

St. Matthew's Good News

Pastor's Message

Pastor Lori Pilatzke

How's your Spiritual Practice going?

I have just returned home from a two day Transitions Retreat at Mount Carmel in Niagara Falls, hosted by the Eastern Synod staff. This retreat was for all of the clergy who have moved to a new call in the last couple of years. It was an opportunity to review where we came from and how the new call is going.

Knowing how important 'spiritual practice' is for us, as church leaders, it was good to share how each one of us spends time with God. One person spoke of doing the "daily office" ~ the daily readings in the lectionary. Another person spoke of her prayer time while she was walking. A few of us agreed that being by any body of water brought us closer to our Creator - while some communed with God on a hike or deep into the woods. There was a good share as each one of us took turns inviting each other to tell who influenced our prayer life. Many spoke of how our first prayers were learned at the dinner table or at our bedtime while others named a grandmother, an aunt or a Sunday school teacher as their prayer mentors.

While this was a transition retreat for a few of us clergy, it is also a time of transition for our leaders in the Synod Office. This was the last retreat for Bishop Michael Pryse and Assistant to the Bishop, Rev Doug Reble who will both retire this fall. Assistants to the Bishop, Rev's Christie Morrow-Wolf and Adam Snook remain in the office ~ even if Pastor Adam (one of the nominations for Bishop) is elected as our new bishop - it will yet another transition for both of them.

We are all in a time of transition aren't we. Whether in our personal lives or our life together in community, we are all journeying. We age, we move through the various stages of life ... graduating, marrying, parenting, grand-parenting. And God who is faithful and just walks with us along the way.

What is your 'spiritual practice'? How do you spend time in prayer with God? For my mother, she prayed through her baking, her cooking and feeding others. For some, maybe it's through artistry - a painting or a writing? What brings you closer to knowing the Divine One? Who taught you to pray and what is one of your favourite prayers? I pray you many blessings through your 'spiritual practices' And leave you with a prayer that will give us confidence and comfort as we face the days ahead, together. Let us pray ...

O God, you have called your servants to ventures of which we cannot see the ending, by paths as yet untrodden, through perils unknown. Give us faith to go out with good courage, not knowing where we go, but only that your hand is leading us and your love supporting us; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

In peace, in Christ ... Pastor Lori+

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Happy Birthday Pastor Lori!

St. Matthew's celebrated the occasion of Pastor Lori's 60th birthday. May the Lord richly bless you and yours, and your ministry!



St. Patrick's Day

In celebration of the occasion our Sunday School created love shamrocks which were delivered to the residents of the Hanover Care Centre and the Village. Wonderful reminders of a loving outreach by all of our Sunday School. Thank you!



Palm Sunday Brunch

Our congregation shared a wonderful Palm Sunday brunch after service. We extend a huge thank you to Sue Seifert, Nan and Charlie and all of the volunteers for organizing and creating the brunch. Sue has also shared her delicious recipe with us.



OVEN OMELET BRUNCH

¼ cup butter or margarine
1½ dozen eggs
1 cup dairy sour cream
1 cup milk

2 teaspoons salt
¼ cup chopped green onion
Oven Canadian-style
Bacon (below)


Heat oven to 325°. In oven, melt butter in baking dish, 13½x9x2 inches. Tilt dish to coat bottom with butter. In large mixer bowl, beat eggs, sour cream, milk and salt until blended. Stir in onion. Pour into dish. Bake until eggs are set but still moist, about 35 minutes.

Bake Oven Canadian-style Bacon while omelet is baking. Cut omelet into twelve 3-inch squares. Arrange on large platter with

Oven Canadian-style Bacon

1 pound Canadian-style bacon, **¼ cup maple-flavored**
cut into 24 slices **syrup**

Heat oven to 325°. Reassemble slices of bacon on aluminum foil; pour syrup on roll. Wrap; place in pan. Bake about 35 minutes or until hot. **12 servings (2 slices each).**

 *Serve with a basket of warm miniature orange and cinnamon rolls, a plate of colorful fruit and steaming mugs of coffee.*



On April 7, 2024, St. Matthew's said goodbye to Angela Yenssen, our student intern pastor.

