
Good News From New Road

St. Matthew Lutheran Church, God's Family in Service

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St. Matthew Evangelical Lutheran Church

Have you made your resolutions for the New Year, 2019? A “resolution” is defined as “A firm decision to do something, such as resolving a problem or dispute”. The New Year is that time when we decide to make the necessary changes in our lives to resolve whatever it is that needs fixing—like a new eating plan or a new exercise plan. I look forward in the New Year to losing those pesky pounds I put on over the holidays! And my husband, Larry, and I are already preparing for our move to Brenham this spring by deciding what we want to pack and what can be left behind at a garage sale! This year promises some sorrow for us as we bid farewell to our home of 31 years, our neighborhood that we have grown to love, and this community—including St. Matthew—that has nurtured us and encouraged us. But it also promises us exciting new challenges: to become involved in a new community, to make new friends, to make a welcoming new home for many friends. If a congregation could make New Year’s resolutions, what do you think they might include? For St. Matthew, facing a rather unclear future now in this interim time between pastors, the resolutions might include a new vitality to step up and serve in a new capacity—don’t wait to be asked! Perhaps you’ve been thinking about being an usher, a lector, serving on a committee, singing in the choir. RESOLVE to get involved now, and do it! Perhaps you’ve thought about joining a Bible study group or volunteering with an organization in the community that you love or just attending worship more regularly. RESOLVE to do it now! God has given each of us the gifts and talents needed to CHANGE THE WORLD FOR BETTER. RESOLVE to us those gifts and talents now to begin the change for good!

The New Directions Team, established to help prepare the congregation for calling a new pastor, is eager to see how St. Matthew will look to the future and sketch a picture of what the congregation has been and CAN BE in order to call the leader that is best FOR YOU. The New Directions Team will keep you informed of every step, but they will also ask you to participate in opportunities to share your vision and your questions. Stop by the NEW DIRECTIONS table in the narthex for information, and plan to stay for coffee and refreshments following worship on January 13 for a briefing of what is now happening. Watch your Good News from New Road newsletter for “Did You Know?” snippets that should prove to be quite enlightening.

God bless you and keep you in this New Year and always,
Pastor Pat Dietrich

DID YOU KNOW?

The New Directions team is working on creating our “Ministry Site Profile” that will be used during the call process. Part of that requires a look at the church demographics. We felt like the congregation would be interested in seeing these numbers, so:

DID YOU KNOW that 50.2 % of the congregation (185) are male, and 49.2% (183) are female.

DID YOU KNOW that 32.1% (108) of the congregation are over 65? That 23.5% (79) are between 50-65?

DID YOU KNOW that 13.7% (46) are 0-19, and the same number are 35-49?

DID YOU KNOW that 17.0 % (57) are 20-34?

DID YOU KNOW that our 2017 average attendance was 112? In 2007 it was 232.

If you’re checking our math, you’ll note that there are less members by age than gender – 32 people do not have a birth date in the computer.

Keep an eye out in this space for more facts and figures from the New Directions team!



Council Notes—December 5, 2018

Members present: Clay Sellers, Paula Jenson, Bill Jones, Shelly Jasek, Linda Heyde, Robert Cotner, Sharon Gripp, Pastor Pat Dietrich. New Council members for 2019 were present as guests: Jeremy Wallace and Linda Stanford.

Members absent: Bill Abright, Patti Hueston and Sally Engelbrecht.

Sharon Gripp called the meeting to order. Devotions were led by Pastor Pat Dietrich.

Shelley Jasek gave the treasurer's report: There is \$54,747.51 in the account as of November 30, 2018. The current month actual income less expenses is \$1,238.63 and the year-to-date actual income less expenses is (\$2,976.67).

Pastor's Report: Congregational visits included seven home bound, ten home visits and four hospital visits. Pastor asked that her salary be designated as housing and Council approved.

Pastor reminded all committees to submit receipts with forms and included budget account numbers. Congregational committees and their responsibilities were discussed.

New Business

Council members signed up for the following committees: stewardship is Linda Heyde; property is Robert Cotner; christian education is Linda Stanford; worship and music is Jeremy Wallace; evangelism is Bill Abright.

A "Culture Change Committee" was created and will be led by Phil Van Auken.

