

St. Matthew's Good News

2023 v.5

Pastor's Message

Pastor Lori Pilatzke

Dear Beloveds of St Matthew's,

Since my arrival here, we have been non-stop busy with fall and fall celebrations, our 150th anniversary and our service of Installation and new ministry. God is so good!

What an honour and a privilege to come journey with you into the next chapter of St. Matthew's. What does God have in store for us?

Thanks to Tracey, I am mostly settled in the office. The boxes are unpacked and the things I don't yet have a spot for, are neatly tucked away! Confirmation will begin in November, long term care services are up and running, and visitations have begun! If you would like a visit and I'm not getting to you quick enough, please call the office (519-364-2240) to arrange either an in person or zoom get together.

As we prepare for November's Kingdom season - All Saints Sunday to Reign of Christ Sunday, we come to the end of the church year. Our new year begins in December with the season of Advent. And for three weeks, I will be hosting Advent Café on Wed's Dec 6, 13, 20 @ 2pm. We'll gather for coffee/tea, a snack and a time to reflect and prepare ourselves for the coming of the Messiah. It will be a time to fellowship with each other in a cafe setting.

There are still a few 'firsts' in store for us. Our first Advent, Christmas, and New Years together, plus all the other services, and celebrations still to come. It is my hope and prayer that as we come together as God's people, our lives and our love for one another will encourage others. That our fulfilling God's mission in our little corner of the world, will make a difference not just in the lives of others, but in our own lives as well.

Jen and I extend a big and loving 'thank you' to all of you - for your warm and generous welcome. You all have been so gracious and inviting - it has not taken long to feel like we are 'at home' here. Thank you beloveds.

In peace, in Christ ...

Pastor Lori+



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Welcome Angela!

Angela Yenssen is a part-time first year student in the Master of Divinity Program at Martin Luther University College. She works full-time as a staff lawyer at the Grey-Bruce Community Legal Clinic. The Legal Clinic is funded by Legal Aid Ontario to provide legal services to low income people in housing, social assistance, and non-union employment law. The Legal Clinic has also undertaken projects to support seniors and the local Indigenous First Nations. Angela's legal practice focuses on tenant rights and elder law.

Angela was a social worker for fourteen years prior to enrolling in law school. Angela worked primarily with older adults as a social worker. Angela went to law school because she was upset by the elder abuse situations she encountered and wanted to know how to use the law to prevent elder abuse. She worked for approximately one and a half years as a law student at the Office of the Public Guardian and Trustee to immerse herself in learning options to combat elder abuse. Angela currently chairs the Grey Bruce Elder Abuse Prevention Network.

Angela grew up on a farm on the Bruce County side of Grey County Road 10 outside of Neustadt. Angela lived in various places in Ontario as she pursued her university education and social work and legal careers. She was thrilled to return to Grey-Bruce as a staff lawyer at the Legal Clinic in March 2021. Angela currently lives in Owen Sound.



Pastor Lori's Installation

Sunday, October 15, 2023

On October 15th, 2023 we welcomed Pastor Lori Pilatzke as our pastor. We were truly blessed to welcome members of our congregation, friends and clergy to take part in this momentous event.

Rev. Heather Spencer Stoltz presided at the service and Rev. Christie Morrow preached our sermon. Many thanks to all who took part in making this day a very special one.

We look forward to many years of service in our Lord together with Pastor Lori and are excited to see what wonderful things await us in our shared ministry.

We pray for the Lord's blessing on Pastor Lori and the congregation of St. Matthew's in our outreach in our Lord's name.



150th Anniversary Celebration

The first planning meeting was held Oct. 6, 2022 with Pastor John, Lorraine Morrow, Kathy McBride, Linda Pfeffer, Norma Ruhl and Derek Ashton. We exchanged many ideas as to how the 150 th could be celebrated. Pastor John had already invited Bishop Pryse to give the sermon. Before we could meet again Pastor John and Linda Pfeffer both passed away and we did not meet again until March 9, 2023.

At that time Pastor Fred, Jane Deratnay, Sue Seifert and Linda Bender joined the team and we were supported in many tasks by Tracey. There were many ideas considered in regard to the service itself, music, photos, flowers, guest book, souvenirs, signature quilt, tickets for the luncheon, etc. We had many follow up meetings to finalize the plans and Sandy Fyfe kept everyone updated in our Newsletter.