Angela has been very active in all aspects of our church life, since beginning her placement with us in September 2023.

A HUGE Thank You card, signed by members of the congregation was presented to Angela following our Worship Service.

"Best of luck Angela in all your future studies and endeavours. We will miss you!"



Time and Talent's Auction

Need an idea of what you can donate?
You could offer a ride to Church, the grocery store or an appointment. You could bake a dozen cookies once a month, or help with spring clean up in the yard. We are accepting donations now. The auction will be held from May 26th to June 9th.

St. Matthews Visioning Committee

Submitted by Angela Yenssen

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Matthew's formed a Visioning Committee in March 2024. The chair's role rotates among committee members. The Visioning Committee's mandate is to explore future possibilities for mission and ministry for St. Matthew's. St. Matthew's held a visioning day on March 2, 2024 which generated two work priorities for the Visioning Committee.

1. Tour churches in Kitchener-Waterloo that have restructured their properties to gather ideas about possibilities for restructuring church properties
2. Host a town hall meeting with community partners to learn about community needs in Hanover and how St. Matthew's might be able to address those needs

Church tours in Kitchener will occur on Saturday, May 11, 2024. We have booked a bus for the trip. The bus will leave St. Matthew's at 10:00 am. The bus will return to St. Matthew's at 5:00 pm. We will tour St. Paul's Bridgeport and St. Matthew's Kitchener. Cost for the bus trip is \$15.00 per person. People joining the tours can bring their own lunch or eat at the Lancaster Smokehouse restaurant in Kitchener. Please contact Tracey Lantz in the church office as soon as possible if you would like to join the tour.

A town hall with community partners is scheduled for Wednesday, June 19, 2024 from 1:30 pm to 3:30 pm. We will ask for information about community needs in Hanover and suggestions for St. Matthew's potential role in meeting those needs. Please let Tracey Lantz know if you would like to attend the town hall. 519-364-2240



Apple Tree Pruning

Charlie Van Sickle and Bob Farrow with Nan Vansickle's help (she didn't want to be in the picture) gave our apple tree a much needed pruning. We hope this will result in a good crop of delicious fruit this year. Thank you all for looking after this!



Volunteer Appreciation Day

On Sunday, April 21, our St. Matthew's Volunteers and members were served a delicious "Thank You" cake during our fellowship time after service, hosted by the Outreach Committee.

Our Sunday School kids were in attendance, and we thank them also for the wonderful "Encouragement Cards" they handed out to our St. Matthew's members.



Volunteering

Submitted by Barb Fleming

When I retired, I wasn't actively searching for volunteer opportunities but a Higher Power seemed to have something in mind for me through the former Meals On Wheels delivery Coordinator for St Matthew's.

I wasn't really sure I wanted to tackle the job but it has proven to be rewarding. The job involves recruiting volunteers every 6 weeks to deliver prepared meals. It came with already active volunteers which got me off to a good start.

I truly love and appreciate the willingness and cooperation of the volunteers. It is a pleasure to connect with them on a regular basis. THEY make it a joy as do the clients who receive the meals. Delivering meals to shut-ins is an important service and the program through Home and Community Services is effective. I'm glad to be a small part of it.

The Meals on Wheels hot meal program is available to individuals who are having difficulty preparing nutritious meals either on a short-term or long-term basis. This service provides clients with a hot meal delivered to their door on a pre-arranged basis.

Please visit the website if you wish further information;

<https://hcssgreybruce.com/arrange-a-service/>



Walk for Alzheimer's Hanover

Come Walk with us on Saturday, May 25th

Come walk with us! Let's show our family, friends and neighbours impacted by dementia that they don't walk alone.

