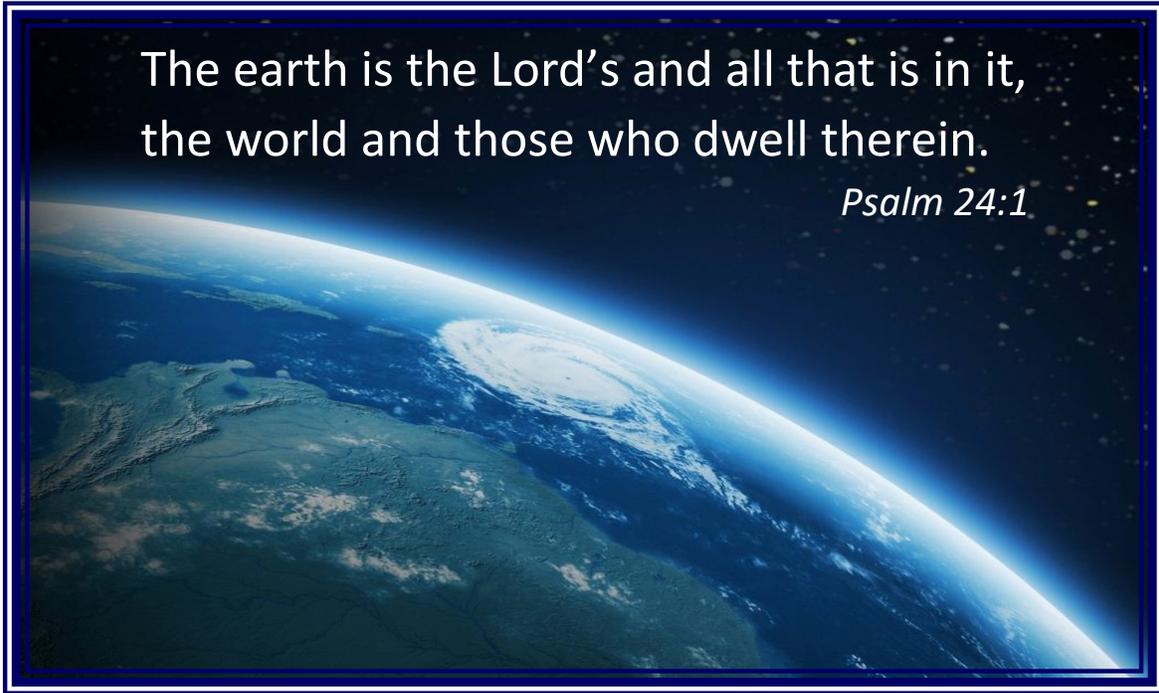


The earth is the Lord's and all that is in it,  
the world and those who dwell therein.

*Psalm 24:1*



*Twenty-Fourth Sunday After Pentecost*  
*All Saints Sunday*

November 7, 2021

8:30 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.

*ELW Liturgy*

*“Living God’s Love”*

**St. Matthew Evangelical Lutheran Church**

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# GATHERING

*\* Please stand as you are able.*

## Welcome and Announcements

### Prelude

### \*Confession & Forgiveness

P: In the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

P: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

P: Have mercy on us, O God.

C: **We confess that we have sinned against you and against our neighbor. We have built walls instead of tables and have turned away the stranger. We have sought glory for ourselves and have treasured that which does not satisfy. Help us to love as you love, to welcome those you send, and to treasure mercy and justice. Turn us from our ways to your ways, and free us to serve those in need. Amen.**

P: God, who makes all things new, forgives your sins for + Jesus' sake and remembers them no more. Lift up your heads and your hearts. Yours is the kingdom of God.

C: Amen.

### \*Gathering Song

*For All the Saints (vs. 1,3,5,7)*

No. 422

### \*Greeting

### \*Prayer of the Day

**Almighty God, you have knit your people together in one communion in the mystical body of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Grant us grace to follow your blessed saints in lives of faith and commitment, and to know the inexpressible joys you have prepared for those who love you, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

### Children's Sermon

Deacon Lindsay Bailey

## WORD

### First Reading

Isaiah 25:6-9

<sup>6</sup>On this mountain the LORD of hosts will make for all peoples  
a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wines,  
of rich food filled with marrow, of well-aged wines strained clear.

