


Good News
From New Road
St. Matthew Lutheran Church, God's Family in Service

June 2023

St. Matthew Evangelical Lutheran Church

We are headed into the “ordinary time” of the church year. That time when the color in the sanctuary will remain green from now until Reformation Sunday (four months away). This is the time of year where we are tasked with growing (green represents growth) in our learning and discipleship. One way to grow in faith is to be intentional about those places in which we see God working in our own lives and the world. To make this more tangible I have created a bingo sheet of sorts. Your goal over the next couple of months is to not only try to get *all* the squares filled, but as you fill them, take time to reflect on the ways God is at work. I can’t wait to hear about all the places God showed up for you this summer! – Pastor Kelsey

Where have you seen God at work in the world?

A rainbow (Genesis 9:13)	Healing the sick (1 Corinthians 12:9)	Showing love (Galatians 5:22)	A light in a dark place (John 1:5)	Justice for the oppressed (Psalm 9:9)
Showing mercy (Zechariah 7:9)	Rejoicing with those who rejoice (Romans 12:15)	Showing gentleness (Galatians 5:22)	Showing self-control (Galatians 5:22)	Showing humility (Philippians 2:3)
Good news for the poor (Luke 4:18)	Showing generosity (Galatians 5:22)	 A bird (Luke 12:6)	Caring for enemies (Matthew 5:44)	Food for the hungry (Psalm 107:9)
Welcoming a stranger (Matthew 25:35)	A sign of forgiveness (Luke 24:47)	Showing patience (Romans 8:25)	Making peace (James 3:18)	A sign of hope (Psalm 9:18)
Showing kindness (Micah 6:8)	Welcoming a child (Matthew 18:5)	Teaching (1 Corinthians 12:8)	Showing compassion (Colossians 3:12)	Weeping with those who weep (Romans 12:15)

Council Notes

- The balance in the checking account at the end of April was \$215,642.78.
- Approved the final safety plan/manual submitted by the safety team.
- Voted to proceed with a loan for building and roof repairs from First National Bank of Central Texas.
- Submitted Constitution for NTNL Synod Approval.



W-ELCA NEWS

Summer Circle Bible Study

Combined Bible study for all Circles on **June 12th at 10:00 a.m.** in the Fellowship Hall will be led by Pastor Kelsey.

No Circle meetings will be held during the months of July and August.

May General Meeting

A big thank you to Pastor Kelsey for the wonderful presentation on her trip to the Holy Land including her pictures and stories.



The group voted to provide up to \$1,000 towards a screen in the Fellowship Hall as our 2023 gift to the church.

August General Meeting

Be sure to mark your calendar for the August General Meeting (Salad Luncheon) on August 19th at 10:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall.



NTNL-SWO Convention

Everyone is invited to attend the NTNL-SWO Convention to be held October 13-14 at Grace Lutheran in Carrollton, TX. Additional details available as we get closer to the convention date.

2023 WELCA Yearbook

Copies of the WELCA yearbook are still available. Check in the WELCA mailbox in the mailroom for a copy.



Blessing Box

Thank you for your continued donations to the Blessing Box. It is often the case that we fill it one day and it is nearly empty the next. We are certainly filling a need in the community. Water and hygiene products are always needed.



Stephen Ministry Meetings



The Stephen Ministry will now be meeting quarterly instead of monthly. Our next meeting will be on **September 21st, 2023** at 6:00 p.m.

If you have any questions or want more information, please ask Bill Abright, Peggy Tooker, or Carol Linda.

Fellowship for Single Women

We meet on the fourth Tuesday of every month. Our next meeting will be on June 27th at 10:00 a.m. at Cafe Cappuccino. For any questions, please contact Rosemary Fielder (fielderatwaco@aol.com).



Farewell Reception for the Ronneviks

St. Matthew is grateful for the many ways the Ronneviks have been part of, and served the St. Matthew Community during Pastor Andrew's time as a PhD student at Baylor. We are blessed for the impact Andrew, Meredith, Bea, and Hans have had on our community. Andrew has accepted a position through ELCA Global Missions to teach at Martin Luther Seminary in Papua New Guinea. Their last Sunday with us will be June 25. Following worship that Sunday we will have a reception with light refreshments. If you wish to make a monetary donation for the Ronneviks as they begin their new ministry abroad you may do so by making a designation on the check in the memo line or on one of the white envelopes.

**Weekly Bible Study**

Wednesday bible study will resume after Summer.

Friday Quilters Meetings

Friday Quilters meet in the Fellowship Hall on Fridays at 9:00 a.m. We usually finish up around 11:00 a.m.

Come join us. If you can tie a knot you can help us assemble the quilts. We have a great fellowship time.

**Sound Volunteers**

Help during worship doesn't always look like reading or serving up front, sometimes it means helping in the back behind the scenes. If you are interested in learning how to run our sound and help with the live-stream please reach out to Pastor Kelsey or call the church office. A guide is being prepared to help to make it as simple as possible.

