

# Good News From New Road

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

September 2019

St. Matthew Evangelical Lutheran Church



I always get excited as I see families post their back to school pictures on Facebook. Even though for most of us it is just another day, there is something energizing thinking about new beginnings. As I start my ministry at St. Matthew I do so with the joy and anticipation of a new year because with it brings hope, vision, new possibilities, and a clean slate. I look forward to being in ministry with all of you and I can't wait to see where Christ will lead us.

Peace and Blessings,  
Pastor Kelsey



Church Family:

I am more than pleased to announce that Pastor Kelsey Fitting-Synder was called to be the pastor of St. Matthew Lutheran Church on August 25, 2019. Pastor Kelsey accepted our call and started on Monday, August 26, 2019. We welcome Kelsey and Jon to our church family.

We would like to thank our New Directions Team: Hope Cotner, Bradley Linda, Jo Von Rosenberg, Kemper Beard, Bill Jones and Phil Van Auken. Also, thank you to our Call Committee: Michael Frey, Stephanie Abright, Meredith Sellers, Ashley Jenson, Linda Heyde, Hope Cotner, and Bradley Linda. Thank you to Pastor Andrew Ronnevik, Pastor Larry Henrichs, Parrish Lay Ministers Ken and Marianna Busch and Phil Van Auken for their help with worship services. These jobs were well done and very appreciated by the church Council and the church family.

Thanks be to God!

Paula Jenson  
Council President

**Sunday Learning Hour (Sunday School)**  
**10:45—11:30 a.m. (after church)**



**Adult Class:** Join us for Coffee and Conversation with Pastor Kelsey during our Sunday Learning Hour to discuss various topics important to our Christian life. Classes are held in the Fellowship Hall.

**High School Class:** The High School Class will be taught by Jeremy Wallace for all high school students. Classes are held in the high school room.

**Junior High Class:** The Junior High Class will be taught by Michael Frey for all sixth, seventh, and eighth grades. Classes are held in the junior high classroom.

**Sunday Play:** The Sunday Play Class will be taught by DeAnna Beard and Jeanne Dittmann for all first, second, third, fourth, and fifth grades. Classes will be taught in the back portion of the Fellowship Hall.

**Nursery Class:** The Nursery Class will be taught by Linda Stanford for all three, four and five year olds. Classes will be taught in the Nursery Class Room.

***Come Join Us!***



**Council Minutes—August 5,  
2019**

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

President Paula Jenson called the meeting to order.

All Call Committee members, and alternates, were present: Stephanie Abright, Hope Cotner, Michael Frey, Linda Heyde, Ashley Jenson, Bradley Linda, and Meridith Sellers. The Call Committee presented information. By unanimous vote, Pastor Kelsey Lee Fitting-Snyder is their recommendation. The Call Committee members left the meeting and after some discussion, the Council unanimously approved the Call Committee's recommendation.

Clay offered a devotion.

Approval of Minutes:

- The July 8, 2019 Council Meeting Minutes were reviewed and approved.
- The July 21, 2019 Called Council Meeting Minutes were reviewed and approved.

Shelly presented the Treasurer's Report:

- There is \$142,422.56 in the checking account as of July 31, 2019. The dedicated account amount included in the checking account is \$96,854.74. The amount in the checking account, after deducting the dedicated amount, is approximately \$45,567.82.
- Current month total income is \$22,374.74.

Committee Reports

- Christian Education (Linda Stanford) –Six kids attended the summer fun day. Hope and Robert Cotner sponsored the inflatable; it was a good day for everyone. The kids asked when the next fun day will be scheduled.
- Call Committee (Linda Heyde) – The committee is very pleased with the possibility of Pastor Kelsey being called.
- Property Committee (Sharon) – The committee has worked on their budget. Programmable thermostats may be an option for the church.
- Stewardship Committee (Linda Heyde) –Pastor Irma Banales was contacted, but the available date for her to visit St. Matthew was not workable. It

was determined that further discussion will be tabled for now.

- Finance Committee (Clay Sellers) – Saturday, August 17, is scheduled for the annual meeting with committee chairs to go over budget proposals and requests.
- Evangelism (Bill Abright) – Sharon reported that the committee chair has stepped down.
- Worship & Music (Jeremy) – Zerek's last day is August 11th.

Old Business

- Audit of the 2018 church records – The audit has been completed.
- Nominating Committee – Robert Cotner and Bill Abright agreed to serve on the committee, but all Council members will talk to people about serving on the Council.