<sup>7</sup>And he will destroy on this mountain  
the shroud that is cast over all peoples,  
the sheet that is spread over all nations;

<sup>8</sup>he will swallow up death forever.

Then the Lord GOD will wipe away the tears from all faces,  
and the disgrace of his people he will take away from all the earth,  
for the LORD has spoken.

<sup>9</sup>It will be said on that day,  
Lo, this is our God; we have waited for him, so that he might save us.  
This is the LORD for whom we have waited;  
let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation.

<sup>1</sup>The earth is the LORD's and all that is in it,  
the world and those who dwell therein.

<sup>2</sup>**For the LORD has founded it upon the seas  
and established it upon the rivers.**

<sup>3</sup>Who may ascend the mountain of the LORD,  
and who may stand in God's holy place?

<sup>4</sup>**Those of innocent hands and purity of heart,  
who do not swear on God's being, nor do they pledge by what is false.**

<sup>5</sup>They shall receive blessing from the LORD  
and righteousness from the God of their salvation.

<sup>6</sup>**Such is the generation of those who seek you, O LORD,  
of those who seek your face, O God of Jacob.**

<sup>7</sup>Lift up your heads, O gates; and be lifted up, O everlasting doors,  
that the King of glory may come in.

<sup>8</sup>**Who is this King of glory?  
The LORD, strong and mighty, the LORD, mighty in battle!**

<sup>9</sup>Lift up your heads, O gates; and be lifted up, O everlasting doors,  
that the King of glory may come in.

<sup>10</sup>**Who is this King of glory?  
Truly, the LORD of hosts is the King of glory.**

### Second Reading

Revelation 21:1-6a

<sup>1</sup>I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. <sup>2</sup>And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. <sup>3</sup>And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying,

"See, the home of God is among mortals.

He will dwell with them;

they will be his peoples,

and God himself will be with them;

<sup>4</sup>he will wipe every tear from their eyes.

Death will be no more;

mourning and crying and pain will be no more,

for the first things have passed away."

<sup>5</sup>And the one who was seated on the throne said, "See, I am making all things new."

Also he said, "Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true." <sup>6a</sup>Then he said to me,

"It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end."

### \*Gospel

John 11:32-44

P: The holy gospel according to John.

**C: Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>32</sup>When Mary came where Jesus was and saw him, she knelt at his feet and said to him, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died." <sup>33</sup>When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who came with her also weeping, he was greatly disturbed in spirit and deeply moved. <sup>34</sup>He said, "Where have you laid him?" They said to him, "Lord, come and see." <sup>35</sup>Jesus began to weep. <sup>36</sup>So the Jews said, "See how he loved him!" <sup>37</sup>But some of them said, "Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man have kept this man from dying?"

<sup>38</sup>Then Jesus, again greatly disturbed, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone was lying against it. <sup>39</sup>Jesus said, "Take away the stone." Martha, the sister of the dead

man, said to him, "Lord, already there is a stench because he has been dead four days."  
<sup>40</sup> Jesus said to her, "Did I not tell you that if you believed, you would see the glory of God?" <sup>41</sup> So they took away the stone. And Jesus looked upward and said, "Father, I thank you for having heard me. <sup>42</sup> I knew that you always hear me, but I have said this for the sake of the crowd standing here, so that they may believe that you sent me." <sup>43</sup> When he had said this, he cried with a loud voice, "Lazarus, come out!" <sup>44</sup> The dead man came out, his hands and feet bound with strips of cloth, and his face wrapped in a cloth. Jesus said to them, "Unbind him, and let him go."

P: The gospel of the Lord.

**C: Praise to you, O Christ.**

**Sermon**

Pastor Bernie Dougherty

**Hymn of the Day**

I Know that My Redeemer Lives (vs. 1-4)

No. 619

**\*Apostle's Creed**

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried;  
he descended to the dead.  
On the third day he rose again;  
he ascended into heaven,  
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

**\*Prayers of Intercession**

P: Eternal God, you hold firm amid the changes of this world. Hear us now as we pray for the church, the world, and everyone in need.