Time: 9:00am Registration, 10:00am Walk begins, 11:30am: Wrap up

Event Location: Sulphur Springs Conservation Area , Hanover, Ontario

Contact: Michelle Fleming

Phone: (519) 376-7230 Ext 1122

Email: event@alzheimergreybruce.com

Register: https://support.alzheimer.ca/site/TR?pg=entry&fr_id=4838



Chase Darrell Mountain Baptism

Submitted by Elaine Dippel-Baetz

Chase Darrell Mountain, son of Kristen and Brandon Mountain and brother of Brianne was baptized on Sunday, April 14 by Pastor Lori and Chase took in his entire baptism with interest and smiles.

Chase has been in the prayers of St. Matthew's since arriving more than 2 months before his expected due date.

“Welcome Chase to your St. Matthew's church family. We will keep you close in our prayers.”



Food Drive

Submitted by Elaine Dippel-Baetz



Food donations continue to grow weekly as St. Matthew's collects items for our local food bank. April's focus has been cereals, pasta, canned vegetables and peanut butter.

Did you know that food insecure households in Grey Bruce County are forced to make difficult decisions every day, such as choosing between paying for utilities, housing, food, prescriptions, or transportation. This often leads to worrying about running out of food before being able to afford more, compromising on food quality, skipping meals, or eating less when there isn't enough money. These households also face higher risks of poor mental and physical health due to their struggles to pay for basic needs.

Thank you St. Matthew's for your generosity!



Coats for Families

The Outreach Committee is collecting donated items for the community. Winter and spring coats, hats, mitts, and scarves may be left in the church elevator room for donation.

Items in good repair only, please!

Small Business

Do you have a business you would like to publicize in the newsletter?
There is no charge and we would love to know more about you and what you do.
Contact Sandy at cedarhillgallery@gmail.com with a brief description about what you do and a link to your page, website etc.

Fyfe Custom Finishing

Jeremy Fyfe and his wife Holly and son Tristan are newer members of St. Matthew's . Moving from Kitchener and now located in Elmwood, he has been working to establish his business in the Grey-Bruce area.

Jeremy is a professional refinisher with over 20 years experience and offering free estimates. Using professional grade finishes he restores worn wood work and cabinetry at a fraction of the cost of replacement. Kitchens, furniture and yes, even stairways.

Check him out on facebook and the web.

(519) 577-2601

<https://www.facebook.com/fyfecustomfinishing/>

www.fyfecustomfinishing.com



Community Events



Spring Fling

ART SHOW & SALE

Saturday May 4th, 2024 | 10:00 am to 4:00 pm
St Matthew's Church, 356 9th Street, Hanover

Watercolours, acrylics, wall art, woodworking, glass work, jewelry, textile art and more!

The Outreach Committee of St. Matthew's Lutheran Church will be hosting a bake sale with tea, coffee and water available.

A great place to pick up something special for Mother's Day!

 saugeenartists@gmail.com  @saugeenartists
 www.saugeenartistsguild.com  Saugeen Artists Guild

Hanover Community Players

ROLES FOR CHILDREN, TEENS, ADULTS AND SENIORS



Monday, May 27th 6:30 OR Thursday, May 30th

St. Matthew's Evangelical Lutheran Church

corner of 11th Avenue & 9th St.

Please use 11th Avenue Auditorium entrance

YOU MUST REGISTER ON OUR WEBSITE

www.hanovercommunityplayers.ca

and follow the directions

Community Events

A blue poster for the Paisley Concert Choir's 'Waves of Song' performance. The title 'Waves of Song' is written in a large, white, stylized font with musical notes integrated into the letters. The background features white, wavy lines resembling ocean waves. At the top, it says 'Paisley Concert Choir presents:'. At the bottom, there is a white banner with the text 'Tickets \$20 18 and under free'. To the right of the banner, it says 'Tickets are available at the door or from any choir member'. In the top right corner of the banner area, the website 'www.paisleychoir.com' is listed.

Paisley Concert Choir presents:

Waves of Song

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FRIDAY MAY 24 @ 7:30PM
ST. MATTHEW'S LUTHERAN, HANOVER

SATURDAY MAY 25 @ 2:00PM
ST. ANDREW'S PRESBYTERIAN, OWEN SOUND

SUNDAY MAY 26 @ 7:30PM
MISSIONARY CHURCH, PAISLEY