of St. Matthew's Church.

Our Worship service will be led by
Pastor Marion Brazell.
Service begins at 10:30 a.m.

Following the service we invite you to join us
for lunch in the fellowship hall. Bring a well
filled picnic basket and join us for an afternoon
of fun and fellowship. Meat provided. Please
sign up for sides, desserts and drinks.



Dear Family and Friends of St. Matthew's:

Homecoming is this Sunday at St. Matthew's Lutheran Church and it is one of our biggest days of the year. How about reminding your family members who don't attend frequently? The congregation is providing the meat so bring sides and / or a dessert. Marion Brazell is our guest speaker.

Later that night (at 5:00) we will gather in the church parking lot for our annual "Blessing of the Animals" service. It is in honor of St. Francis the patron saint of Italy, who gave up riches to live a simple life. He found great comfort in animals and so we remember him as we give thanks to God for all animals, especially our pets!

October 23rd is our Fall Festival Trunk or Treat will take place this year on the road behind our cemetery. Children of all ages are invited to dress up and decorate a car trunk or another 'space.' for a safe alternative to going door to door on Halloween. LMM is also having a dinner fundraiser that day in memory of John Singley.

We could really use some more trunks decorated, with people giving out candy. It is great fun, so come and join us.

Good News from the Seminary Mike Lang has been appointed to us for the next two years for his "Teaching Parish" site. We welcomed him the last Sunday of September and look forward to our relationship with him.

See you in Church

Pastor Bob



Seth Ewing, Myrtie Heywood, Cooper Hardy, Ann Trivison, Norma & Harold Williams, Larry and Carolyn McCartha, Harry Keisler, James Jumper, Cromer Jumper, Jeff Hall, Minnie Monts, Nettie Bell Alewine, Tiffany Shealy, Harlow Piszcz, Jeff & Amy Liptak, Bill Rivers, Barbara Fisher, Carl Enlow Sr., Gene Backman, Dorothy Craps, Annette Stafford, Martin & Nina Watts, Elizabeth Harvey, Roy & Olivia Whittle, Rosetta Leaphart, David Rhimer, Jim Huggins, Ava Dibenedetto, Laura Beck, Diane Caughman, Jenny Owens, Al Stevenson, Susan Wingard Lattimer, Parker Cowherd, Brady Hicks, Helen Harman, Lydia Lindler, Ginny Tawzer, Amy Price, Phil Carter, Jennifer Lineberger, Dustin Johns, Dorothy Smith, Donna Roof, Carolyn Hammond, Roger Williams Annie Wannamaker, Alice Harmon, Tim Cox, Brayden Sox, Amanda Shealy, Mary Steele, Carol McEvoy, Steve Pavliscsak, Russell Hutchison, Sharon Garner, Larry Hughes, and Hunter Tindal.

We pray for all who serve in our armed forces, especially Patrick Mason, Clynt Campbell, Amy Shelby Storrs, D.J Hoover, Joe Mason, Gus Monaco, Chris Basquil, Trevor Dean, Dustin Dean, Jeff Shuler, Jeff Hoover, Eric L. Baker, Mason Frier, Madison Leitner, Travis Mann, Jacob Robertson, Mason Cox, Dallas Moses, Douglas Vance, Carrie Fink, Megan Asbill and Brant Thibault.



Our October special offering is for ***ELCA and American Missions***. Your Contributions will assist the work of the church in starting new mission congregations. Please mark your gift “ELCA/American Missions.” Thank you!!



**October 16, 2016 - LMM Breakfast Meeting at 7:45 a.m.
Cooks: David Keisler and Joey Keisler**



**Join The WELCA ladies on Monday,
October 17th at 7 p.m. Bring a friend!!**



Because of a recent unexpected expense and because we anticipate using the bus more often with the newly formed 3-6th Grade group, we need to re-establish the bus fund. Our goal is \$2,000.00. That will cover the \$1500.00 we just spent on new tires all around and give us a few extra dollars for routine maintenance and inspection fees.