*A brief silence.*

P: Merciful God, we give thanks for all missionaries who have brought your message of hope to new communities and wiped tears away. Continue to raise up courageous missionaries to share your gospel of hope. Hear us, O God.

**C: Your mercy is great.**

P: Creating God, we praise you for abundant harvests and the goodness of creation. Create communities of care for your earth so that all land, water, and soil will be celebrated and cherished by future generations of saints. Hear us, O God.

**C: Your mercy is great.**

P: God of peace, we give you thanks for nations of peace that serve as a refuge for all whose homelands are afflicted with violence. Strengthen those who continue to work for peace and support all veterans who carry the scars of war. Hear us, O God.

**C: Your mercy is great.**

P: God of healing, we give you thanks for health care workers who labor around the clock to answer cries for help. Bring wholeness to all who struggle with post-traumatic stress disorder, anxiety, depression, addiction, and all who long for healing in any way: Dean Hauptman, Darine Prok, Jen Knaggs, Steve Combs, Jim Frame, John Siebert, Jerry Spears, Brenda Disbrow, Mary Baker, Alexis Scala, Joyce Henschel, Greg Mckee, and Ed Berchert. Hear us, O God.

**C: Your mercy is great.**

P: God of justice, we praise you for the feeding ministries and for all meals that bring people together for nourishment and fellowship. Bless chefs, bakers, servers, dishwashers, communion assistants, and meal ministry coordinators. Hear us, O God.

**C: Your mercy is great.**

P: Compassionate Lord, be with us as we look to the future of our Transitional Housing ministry. Guide us and help us to be open to your voice as we discern how we will continue to offer help to those in need. Hear us, O God.

**C: Your mercy is great.**

P: God of Guidance, we ask your blessing upon St. Matthew's Call Committee. Give them insight and a spirit of enthusiasm for their work and raise up for our people a pastor to help lead us. Hear us, O God.

**C: Your mercy is great.**

*Here other intercessions may be offered.*

P: God of the ages, we give you thanks for the saints of this congregation who have inspired, challenged, loved, and taught us (*those who have died during the past year may be named*). Wipe away our tears and lead us by their example until we feast together on your holy mountain. Hear us, O God.

**C: Your mercy is great.**

P: God our protection and strength, we entrust to you all for whom we pray. Remain with us always, through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

**C: Amen.**

**\*Peace:** *The peace will be an acknowledgement with your neighbor of God's reconciling love by nod or bow.*

## MEAL

**Offertory**

*Bound for the Promised Land* (11:00)

Luther Choir

J. Leavitt

**Offering Prayer**

P: Holy God, the earth is yours and everything in it, yet you have chosen to dwell among your creatures. Come among us now in these gifts of bread and wine, and strengthen us to be your body for the world through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**C: Amen.**

**\*Great Thanksgiving**

**\*Eucharistic Prayer**

**\*Lord's Prayer**

**Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy name,  
thy kingdom come,  
thy will be done,**

on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread;  
and forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those  
who trespass against us;  
and lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom,  
and the power, and the glory,  
forever and ever. Amen.

**\*Invitation to Communion**

P: A feast of love is offered here for you and for all the saints.

**Communion Hymn**

*My Faith Looks Up to Thee*

No. 759

**\*Table Blessing**

**\*Prayer after Communion**

P: Blessed Jesus, at this table, you have been for us both host and meal. Now send us forth to extend our tables and to share your gifts until that day when all feast together at your heavenly banquet.

C: Amen.

**SENDING**

**Blessing**

**\*Sending Song**

*For All Your Saints, O Lord*

No. 427

**\*Dismissal**

P: Led on by the saints before us, go in peace to serve the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

