

Good News From New Road

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

April 2019

St. Matthew Evangelical Lutheran Church

Mid-Week Lenten Services will be held each Wednesday during Lent at 12:15 p.m. Pastor Larry Henrichs is officiating and the service will be held in the Fellowship Hall.

- † **Palm Sunday Worship** will be held April 14th at 9:30 a.m. with the procession of palms
- † **15th annual Agape Feast** – Thursday, April 18th 6:30 p.m.
- † **Good Friday Cantata: Requiem** by Peter Johns - Friday, April 19 at 7:00 p.m.
- † **Easter Sunday** – April 21st 9:30 a.m.
- † **Easter Sunday Breakfast 8:00 – 9:00 a.m. and Egg Hunt after worship** – April 21st



All Pulling Together

As far back as I can remember, my Dad emphasized to me the importance of always doing my very best. And when I found success, to remember all those that helped make that success possible. I heard it all through my school years, in all sports that I was ever involved in, in my years in the military and then throughout my corporate life. Team, team work, working together, pulling together in a common cause or goal ... they're all phrases you've heard ... and they're all true. It's just as true today as we strive to do God's work here at St. Matthew.

You're aware of the challenge. I still pray today that the message I delivered March 3 was not only clear, but that it opened everyone's eyes, minds and hearts. Just as in my younger years, working together ... every one of us ... there is no reason why our congregation cannot right the financial ship, strengthen our God given ministry and be relevant in our community. But it takes TEAMWORK! Find something here at St. Matthew to get involved with, join a team, invite a guest to church (you get them here, let God do the rest), consider increasing your financial pledge, make a financial pledge and consider using the Simply Giving program. Thank God for our many blessings ... both individually and collectively ... and thank God for St. Matthew. I BELIEVE ... and I believe you do too!

YTD (1-1-19 to 2-28-19) budget projected income vs. actual income received:

Budget: \$42,518.00 Actual: \$39,021.00 (- \$3,497.00)

Interim Pastor Up-Date

The Interim Pastor that was anticipated to arrive April 1st will not be joining us here at St. Matthew. After the pastor met with our Church Council on March 11th, spoke by phone with our Church Council Executive Committee on March 13th and then after consulting with the NTNL Synod Office on March 14th, it was decided that this pastor was not a fit for us at this time. The primary disconnect was that St. Matthew could not meet the pastor's desired compensation package. As was discussed March 3rd in our Special Call Congregation Meeting, our current financial donations will not support a full-time pastor. The new compensation guidelines discussed March 3rd also affects Interim Pastor compensation. Our search continues, but without financial growth we will continue to struggle in our pastoral search. We, and we alone ... with prayerful guidance, can address this financial challenge. A "few" people have changed their pledge cards, some have made a pledge, others are still in prayerful consideration ... will you help?

Bill Jones, Council President



Council Notes—March 11, 2019

Members present: Bill Abright, Robert Cotner, Sally Engelbrecht, Paula Jenson, Bill Jones, Linda Stanford, and Jeremy Wallace

Members absent: Linda Heyde, Shelly Jasek, and Clay Sellers

Guest present: Reverend William (Bill) Sappenfield

President Bill Jones called the meeting to order. Robert Cotner offered the devotional reading.

Approval of Minutes: The February 14, 2019 Council Minutes and the March 3, 2019 Congregational Meeting Minutes were approved.

Bill Moeller presented the **Treasurer's Report:** The checking account balance, as of 02/28/19, was \$68,935.89. The year-to-date income was \$39,895.50 and the year-to-date expense was \$36,537.62. The year-to-date income less expense is \$3,357.88.

Bill Jones introduced Reverend Bill Sappenfield as a prospective Interim Pastor. Reverend Sappenfield explained that he lives in Georgetown and is traveling to Clifton and serves there Saturday through Wednesday. He became an ordained pastor in October 1982.

New Business:

- Authorized signers on checking account
- Audit of 2018 books
- The Call Committee was approved. This committee consists of Cory Stanford, Ashley Jenson, Stefanie Abright, Michael Frey, Linda Heyde, and Meredith Sellers. Alternate members are Bradley Linda and Hope Cotner.
- An Easter Breakfast, fund raiser as a Youth Event, was approved.
- Linda Stanford and Bill Jones have received phone calls from Briarwood staff regarding Summer Day Camp. After much discussion concerning the participation decline and budget constraints, Bill Jones made a motion to forego Summer Camp this year with a provision that a one-day celebration is done during the summer. Sally seconded the motion and it passed.

