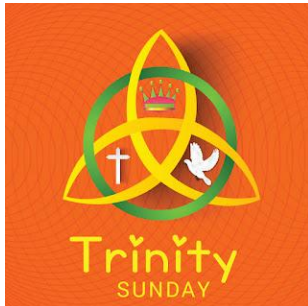




# St. Matthew's Lutheran Church

## Around the Church

### May 31, 2026



### **TRINITY**

*(adapted from Sundays & Seasons)*

The festival of the Holy Trinity which is this Sunday celebrates the wonder of relationship with God while leaving us distinctly dissatisfied

with our limited understanding of who God is. While guarding against the idolatry of language, we survey our scripture, doctrine, creeds, and symbols of our heritage. Equally important, we pray for God to inspire fresh, innovative ideas of God in the present moment. This Sunday's gospel from Matthew 28—an Easter text!—contains one of the few biblical references to the trinitarian formula. As the eleven are commissioned to make disciples, baptize, and teach, we are invited to consider our calling to influence the world with the good news of God's love. The text from II Corinthians 13:11-13 also includes a kind of naming of the Holy Trinity in an affectionate sign-off of a personal letter. The Nicene Creed might not be in the New Testament, but "trinitarian" thinking certainly is. Our God that is beyond our understanding may be both troubling and comforting. It's tempting to want to try to apprehend the idea of God with our mind and intellect, "trying on" various models for God. The result is usually disappointing, tends to put God "in a box," and feeds our bias toward rationality. Another possibility is to relate to God and celebrate God's presence in all God's glory and colorful wonder and our belonging to this wonder-full God.

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### **CONGRATULATIONS TO THE CLASS OF 2026!**

We warmly congratulate the following St. Matthew's Church Members who are celebrating their graduations from high schools, colleges, and Doctorate programs!

#### **High School:**

**Callie Comegys:** Graduating from Downingtown STEM Academy, attending Boston College.

**Elyse Kerrigan:** Graduating from Coatesville High School, attending the University of Pittsburgh.

**Daniel Ledinh:** Graduating from Downingtown STEM Academy.

#### **College/University:**

**AJ Kerrigan:** Graduating from Immaculata University, Bachelor of Science in Biology

**Joshua Kerrigan:** Graduating from the College of William and Mary, Bachelor of Science in Chemistry with Math minor, entering the Chemistry Ph.D. program at University of Colorado-Boulder.

#### **Doctorate Programs:**

**Emily McDevitt:** Earned a Doctor of Physical Therapy degree from Thomas Jefferson University.



### **YOUTH CAR WASH TODAY, MAY 31**

**OUR ANNUAL YOUTH CAR WASH FUNDRAISER is happening TODAY, Sunday, May 31 from 8:00-11:00am (weather permitting). Drop your car off**

before worship, and our team will return it to you with a sparkling clean exterior when you come out afterward! No charge, but donations are gratefully accepted.



**ENVELOPE FUNDRAISER FOR ASP**

**IF YOU HAVE TAKEN A FUNDRAISER ENVELOPE OFF OF THE YOUTH BULLETIN BOARD, please return it with the indicated amount and card inside filled out by Sunday, May 31.**

Completed envelopes can be placed in the church offering or turned in to the church office.



**YOUNG FAMILIES END-OF-YEAR PICNIC, TODAY, MAY 31**

OUR SECOND ANNUAL YOUNG FAMILIES END-OF-YEAR PICNIC will be held on Sunday, May 31 from 12:30pm- 3:00pm(ish) at Warwick County Park, Pavilion #3. Burgers, hot dogs, and drinks will be provided...bring a side dish, snack, or dessert to share with the group! All families with kids in preschool-5th grade are invited; older and younger siblings are welcome to come, too! **Sign up in the online ATC to let us know you are coming! Questions? Contact Craig Miller at [craigyouthmin@gmail.com](mailto:craigyouthmin@gmail.com), or 484-320-0785.**



**SUNDAY EVENING WORSHIP JUNE 7 & JUNE 21 AT 6:30PM**

Sunday Evening Worship services are great for those with busy schedules, especially during the summer! Hope to see you next time!

**YOUTH PROTECTION TRAINING**

**YOUTH PROTECTION POLICY TRAININGS**

YOUTH PROTECTION POLICY TRAINING for adults who work with youth and children in our congregation will be offered on multiple occasions in the coming weeks. If you have not received training in our Youth Protection Policy within the past five years and plan to help with ASP, Vacation Bible School, or any other upcoming events that involve children and youth, please plan to attend one of these trainings:

- Sunday, June 14 10:45-11:45am at St. Matthew's
- Tuesday, June 16 7:00-8:00pm online/Zoom
- Thursday, June 18 7:00-8:00pm online/Zoom
- Sunday, June 21 10:45-11:45am at St. Paul's

You only need to attend one of these sessions, as they are all the same presentation. Sign up in the online ATC to participate!

**LUTHERAN NIGHT AT THE PHILLIES ON FRIDAY, JUNE 5!**

For tickets, please check the link in the online ATC and under EVENTS on the church website. When ordering, use the code LUTHERAN

**Save the Date! Lutheran Night at the Phillies June 5**

The Phillies take on the Chicago White Sox.