**\*Postlude**

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<b>WORSHIP SERVANTS</b>				
<b>Date</b>	<b>November 7</b>	<b>November 7</b>	<b>November 14</b>	<b>November 14</b>
<b>Service</b>	<b>8:30 a.m.</b>	<b>11:00 a.m.</b>	<b>8:30 a.m.</b>	<b>11:00 a.m.</b>
<b>Acolyte</b>		Marin Gerspacher	Addy Shook	Trevor Terihay
<b>Reader</b>	Tim Brown	Owen Blakslee	Judy McLaughlin	Melody Costello
<b>Ushers</b>	Bruce Reed	Becky Malloy	Bruce Reed	
<b>Communion Servers</b>	Mary Dunham	Melody Costello		
<b>Sound</b>	Joe Obermeier	Mike & Alex Holthouse	Joe Obermeier	Mike & Alex Holthouse
<b>Video</b>	Owen Blakslee	--	Brian Harris	Brian Harris
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Louise Cadwallader			

## PRAYERS

**Prayers for Healing:** Dean Hauptman, Darine Prok, Jen Knaggs, Steve Combs, Jim Frame, John Siebert, Jerry Spears, Brenda Disbrow, Mary Baker, Alexis Scala, Joyce Henschel, Greg Mckee, and Ed Berchert.

**Altar Flowers** this morning are given to the glory of God in celebration of Christy Gabler's birthday by Linda Kostelnik.

**Memorial Flowers** this morning are given to the glory of God in loving memory of our family; John, Tiffany, and Todd, by Louise Cadwallader and Tori.

## TODAY'S WORSHIP & EVENTS

**Today, All Saints Sunday**, we worship in person at 8:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. with *ELW* liturgy and communion, livestreaming at 8:30 a.m.

**We Welcome** Pastor Bernie Dougherty as our Supply Pastor for the month of November.

**Youth Sunday School** - 9:45 a.m. in the Brown Room.

**Mentoring Kick-Off** for 8<sup>th</sup> grade students, parents, and mentors - 9:45 a.m. in the sanctuary.

**Adult Sunday School** - 9:45 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Pastor Dougherty will discuss "The Raising of Lazarus and The Confession of Mary and Martha: A Reflection on All Saints Day." It will be based on the New Testament passage of John 11.

**Small Groups - Foundry Social Event** at 1:00 p.m. 333 Foundry Street, Medina, in the "Big Room".

## NEXT SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 14, AT ST. MATTHEW

**Next Sunday, Twenty-Fifth Sunday after Pentecost**, we will worship in person at 8:30 a.m. with *ELW* Liturgy and communion and 11:00 a.m. with *Native American Worship* and communion, livestreaming both services.

**We Will Welcome** Pastor Bernie Dougherty as our Supply Pastor.

**Youth Sunday School** - 9:45 a.m. in the Brown Room.

**Luther Middles** drive-thru food collection - 9:45 a.m. in the St Matthew parking lot.

**Transitional Housing Discussion** - 9:45 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall.



## November 7, 2021

**Kathy Eckert, 11/5/20.** Kathy was a devoted mother and grandmother who was proud of her family and enjoyed spending time with them. She loved to play bingo and any type of card game.

**Richard Trenty, 1/25/21.** Richard's wife, June, shared loving thoughts and memories from friends and family, *"Richard navigated life with determination and grace. He had a warm, sweet smile and was filled with faith and wisdom. Even when speech failed him, he could play hymns and old songs by ear, which expressed much more than words. Our dad was the best role model. My dear husband, Richard, lived a joy-filled, love-filled life, sustained by his faith in GOD."*

**Ross Beachy, 2/4/21.** Ross was a dear brother, beloved husband, and loving father. He was an army veteran of the Korean War and later started his own construction business. He enjoyed the outdoors and anything to do with horses. Ross's wife, Mary Ann shared, *"He was a homebody. He always looked forward to going to church."*

**John Deputy, 2/25/21.** John's daughter, Michele Calloway, shared, *"John Deputy was a member of St. Matthew since 1978. He was a loving husband to Julie, father to Michele and John, and grandfather to Maggie and Jess. He loved the Lord and his family. In all he did he was a joyful servant."*

**LeRoy Schnettler, 2/26/21.** LeRoy's sister, Una Mae Gill, shared, *"LeRoy M. Schnettler, from a family of charter members of St. Matthew, which helped to build what is now St. Matthew. He was an avid member of Scouts and the United States Marine Corp. Along with his wife, Mary Ann, they raised four children. In his later years he was active in the Gideon Society in the state of New York. LeRoy will be greatly missed by three sisters, still at St. Matthew Church."*

**Lloyd Madis, 8/6/21.** Lloyd (Scotty) served his country proudly in the U.S. Army during WWII, serving with the 88<sup>th</sup> Infantry "Blue Devils", Julian Alps, Italy. He was an art teacher, owned a successful framing shop, was a skilled carpenter and cabinet maker. Scotty was the first ever Eagle Scout from Hastings and Cambria County.

