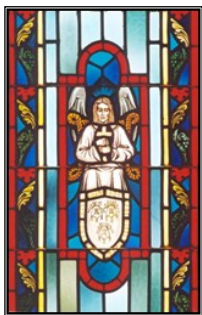


4th Quarter 2015



Join us....

- 8:00 a.m. And 10:45 a.m. Worship Every Sunday
- 9:30 a.m. Sunday School for Children and Bible Study for Adults

Herald 2015

SMLC Church Picnic





Women's Ministry

A big thank you to Elizabeth Del Bosque and Kristen Wiesborn for leading Women's Ministry for the past 5 years! Kerstin, Brooke, and Anna are excited to start planning and leading the Women's Ministry based off the

foundation that Elizabeth and Kristen have laid. Calendar of events and activities for 2016 will be handed out at the December meeting, date TBD. Stay tuned to email for information of December event. If you are interested in

being added to the Women's Ministry email list, please email kmclevel@mtu.edu.

Young Professionals Bible Study

The Young Professional's Bible Study is officially a year old and has grown from the initial 6 members average at each bible study to about 16 members! They have started a new bible study series titled:

God's Light in Gotham's Darkness. While watching the Dark Knight, the Bible study compares and contrast to Lutheran Confessions. The Bible study meets every other Tuesday night and is always

looking for new members. If you enjoy fellowship, fun Bible study, and snacks come join us! If you are interested in being added to the Young Professional's email list please email kmclevel@mtu.edu.

SMLC Book Club

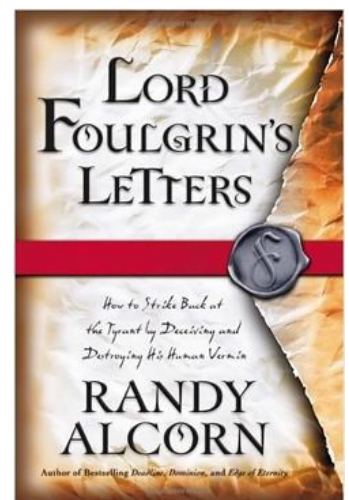
Next St. Matthew Book Club Meeting

Friday, October 23

7:00 pm

Greg & Julia Hall
Residence

Food will be potluck & BYOB - more info on food to follow



Café Meatball on November 15

The MORE board will host the annual Café Meatball Italian Party on Sunday, November 15th at noon in the Fellowship Hall. Please bring your favorite Italian family dish to share. The MORE board will cook up plenty of pasta.



Eagle Scout Court of Honor for Chandler Hall



2015 Church Picnic Continued





The Youth Taking Tabs to the Ronald McDonald House



The Adult Catechism Class



Seafarer's Center

Port of Houston

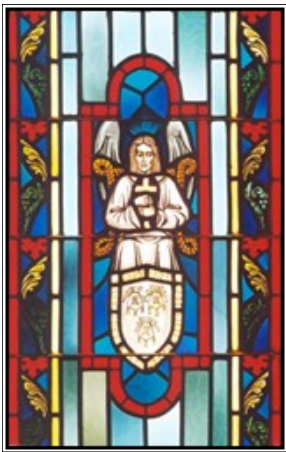
Time to clean off the tables and magazine racks for the upcoming Fall and Winter mailings which will be coming to your home. The Port of Houston Seafarer's Center is still accepting books, magazines, journals, and periodicals for their library and distribution by the chaplains on board vessels that are in dock at the port. **THE RESTRICTION; THEY DO NOT ACCEPT ANYTHING THAT PERTAINS TO RELIGION OR RELIGIOUS MATERIAL OTHER THAN BIBLES.**

_____ Your donations may be placed in the closet by the ramp to the Chapel hallway. Thank you for your efforts.

Comunidad De Gracia

A LINC Mission

Comunidad de Gracia, A LINC mission in the East End, Harrisburg area, is in need of winter clothing for men, women and children. New or gently used, clean and wearable items are appreciated. Sweaters, coats, and long sleeved heavier tees, pants, dresses, suits, mittens/gloves, shoes and handbags will be put to good use. Items may be placed in the LINC closet in the hallway off the back parking lot. May the Lord bless you for your donations



Elder Spotlight



Gregory Hall

It is a privilege to serve as an elder for the congregation of St. Matthew Lutheran Church. I have served in this capacity since 2005, including head elder for three years. My position as an elder gives me the opportunity to serve the spiritual needs of the members, and I find that I too benefit when helping and working with the congregants. I have especially enjoyed helping lead the adult catechism class that began

last fall. A nice makeup of our membership attends, and besides learning from the catechism and the Bible, it gives us all a great opportunity to get to know one another. It is a rewarding experience for me and I hope, for those who participate.