Church preparations were done by Kathy, Nan and Jeanne. The flowers decorating the church were donated by members. The signature quilt done by Jeanne Kucan and Lorraine Morrow now hangs on the auditorium wall. Other members of the committee put the service book and souvenirs together as well as the guest book. Norma, Annita, Marina and Yvonne were greeters that day and Merv Bender and Reg Ashton were ushers. We had about 150 people attend the luncheon that day and Reg Phillips took pictures by a drone on the lawn. Pastor Lori led the service assisted by Sue Seifert, acolytes Athrun Josephson and Scott Peiman, Pastor Christie Morrow, Pastor Wendell Caron Grahlman and Pastor Fred Ludolph. Bishop Pryse gave a very meaningful sermon. Randy Mills, the guest organist provided wonderful music prior to the service. Linda Bender played the organ for the service and directed the choir which included members of the Paisley Choir. Laurie Deratnay played the flute. There was also a piano duet by Jane Siegel and John Todd. Charlie Van Sickle took many wonderful pictures to capture the special moments.

We went into the auditorium for lunch, sang grace, and letters of congratulations were read from pastors who could not attend. The auditorium was decorated with flowers by Barb Fleming, the quilt was on display, there was a power point with many photos of the church over time, a large display of historical records, old photos, bibles and the original baptismal font. These were assembled by Al Morrow, Ron Davis and his grandchildren. Al had also compiled a history book of the church which was available to everyone to pick up. There were congratulatory certificates from Alex Ruff and Rick Byers.

There were many, many people involved in making this celebration so successful. Thanks to all of you. A few are named and thanked above but so many others saw a need and did the tasks that made the day go more smoothly.

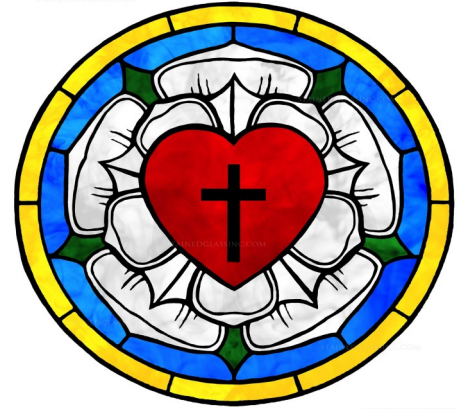
A wonderful team effort, thanks to everyone!!!

Celebrations at St. Matthew's



Sunday School

Submitted by Elaine Dippel-Baetz



Sunday School for the 2023-2024 year began on September 17 with Sundae Sunday and registration. The first formal Sunday School session began on October 1 with cooperative games and input from the kids about their wishes for this year's program. On October 22, the kids learned all about Alzheimer's Disease, and after church they distributed "Forget-Me-Not" seed packets to members of the congregation. They also learned about Luther's Rose as it relates to Reformation Sunday.

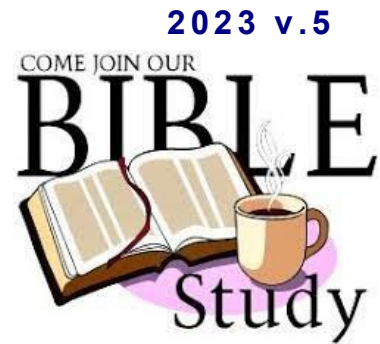
The next Sunday School dates are November 5, 19, December 3 and 17. On December 17, the kids will participate in the church service with Pastor Lori.

Sunday School resumes in the New Year on January 14, 2024.



Adult Bible Study

Submitted by Derek Ashton



Everyone has lived a different faith journey, and everyone is at a different stage in their beliefs. Few people have a faith story that has no unanswered questions. That is what makes our Thursday night meetings so great, an opportunity to learn and share with each other.

We meet every second Thursday and before meeting, we have read a chapter in a book. (We are using " Speaking Christian" by Marcus Borg right now.)

At the meeting, what usually happens is someone says " I enjoyed this chapter but don't understand this or I agree with this but...what follows is an exchange of opinions,.

Time goes by quickly as many share their views, if they wish, in this open and non-critical space.

At the end of the evening, most people are very happy they came and they learned something. This may have reinforced something they knew, or changed something they knew or gave them something to ponder.

We invite you to come and see for yourself... First and third Thursdays of a month, 7:00 p.m.in the boardroom.



Please pray for our confirmands Connor Davis, Isabella Edgcumbe, Finn Heaney, Tristan Josephson, and Gavin Lantz who begin their studies in November.

Pastor Catharine House and Fin Heaney will join us from St Peter's Brant for our time together. As our young people prepare to make covenant with God, we pray for the Spirit's intercedence that their lives may be filled with faith and love. Confirmation will take place on Reformation Sunday, October 27, 2024.

International News

Friends,

Thank you for your prayers over the last two weeks for the unfolding crisis in Gaza. Today, the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada and Canadian Lutheran World Relief are calling on Canadians to pray for those suffering and to give generously in response to this crisis.