- On Monday, March 18, there will be a walk through with a representative of the insurance company. John Linda and Bill Jones will be here.
- Bill Jones has been contacted by a family that is interested in transferring from their church in St. Joseph, Missouri. Their names are Rachel, Alex, and Sterling Johnson.
- Linda Stanford asked about the next step for those people that have expressed an interest in joining the Education Committee. Will there be a formal committee night? No. Linda was encouraged to reach out as soon as possible to these interested individuals. Linda further expressed an interest in developing a curriculum; there is not one at the current time.
- The Agape Feast, under Beth Pristash's leadership, will take place.

There being no further business, Robert moved to adjourn and Linda Stanford seconded. The meeting was closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,
Sally Engelbrecht, Secretary



The Heart of Texas Conference WELCA Spring Gathering will be hosted by St. John Lutheran, Coryell City, and St. Paul Lutheran at Crawford, Texas, on Saturday, April 6 from 8:30 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. with guest speaker Karen Porter. If you would like to carpool please contact Wanda Kilstrom. St. Matthew WELCA Members are invited and let us support our H.O.T. Conference with our attendance on April 6th.

Lutheran World Relief Information

The Lutheran World Relief items are listed for the following weeks. 1) March 27th-one adult-size toothbrush in its original packaging. 2) April 03, one sturdy comb with packaging removed. Please, NO SMALL MEN'S POCKET COMBS. 3) One metal nail clipper (attached file optional), with packaging removed. 4) April 04 & 17 please bring items that may still be needed to complete **Personal Care Kits**.

Volunteers are needed on **Wednesday, April 24th at Noon** to assemble Personal Health Kits.

There is a need for a **volunteer** to drive the 16 foot Penske truck with the LWR boxes to the Dallas area on **SATURDAY, APRIL 27th** leaving the church by 11:30 a.m.

Volunteers are needed on **Saturday, April 27, from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.** to help load the boxes on the truck. These boxes weigh approximately 30 lbs. each. **Please Let Wanda Know If You Can Help At Any Of These Times.**

If you would like to **donate** a Personal Health Kit you may donate **\$10.00** for the cost of a kit. Please make your check to St. Matthew Lutheran Church, write LWR KIT on your check and place in the white envelope on the back of the pew and write LWR KITS on the envelope. Please continue to bring bath-size towels & soap. **The goal is for 100 kits.** Your **help is needed and appreciated.**



On Easter morning, we will again be filling the chancel with **EASTER LILIES**. We will be **taking orders for lilies (\$12 each) through Sunday, April 7th**. If you would like to purchase a lily to place in the chancel, please complete one of the order forms that will be on the back of the weekly bulletin – or contact the church office. Lilies may be taken home after our worship service on Easter morning.

15th annual Agape Feast – Thursday, April 18th 6:30 p.m.

This worship/meal is based on traditional early Christian worship service and meal. The meal consisted of foods that could be eaten with fingers such as chicken, lamb, vegetables, nuts and fruit. The service took place around the table in someone's home.

This type of meal takes volunteers willing to help with the preparation. Also, there will be a signup sheet in the hallway at the end of March, if you would like to attend.

If you would like to help prepare the room or the food, please come by the church on Wednesday at 4:30 p.m. and/or Thursday afternoon at 4:00 p.m. We

will also need volunteers Thursday after the service has concluded.

We need all attendees to sign-up to get an idea of how much food to prepare. Please sign-up if there is a possibility you might attend. All ages are invited.

The new slideshow theme for Lent is WATER. Thanks to all of the members who submitted photos, and thanks to Pilar Rodriguez-Larson for compiling them into the slideshow.

Church Office Volunteers



Volunteers are needed in the church office to answer phones and greet people. The hours are Monday-Thursday 9:00-1:00 and Friday 9-12:00. If you have a free morning that you would like to volunteer, please sign-up on the sheet posted on the door of the Pastor's office.

Prayer Angels will meet Sunday, April 14 at 8:30am. Looking ahead to Holy Week

Summer Day Camp

Due to issues related to timing, camp size and cost, we will not be holding a Summer Day Camp this year. This was decided by Church Council action on March 11th. Several meetings were held to review all aspects of this action and it became clear that this was the best option for 2019. Tentative plans for a one-day children's summer activity is being researched.



Over 50s Luncheon



"Over 50s" Bible class will begin **April 24th** as usual at 11:00 a.m. On May 8th we will have a **POT LUCK LUNCHEON** following at noon. We like varieties of food, so get out your favorite menu and share. **Our program for the day will be presented by Ken and Marianna Busch** who will show photos of our National Parks. Come and join us on the **8th of May** for a fun day.

Wednesday Morning Bible Study will resume on Wednesday, April 24.

