

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**

Upcoming Events

Wednesday, November 21. Thanksgiving Eve Worship Service with Communion. 7:00 pm.

Thursday, November 22 & Friday, November 23. Church Office closed for Thanksgiving

Saturday, December 1. Christmas Caroling

Sunday, December 2. 8:00 a.m. & 10:45 a.m. Worship with Communion

Wednesday, December 5. Midweek Advent Service. 11:00 a.m. and 7:00pm

Saturday, December 8 Decorate the Sanctuary

Sunday, December 9. 10:00 a.m. Worship Service only. Children's Christmas Program. 11:00 a.m. Brunch and Fellowship

Wednesday, December 12. Midweek Advent Service. 11:00 a.m. and 7:00pm.

Saturday, December 15 Annual Christmas Party at the home of the Wiesensborns 5pm-11 pm

Sunday, December 17. 10am Worship Service with Communion

Wednesday, December 19. Midweek Advent 11:00 a.m. and 7:00 pm

Monday, December 24. 4:00 pm and 11:00 p.m. Family Christmas Eve Candlelight Service. With Communion

Tuesday, December 25. 10:00am Christmas Day Service

Sunday, December 30 10:00 am Worship Service

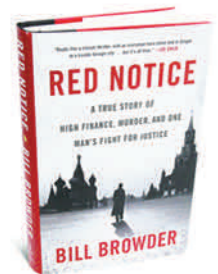




The Annual SMLC Christmas Party will be held on Saturday, December 15th at the home of Pastor and Kristen Wiesenborn. From 5:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m.

The next book club event is Friday, November 16 at 7 PM. Book is "Red Notice" by Bill Browder.

Location TBD.



Angel Tree provides Christmas assistance to families in need. Through The Salvation Army Angel Tree program, donors can give joy to a child in need during the holiday season. Every child deserves to experience the joy of Christmas morning. Through Angel Tree, thousands of local children will find gifts waiting under their Christmas trees.

Please consider taking a tag and buying a gift for someone in need this Christmas season. Tags are located on the tree in the church entrance. Gifts must be returned to church by Sunday, December 2nd.

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The Fellowship Committee is looking for volunteers!

If you would like to help plan Fellowship Events such as the Taco Party, Chili Cook Off, and Church Picnic or have ideas for more exciting events consider joining!

Talk to Kerstin Green if you are interested! (kmclevel@mtu.edu)

Kroger Community Rewards Program and

Randall's Good Neighbor Program

There are two grocery store programs that benefit St. Matthew:

If you are interested participating the Kroger Community Rewards Program, SMLC's number is **83042**. You can call 800-576-4377 or go to Kroger.com to sign up for their program.

Randall's Good Neighbor Program can be accessed by using the number **4559**. You can also go to the website and click on Community Rewards or just take the number to the Customer Service desk where someone should be able to help you.

Christmas Caroling

Adults & Children welcome! We have a long list of members needing Christmas cheer this year, so please join us Saturday, **12/1** at 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p. m.

Spread Christmas cheer to our homebound members and local nursing homes as we carol together. Please meet in the Chapel at 10:00 a.m. We will split into groups and travel to nursing homes and several homebound members' homes. No vocal experience necessary- just a heart to share the love of the season with others. After caroling we will gather for fellowship. More details to come. For questions contact Jennifer Bruce at 713-725-4306 or jenbrucemail@gmail.com.





Our next congregational meeting will be held on December 2nd.



The Children's Choir led by Shelly Bettenhausen will sing on the following Sundays

December 9th at 10 am (Children's Christmas Program)

Rehearsals will continue at the normal 9:30 a.m. Sunday School meeting time in the Chapel on Sunday mornings. All are welcome! Invite your friends.



COOKIES

Bring two dozen of your favorite homemade cookies and join the Women's Ministry for a