I was born in Houston and was baptized at Our Redeemer Lutheran Church shortly thereafter. Our family attended church weekly, so church attendance has always been a part of my life. In 1968, we became part of a mission congregation in the Aldine area, Beautiful Savior. I was confirmed there in 1974. I was a member at Beautiful Savior until Julia and I were married in 1996. At that time we lived in West University, so we joined St. Matthew. I enjoyed the older style liturgy and order of worship that was used at that time under Pastor Wuensche. I served on the Evangelism board (now Mission, Outreach and Evangelism) for several years. As previously mentioned, I then moved to the Board of Elders in 2005

While growing up, I attended school in the Aldine School District. I graduated from Aldine High School in 1978. I then attended Sam Houston State University in Huntsville and graduated in 1982. While in high school and college, I was a grocery sacker at Randall's and I enjoyed it, as it was a perfect part time job for a student. After graduating from Sam Houston, I joined the Houston Police Department and graduated from the police academy in October 1982. I am currently assigned to the Accident Division where I have worked for 22 years.

Julia and I are blessed with wonderful children. From my previous marriage we have Austin, 30, living in Houston and Mica 27, (with husband Matt) in the Fort Worth area. Together, Julia and I have Chandler, 17, a senior at the High School for Performing and Visual Arts, and Graham, 15, a freshman at Reagan High School. Mica and Matt have given us a grandson, Grant, six months.

I encourage each of you to become involved in the activities here at St. Matthew. There are numerous opportunities in which you can also serve, whether on a board, committee or volunteering to help at the various functions offered throughout the year. Of course, your spiritual life is most important, so I hope you regularly attend worship services, Sunday school class and other Bible-based study groups.



April 1974: Confirmed despite wearing plaid polyester pants. But look out - leisure suits and disco are just around the corner!



St. Matthew Has A New Choir Director

Interview with Laura Bohlmann by Brenda Johnson, Editor

Editor: Laura, tell me a bit about yourself and your background....
Laura perhaps where you are from, went to school, and current job.

Laura: I grew up in St. Louis. I've been singing for most of my life and joined choir at the age of 8. Choirs have been a constant in my life for more than 20 years, including St. Louis Children's Choirs, Valparaiso University Chorale, and Houston Symphony Chorus. I earned a Bachelor of Music Education and a Bachelor of Arts in Geography from Valparaiso University and moved to Houston after graduating in 2008. I worked in Pasadena ISD as an Elementary Music Teacher for the past 7 years and just started as Lower School Music Teacher at St.

John's School. In addition to singing, I enjoy playing piano and flute. In college, I conducted the handbell choirs too.

Editor: What do you like doing in your spare time (what little spare time you have!)?

Laura: Besides my musical hobbies, I enjoy running! I will be running my second Half Marathon in January as part of Dress For Success Houston's Run for a Reason team. I love to travel but don't have the opportunity as often as I would like. During summer and school holidays, I enjoy volunteering at Dress for Success Houston as a Personal Shopper.

Editor: What interested you in this role at St Matthew?

Laura: When I chose a career in Music Education I had planned to be a choir director. While elementary music is enjoyable, it will be great to work with adults too!

Editor: What is your vision or thoughts re the music at St Matthew?

Laura: The music at St. Matthew is one of the reasons I chose to become a member. The Lutheran Church has a great music tradition and I plan to continue to build upon those traditions.

Save the Date!

It is never too soon to make a plan!

The 2015 St. Matthew Christmas Party will be held on December 11th from 7-11 pm at the home of Pastor and Kristen Wiesenborn.



This will be a wonderful event and we hope to see everyone there.

Interested in serving?

If you are interested in taking part in Parish Ed, being an usher, reading Scripture on Sundays, or volunteering with any particular groups, we would love to have you. Please contact the office and let Robyn know what your interests are .

Congregational Meeting

There will be a congregational meeting on Sunday, November 22 at 9:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. We will be voting on the budget and electing board members and officers. Please plan on attending this important meeting.





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The people of St. Matthew Lutheran Church seek to encourage individuals, couples, and families through worship, prayer, counseling, educations, Bible study, and special events.

Come join our church family.

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