BREAKFAST**Easter Breakfast and Egg Hunt**

Working around the 9:30 a.m. service, the youth will be serving breakfast on **Easter Sunday** from 8:00—9:00 a.m. and the Easter Egg Hunt (for kids of all ages) will immediately follow the service. (Kitchen clean-up will also follow the service.)

Please consider donating individually wrapped candy that will fit into eggs; you may leave these in the kitchen at any time. We do not need plastic eggs.

**Members with Prayer Concerns** Maggie

Johnson, John Linda, Albert Hampel (The Delaney), Imadene Peterson, Denise Self (home), Pat Gorton (home), Steve Jenson, Pastor Kenneth Moerbe & Paula Moerbe, Joanne Zuch, Agnes Decker, Duane Early, Clydine Arthur, Ron & Stephanie Lambring, Lauren Roller, 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, 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:

Brenda Canada (Linda Stanford)
Pete Tamez (Elnora Schwake)
Jackie Harkins (Mary Koon)
Chelsey Crye (Daylon Crye) on mission work
Brenda Henderson (Edie Walker)
Marie Fuller (mother of Cynthia Frey)
Bert Dockall (Bradley Linda)
Rodney Roller (Terry Roller)
Gloria Martin (Beth Pristash)
Wilfred Dietrich (Larry Dietrich)
St. Paul Lutheran Church (Levelland, TX)
Holy Trinity Lutheran Church (Irving, TX)
Central United Methodist Church (Waco)
Saint Andrew Orthodox Church (Waco)



St. Matthew Lutheran Women will be **hosting bridal showers** for **Melissa Mullens**, bride-elect of Travis

Fairchild on **April 27th from 2:00 to 4:00**

p. m. in the fellowship hall. Selections at Target and Bed Bath & Beyond. Please plan to attend!



Simply Giving is offered through the church office for automatic withdrawal from your checking or savings account

to give to the church. Forms are available on the table outside the sanctuary or in the church office. This is a very easy transaction for the church and for you as a member. Simply fill out the form specifying the date you would like for the withdrawal to be taken from your account, the frequency of donation (weekly debits are taken out on Mondays only), monthly on the 1st, monthly on the 15th, etc.). You may also designate where you want the funds to be given, such as general/operating fund or other fund. Place the amount that you would like to have withdrawn from your account on the form. You may choose either your checking or savings account for the withdrawal to be made. Make sure to include your routing number on your check and your checking/savings account number. If using a checking account, please attach a voided check at the bottom of the form.

For those of you who have been using Simply Giving and would like to make changes to your donation amount, please fill out the form and check the box for "Change donation amount" and add the new amount you would like to have withdrawn from your account.

Please bring your completed form to the church office or you may place in the Administrative Assistant's mailbox located in the workroom. Should you have any questions, please contact Carol Linda.



We welcome back to St. Matthew, Mary Herring. Here is her address and phone number to add to your St. Matthew Directory.

6111 Haden Dr., Waco, TX 76710 254-230-2740

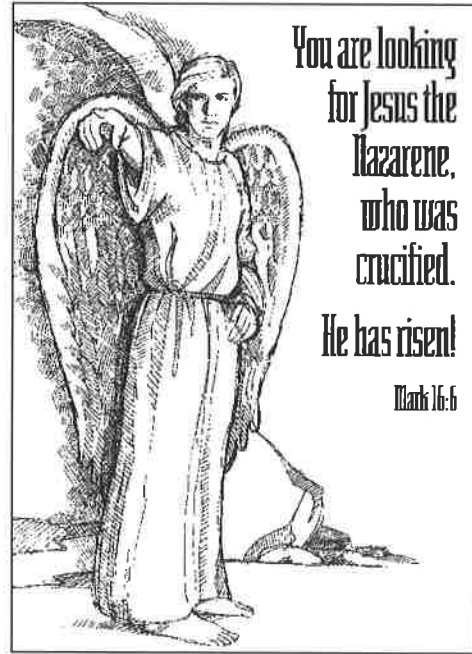
April Birthdays

Ron Lambring	4/1
Janet Roller	4/1
David Nesmith	4/2
Florence Anderson	4/3
Sharon Gripp	4/6
Stephanie Partin	4/6
Amy Taylor	4/6

Doris Akard	4/9
Betty Bracken	4/9
Bradley Linda	4/9
Sue Hensel	4/10
Melba Hafer	4/11
Bill Krause	4/12
Cody Browne	4/13
Colten Stanford	4/13
Debbie Evans	4/14
Elnora Schwake	4/15
Mary Koon	4/16
Terry Bracken	4/17
Paul Larson	4/17
Denise Masters	4/17
David Boeche	4/21
Matt Linda	4/22
Paula Jenson	4/24
Thomas Smith	4/30