**Ron Svoboda, 8/22/21.** Esther, Ron's wife, shared, *"Ron was a devoted and loving husband and father. His beautiful baritone voice was loved by many, both in plays and in church. Many have wonderful memories of his singing "Were You There" on Palm Sunday. Karen and I, along with others, miss Ron."*

**Richard Uttech, 9/15/21.** Teri Uttech, Richard's daughter-in-law, shared, *"Dick proudly served our country as a Navy Corpsman. He was married to the love of his life, Shirley, for 56 years. He raised two boys, Scott and Mike (Teri). He had the joy of seeing his two grandsons, Alec and Mitch, grow into wonderful men. He will be greatly missed by many family and friends."*

# Call Committee Update

Greetings. The Ministry Site Profile has been activated! The Call Committee met on October 12, with Pastor Mitch Phillips, Assistant to the Bishop. We reviewed the next steps and process to prepare for and interview candidates. Pastor Mitch and the Bishop reviewed our Profile and have reached out to a few possible candidates.

Continue to keep us in your prayers as the Call Committee moves to this next important phase of interviewing. We are anxious to share the vision for our church and to let the Holy Spirit work as we Call a new pastor.

Thank you for your support. If you have any questions, feel free to contact any of us.

Your Faithful Servants,  
Jill Heck, Chair  
Christy Gabler, Vice-Chair  
Troy Gerspacher, Liaison to Executive Council  
Todd Costello, Liaison to Congregation  
Jenn Knaggs, Prayer Warrior and Devotional Leader  
Kate Ilg, Historian & Scribe  
John Burke and Aaron Reising, Technology

## Letter from Social Concerns *Re: Transitional Housing*

Dear fellow St. Matthew members,

The Social Concerns team is reaching out to the congregation to gather thoughts and input regarding the future of our Transitional Housing Ministry. The ministry will be undergoing some changes in the near future with the retirement of Jim Frame, our long time Director of Transitional Housing. We, as a congregation, will need to decide how we want to move forward with this ministry in the future.

Members from the Social Concerns team will be hosting several discussion groups, both in person and via Zoom, to gather your thoughts and input, as well as answer any questions you may have.

Listed below are the dates and times of our scheduled discussion groups. Please call or email Deb in the office at 330-725-8885 or [office@stmatthewmedina.org](mailto:office@stmatthewmedina.org) to register to attend one of the meetings. If you are unable to attend any of the sessions, please let Deb know and a member of the Social Concerns Ministry team will contact you about other options.

\*Tuesday November 9th at 2pm via Zoom (Link will be sent to registrants)

\*Wednesday November 10th at 7pm via Zoom (Link will be sent to registrants)

\*Sunday November 14th at 9:45am between services in the Fellowship Hall  
(There is no need to preregister for this session.)

\*Monday November 15th at 7pm via Zoom (Link will be sent to registrants)

You can also access a Zoom meeting by calling the phone number included with the emailed Zoom meeting information which allows you to participate with audio if you don't have internet access or a Zoom account.

Thank you in advance for your participation in this important step in the process of discerning how St. Matthew will continue our ministry of helping those in need of transitional housing.

LGL  
The Social Concerns Ministry Team

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

**In honor of National Native American Heritage month**, on Sunday, November 14, at the 11:00 a.m. service, St. Matthew welcomes a special guest, Billy Crowbeak Faluski, Native American Flutist of Cherokee heritage, who will fill the sanctuary with the distinctive and inspiring sounds of his beautifully handcrafted flutes. In addition, we will be singing three Dakota Sioux hymns, using the Call and Response litany and prayers provided by ELCA Lutheran Indian Ministries, and participating in a special children's message and a congregational tribal round dance. Invite your friends and family to this unique worship experience.

