



ST. MATTHEW

# Messenger

*Celebrating*

68  
years

*The Newsletter of St. Matthew Evangelical Lutheran Church - July 2024*

## **Anniversaries, Birthdays and Celebrations**

Our church celebrated a milestone this June- 68 years of ministry by teaching and preaching the word of God and serving our members and community through outreach--and we aren't slowing down! What started out as a small group of worshipers, a desire to establish an ELCA Lutheran Church in Columbus, Georgia along with their faith and dedication was what we celebrated on June 9th . It was both a birthday and an anniversary celebration that Sunday at St. Matthew Evangelical Lutheran Church.

As we congregated outside after service to dedicate the new memorial bricks and military plaque for Tom Pollard and as Pastor Taylor offered prayers, I felt a quiet stillness as I stood with the cross in my hands. At the conclusion of the prayers as we said "Amen," it sounded as though the ones memorialized on the bricks joined in. It was a warm day, but as I stood at the path of the memorial bricks I felt and heard a breezy whisper. As I walked along the path, I began to see the loved ones for whom a brick was given. This is when I felt this dedication of bricks and plaque was a celebration of the lives of those who walked through the doors at St. Matthew over the years. Each of those men and women left their mark on our ministries and members at St. Matthew.

I am so thankful for the charter members and others throughout the years that helped keep that desire to establish and grow our church. Each of us have the same opportunity our charter members had 68 years ago--to believe in the Word preached, follow the Word, teach the Word to our younger generation and reach out to our neighbors in the community around our church. What might we celebrate next year and the years to come on our birthday/ anniversary Sunday?

Rose Johnson  
Council President



# TAKE A WALK



# MEMORIAL BRICK GARDEN



# HAPPY 68TH ANNIVERSARY



Thank you to everyone who helped make the 2024 yard sale an amazing success! \$2,000 was raised to support projects which will show God's love in our community and the world!

## Wynnton Neighborhood Network

### July Mission Focus

We are collecting for WNN the following items:

- Canned Veggies: Sweet peas, corn, carrots, green beans, black beans
- Canned Meat: Chicken, ham, tuna
- Canned Fruit
- Spaghetti sauce and noodles
- Macaroni and cheese
- Canned tomato products
- Peanut Butter and Jelly
- Soup
- Rice
- Cereals
- Monetary donations

Please place items in labeled basket in the Narthex.

**VACATION  
BIBLE SCHOOL**  
**Baptismal Tai-Chi**

**JULY  
24-26  
5:45-7:30 PM**

**St Matthew Evangelical  
Lutheran Church  
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## July Birthdays



3 Sandra Nearhoof	23 Patti Vinson
5 Isaiah Clevers	24 Thomas Chappel
9 Allena Sperry	25 Katharine Pettit
10 Jacob Matthew Vargas	27 Lane Brown
14 Patricia Bonaker	29 Anthony Hicks
16 Danny Alexander	29 Patrick Chappel
17 Rev Taylor Burton Edwards	31 Bradley Young
19 Charlotte Moore	



### Prayer Requests

The Armed Forces, their families, & victims of war	Becky Goldsmith
Persecuted Christians	Estrella Gonzales
The ministries of St. Matthew	Doris Grier
Bishop Kevin Strickland	Petra Henderson
Acting Bishop - Jill Henning	Beverly Huckaby
Southeastern Synod Staff	Norma Kilby
Pastor Taylor Burton Edwards	Ken Korn
Laura Alexander	Emma Kump
Carol Bingemann	Boyd Lester
Dave Bonaker	Laura Lester
Pat Bonaker	Valerie Louder
Betty Davidson	Robert Lowe
Ken Hoag	Michelle Matthias
Myrna Hoag	Brady Meeks
Bennie Jackson	Tim Moore
Mairetha Jackson	Gary Nearhoof
Marga Miller	Louie Niederhammer
Traudel Mosely	Kimberly O'Malley
Debby Owen	Michael Owen
Dorothy Redden	Angela Paul
Connie Sieg	Vincent Pawlowski
Carla Stickers	Beth Price
Albert VanHousen II	Mark Purushotham
Margarete Walsh	Dwight Redmond
Monika Wright	Tiffany Richardson
Gary Anderson	Dayna Ryan
Judy Bultman	Yuliia Savitska
George Capps	Shirley Scott
Kyle Carter	Ricky Skinner
Jim Chappel	Betty Townsend
Jean Clemmons	Charlie VanHousen
Rich Curtis	Dawn VanHousen
Xavier Danguilan	Martha Zimmerman
Penny Davis & Family	
Brandy Garnett	



