



St. Matthew's Lutheran Church

Around the Church

September 28, 2025



PLACE-SHARING

Today's gospel evokes our sympathy. It opens the possibility—described as an impossibility—of place-sharing, trading or sharing places with each other. It also echoes a common theme: the pursuit of wealth in this world can lead us into idolatry and

away from faith in Christ. Instead, as the reading from 1 Timothy reminds us, we should pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, endurance, and gentleness, so that there is no “poor man named Lazarus” dying at our gates. After all, the greatest treasure—our eternal salvation has already been procured for us through Jesus' death and resurrection. Knowing this, we can share all we have with our neighbors, even our very place and salvation, confident that God will continue to provide for our needs.

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RISE AGAINST HUNGER MEAL PACKAGING EVENT, OCT. 19: REGISTER NOW!

The annual Rise Against Hunger meal packaging event will be held on Sunday, October 19. According to our liaisons at Rise Against Hunger, our packaging event is the second largest community event in our region.

As of press time, 138 volunteers have signed up (51% of the 300 volunteers we need), and we've raised \$18,047.25 (75% of our goal...we still need to raise \$6,052.75 to purchase the 60,000 meals to be packaged on Oct. 19). We are looking for individuals who are interested in volunteering, fundraising, and contributing to the event. Also, if you are interested in helping to organize and plan this event, please reach out to Troy and Diana Sisum (tdsisum1@yahoo.com) or Kathy Meltzer (kmeltzer@comcast.net).

To register, click the link in the online ATC or on our Church website, or click the QR code above.



DEEP DIVE INTO THEOLOGY, SEPT. 28

This month's topic: Blessed Are The Peacemakers
You are invited to join a discussion group that is different from a bible or book study. For more information, contact skip.craft@verizon.net

We'll meet after the service on Sunday, September 28 in the lounge. All are welcome.



ST. MARY'S MEAL DELIVERY NEXT MEAL, OCT. 26

Thank you to everyone who signed up for the September meal!

You can choose one of these options when you sign up to provide a meal:

- Provide groceries for their kitchen team to prepare dinner. Plan a meal for 15 people, including a main dish, a vegetable or salad and a dessert. Groceries can be dropped off the day before or by 2:30 pm on the day of the meal.
- Deliver a ready-to-eat meal (frozen or fresh) from a grocery store or pizza parlor.
- Donate a \$40 grocery gift card to ACME, Giant, Redners or Costco so they can purchase the ingredients to prepare that evening's meal.
- Become a guest chef/baker and prepare your favorite meal or baked treat in their kitchen.

More information is on our Church website, and the sign up for the next meal on Oct. 26 in the online ATC.



TWO MORE BAND-B-QUES!

OCT. 1 & NOV. 5

Do you love music? Singing? Playing? Wanna be in a band?! **We will be hosting two more Band-B-Ques, on the first Wednesday of the month: October 1 and November 5. Join us for food at 6:00pm, and then we'll move to the Sanctuary to make some music at 7:00pm.**

All are welcome: All skill levels, all musical styles, and all commitment levels! For more information, contact Music Director Daniel Bower at worship@stmatthews-church.org.



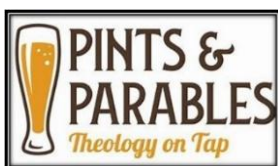
THE STABLES FAMILY NIGHT OUT, OCT. 3 DINE & DONATE FOR ST. MATTHEW'S SCHOOL

Join the St. Matthew's School community for our first Dine and Donate of the school year. **The Stables in Chester Springs will host a St. Matthew's Family Night Out on October 3, starting at 5:00pm. Tables will be reserved in the family section, and 10% of the night's sales will go back to the school. In the event of rain, the event will be moved inside. You can also purchase Stables Raffle Basket tickets for \$5.00 each. If you dine with the family, or take food away, just mention you are there with St. Matthew's Dine & Donate so we receive credit!**



COFFEE & CHRIST, OCT. 4

Join us for coffee and good conversation at our next session of Coffee & Christ, **Saturday, October 4 at 8:30am at Starbucks in Chester Springs!**



PINTS AND PARABLES, OCT. 6

Come join us for stimulating conversation & fellowship, in a laid-back relaxing atmosphere on **Monday, October 6, 7:00pm, Liberty Union in Chester Springs.**



NEW SOCIAL JUSTICE GROUP MEETING, OCT. 5

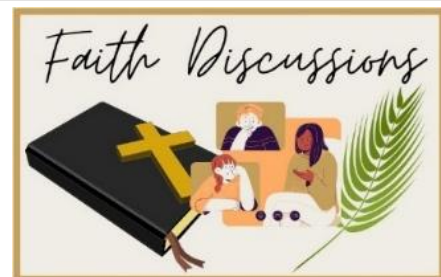
In the Gospel of Matthew (22:37-40), Jesus tells us to love God and to love our neighbor. He then says *everything hangs* on these two commandments. Everything. The mandate is straightforward: **SHINE THE LIGHT!**

In our world today...

