

Good News From New Road

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

May 2019

St. Matthew Evangelical Lutheran Church

We're Doing Alright

After a rough stretch and some sleepless nights, just felt it's time to say "we're doing alright for the condition we're in." There is progress to report:

- Administrative Assistant has been hired and is in training.
- Ministry Site Profile is complete and has been reviewed and approved by Church Council and submitted to NTNL Synod.
- Appointed Call Committee and orientation session scheduled with NTNL Synod personnel.
- Weekly and monthly financial status reporting established and in place.
- Worship Service presiding and preaching coverage scheduled through late August (if necessary), including pastoral care for homebound and shut-in visitation.
- Church standing Committees increased in members, holding meetings, and status reports established in Church Council meetings.
- Congregation is responding positively to needed financial growth to allow for competitive compensation for a new full-time pastor.
- Weekly attendance is improving, with inquiries for membership.
- Growing positive volunteer response to announced needs.

Thank you ALL so very much! It's because of YOU that St. Matthew Lutheran Church is "doing alright" ... but we can do better, and we will.

Bill Jones, Council President

Lutheran World Relief 2019

On Saturday, April 27th the LWR boxes from the Heart of Texas Conference Churches were brought to Waco and loaded onto the Penske truck to be delivered to Plano. At this time a complete inventory report is not available but will be forthcoming in June. Saint Matthew shipped 58 quilts and 42 school backpacks and the personal health kits have not been assembled at this writing. Thank you to the following volunteers who packed the quilts. Peggy Tooker, Terry Murphy, Edna Dietrich, Paula Jenson, Teresa and Scott Bancale and to all the ladies who have quilted the beautiful quilts this year. Thanks to Linda and Kelly Heyde for packing the school backpacks. Thanks to Bill and Jean Moeller. Kemper and DeAnna Beard for driving the truck to Plano, TX to deliver the LWR items. A full report will be available in June. Thank you to everyone who donated items for the personal health kits. It was another successful LWR project.



Council Minutes—April 8, 2019

Members present: Bill Abright, Sally Engelbrecht, Linda Heyde, Shelly Jasek, Paula Jenson, Bill Jones, Clay Sellers, Linda Stanford, and Jeremy Wallace

Members absent: Robert Cotner

Guests present: Bradley Linda and Sharon Gripp

President Bill Jones called the meeting to order. Linda Heyde offered the devotional reading.

Approval of Minutes: The March 11, 2019 Council Meeting Minutes and March 17, 2019 Called Council Meeting Minutes were approved.

Shelly presented the **Treasurer's Report:**

- There is \$87,241.12 in the checking account as of March 31, 2019.
- Designated funds, in the amount of \$36,490.69, are included in the account balance.
- There is \$11,064.44 in the Bracken Scholarship Fund.

New Business

- Bradley Linda presented the Ministry Site Profile. After some discussion, a motion was made and approved for the Ministry Site Profile submission.
- Sharon Gripp reported Valor Preparatory School may be interested in the possible use of two classrooms. More information was requested.
- Bill Jones reported the Call Committee has met and recommended Michael Frey as the Committee's Chairperson. This recommendation was approved.
- Lutheran Sunset Ministry annual meeting – Bill and Diane will go to the meeting on May 5th.
- The membership removal of Lola and Gary Hull was approved due to residence relocation.

Old Business

- The insurance company walk-thru went well.

- Sharon and Lyle Gripp will attend the NTNL Assembly, as St Matthew's delegates, on April 26 and 27.
- Worship services and compensation were discussed. Pastor Andrew Ronnevik has agreed to substantially increase his worship service preaching and pastoral service from mid-May until the end of August. This is to include some shut-in visitation. Should we have an Interim Pastor, he will step back into his current support role. He will be compensated per Synod Guidelines.

Committee Reports

- Stewardship Committee (Linda Heyde) – The new committee members will meet soon.
- Education Committee (Linda Stanford) – Linda reported that the planning of Day Camp will be added to the committee's agenda.
- Personnel Committee (Bill Jones) – Bill said the committee recommended the hire of Linda Ludwig as the Administrative Assistant and she is working out well.
- Youth Committee – Jeanne Dittman is coordinating the Easter Breakfast.