### Finance Committee Report

	May 2024	Year to Date
Income	\$16,213	\$76,633
Expenses	\$13,222	\$71,801
Difference	\$ 2,991	\$ 4,832

### All Saints

Keandra Bashful  
WJ Barrs  
Eva Brown  
Bishop Davis  
Joan Smith  
Tom Pettit  
Nelda Woods


### Business Prayer Requests

Mr. Pizza	Gold Teeth World
Quality Inn	Apparel King & More
Smoke Buddy's	Hollywood Barber Shop
Days Inn	The Cell Plug
Enterprise	Plaza Furniture
Comfort Inn	Guthrie's
Octapharma Plasma	Master-Kleen
Kamoree's Beauty Salon	Title Max
Broken Tarot Tattoo & Piercing	JD Wings
Beaute' Matrix	Burger King
5 Fourteen	Animal General Hospital
DQ	Klose Kutz
Freedom Adult Day Center	Xpert Tax Service
Transformation Salon	Family Worship Center
Pathway Worship Center	Bi-City Driving School
Menzie Dance Company	Sunset Finance
Frankie's Hair Design	Diamond Kutz
AMG Financial	Kee J's
Acceptance Auto	Angel's Nails
Phuong's Tailor Shop	Y & J Health
Walgreen's	Hidden Lake Grocery
USPS	Beauty Queen
Peachtree Immediate Care	Brewster's
Hidden Lake Bottle Shop	Waffle House
Vance Brooks Funeral Service	E&S Clothing
Striffler Hamby Funeral Service	One Financial
El Carrizo	Tasha's Dance & Prep
M. Bland Salon	Bargain Furniture
The Ellands Event Center	Dollar General
Chevron	Citgo
Grace Apostolic Church	Landmark
#1 Nails	McKibben Insurance
Valley Rescue Donation Center	Rooster's Beer & Wine
Mario's Tire	Woodville Apartments
Mariner Finance	



# St. Matthew Evangelical Lutheran Church

# JULY 2024

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1	2 VBS Planning Meeting - 2:00 CH Mr Pizza - 6:00	3	4 Happy 4th of July - Office Closed	5	6
7 7th Sunday after Pentecost  Worship 10:30 AM Communion  Birthday Celebration	8	9  MR PIZZA - 6:00	10	11 German Klub 5:00 - LH  AA 8:00 PM - LH	12	13
14 8th Sunday after Pentecost  Worship 10:30 AM Communion	15  AA 8:00 PM - LH	16 BIBLE STUDY 10:30AM CH	17	18  COUNCIL MEETING 5:00  AA 8:00 PM - FH	19  SPECIAL OLYMPICS MEETING 2:00 - LH	20
21 9th Sunday after Pentecost  Worship 10:30 AM Communion	22 WYNNTON NEIGHBORHOOD NETWORK BOARD MEETING 12:001  AA 8:00 PM - LH	23 BIBLE STUDY 10:30AM CH Mr. Pizza-6:00	24 VBS 5:45-7:30	25 VBS 5:45-7:30  AA 8:00 PM - LH	26 VBS 5:45-7:30	27
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Contact Us . . .

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Visit us on the web at  
www.stmatthewcolumbusga.com

**Worship: Sundays at 10:30 am.**  
YouTube is also available

[https://www.youtube.com/  
@st.matthewlutheranchurch4457](https://www.youtube.com/@st.matthewlutheranchurch4457)

### OFFICE HOURS

Tuesday/Thursday 2:00 PM - 5:00 PM

Friday - 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM

**Office closed on Thursday, July 4th**

### St. Matthew Evangelical Lutheran Church Mission Statement

*Reach in  
to grow in Christ  
Reach up  
to worship God  
Reach out  
to welcome and witness*

### Staff . . .

**Pastor**  
**Parish Administrator**

**Reverend Taylor Burton Edwards**  
**Sonja Metcalf**  
*office@stmatthewcolumbusga.com*

**Minister of Music**  
**Nursery Attendant**  
**Sexton**

**Sandra Nearhoof**  
**Penny Davis**  
**Lisa Pettit**

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