New Business

- 2020 NTNL Assembly – where, when, 2 delegates from St. Matthew will need approval at congregational meeting in December. This item was tabled.
- December congregational meeting - when, catering. This item was tabled.

There being no further business, Sharon made a motion to adjourn and Robert seconded. The motion passed and the meeting was adjourned with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,  
Sally Engelbrecht, Secretary



**W-ELCA News FLASH**

Lutheran World Relief items in the past have been collected during Lenten Season. The W-ELCA Board discussed that items should be collected over a longer time before Ash Wednesday. This will give more time for collection of items and increase the number of personal health kits before they are shipped in the spring.

Starting the first Sunday in September "TWO BATH SIZE SOAP BARS" will be collected. Please place the bars of soap in the large plastic container in the hallway near the fellowship hall doors. Each month

different items will be collected. Hoping for a good collection drive.



The NT/NL W-ELCA **Fall Retreat** will be **October 11<sup>th</sup> through the 12<sup>th</sup>** at Butmann Methodist Retreat

Center in Merkle, Texas.

The **Heart Of Texas Conference** is offering ten (10) **scholarships** for \$100 each to help defray the cost of the retreat. Please see Wanda Kilstrom for the H.O.T. **scholarship and registration forms**. The deadline is September 10<sup>th</sup>. All members are urged to apply for one of the **scholarships**. Hope many of you will plan to attend the retreat. Carpooling will be arranged if enough plan to attend.

**Thanks to Peggy Tooker** who has been responsible for making the school backpacks for the past several years and has received help from **Rosemary Fielder** and **Helen Henrichs**. Peggy is asking for help to make these school backpacks. If you can sew, **please contact Peggy**. Material and the pattern for the school packs will be furnished. Thanks to **Linda and Kelly Heyde**, the school supplies have already been purchased for this spring with Thrivent funds.



Stephen Ministry continuing education will **resume Tuesday, September 17 at 6:30 p.m.** in Fellowship Hall. We will continue in the book *Cancer What Now?* Section 9, Chapters 54-63.

**Finance Committee**

The Finance Committee will meet Monday, September 16 at 6:00 p.m. in library.



**Bible Study**

Please join us for weekly **Bible study** led by Phil Van Auken on Wednesdays at 11:00 a.m.



Due to some unforeseen health issues, Ken and Marianna's Adult Christian Education classes will not resume until spring 2020. Please keep us in your prayers.

Ken and Marianna Busch



**Men's Breakfast**

The men's breakfast will resume the first Wednesday of each month at 6:30 a.m. All men are invited to come, have breakfast and enjoy Christian fellowship. We will try to be finished by 7:30 a.m., but feel free to leave if you need to get to work. If you have any questions, please see Del Hensel.

**Over 50s**



Over 50s Bible class will celebrate an **International Pot Luck Luncheon** on **Wednesday, September 11<sup>th</sup>**. Bring your special dish to share. We enjoy variety such as hot dishes, salads, fruit, desserts, etc. Bible class begins at 11:00 a.m. followed by a meal at noon, and a program! Some of our class will present their stories of how they came to Texas, the Waco area, and especially, to St. Matthew Lutheran Church! Others may also share their stories! So come and get to know more about our church family!

**Norse Smorgasbord**

Norse Smorgasbord is Saturday, November 9th. The deadline to get the ticket request mailed for the drawing is September 19th. If you would like to go, there is a **sign-up sheet** on the podium in the entry way. Please indicate which seating and how many tickets you want. **Checks made out to Beth Pristash must be given to her by noon on September 15th.** Your check will be held until we receive the tickets. If you have any questions please contact Beth Pristash or Sue Hensel.



Thanks to **Alfredo Colman** for filling in as our pianist and organist on August 18<sup>th</sup> and to **Guilherme Almeida** on August 25<sup>th</sup>! We extend a warm welcome to Joel Tiotuico as St. Matthew's pianist and organist.





Mr. Kenneth Busch & Scholarship Committee,

Thank you for the scholarship that I was awarded this school year. It will help tremendously with my books and access codes that I use at Texas State. Many thanks for all the support these years in obtaining my finance degree at Texas State.

Much appreciation & blessings to all,  
Abigail Jasek

Mr. Busch & Scholarship Committee,

Many thanks for your time in selecting the scholarship recipients at church. I appreciate receiving a scholarship as well. Some of the funds will be used to purchase my books, access codes or programs for school and to help in the purchase of a laptop needed to pursue my civil engineering degree. Again, thanks so much for the support in pursuit of my college degree.