On an apple picking trip on Saturday September 24th a tire failed and upon inspection the garage recommended we replace all eight tires some of which were eleven years old.

Please give generously to this great ministry. You may use the front of your regular envelopes to designate money to the bus fund.

Thank-you

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

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| 2- Kristi Steele | 19- Amanda H. Baldwin |
| 2- Jean Keisler | 20- Charles G. Smith |
| 3- Debra McCartha | 20- Donald Hayes |
| 3- Kameron Richmond | 20- Dana P. Smith |
| 6- Hugh Smith | 20- Cooper Simmons |
| 7- Tessa Jones | 21- Carolyn Whittle |
| 8- Michael Hicks | 21- Jo Ann Kaminer |
| 9- Julia Ann Derrick | 21- McKayla Lowman |
| 9- Chip Smith | 22- Richard Reeves |
| 10- Richard Norris | 22- Ronnie Dawkins |
| 12- Jennifer Hayes | 24- Catherine Gable |
| 12- Daylan Mitchum | 24- Larry McCartha |
| 13- Jason Arehart | 24- Jerusha Keisler |
| 14- Michael McCarthy | 25- Raymond Steele, Jr. |
| 16- Orvis Keisler | 26- Meghan Richardson |
| 16- Michael Miller | 26- Angie Jumper |
| 16- Beth Whittle | 30- Juanita Clarke |
| 17- Wilbert Smith | 30- Michelle Langdon |
| 17- Janice Counts | 30- Karen Richardson |
| 17- Gina Jeffcoat | 30- Cameron Ellis |
| 17- Jonathan McCartha | 31- Joey Gates |
| 17- Tiffany Shealy | 31- Fallon Roof |
| 19- Brady Hicks | |

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

- 6- Shawn & Jennifer Dorward
- 12- John & Lisa Norman
- 16- Richard & Carol Langdon
- 21- Brian & Tammy Kyzer
- 29- Harold & Norma Williams



LAY ASSISTANT

2- Ronald Norris
9- Doug Whittle
16- Jason Roof
23- Ann Smith
30- Jessie Lowman

Nursery

2- Tammy Kyzer & Sheila Smith
9 - Paige & Garrett Roof
16- Rachel Lowman & Kylie Steele
23- Liza Buzhardt & Tammy Moorer
30- Sandra Page & Allison Taylor

ACOLYTE FOR MONTH

Hailey Wicker

CRUCIFER

2 - Meghan Whittle

ALTAR FLOWERS

2- McCartha – Roof
9- Linda Singley
16- Michael & Amanda Hicks
23- Jayna Lowman
30- Jessie & Jan Lowman

GREETERS

2- Dorcas Dooley
9- Rachel Lowman
16- Linda Singley
23- Debra McCartha
30- Delores Lowman

USHERS

Mark Cothran., Head Usher
Kevin Steele
Rusty Williams
Ronald Norris

ALTAR GUILD/

WASH COMMUNION WARE

Rachel Lowman
Terry Gates

OFFERING COUNTERS

2- Doug & Beth Whittle
9- Michael & Amanda Hicks
16- Roger Shumpert & Charles Norris
23- Karen Smith & Sandra Page
30- Larry & Helen Smith

If you are available to fill-in any of the blanks listed above, please sign up or call the church office. Thank You!!

BUDGET REPORT

Needed each month for expenses	=	\$ 14,370
August receipts (Current)	=	\$ 10,998
August over/under variance (Current)	=	\$ -3,372
YTD over/under variance (Current)	=	\$- 10,459



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

- 2- pork & beans/canned fruit
- 9- boxed macaroni & cheese
- 16- ravioli/spaghetti O's
- 23- can meat
- 30- canned/dry soup

Saturday Southern Gospel Singing
October 15, 2016 - 6:00 PM

Singin' Steven with Heritage Quartet



Finger foods provided!!
Come join the fun and fellowship!!