There being no further business, the meeting was closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,
Sally Engelbrecht, Secretary



W-ELCA News



Saint Matthew Lutheran W-ELCA will host the Mother/Daughter Luncheon and General Meeting on Saturday, May 4th at 11:00 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. All ladies are invited to come and bring their daughters, granddaughters, mothers, and friends.

The guest speaker is Mrs. Nancy Grayson, owner of Lula Jane Bakery & Café on Elm Street, Waco. I know you will enjoy her program. Please plan to come and welcome Mrs. Grayson and enjoy the lovely salad lunch and fellowship.

The **W-ELCA Combined Summer Circles** will begin the combined Bible study meetings in June.

The first lesson will be Monday, June 10th at 10:00 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. We are honored to have Dr. Phil Van Auken as our Bible leader for the summer Bible study meetings. Please come and learn and enjoy Phil's studies.

The **Heart of Texas Conference Spring Gathering** was held on Saturday, April 6th at St. Paul Lutheran in Crawford and co-hosted by St. John Lutheran W-ELCA in Coryell City. Eight-five ladies were registered for the meeting. Some ladies were unable to attend because of weather conditions that morning. The guest speaker Karen Porter from the Houston area presented a wonderful program on 'Girl Meets a Giant'. It was based on the story of David and Giants She's Met in Her Life. Her program was enjoyed by the following St. Matthew W-ELCA members who attended the Gathering: Wanda Kilstrom, Jean Moeller, Linda Heyde, Peggy Tooker, Elaine Copeland and Helen Henrichs.

Wanda Kilstrom was elected at this meeting to serve as Conference Coordinator for the Hot Texas Conference for the next three years. She will coordinate with the H.O.T. Conference churches planning the Spring Gatherings. St. Matthew and First Lutheran, Waco, will be holding the H.O.T. Spring Gathering at St. Matthew Church in the spring of 2020.



Saint Matthew Lutheran Church sanctuary was decorated with **beautiful Easter lilies** on Easter morning. The **lilies** were given in memory of loved ones and in honor

of family and friends. Thanks to the members who purchased **lilies**. Thanks to Shelly Jaske for ordering the **lilies** this year and to the following that helped place the flowers in the sanctuary: Jean Bush, Marcyll Howell, Carol Linda, and Wanda Kilstrom.

Over 50s Luncheon



On Wednesday, May 8th we will have a **POT LUCK LUNCHEON** at noon following the 11:00 a.m. Bible study. 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.

THANK YOU to Mary Herring, Elaine Copeland, Carol Linda, Paula Jenson, Peggy Tooker, Wanda Kilstrom, and Diane and Bill Jones for working at the church office when there was no Administrative Assistant. Your volunteerism kept our church functioning and **YOU MADE A DIFFERENCE! THANK YOU!**



Please join us for **Wednesday morning Bible study** held on Wednesdays at 11:00 a.m.



Members with Prayer Concerns Cora Gill,

Helen McDaniel, 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, David & Stacey Vanderkinter, Ty Henrichs, Alfred Gstatenbauer, Tammy Vickrey, Weldon Howell, Stephanie Partin, Ed Poehl

Thank You to . . .

Thanks to Beth Pristash for the wonderful job of coordinating the **Agape Feast**; Paul Larson and Kemper Beard for preparing the lamb for the meal; Beth Pristash, Peggy Tooker, Paula Jenson, and Pilar Larson for grocery shopping; and to all who helped prepare, set-up, serve and clean-up: Beth Pristash, Peggy Tooker, Stephanie & Bill Abright, Roy & Florence Anderson, Rilla Vieregg, Rita & LuDean Bruer, Elaine Copeland, Carolyn Van Auken, Robert & Betty Krienke, Helen Henrichs, Deanna, Kemper & Henry Beard, and Paul & Pilar Larson. Thanks also to lector Deanna Beard; worship assistant Bradley Linda; pianist Zerek Dodson; and Larry Henrichs, Presiding Minister. Thank you to ALL who helped to make our **Easter** celebration so memorable.

✠ Sha Towers and the Cantata Orchestra and Choir for an absolutely beautiful presentation of the Good Friday Cantata: Requiem on Good Friday.

✠ Thanks to Jeanne Dittman for co-ordinating the Easter Sunday Breakfast and to the youth who served.

✠ Thank you also for those who donated candy, stuffed and hid the eggs and participated in the Easter egg hunt after worship.