Join with your family and friends to cheer on the Phillies.

Make a day of it and start your America 250 celebration early by visiting local historical sites ahead of the crowds!





**Pints & Parables: Monday, June 1, 7:00pm at MaGerks in Lionville.** Come join us for stimulating conversation & fellowship, in a laid-back relaxing atmosphere.

**Faith Discussions: Tuesday, June 2 at 7:00pm in the Lounge.** We will be discussing pages 65-79 in *The Freedom of a Christian*.

**Coffee & Christ: Saturday, June 6, 8:30am at Starbucks in Chester Springs.** Join us for coffee and good conversation at our next session!

**Mission In: Sunday, June 14 at 10:45am in the CLC.** All are welcome!

**Men's Breakfast: Saturday, June 20.** Please bring something to cook and share. Food prep begins at 8:00am with breakfast starting at 8:30am. Questions? E-mail Tim Guyer: [tguyer@gmail.com](mailto:tguyer@gmail.com)



## Braver Angels

### **SAVE THE DATE: BRAVER ANGELS WORKSHOP, JUNE 18**

Please save the date for a Braver Angels workshop on Thursday evening, June 18 from 7:00-8:30pm in the CLC. Braver Angels is a volunteer-led organization whose stated purpose is to foster healthy, civic dialogue. If you have any questions about this program, please contact the church office: [office@stmatthews-church.org](mailto:office@stmatthews-church.org)  
**Please find the registration link in the online ATC or on the church website under Events.**

#### **Skills for Disagreeing Better**

**Summary:** The Skills for Disagreeing Better workshop helps participants understand the values and concerns of those who differ from them politically and teaches essential skills for

communicating across differences and finding common ground.

#### **Goals:**

- Grow understanding of the values and concerns of people who differ from you politically
- Learn skills for listening in a way the other person feels heard
- Learn skills for sharing viewpoints in a way the other person might hear even if they disagree

**Who Can Attend:** This workshop is open to everyone.

**What to Expect:** You will learn about the values and concerns of the other political side and practice skills for communicating more effectively in the presence of disagreement.



### **COMMUNITY GARDEN UPDATE**

Our 2026 growing season is well underway! Our spring vegetables this year include cherry belle radishes, French breakfast radishes, salad turnips, beets, romaine lettuce, red leaf lettuce, butterhead lettuce, arugula lettuce and collards. So far, we have harvested **211 pounds** that we have donated to the Chester County Food Bank. Even if you are not renting one of our 16 beds, we would love to have some new faces join us in helping plant, maintain, and harvest the vegetables we grow in the five dedicated food bank beds. No experience is necessary!  
If you are interested in helping in the garden, please contact Meghan Comegys ([megcomegys@gmail.com](mailto:megcomegys@gmail.com) or 484-684-3109), Desiree Lee ([dal2123@yahoo.com](mailto:dal2123@yahoo.com) or 610-425-0484) or Jim Rutledge ([jrutman2005@yahoo.com](mailto:jrutman2005@yahoo.com) or 484-459-3255).



## **ST. MARY'S MEAL:** **NEXT MEAL JUNE 28**

The next meal delivery will be on June 28, and the sign up is now in the online ATC. There are many options to provide a meal for at least 15 people residing at the shelter, including providing groceries for their kitchen team to prepare, deliver ready-to-eat items, donate a grocery gift card, or use their kitchen to become a guest chef/baker for parts of the meal.

Full details with the requirements are listed on the church website and on the Sign-Up Genius. If you have any questions, please contact Mindy Elmer: [mlong1011@comcast.net](mailto:mlong1011@comcast.net)

historians, township officials and community members, then enjoy complementary refreshments.

Trail grand opening starts at 6:00pm for pedestrians/dog walkers/bike riders from Vineyard Church and Weatherstone, down to Evans Park. **This trail runs alongside St. Matthew's and our cemetery.**

Starting at 7:00pm, there will be a commemoration of the trail's creators, including our long-standing St. Matthew's church member Davey Waters and her sister Melanie McCartney, with a ribbon cutting ceremony.

There will be raffles following the ribbon cutting. **A link with more information can be found on the online ATC and church website!**



## **FELLOWSHIP TRAIL GRAND OPENING**

Celebrating community connections and the volunteers who made them a reality!

**Wednesday, June 17 (rain date, June 18)**

**6 PM** – Trail Grand Opening pedestrian/dog walk/bike ride from Vineyard Church and Weatherstone down to Evans Park.

**6:30 PM** – At the Evans Park gazebo, enjoy free ice cream courtesy of the Pigeon Creek Farm/4-H Club + Wawa Pretzels, along with fresh petunia giveaways from the WVT Environmental Advisory Council (all while supplies last).

**7 PM** – Commemoration of the trail's creators. Ribbon Cutting Ceremony with guests of honor, Davida Waters & Melanie McCartney.

**7:15 PM** – Raffle drawings

Take the short trek along the trail with local historians, township officials and community members, then enjoy complimentary refreshments, as we celebrate this important link between townships and points beyond!

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