Church security was a topic of concern and the Council voted to lock the back doors of the church 15 minutes into the service. People can exit, but cannot re-enter through those doors during service.

Old Business

Administrative assistant Meg Parrish resigned. Carol Linda will help train Marie on software and items she needs assistance on.

Pastor Pat, Bill and Sharon met with Pastor Jesus. San Mateo ministry will continue, but it was agreed that a

local person within the Hispanic community would be more effective.

The meeting was adjourned and ended with the Lord's Prayer.

New Direction Team Up-Date

Your New Direction Team is pressing on with the task of brainstorming ways and means of gathering the needed information to complete our necessary Ministry Site Profile--this in our search for a new full-time pastor. What do we want St. Matthew's future ministry to be or what is our vision for the future? What ministry skills or task do we desire in our new pastor? WE NEED YOUR HELP!

In the very near future we'll begin temple talks, written surveys and small group meetings to brainstorm the above noted questions. Then on Sunday, January 13th, following our worship service, we'll have an information gathering in the Fellowship Hall, with refreshments, to share information and seek your further thoughts.

The New Direction Team members are always open to your input in group or individual talks. Please share with us your thoughts! Team members are: Bill Jones, Bradley Linda, Hope Cotner, Jo Von Rosenberg, Kemper Beard, Phil Van Auken and Pastor Pat.

Stephen Ministry supervision resumes Sunday, January 6th.



The **2019 OFFERING ENVELOPES** are available in the narthex by the name tags.

You are asked to pick-up your box of envelopes to save the expense of mailing them to you. Should there be any questions regarding these envelopes, contact Roy Anderson, 254-662-4225. The envelopes are arranged in alphabetical order.

Thank you,
Roy Anderson, Keeper of the envelopes

Confirmation News

Did you know that five young men have been preparing for Confirmation through a two-year study program? They attended Confirmation Camp with Pastor Paul last summer, and studied with him all of last year. Linda Stanford and Michael Frey have taken over the study regimen with them this fall and winter. Pastor Pat is meeting with them in mini-retreats on January 3 and January 20, to help prepare them for their Rite of Confirmation (affirming their baptisms) on Sunday February 24, 2019. This winter they are completing their studies over the Catechism teaching about the Lord's Prayer and the Apostles' Creed. They are putting the finishing touches on their Confirmation projects, and are meeting with their mentors. Be sure to encourage this class of Confirmands over the next two months: Hans Sellers, Jacen Stanford, Colten Stanford, Hayden Stanford, and Carson Taylor. Pray for them as they claim the faith of their baptism for their own!

Over 50s Luncheon



Come and start 2019 with fellowship and fun. Our Over 50s Luncheon will be held on **January 9th at noon** following Bible Class at 11:00 a.m. The theme is **soup and cornbread**, plus extras and **desserts!** This will be followed by Bingo games hosted by Robert and Betty Krienke

Prayer List



Prayer is a constant comfort, especially to those most in need. We are so glad that prayer is a part of the regular faith-life of St. Matthew, and we're glad you lift up family and friends for prayer, especially through the attendance form prayer request on Sunday morning. The prayer list has gotten very long! For many, prayers have been answered—in a variety of ways. We encourage you to continue to ask for prayer. However, starting December 2, the names will remain on the prayer list for 3 weeks. If we know of on-going prayer needs, we will certainly continue to name them—on the list as well in the prayers of the church. Of course, you are always welcome to add someone you know whose need is on-going by using the attendance card prayer request.



Members with Prayer Concerns: Pat Gorton,

Steve Jensen, Florence Anderson, Pastor Kenneth Moerbe & Paula Moerbe, Joanne Zuch, Agnes Decker, Duane Early, JoAnn Krupicka, Clydine Arthur, Ron & Stephanie Lambring, Lauren Roller, Imadean Peterson, Linda Stanford, Rebecca Haferkamp, Elsie Pietzsch, Melba Hafer, Edna Harris-Howland, Bill & Elnora Schwake, Ron & Sharon Peterson, Eunice & John Linda, Ty Henrichs, Alfred Gstattenbauer, Tammy Vickrey, David & Stacey Vanderkinter, Weldon Howell, Stephanie Partin, Cynthia Shetler, Ed Poehl



Those serving in our military:

Landry Erickson, grandson of Irene Erickson
Willie Creamer, brother of Sam Creamer
Claten Bechtol, grandson of Jo von Rosenberg

Those for whom prayer is requested:

Mrs. Bennett (Duane & Colleen Early)
John & Sherry Abendschan & family, Curtis & Patsy Forrester, George & Janet Ahrens (Bill & Diane Jones)
Carol and John Haarmeyer (Kathy & Lee Nordt)
Karen Leary (Jean & Bill Moeller)
Claten Bechtol Family (Jo vonRosenberg)
Amanda Buckner family (Amanda Buckner)
Austin Crider, Elaine Holloway (Bradley Linda)
Linda Selph, Sarah Lou Bracken (Terry & Betty Bracken)
Joe & Doris Parish (Stephanie Partin)
Haley Farley, Stephanie Thomas, Tristan Serrano (Chad & Maggie Johnson)
Robert Prince, Johanna Luker, Paul Haygood, Rodney Roller, Scott & Kylie Kubicki & family, Joyce Sproles, Clint Tchiavsky, Rick Buckner, Bob Stough (Janet & Terry Roller)
Brian Pommer, Mary Fallon-Pommer (Sharon & Ron Peterson)
Cynthia Riley, Leonard Janke, Janell Janke (Arlene Schwarz)
Trudi Peterson (Pastor Paul & JoAnn Krupicka)
Isaiah Patterson, Jeff Randall (Mary & Bobby Koon)
Cindy Olson, Sharon Roach, Freddie & Andy Anderson (Steve, Paula & Ashley Jensen)
Shawntel Kerr, Julie Grevelle, Jack Odell (Peggy Tooker)
Diane Schubert (Roy & Florence Anderson)
Gary Penney, Jacob Newbern (Kim & Ross Browne)
Ray Henrichs, Calvin Henrichs, Krystal, Addyson & Tyler Henrichs, Ann Simpson (Larry, Helen & Ty Henrichs)
Steve Gill, Vicky Ash, Camille Hiland, Timmy Fields,

MOSAIC Christmas Party

MOSAIC, a ministry of the ELCA, enjoyed a Christmas party on December 20th hosted by St. Matthew and First Lutheran. Pastor Pat and Pastor Austin Nickel provided music, Christmas songs and a reading of the Christmas Story, telling of the birth of Jesus! An abundance of delicious refreshments were served and enjoyed. Volunteers from both churches were on hand to join in the celebration. Many, many thanks to Ken Cocek for providing prayer shawls to Mosaic members which had been crocheted by his late wife Sandy.



Steve Kent, Tom Berch, Yanski, Steven Sudbury
(Ray & Heather Baker)
Sheri Goldman, Richard Washmon, Sherlon Dyer, Bill
& Judy Reynolds, Pete Anderson (Del & Sue
Hensel)
Roger Sanders (Clydine Arthur)
Willie Davis (Timothy Pristash)
Pastor Augie Ristow (Stan & Jean Hoffmeyer)
The Abright Family (Bill & Stephanie Abright)
Teri Hafer, Buffy Bayer, Jan Richter, Annette Carruth
(Meridith & Clay Sellers)
Martin (Duty) Cruse (Lee & Marilyn Cruse)
Mark Wright (Nona Preble)
The Terrell Family, Sherry Perrin, Glenn Howell, Lisa
Brown, Sammie Wise (Marcyl & Weldon Howell)
Mike Howland, Rick Wooley (David & Edna
Howland)
Gloria Martin and Family, Skye Stalnaker, Gary
Mittendorf, Ardeth Lindell, Jeff Harris & Family,
Melanie, Judy Harris (Beth Pristash)
Kristina Staples (Elmo & Rebecca Haferkamp)
Pete Tamez, Debbie, Candice & Brian Vonasak, Jason
& Velina Copeland (Bill & Elnora Schwake)
Lucille Culverhouse (The White & Lambring
families)
Stephanie Stone (Branden Stone)
Roland Krienke (Teresa & Michael Bancale)
Lillian Miller (Stephanie & Ron Lambring)
Rob & Lynn Aho, Elinor Parker, Belva Meckes,
Wayne Gower, Phyllis & Royal Fraedrich (Karl &
Karen Aho)
Christine Pyle & family, Phyllis Rude (Sarah Rude &
Niles Haich)
Dr. Michael Stones, John Hayley and family (Bill &
Cora Gillespie)
Tyson Selman, Geoff Arms, Elena Grant (Lauren
Roller)
Antonio Rodriguez (Pilar Rodriguez-Larson)
Patti Hawkins (Monica & Daniel Harper)

**Church Clean-Up Day: Saturday,
January 12, 10:00 a.m. to noon.**



We will be cleaning out closets and rooms that have items that are no longer in use.