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 Bradley & Cody Poteet (David Vanderkinter) Connor McGee (Jean Bush) Berry Klingman and Carlos Remedios (Terry Roller) Mike Harkins and Jordan Mann (Mary Koon) Brenda Canada (Linda Stanford) Pete Tamez (Elnora Schwake) Jackie Harkins (Mary Koon) 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. Matthew Lutheran (Waco, TX) King of Glory Lutheran (Fort Worth, TX) Finnish Chapel (Coppell, TX) Church of the Open Door (Waco) St. James United Methodist Church (Waco)

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.

May Birthdays

Niles Haich	5/1
Edna Harris-Howland	5/1
Ron Knobel	5/3
Cory Stanford	5/4
Sarah Schwieger	5/5
Judy Schwieger	5/6
Mary Krause	5/8
Savannah Reiske	5/9
Maggie Johnson	5/10
Carter Towers	5/11
Alaine Copeland	5/13
Sharon Peterson	5/13
Bobby Zimmerman	5/13
Tammy Bush	5/17
Jo Von Rosenberg	5/17
Thomas Vanderkinter	5/19
Aralia Thompson	5/20
Eunice Linda	5/21
Shawna White	5/22
Linda Stanford	5/23
Max Towers	5/27
Dayna Hamilton	5/31

May Wedding Anniversaries:

Cory & Megan Stanford	5/16
Bill & Stephanie Abright	5/21



Please make sure to neatly print your information on the attendance cards to help our new administrative assistant as she learns our names.

May 2019 Ministers of Worship

	May 5	May 12	May 19	May 26
Worship Assistant	9:30 AM Beth Pristash	9:30 AM Meridith Sellers	9:30 AM Clay Sellers	9:30 AM Bradley Linda
Communion Assistant	Rosemary Fielder	Linda Stanford	Rosemary Fielder	Sue Hensel
Communion Assistant	Shelly Jasek	Sue Hensel	Marcy Howell	Marcy Howell
Children's Sermon	DeAnna Toten Beard	DeAnna Toten Beard	DeAnna Toten Beard	TBA
Lector	Pat Gorton	DeAnna Toten Beard	DeAnna Toten Beard	Bradley Linda
Acolyte	TBA	Ziggy Sellers	Ziggy Sellers	TBA
Communion – Set Up	Meredith Ronnevik Jean Bush	Peggy Tooker	Peggy Tooker	Peggy Tooker
Communion – Clear Altar	Marcy Howell	Marcy Howell	Marcy Howell	Marcy Howell
Wash Communion Ware	Carolyn Van Auken	Carolyn Van Auken	Carolyn Van Auken	Carolyn Van Auken
Greeter – Elements	Paula & Steve Jenson	Bancalle Family	Diane & Bill Jones	Sharon & Lyle Gripp
Greeter	Roy & Florence Anderson	Bancalle Family	Diane & Bill Jones	Roy & Florence Anderson
Usher	TBA	Kemper Beard	Diane & Bill Jones	TBA
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Tellers	Peggy Tooker & Beth Pristash			
Tellers				
Altar Flowers		Alaine Copeland in honor of mothers		

May 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 6:30 Men's Breakfast 5:30 Mary Martha Circle 6:30 Choir	2	3 9:00 Quilters	4 11:00 W-ELCA General Meeting Mother/Daughter Lunch
5 8:30 Stephen Ministries Supervision 9:30 Worship 10:30 Sunday School	6	7 11:00 Dominos	8 11:00 Bible Study 12:00 Over 50's Pot-Luck 6:30 Choir	9	10 9:00 Quilters	11 10:00 Calligraphy Guild 2:30 Piano Recital
12 9:30 Worship 10:30 Sunday School	13 10:00 Grace Circle 4:30 Katherine Luther Circle 6:30 Church Council	14 11:00 Dominos	15 11:00 Bible Study 6:30 Choir	16	17 9:00 Quilters	18
19 9:30 Worship 10:30 Sunday School	20 20	21 Dominos 6:30 Stephen Ministry Cont. Ed.	22 11:00 Bible Study 6:30 Choir	23	24 9:00 Quilters	25 11:00-2:00 Fellowship Hall in Use
26 9:30 Worship 10:30 Sunday School	27	28 11:00 Dominos	29 11:00 Bible Study 6:30 Choir	30	31 9:00 Quilters	

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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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