We continue to grieve the senseless violence that sparked this war, but we can't wait to act. In Gaza, an unimaginable humanitarian catastrophe is getting worse by the hour. Over a million people have been forced to flee their homes in the last two weeks, and stocks of food, water, electricity, and medical supplies are desperately low. Hospitals have been badly damaged, leaving vulnerable populations such as pregnant women, infants, and the elderly at particular risk. Schools and places of worship have also been destroyed, including the oldest church in Gaza.

CLWR's mandate as a humanitarian organization is to provide life-saving aid wherever it's needed. Right now, that's in Gaza, where we're running out of time to save the lives of so many including children. But it's only possible with your help. CLWR has announced that it's joining other leading Canadian aid agencies in the Humanitarian Coalition in launching a joint appeal to provide emergency humanitarian relief in response to this growing crisis.

The stories you've read about struggles to get aid supplies through are real. We have long-standing partners in the region who want to help, but they need supplies. Through the Coalition, CLWR are working to secure that access. As that happens, your gift today means that we'll be ready to scale up quickly enough to save lives.

Please give generously if you're able to by visiting clwr.org/gaza or by calling 1-800-661-2597 (Mon-Fri 8:30am-4:00pm CST), and please join me in praying for peace.

Thank you for your partnership and for your compassion.

May God bless you,

Karin Achtelstetter Executive Director, Canadian Lutheran World Relief



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Congregational News

Lawn Bowling

On August 29 th and 30 th , 2023 Shirley Walker, skip, Lorraine Morrow, vice and Liz Boshart, lead from the Hanover Lawn Bowling Club, represented the local district at the Provincial Ladies' Seniors Triples Lawn Bowling Tournament.

The team won silver in the Provincials. This gave them a birth in the Canadian Championship Tournament in Edmonton, Alberta, September 12th to 16th 2023.

At the Commonwealth Lawn Bowling Club in Edmonton, the ladies played 9 games over 3 days. There was very stiff competition.

They were happy to win 3 games and tie 1. They made many new friendships and had a wonderful time.



Left to right: Liz Boshart, Lorraine Morrow, Shirley Walker



We would also like to congratulate Al Morrow who received the Paul Harris award for exceptional service in the Rotary Club.

Alzheimer Sunday

Submitted by Elaine Dippel-Baetz and Sandy Fyfe

St. Matthew's hosted an Alzheimer's Coffee Break on October 22, 2023, our first in-person event since the Covid Pandemic. Thanks to all our bakers who donated baking, and made the event extra sweet. Our Sunday School kids also participated in the event by handing out "Forget-Me-Not" seed packets after the church service, after learning about dementia and Alzheimer's Disease. Our donations to the Grey-Bruce Alzheimer's Society totalled \$720.00! Thank you to all who participated in this event!

Dementia touches so many families. By the year 2050, it is estimated that nearly 2 million people could be living with dementia. No one is immune to dealing with this disease. Dementia can affect you as a patient, a caregiver, an employer, a family member or a friend.

Bit by bit the person you love seems to be taken away. The grief for those lost moments, with the person you relied on for advice and love seems overwhelming. Do you know someone impacted by Dementia?

How can you help? Support your local chapter by donations at <https://alzheimer.ca/>





Seasonal Events and Times

150th Slide Show and Q&A

Join us in the auditorium after the worship service on November 26th

1st Sunday of Advent

A pot luck luncheon will be held after the 'Hanging of the Greens' service on December 3

Sunday School

Our Sunday School will be leading the worship service on December 17th

Christmas Worship Services on December 24th

Christmas Eve Family service at 4pm

Candlelight service at 7pm

PLEASE NOTE: There will be no 10am service on Sunday December 24th or Christmas Day

Service of Lessons and Carols

December 31st at 10am

Adult Bible Study

Bible study will be held on November 2nd, 16th, 30th and December 7th (and then break until after Christmas). Bible Study will begin again January 1st and 3rd (Thursday of each month)

Altar Poinsettias

will be available for purchase again this year! Contact the office to reserve yours – just \$10 each – and to indicate your memorial or dedication.

Advent Cafe with Pastor Lori

Join Pastor Lori for Tea, Treats, and a Talk. Wednesdays through Advent, Dec 6, 13 and 20th, at 2pm in the Parlour.