April Wedding Anniversaries

Larry & Pat Dietrich	4/17
<i>(31 years)</i>	
Robert & Betty Krienke	4/17
<i>(59 years)</i>	
Henry & Mary Ann Lippe	4/23
<i>(70 years)</i>	



Seeking Part-Time Experienced Administrative Assistant

The Administrative Assistant recently hired for our Church Office is no longer with us. Perhaps you know of someone that would be interested in this position. A more detailed Job Description is available in the Church Office:

St Matthew Lutheran Church is seeking a part-time experienced administrative assistant to perform assigned secretarial, clerical, bookkeeping, and office management duties that are needed for the efficient operation of the church and which supports the mission of the church. Good communication skills are essential as this position is often the first line of communication with the outside community. This position requires a high level of professionalism and confidentiality in all verbal and written contacts. Extensive computer skills including Microsoft Office, Word, Excel, accounts payable, financial record keeping are required.

April 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3	4	5	6
	11:00 Dominoes	6:30 Men's Breakfast 12:15 Lenten Service 5:30 Mary Martha Circle 6:30 Choir	9:00 Quilters	8:30 HOT Conference W-ELCA Spring Gathering, St. Paul's, Crawford, TX		
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
Deadline for ordering Easter Lilies 8:30 Stephen Min. Supervision 9:30 Worship 10:30 Sunday School	10:00 Grace Circle 4:30 Katherine Luther Circle 6:30 Church Council	11:00 Dominoes	12:15 Lenten Service 1:30 W-ELCA Board Mtg. 6:30 Choir	9:00 Quilters	10:00 Calligraphy Guild	
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
8:30 Prayer Angels (Conf. Room) 9:30 Palm Sunday Worship 10:30 Sunday School	11:00 Dominoes 6:30 Stephen Min. Continuing Ed.	12:15 Lenten Service 6:30 Choir	6:30 Agape Feast	9:00 Quilters 7:00 Good Friday Cantata: <i>Requiem</i> by Peter Johns		
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
8:00 Easter Breakfast 9:30 Worship 10:30 Easter Egg Hunt 10:30 Sunday School	<i>Church Office Closed For Easter Holiday</i>	11:00 Bible Study 12:00 Assemble LWR Personal Health Kits 6:30 Choir	9:11:00 Load LWR Boxes on Truck 1:00 Wedding Shower for Melissa Mullens	9:00 Quilters		
28	29	30				
9:30 Worship 10:30 Sunday School	5:30 Aggie Mom's (Fellowship Hall)	11:00 Dominoes				

April 2019 Ministers of Worship

	April 7	April 14 Palm Sunday	April 21 Easter Sunday	April 28
	9:30 AM	9:30 AM	9:30 AM	9:30 AM
Worship Assistant	TBA	Bradley Linda	DeAnna Toten Beard	Sue Hensel
Communion Assistant	Rosemary Fielder	TBA	Marianna Busch	Rosemary Fielder
Communion Assistant	Marcy Howell	Marcy Howell	Ken Busch	TBA
Children's Sermon	Jeanne Dittmann	TBA	DeAnna Toten Beard	Jeanne Dittmann
Lector	Pat Gorton	Roy Anderson	Beth Pristash	Jeanne Dittmann
Acolyte	TBA	TBA	TBA	TBA
Communion – Set Up	Peggy Tooker	Peggy Tooker	Peggy Tooker	Jean Bush/Meredith Ronnevik
Communion – Clear Altar				
Wash Communion Ware	Carolyn Van Auken	TBA	Wanda Kilstrom	TBA
Greeter – Elements	Jean & Tammy Bush	Jean & Tammy Bush	Wanda Kilstrom	TBA
Greeter	Arlene Schwarz	TBA	TBA	
Usher	Bill Jones	Roy Anderson	Kemper Beard	TBA
Usher				
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Usher				
Tellers	Pilar Larson and Shelly Jasek			
Tellers				
Altar Flowers	Arlene Schwarz in memory of James Schwarz	Palms	Easter Lilies	Easter Lilies

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Address Correction Requested

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Church Office Hours:
Monday through Thursday 9:00 am – 1:00 pm
Friday 9:00 am – 12:00 noon.

Remember: If you **do not have a code** to the alarm system (which is different from the code to the key pad outside the front and back doors), **DO NOT enter the building after office hours**, or if no one else is already in the building. All Council members and the various group leaders that meet at St. Matthew have codes for the alarm system.

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