- Immigrants and refugees are being treated in inhumane ways
- Increasingly, the marginalized (i.e. LGBTQ+) are being singled out and left behind
- Healthcare and food service programs are being cut
- Women's rights are slowly being chipped away...

These are just a few ways we are failing to deliver on Jesus' mandate proclaimed during the Sermon on the Mount. They run counter to what is expected of us as Christians.

We will be meeting on October 5 at 10:45am in the CLC, to discuss how we might respond to the current challenges in ways consistent with our calling as Christians. If you have questions, reach out to Mary Kwiatkowski (marykkwiatkowski@gmail.com), Jeff Foltz (autooutlook@icloud.com), or Drew Ortyn (andrew.ortyn@nimble-leader.com)



FAITH DISCUSSIONS, OCT. 7

The Faith Discussions Group will resume meetings on **Tuesday, October 7 at 7:00pm in the Sanctuary.** We will be discussing the wisdom of the desert fathers and mothers. This group of early Christians fled to the desert where they emphasized lifestyle practice as an alternative to empire and its economy. Hope to see you there!



ST. MATTHEW'S SCHOOL FALL CHILDREN'S CONSIGNMENT SALE, OCT. 10-11

Children's Consignment Sale Benefitting
St. Matthew's School

New Sellers Always Welcome!

Friday, October 10:

Special Parent/Church Shopping Day
9:00am-12:00pm

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC: 5:30pm-7:30pm

Saturday, October 11:

50% OFF SALE! 8:00am-10:00am

If you would like to consign or volunteer to help, contact
Chrissy Guyer at stmatssale@gmail.com.



YOUTH NEWS



September 28th
Canoe Trip Signup

THE 6TH-12TH GRADE YOUTH ARE GOING CANOEING on the Brandywine TODAY, Sunday, September 28! Meet at St. Paul's at Noon to carpool to Northbrook Canoe Company, where we will spend a leisurely afternoon drifting down the river! Family cost is \$25 for one youth, or \$40 for two or more youth from the same household. Scan the QR code to reserve your paddle!

THE FALL 2025 YOUTH CALENDAR IS NOW AVAILABLE on the Youth page of the church website. Events, dates, times, locations, and signup links may be found on the calendar; check it out to see what's happening for our Middle School (6th-8th grade) and High School (9th-12th grade) youth! Unless otherwise indicated, friends are *always* welcome to participate!



**MISSION IN:
NEXT MEETING OCT. 12**

The next Mission In meeting will be Sunday, October 12 at 10:45am in the CLC.

The Mission In team is asking for your help. If you know of someone in the congregation who is in need of support, please let us know. Maybe we can offer a card, a phone call, a visit, a dessert, or a meal. You can reach a Mission In member by contacting the church office.



MEN'S BREAKFAST: OCT. 18

Please plan on bringing something to cook and share with the group on **Saturday, October 18** Food prep begins at 8:00am with breakfast starting at 8:30am. Please contact Tim Guyer at ttguyer@gmail.com with questions.



**COMMUNITY GARDEN:
HARVESTING UPDATE!**

We had a fantastic summer growing season in the garden and to date have donated **1184 pounds** of veggies to the Chester County Food Bank. We recently transitioned to growing our fall vegetables including several types of lettuce, turnips, radishes, and kale.

Thanks to all our gardeners for your efforts in maintaining the garden and for your generous donations to the food bank! **If you are interested in helping in the garden or want to donate your extra vegetables, please contact Meghan Comegys** (megcomegys@gmail.com/484-684-3109), Desiree Lee (dal2123@yahoo.com/610-425-0484) or Jim Rutledge (jrutman2005@yahoo.com/484-459-3255).

TRUNK OR TREAT: OCT. 25

Please join us for our second annual Trunk or Treat event on Saturday, October 25 from 3:00-5:00pm on the church grounds! Admission is free.

We will be needing trunkers and volunteers for stations.

Check this week's online ATC for the link to sign up!



DRIVE OUT HUNGER:

SEE PHOTOS FROM THE DAY!

Our Second Annual Drive Out Hunger Golf Outing on September 18 was a great success! Stay tuned next week for the donation totals. Thanks so much to everyone who golfed, had lunch, or volunteered to make it such a great day. **View all the photos on our church website and in our Facebook group!**