Community News

Saugeen Artists Guild

Our local artists each Wednesday hold an open afternoon from 1:15 to 4 pm where folks interested in art join together for an afternoon of fun and laughter. There are opportunities to try new projects and share your talents as well as work on some projects of your own. Everyone is welcome to join and no experience is needed. Call Kathy Wright at 519-364-7875 for more information

Seasonally our local artists open a popup Christmas store showcasing the work they have done in the last year. The Fyfe family from our congregation has glass, jewelry and wood working at the store. Come and take a peek at what we have been doing.

Open Hours in November: Wed. to Sat. 10 am to 5pm

Open Hours in December: Mon. to Sat. 10 am to 5 pm and Sun. 1—4 pm



Annual Christmas

ART SHOW & SALE

189 10th Street, Hanover

Our Christmas Gallery is now OPEN! Choose from paintings, wall art, woodwork, jewelry, glass work, textile art and more!



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Community News

HANOVER COMMUNITY PLAYERS CHRISTMAS SHOW DEC. 1ST, 2ND, 3RD, 7TH, 8TH, 9TH, 10TH.

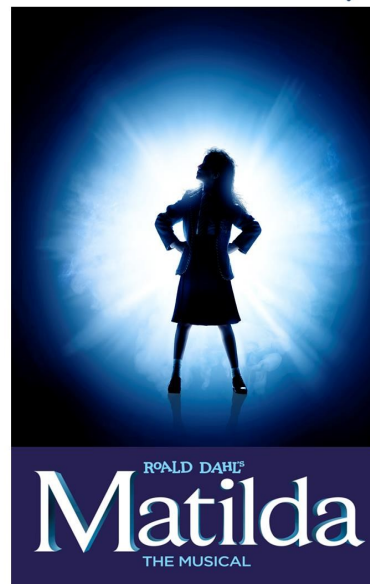
Think back to your early childhood and the power of your imagination. You visited wondrous places, met amazing characters and journeyed away from everyday cares. Join HCP now as they take you to visit Matilda's world.

Matilda, a brilliant little girl, is an avid reader with a lively imagination. But to her self-absorbed parents and tyrannical headmistress, she's nothing more than a nuisance and a troublemaker.

Through the support of her kind teacher, Ms. Honey, and the strength of her whimsical storytelling abilities, Matilda uses her newfound magical powers to 'fight for the right to be a little bit naughty.'

Featuring toe-tapping songs, outstanding dance numbers, and true theatre magic, Roald Dahl's Matilda The Musical is a fast-paced adventure perfect for the whole family. Packed with high-energy dance numbers and catchy songs interpreted by our cast of 35 area children, youth, adults and seniors, Matilda is a joyous girl power romp. Children and adults alike will be thrilled and delighted by the story of the special little girl with an extraordinary imagination.

Hanover Community Players present



December 1,
7-8 - 7:30 p.m.
December 2-3,
9-10 - 2:00 p.m.

Hanover Civic Theatre

Adults \$30,
Students \$20,
Children \$10
Group rates 10 or more



Tickets on sale October 18, 2023

at www.hanovercommunityplayers.ca



Call Box Office 519-506-6902 for information



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Grey Bruce Singers

The Grey Bruce Singers are currently rehearsing every week to solidify their vocal talents and create their Christmas show, A Magical Christmas.

For children, the magic of Christmas is that long-awaited time of the year when Santa Claus appears, when a list of desired toys is shared or letters sent to Santa. Instead of instant gratification, children have an opportunity, for a change, to wait for presents. Christmas becomes a place in time where attitudes are those filled with excitement in anticipation of opening those gifts that miraculously appear under the tree.

For adults, it is hopefully an attitude of kindness, generosity and a genuinely caring attitude for others. At a point in time, we become less selfless and a little more concerned about those around us, as much as we are able.

Many may think back to that original Christmas story and the miracle of birth we learned from Bible stories and the music we sing or listen to during the season.

The Grey Bruce Singers will cover it all in song and invite audience members to attend one of their three concerts, Nov. 17th @ 7:30, or Nov. 18th and 19th @ 2:00 p.m. in the Hanover Civic Theatre.

Tickets for A Magical Christmas will go on sale via the website: www.greybrucesingers.ca on Oct. 18th or call the Box Office, 519-506-6902 after that date for further assistance in ticket purchases. Adults are \$20.00 each and Children 12 and under, \$5.00

The choir would appreciate your support in helping to make begin the Christmas season.



Grey Bruce Singers
present
A Magical Christmas

November 17 - 19, 2023
Friday - 7:30 p.m.
Saturday and Sunday Matinees - 2:00 p.m.

Hanover Civic Theatre
Adults \$20 Child \$5 (12 and under)

To order tickets online visit our website
www.greybrucesingers.ca

or call the Box Office at 519-506-6902

Tickets go on sale October 18, 2022

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