Aaron Jasek

### BBO-Cyclone Corral



Our outing to Cyclone Corral is scheduled for **Saturday, October 5<sup>th</sup>**.

Those wanting to **carpool** need to meet at the church to leave at **5:30 p.m.** A **sign-up sheet** will be on the podium. Please **sign up by Sunday, September 29<sup>th</sup>**, so reservations can be made. If you are not familiar with Cyclone Corral, the restaurant is an **all you can eat barbeque family style restaurant**. The menu consists of sliced beef, sausages, ribs, slaw, potato salad, beans, corn-on-the-cob, homemade bread, tea and water for **\$16.95**. Other drinks, cobbler and ice cream are available at extra cost. **No credit cards**, only cash or checks. Any questions, please contact Sue Hensel.

### Members with Prayer Concerns:

Bill Jones, Ron Knobel, Mary Herring, Alfred Gstattenbauer, Cora Gillespie, Imadene Peterson, Denise Self, Steve Jenson, Joanne Zuch, Agnes Decker, Duane Early, Clydine Arthur, Ron & Stephanie Lambring, Lauren Roller, Linda Stanford, Elsie Pietzsch, Edna Harris-Howland, Bill & Elnora



Schwake, Ron & Sharon Peterson, Eunice & John Linda, Stacey Vanderkinter, Ty Henrichs, Tammy Vickrey, Weldon Howell, Stephanie Partin, Ed Poehl, Teresa Umberger, Irene Erickson, Ken Busch, Melba Hafer



### 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:

The family of Teri Castenada; Gloria Martin and Wade Moseley (Beth Pristash)

Edna Jones (Bill & Cora Gillespie)

Geraldine Jensen

McFloyd Family

Carolyn Hurst

Ralph Sparks

Weldon Tyler (Bill & Jean Moeller)

David Everett and Gregg Woodul (Steve & Paula Jenson)

Berry Klingman; Carlos Remedios; Rodney Roller; Jade Baker; and Eric Buswell (Terry Roller)

Mike Harkins; Jordan Mann; and Jackie Harkins (Mary Koon)

Brenda Canada (Linda Stanford)

Marie Fuller (mother of Cynthia Frey)

Roger Sanders (Clydine Arthur)

Debbie Vonasck (Elnora Schwake)

Nick Sheppard (Mary Herring)

Phil Bancale (Teresa & Scott Bancale)

Kathy White (Denise Self)

Faith Lutheran (Wichita Falls, TX)

Christ the Servant Lutheran (Allen, TX)

First Lutheran Church (Waco)

Austin Avenue United Methodist (Waco)

### Church Council for 2020

There will be five members rotating off the Council at the end of this year and **we are looking for five people to serve on the Council**. To be qualified, the nominee must come with a belief in God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit. If this is you, please let me know. As always, He will do the heavy lifting!

Thanks for your support!

Paula Jenson, Council President

✓ Please note that use of the Fellowship Hall, or any part of church property, must be approved by church administration prior to use. False security alarms cause interruption of church personnel family time and can result in fines up to \$500 by the Waco Police Department. Advance request for use should be submitted to the Church Office. Thank you in advance for your cooperation.

## NEWSLETTER

The **monthly newsletter deadline** is the **3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of each month.**

Please send submissions to [cvanauken@grandecom.net](mailto:cvanauken@grandecom.net) or place your handwritten information and thank you notes in the wooden box near the entrance of the workroom. Thank you.

### September Birthdays

James Stokes ..... 9/2  
 Bill Schwake ..... 9/3  
 Michael Pareya ..... 9/6  
 Karl Aho ..... 9/7  
 Meghan Gripp ..... 9/7  
 Peggy Tooker ..... 9/7  
 Abel Pederson ..... 9/8  
 Branden Love-Stone ..... 9/13  
 Gary Herzberg ..... 9/16  
 Jean Melzer ..... 9/16  
 Alfred Gstattenbauer ..... 9/17  
 David Hafer ..... 9/19  
 Robert Krienke ..... 9/20  
 Bill Moeller ..... 9/21  
 Karen Mullens ..... 9/22  
 Arlene Schwarz ..... 9/23  
 Bill Abright ..... 9/25  
 John Jasek ..... 9/25  
 Lashana Hatfield ..... 9/26  
 Larry Henrichs ..... 9/26  
 Kaylee Landon ..... 9/26  
 Tammy Vickrey ..... 9/26  
 Lee Nordt ..... 9/27  
 Marilyn Cruse ..... 9/30