During Sunday School hour on November 21, in the sanctuary, John Burke will lead a discussion about the Native American code of ethics and the book *Gospel of the Indians*, written by Oglala Sioux, Charles Eastman.

**Christmas Cookie Exchange** - Small Groups will have their annual cookie exchange Sunday, December 5 after the late service. Soup and salad will be served. Each person is asked to bring three dozen cookies to share. Watch for more details in coming weeks.

**Address Change \*correction\*** - Shirley Hodek's new address is 5467 Holister Drive., #101, Westerville, Ohio 43081.

**Electronic Offering Updates** - If anyone needs help in changing their electronic giving (ACH) through Vanco please feel free to contact Thaddeus Neururer 617-360-1342 or email at [thaddeus.neururer@gmail.com](mailto:thaddeus.neururer@gmail.com).

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## **COVID-19 PROTOCOLS**

**Mask Mandate / Masks optional, but recommended**  
**HVAC anti-COVID air treatment / Equipment installed earlier this year**  
**No Singing / Restrictions Lifted**  
**Limiting Attendance / Restrictions Lifted**  
**Keep Exterior Doors Open / Restrictions Lifted**  
**Fellowship After Worship / Casual fellowship after church is resuming**  
**Ropes to Encourage Social Distance / Ropes removed June 18**  
**Hymnals / Hymnals returned to pews June 18**  
**Communion / Covid protocol still in place**  
**Sharing of the Peace / Covid protocol still in place**  
**Masks and Sanitizer available / Covid protocol still in place**

## Help Needed at St. Matthew

**Video Help Needed** - This past year, our video ministry has become more important than ever. It has allowed St. Matthew to livestream worship services so we could all still worship together. As with all ministries in our community of faith, it takes volunteers to make it happen. We are seeking a few more volunteers who would be willing to help with the recording of our services on Sunday mornings. Please contact Lisa Burke or Melody Costello from Communication Evangelism or Brian Harris or Owen Blakslee, who can answer all your questions.

**Seeking Nursery Volunteers** - Our nursery at St. Matthew is an important service that we provide to our families with young children. It allows the parents the opportunity to worship without the disruption of their children allowing them to fully take in and participate in worship. As we continue to search for a full-time person (or 2 part-time people) to staff the nursery, we are looking for volunteers to be present with our younger members during worship and Sunday School in the nursery. In the interim, member Corey Neururer has agreed to help during Sunday School and the 11:00 a.m. service. If you would be interested in helping, please contact Melody at 330-461-1149.

**Nursery Attendant Needed** - Our nursery at St. Matthew is an important service that we provide to our families with young children. It allows the parents the opportunity to worship without the disruption of their children allowing them to fully take in and participate in worship.

We are currently looking for one full-time person (or 2 part-time) to staff the nursery. The right candidate should enjoy children; be willing to play with them; change diapers/help them use the toilet, etc. The position would involve, roughly, 4 hours each Sunday (fall through spring) and 1 ½ hours during the summer and is a paid position.

If anyone in the church is interested, please contact Melody at 330-461-1149. If you know someone who could be a fit, please pass along my contact information for further discussion.

**Finance Report for September and Year-to-Date  
St. Matthew Lutheran Church**

St. Matthew had the following revenue  
and expenses for September.

	<b>Month of September 2021</b>	<b>Year-to-Date September 2021</b>
Total Revenue	\$ 39,373.96	\$ 289,552.57
Total Expenses	\$ 31,953.28	\$ 270,358.43
Net Operating Revenue	\$ 7,420.68	\$ 19,194.11
Net Other	\$ 14.78	\$ 147.74
Net Revenue	\$ 7,435.46	\$ 19,341.85

**St. Matthew Evangelical Lutheran Church Staff**

Deacon Lindsay Bailey	Director of LGL Ministries
John Burke	Organist
Deb Musil	Office Administrator
Joyce Davis	Custodian
Brenda Disbrow	Parish Nurse
Nancy McNeal	Luther Choir Director
Heather Rohde	Youth Worship Music Director

**CHURCH OFFICE HOURS:**

**Monday-Thursday 9:00 AM - 3:30 PM**

**Friday 9:00 AM - 12:30 PM**