Emergency Fund

Through your generosity, St. Matthew now has an Emergency Fund available to members of the St. Matthew community for up to \$250 per year. This fund is to assist individuals/families with immediate needs related to, but not limited to, food, housing medical costs, job loss, and other emergent situations. Hard copies of the applications are available in the church office. If you would like to contribute to this fund you may do so by indicating "emergency fund" on your offering envelope or write it in the memo line of your written check. If you have questions please contact Pastor Kelsey or Linda Stanford, Council President.

Art As Worship

The Fine Arts Committee is excited to announce that this year's Art as Worship theme is **[in]finite**. You can respond to either of the words in this dual theme or both of the words. And please save the date of Saturday, November 11 at 6:30 p.m. for the opening gala event.



Add to
your
prayer
list

Members with Prayer Concerns:

Roy Anderson, Rita Bruer, Cora Gillespie, Ty Henrichs, John Linda, Jean Moeller, Stephanie Partin, Jan Richter, Elnora Schwake, Denise Self, and Tammy Vickrey

Those for whom prayer is requested:

Melanie, Charlotte Sperfslage, Elizabeth Dale (Beth Pristash)
Rodney Roller, Patrick Dalton, Kylie Kubicki, Ralph Sparks, Wanda Brinegar, James Hurst, Carolyn Hurst, Janice Byrd, Rich Buchner, Barbara Bradshaw, Jerry Mars, Jim Guest, Emma Cox, Datre, (Terry Roller)
Jimmy Moore, Laura Burney (Ross & Kim Browne)
Philip Reyna (Mary Koon)
Lou Brazile (Jean Moeller)
Joann Bottoms, Jeff Mcneff, John P. Collier, Betty Thomas, James (Buddy) Smith, Sandi Walter (Mary Herring)
Ty Croford, Wanda Stanford, Cory Stanford (Linda Stanford)
Rhonda & Shane Owens (Denise Self)
Vicki Terry (Carol Linda)

Kathy Neill, Jeff Ford (Bradley Linda)
 Bill Mosley, Linda Moll & Cory Lynch (Paula Jenson)
 Dale Pommer (Sharon Peterson)
 Paula Barfield Unger (Rilla Vieregge)
 Pastor Kenneth Moerbe, Dusty Engelholm, Jason Lees Copeland (Elnora Schwake)
 Lee Family (Anna Steggerda)
 Patsy & Curtis Forrester (Bill & Diane Jones)
 Frank Simons, Ruthie Simons, Kris Braswell, (Colleen Early)
 Don Carlson (Farrel Bolte)
 Marilyn Michalka, Tanya (Meridith Sellers)
 Janell, and Rose Janke (Arlene Schwarz)
 Daniel Cockrell (Denise Masters)
 Colter Clenents (Abrey Garret)
 Debbie Evans
 Jeremy Cox (Cynthia Frey)
 Penlee Montgomery (Marcyl Howell)

Sha & Ann Towers 6/13
 Paul Larson & Pilar Rodriguez-Larson 6/14
 John & Shelly Jasek 6/15
 John & Lori Smith 6/23
 Roy & Florence Anderson 6/26



NEWSLETTER

The monthly newsletter deadline is the 3rd Sunday of each month. Please

send submissions to cvanauken@grandecom.net or place your handwritten information and thank you notes in the wooden box near the entrance of the workroom. Thank you!



Thank you for keeping members of the congregation, and their friends and family in your prayers. **Please contact the church office with any additions or removals.**

Happy
Father's
 Day

June Birthdays

Steve Jenson	6/01
Ann Towers	6/02
Jean Bush	6/03
Teresa Bancale	6/05
Ty Henrichs	6/07
Henry Beard	6/08
Sally Engelbrecht	6/08
Allana Stanford	6/09
Janet Reiske	6/12
Denise Self	6/13
Sean Smith	6/15
Eddie Walker	6/16
Kathy Nordt	6/10
Colleen Early	6/30

June Anniversaries

Kemper Beard & DeAnna	6/01
Bill & Mary Krause	6/01
David & Stacey Vanderkinter	6/01

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2 9:00am Quilters	3
4 9:30am Worship Service	5	6	7 11:00am Bible Study 5:30 pm Mary Martha Circle	8	9 9:00am Quilters 11:00am Waco Calligraphy Guild Setup	10 9:00am Waco Calligraphy Guild Anniversary
11 9:30am Worship Service	12 10:00am Grace Circle 4:30pm Katherine Luther Circle	13	14 11:00am Bible Study	15	16 9:00am Quilters	17 1:00pm Private Event
18 9:30am Worship Service	19	20	21 11:00am Bible Study	22	23 9:00am Quilters	24
25 9:30am Worship Service	26	27 10:00am Fellowship for Single Women	28 11:00am Bible Study	29	30 9:00am Quilters	