### September Anniversaries

Ron & Sharon Peterson ..... 9/1  
 Jay & Jean Dittmann ..... 9/3  
 Bill & Elnora Schwake ..... 9/3  
 Del & Sue Hensel ..... 9/10  
 Terry & Janet Roller ..... 9/13  
 Michael & Cynthia Frey ..... 9/18

# SEPTEMBER 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>8<sup>th</sup></p> <p>8:30 am – Stephen Ministries Supervision 9:30 AM WORSHIP 10:45 AM – 11:30 AM Sunday Learning for All</p>	<p>9<sup>th</sup></p> <p>4:30 PM Katherine Luther Circle Parlor 10:00 AM Grace Circle Parlor</p>	<p>10<sup>th</sup></p> <p>6:30 PM Church Council Meeting 11:00 AM Dominoes</p>	<p>11<sup>th</sup></p> <p>11:00 AM - Bible Class 12:00 PM - Over 50's Luncheon</p>	<p>12<sup>th</sup></p>	<p>13<sup>th</sup></p> <p>9:00 AM - Quilters</p>	<p>14<sup>th</sup></p> <p>Calligraphy (All Day)</p>
<p>15<sup>th</sup></p> <p>9:30 AM - WORSHIP 10:45 AM – 11:30 AM Sunday Learning for All</p>	<p>16<sup>th</sup></p> <p>6:00 PM - Finance Meeting - Library</p>	<p>17<sup>th</sup></p> <p>Stephen Ministries continues Thru May 11:00 AM Dominoes</p>	<p>18<sup>th</sup></p> <p>11:00 AM - Bible Study</p>	<p>19<sup>th</sup></p>	<p>20<sup>th</sup></p> <p>9:00 AM - Quilters</p>	<p>21<sup>st</sup></p>
<p>22<sup>nd</sup></p> <p>9:30 AM - WORSHIP 10:45 AM – 11:30 AM Sunday Learning for All</p>	<p>23<sup>rd</sup></p>	<p>24<sup>th</sup></p> <p>11:00 AM - Dominoes</p>	<p>25<sup>th</sup></p> <p>6:30 PM - Choir Practice</p>	<p>26<sup>th</sup></p>	<p>27<sup>th</sup></p> <p>9:00 – AM - Quilters</p>	<p>28<sup>th</sup></p>
<p>29<sup>th</sup></p> <p>9:30 AM - WORSHIP 10:45 AM – 11:30 AM Sunday Learning for All</p>	<p>30<sup>th</sup></p>					



# September 2019 Ministers of Worship

	Sept 1st	Sept 8th	Sept 15th	Sept 22nd	Sept 29th
	9:30 AM	9:30 AM	9:30 AM	9:30 AM	9:30 AM
Worship Assistant	Beth Pristash	Brad Linda	Clay Sellers	Sue Hensel	Meredith Sellers
Communion Assistant	Rosemary Fielder	Linda Stanford	Linda Stanford	Rosemary Fielder	
Communion Assistant	Sue Hensel	Paula Jenson	TBA	Linda Heyde	
Children's Sermon	DeAnna Toten Beard		Jeanne Dittmann	DeAnna Toten Beard	
Lector	DeAnna Toten Beard	Brad Linda	Clay Sellers	Clay Sellers	Jeanne Dittmann
Acolyte			Ziggy Sellers	Ziggy Sellers	Ziggy Sellers
Communion – Set Up	Peggy Tooker	TBA	Peggy Tooker	Peggy Tooker	Peggy Tooker
Communion – Clear Altar					
Wash Communion Ware	Carolyn Van Auken	Carolyn Van Auken	Carolyn Van Auken	Carolyn Van Auken	Carolyn Van Auken
Greeter – Elements					
Greeter					
Usher	Del Hensel			Del Hensel	
Usher					
Usher					
Usher					
Tellers	Del & Sue Hensel				
Tellers	Del & Sue Hensel				
Altar Flowers	Sharon & Ron Peterson	Peggy Tooker Birthday	Robert Krienke	TBA	TBA

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**Friend us on Facebook:**

[www.facebook.com/SaintMatthewLutheran](http://www.facebook.com/SaintMatthewLutheran)

**Church Office Hours:**

Monday-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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