



**Saint Matthias
Lutheran Church
Easley, SC**



SAINT MATTHIAS MATTERS

Monthly Newsletter

April 2024

Pastor's Ponderings

Easter...A Time of Rebirth (again, and again, and again...)

“After the sabbath, as the first day of the week was dawning, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to see the tomb...”(Matthew 28:1)

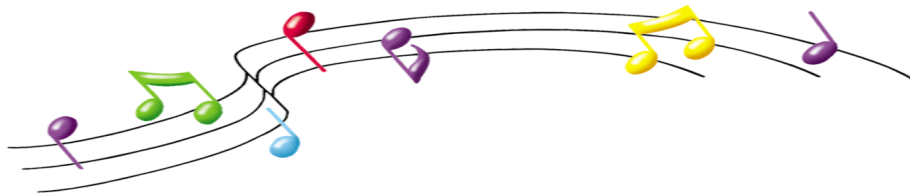
One year ago, I wrote: “St. Matthias has two paths in front of it: one path leads to simply maintaining our building and property until either a new generation just happens to come in or we slowly die off; the other path leads to being active in the Easley community in ways that no other church can or wants to be, bringing a new spirit, a new life into our beloved congregation as we share the love of Christ. The latter is my prayer for you and my challenge to you in the next year and a half leading up to the fiftieth anniversary of Saint Matthias Lutheran Church.”

As we now are only a few months away from that major anniversary, I still say the same prayer and give the same challenge to you. The good news is that the Holy Spirit gives the church a new birth over and over and over again. The Spirit who descends upon us in Holy Baptism keeps on renewing us as both individuals and a faith community, and, in that renewal, we will continue to see new ways that we can serve our community with the love of Jesus Christ. May this be true now and forevermore!

May the Spirit of the resurrected Christ lead us always!
Pastor Sean

Worship
Every Sunday at 10 am
Followed by Coffee Fellowship

Council Meeting
April 21 following
Fellowship



Choir Practice

Tuesdays at 7 pm

All are welcome!

Pastor's Bible Study

Wednesdays at 6:30 pm

in the Church Office

**Yard Unsale
Saturday, May 11**

**Church Picnic
Sunday, June 2**

Details will be announced in Worship

Special Request

A resident at The Retreat on Couch Lane is willing to pay for rides to the grocery store and running other errands. She travels with a light wheelchair.

If interested, please contact Pastor Sean

Worship Volunteers

Assisting Ministers

4/7: Selena Brinson

4/14: Carolyn Watt

4/21: Helen Turnage

4/28: Melody Clark

Acolytes

4/7: Eli Durham

4/14: Chelsea Brown

4/21: Adelaide St. Peter

4/28: Lucy Brown

Ushers

4/7: Jay Hudson & Don White

4/14: *Needed*

4/21: Sandy Roper & Carolyn Watt

4/28: *Needed*

Altar Guild

4/7: Susan Jollyh

4/14: Carolyn Watt

4/21: Debbie Gill

4/28: Terri Pschorr

Flowers

4/7: Terri & Tucker Pschorr *in memory of Dewey Olson*

4/14: Geri Stenzel *in memory of Leon Stenzel*

4/21: The Clarks *in honor of their 53rd Anniversary*

4/28: Florence Fung

Coffee Fellowship

4/7: Cookie & Ginger Roth

Rest of month: *Needed*

Please sign up in the Gathering Area or by email to
stmatthiapastor@gmail.com

**The Sacrament of Holy Baptism
for
Habin Brinson Lee**

**Sunday, April 7
with Luncheon to follow**

Tuesdays with Pastor Sean

**Join our pastor for conversation at Starbucks on 123
near Wendy's anytime between 11 am and 2 pm**

**Please pray about serving on our planning team
for our 50th anniversary on October 6**

**If interested, please contact Pastor Sean at
stmatthiaspastor@gmail.com or 859-0639**

Prayer List

Please contact Pastor Sean to add any requests or make changes at stmatthiaspastor@gmail.com

Members of St. Matthias

David Watt & family; Cookie & Ginger Roth; Cheri & John Diggelmann; Miller-Perez family; Zuber family; Brinson family; Lyerly family; Hollis family; Annemarie Gleason (mourning the death of her sister, Maribeth); Janice Riddle & family; Vicki Blay Valera; and members residing in Senior Living: Barbara Dunlap, Ben & Shirley Houston, L.C. "Smitty" & Betty Smith

Relatives and Friends of St. Matthias

Brenda Hucks; Talley Parker (friend of Geri Stenzel, Sharon Moon, and Rita Orr); Liz Ducker (mourning the death of her sister, Nancy); Kaera Martin (cousin of Selena Brinson); Donna Norman & family; Roger Diggelmann (brother of John Diggelmann); Bonnie Heath; Sandy Roper & family; Barbara Conyers (sister of Geri Stenzel); Maxine Loop (sister of Ginger Cox); Donna MacLaskie (niece of Shirley and Ben Houston); Linda Dooley (friend of Geri Stenzel); Heather Podraza (daughter of Cheri Diggelmann); Tabitha Capps (our Preschool Director) & family; Tracy Munzert (former member); Kala Jansen (friend of Laura St. Peter); Linda Roman (coworker of Diana Brown); Parents of Lee Morgan; Ruby Durham, Rachel Dickard, Cindy Stancil (family/friend of Karen Zuber)

SHINE Soup Kitchen

**We cook and serve on April 17
starting at 3 pm**

April Birthdays

Lorna Lyerly 4/3

Russell Brinson III 4/8

Ed Clark 4/8

Kathy White 4/14

Shirley Houston 4/21

Melissa Fox 4/30

Laura St. Peter 4/30



April Anniversaries

Randy & Susan Jolly 4/5

Brandon & Jenny Bogle 4/13

Lee & Dee Bostick 4/16

Ben & Karen Zuber 4/22

Ronnie & Carolyn Watt 4/23

Ed & Melody Clark 4/25

Sunday School

April 14 & 28

following Fellowship

Pentecost/Graduation Sunday

May 19

This year's graduates:

Blake Hydrick-Easley High School

Will attend Clemson University

Ethan Miller-Perez-Mauldin High School

Will attend Valparaiso University

Christ
is
Risen!

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