We ask that someone from each group, including Sunday school groups, Quilters, Calligraphy, etc., be present to designate what items are in use and what can be donated or tossed.

Quilters will resume regular meetings on Friday, January 4th.



QUILTING GROUP



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Birthdays

4 Michael Frey, III
4 Shelly Jasek
5 Imadean Peterson
8 Megan Stanford
11 Chadwick Johnson
15 Roger Fornelius
15 Teri Vickrey
16 Macoy Umberger
19 Bill Krause
20 Brenda Henry
20 Sarah Rude
21 Paul Dittmann
22 Hayden Stanford
23 Clay Sellers
23 Katye Stanford
23 Paul Swanson
24 Cameron Vickrey
27 Bill Martin
30 Ryan Taylor

Anniversary

7 Elmo and Rebecca Haferkamp, Jr.

Baptism Birthdays

7 Aaron Jasek
8 Dalton Adams
11 Michael Frey, III
12 Jacen Stanford
17 Roy Anderson
24 Amelia Beard
28 Jenna Conner

JANUARY 2019 MINISTERS OF WORSHIP

	January 6	January 13	January 20	January 27
	9:30 a.m.	9:30 a.m.	9:30 a.m.	9:30 a.m.
Worship Assistant	Bradley Linda	Sue Hensel	Ken Busch	Marianna Busch
Communion Assistant	Rosemary Fielder	Paula Jenson	Paula Jenson	Paula Jenson
Communion Elements	TBA	TBA	Jean & Tammy Bush	Wanda Kilstrom
Children's Sermon	Jeanne Dittmann	DeAnna Toten Beard	Jeanne Dittmann	TBA
Lector	Jeanne Dittmann	DeAnna Toten Beard	Jeanne Dittmann	TBA
Acolyte	TBA	TBA	TBA	TBA
Communion – Set up	Peggy Tooker	Peggy Tooker	Peggy Tooker	Peggy Tooker
Communion – Set up	Marcy Howell	Marcy Howell	Marcy Howell	Marcy Howell
Communion – Clean up	Marcy Howell	Marcy Howell	Marcy Howell	Marcy Howell
Communion – Clean up	TBA	TBA	TBA	Wanda Kilstrom
Greeter	Bancale	Bancale	Krienke	Wanda Kilstrom
Greeter	Florence/Roy Anderson	Florence/Roy Anderson	Florence/Roy Anderson	Florence/Roy Anderson
Usher	TBA	Sharon Gripp	TBA	TBA
Usher	TBA	Deb Hensel	TBA	TBA
Usher	TBA	Steve Jenson	Steve Jenson	Steve Jenson
Usher	TBA	TBA	TBA	TBA
Tellers	Bill Krause			
Tellers	Mary Krause			
Altar Flowers	Shelly & John Jasek in honor of Abigail's 21 st birthday	TBA	TBA	TBA

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
JANUARY 2019						
6 8:30am Stephen Supervision 9:30am Worship No Sunday School	7	8 11:00am Dominos	9 11:00am Bible Study 12:00pm Over 50s 6:30pm Choir	10 Council meeting 6:30 pm	11 9:00am Quilting	12 Waco Calligraphy Guild (10-4)
13 9:30 Worship Focus Group mtg (11-1) Sunday School	14	15 11:00am Dominos 6:30pm Stephen Ministry Cont. Ed	16 11:00am Bible Study 6:30pm Choir	17	18 9:00am Quilting	19 CLEAN UP DAY (10-1)
20 9:30am Worship 10:30 Sunday School Confirmation retreat (1-3)	21 Martin Luther King, Jr Day	22 11:00am Dominos	23 11:00am Bible Study 6:30pm Choir	24	25 9:00am Quilting	26
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