We are starting a new ministry for our shut-In or homebound members, called "Homebound Highlights".

Members are encouraged to write notes to our "Homebound Member of the Month".

This month we highlight:

Mr. Cromer Jumper
635 Lost Branch Rd
Lexington, SC 29072



October 2, 2016

5 PM

Join us for our 7th annual Blessing of the animals service. Bring your pets and come to the church for a fun service where we thank God for all animals.



We will be hosting a flu shot clinic here at the church.

Monday, October 3, 2016

9 am - 12 noon

No appointments necessary

Open to the public



Sunday, October 23, 2016
Trunk & Treat and so you much more!!
3 - 5 PM
More info to come!!



John Singley Memorial BBQ Tickets now Available
Sunday October 23, 2016
5 - 8 PM \$10
BBQ Chicken, Hash/rice, Slaw, Pickles & Bread
See one of the LMM to get your tickets!



Our Kickball League has 3 games left in October:
October 6 – 8:00 pm
October 13 – 7:15 pm
October 20 – 8:00 pm



Christmas Rush!

Fall is here bringing excitement for the approaching holidays; Halloween, Thanksgiving & Christmas. However, by the time December arrives, we are usually rushed and overwhelmed with the decorating, baking, shopping and engagements. The real reason that we celebrate Christmas gets lost in all the hustle and bustle. Have you ever heard these words, "I wish Christmas was over?" This year.... You will find a silent night and PEACE.... On Sunday morning at the **10:30 a.m. worship service on December 18**, as the choirs and participants present the Cantata, "**I Need A Silent Night.**"

Hurry and save this date on your calendar before it gets completely filled!!!



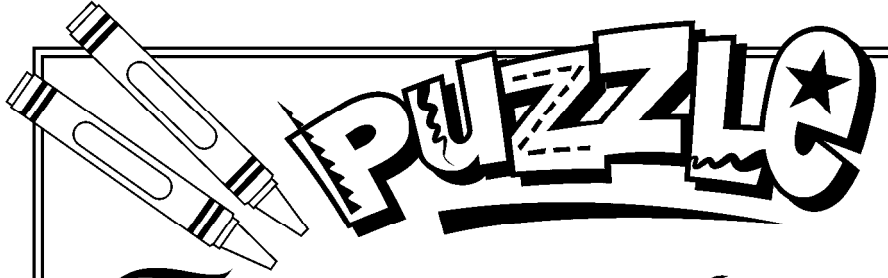
People of St. Matthews, allow me to introduce myself.

My name is Mike Lang. I was born in Raleigh NC and grew up on a tobacco farm near Kinston NC. Believe it or not I was a member of Pastor Bob's first parish back in the early '80's. After I graduated from High School, I worked in the construction industry and at golf courses.

Over time I noticed that my happiest times were in service to others and in worship settings. Conversations with my parish pastor at St. Luke, Ocean Isle Beach, NC strengthened my feeling of a call to service in the church. I returned to college, majored in religion, and graduated from the University of Mount Olive this summer. I am now in my first semester of the first year at Southern Seminary.

I look forward to my time here at St. Matthew's Lutheran and getting to know all of you. I am also excited about this new phase in my life.

In Christ,
Mike Lang



Friends in the Lord

Jesus offers a perfect example of friendship.

What does he do for his friends?

Directions: Follow the clues to fill in the blanks. Then write the completed Bible verse below.

1. Better than; rhymes with *crater*: _____
2. Opposite of hate: _____
3. Opposite of yes: _____
4. Three minus two: _____
5. Not _____ but that; rhymes with *hiss*: _____
6. To place something down; rhymes with *say*: _____
7. Opposite of up: _____
8. Opposite of death: _____
9. Best buds: _____

“ _____ has _____
 _____ than _____ : to _____
 one’s _____ for one’s _____.”

JOHN 15:13, NIV

Answer: “Greater love has no one than this: to lay down one’s life for one’s friends.” John 15:13, NIV