Christmas Cookie Exchange & Craft

Saturday, December 8th

at 10 AM

in St. Matthew's Fellowship Hall

Child care provided. RSVP on Realm or to Kerstin Green or Shelly Bettenhausen

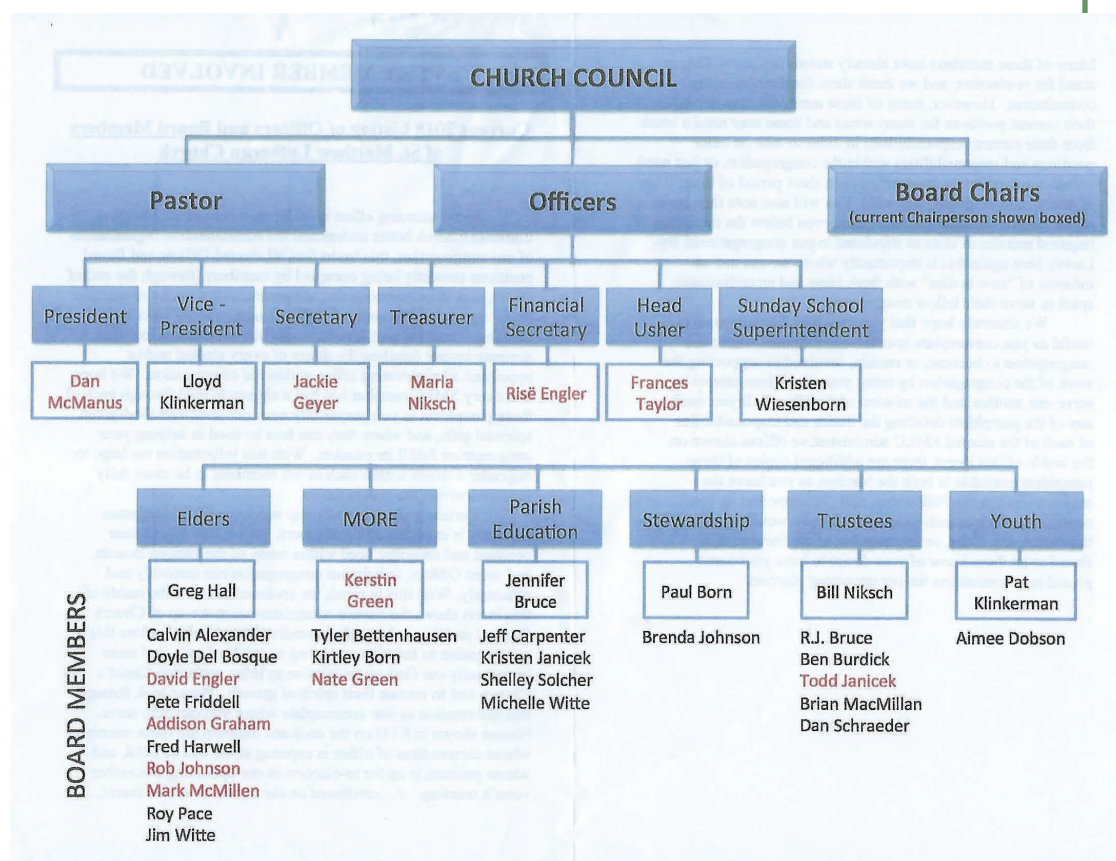


Every Member Involved

Now is the time for all members of St. Matthew to prayerfully consider serving as an elected Officer or as a member of one of the various Boards and/or Committees of the congregation. As summer winds down and we approach the November congregational elections, time is near to place into nomination member names to fill available officer and board/positions/vacancies. If you are presently capable of serving your congregation in such a capacity- we need you!

In an ongoing effort to highlight the various opportunities available to our members to serve in various capacities within the congregation there will be a series of bulletin inserts over the coming weeks delineating the various positions and duties of each of the elected offices within the congregation, as specified in our congregation's By-Laws. Copies of these inserts will be available in the Narthex and in the Fellowship Hall.

As you learn more about opportunities to serve and you would like to offer your services and have your name placed into nomination, please do not hesitate to let the Pastor, an elder or the church office know.





Save the Date! Our Thanksgiving Eve service will be held on Wednesday, November 21 at 7:00 p.m.

Come join us for this special worship opportunity with guest organist Kelly Devany and musician Amy Wiggs!



A reminder that Dec Women's Ministry is almost a month away on Dec 8th at 10 AM!

We will be creating wood slice nativity ornaments (see below) and having our annual Christmas Cookie Exchange! Ladies of all ages are welcome, as well as non-members!

Child care will be provide. Please email back to RSVP or RSVP on Realm!

If you plan on doing your holiday shopping online, here is a new way that you can support St. Matthew Lutheran Church at the same time!

AmazonSmile is a website operated by Amazon that has all of the advantages and products of Amazon.com. The difference is that when you shop on AmazonSmile (smile.amazon.com), the AmazonSmile Foundation will donate 0.5% of the purchase price to the eligible charitable organization of your choice, hopefully St. Matthew Lutheran Church! On your first visit to AmazonSmile, you will be prompted to select a charitable organization to receive donations from eligible purchases before you begin shopping. Amazon will remember your selection, and then every eligible purchase you make on AmazonSmile will result in a donation.



For more information, go to <http://smile.amazon.com/gp/charity/pd.html>

Stamps for Lutheran World Relief

Thanks to all your fellow believer for donating stamps to help defray costs of shipping emergency supplies to areas where a catastrophe has happened. Please continue to donate stamps-especially commemorative to this worthy mission program. Cut stamps with a one quarter inch edge or just bring the envelope and volunteers will trim the stamps for purchase by collectors



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We would like to invite you to worship with us.

We pray that St. Matthew can be a place where you can develop relationships that are supportive and encouraging in your daily life, as together we grow in faith in our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

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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