

1st Quarter 2017

# Herald 2017

**Please welcome our new Organist Jeannine Rowden**

**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**





7th ANNUAL

The M.O.R.E. Board presents the ...  
St. Matthew Lutheran Church

# SUPER BOWL

# OF COOK OFF! CHILI

pre-game lunch

Sunday, February 5th, Fellowship Hall  
(immediately following the late service)

Win the Golden Spoon Award for the Best Chili

Please use the

## SIGN UP SHEET

To tell us Which Item

You will Bring...

Thank you

## BRING A FRIEND



After lunch, go home well fed to enjoy the game  
in the comfort of your own home.

## Thank You's from Kelly DeVany

A special thank you to Paul and Kirtley Born for hosting a going-away party for the choir in my honor at their home. It was a fun night of celebration and reminiscing about our choir days together. It was made even more special by Megumi Hada, who brought homemade sushi. The sushi was a great addition to the rest of the delicious food and drinks that were brought by many of the choir members and Paul and Kirtley.

I received a very special gift that night from the choir. They gave me a framed picture of the choir with their greetings and signatures on the matting. It will always hang in a special spot in my practice studio. I really appreciated the night with the choir. Thank you to everyone! Soli Deo Gloria.

I also want to thank the MORE board for hosting the reception for me on Sunday, January 8, 2017. I really appreciated the time that I could spend with everyone on my last day as your full-time organist.

A special thank you to Pastor Mark Wiesenborn, Doyle del Bosque, Casey Garrett, and Rob Johnson for your kind words. It has been such a blessing and a joy for me to have worked at St. Matthew for the past seven years.

My heart and faith have been filled and strengthened in so many ways that words can't describe it! Thank you to everyone! Blessings to everyone on a wonderful 2017! I look forward to seeing everyone soon!



**SAVE THE DATE!**

**APRIL 1, 2017**

**FOR THE**

**EMERGENCY AID COALITION'S**

**MAD HATTER'S BALL**

All the maddest and craziest will be in attendance.

Get your most FANTASTICAL hat ready and join us for a fun filled evening of music, auctions and so much more.

Check our website for details

[www.eachouston.org](http://www.eachouston.org)

### 2016 Christmas and Advent







The 1<sup>st</sup> Men's Ministry will be Saturday 02/18/17 at 9:00 am at the church in the Club Room.

**Interested in being a Sunday School substitute teacher?**

If God is calling you to help in this way, please MARK YOUR CALENDAR to attend the Quarterly Teacher's Meeting on February 26th, at 9:30 in room 105. Learn about the curriculum and meet the teachers!

*There will be a **Congregational Meeting** on February 12<sup>th</sup> during the Sunday School hour.*



**St. Matthew Women's Ministry presents My Story Show and tell with a focus on you**

**How it works Bring a picture that has an exciting story, make your famous specialty dish and share the recipe, wear your favorite outfit and tell us why, explain the history of a family heirloom, present a poem, sing a song, the world is your oyster!**

**Don't miss this fun opportunity to share an important piece of your own life and learn a little bit more about the women in your St. Matthew family – over brunch!**

**When: Saturday, February 11th at 11 o'clock**

**Where: (redacted)**

**What can I bring? Please bring a side dish to share for brunch, and don't forget your personal object to present Répondez s'il vous plait Please email: [st-matthews-womens-ministry@googlegroups.com](mailto:st-matthews-womens-ministry@googlegroups.com)**



**Sunday School Photos**



## Good Samaritan

## Lutheran Home

Good Samaritan Lutheran Home, Cypress, Texas, (Good Sam) is a facility for people with developmental disabilities located in Cypress, Texas . Good Sam accepts all Campbell Company labels, soups, pasta, etc. for the purpose of recompense from Campbell Soup Company. They purchase items that are not in the budget of the facility for the aid of their residents. Music, recreational, and educational items being their top priority.

All Campbell labels are accepted, the stipulation is that the BAR CODE is NOT mutilated. There is a labeled plastic box, red lid, in the back hallway on the shelf by the Elder's boxes to receive your donations. This is one of the Mission projects of our church. Donated items will be forwarded to Good Sam. May the Lord's blessings be upon you for your generosity.

## **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

## Member sits down with Kelly Devany, St. Matthew Organist.....

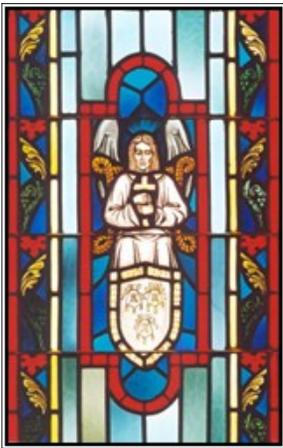
As you are aware, Kelly will be leaving St. Matthew to spend more time with her two young daughters and pursue her love of the flute. The Editor sat down with Kelly to share with the congregation more regarding her background and her thoughts for St. Matthew going forward.

**Editor:** Kelly, can you tell us a bit about your musical background and education?

**Kelly:** I started to learn piano when I was eight years old from a teacher in the Wanamingo, Minnesota area, followed by flute at ten years old with our school band director. My first piano teacher retired at the age of 90 years old before I began 6th grade so I continued my piano studies with Glennis Gordon, in Zumbrota, Minnesota. At this point I was finally tall enough to reach the pedals so I began studying organ too. I continued my studies on piano and organ with Ms. Gordon until I graduated from Wanamingo High School. During high school, I took flute lessons from professional flute teachers in Rochester and Northfield, Minnesota and was principal flute of the Southeast Minnesota Youth Orchestra. I also served as organist at Hegre Lutheran Church, Spring Garden Lutheran Church, and Trinity Lutheran Church.

Upon graduating from high school, I continued my music studies at Luther College but mainly focusing on flute. I earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in Music plus Music Management. While I was at Luther, I did study organ with William Kuhlman, professor of organ at Luther College and was an active member of the Luther College Guild of Organists. After I graduated from Luther College, I went on to earn my Master of Music degree in Flute Performance from the University of Missouri-Columbia. I have performed flute recitals in Iowa, Missouri, Minnesota, and Texas, in addition to teaching flute and piano lessons in Minnesota and Texas. Since 2011, I have been serving as principal flute of the Houston Sinfonietta and performed with the Houston Civic Symphony and Brazosport Orchestra. I am the Adjunct Flute Teacher at The Village School, where I teach students ranging from 4th grade to 12th grade.

With the Houston Flute Club, I am serving as the current President and prior to serving as President, I held positions as Volunteer Coordinator and Denise Jennings Competition Coordinator. I was a member and co-deputy of the Workshops Committee for the American Guild of Organists National Convention that was held in Houston in 2016.



**Editor: What are some of your most memorable moments at St. Matthew?**

**Kelly:** I have so many memorable moments during my time at St. Matthew. Probably the most significant is serving as the piano accompanist to the SML Choir, in addition to developing the Good Friday services incorporating flute and harp duos for this service. It was a joy to have a brass quartet for our 90th Anniversary Pentecost Celebration Service this year. I appreciate having had the opportunity of working with George Chase and Sarah Perkins, in addition to other fine musicians, for most of my tenure at the church.

I will always remember all of our Christmas choir programs that we did over the past seven years and this past year's program having included members of all ages in our service will be the most memorable one for me. All of my memories that I have will be cherished forever because you allowed me to grow as a musician and improve my skills and all with such loving support from you. That is something I will cherish forever.

**Editor: What are your wishes for the choir and music program at St. Matthew?**

**Kelly:** I hope the music program continues to grow and prosper with the new organist and with Laura Bohlmann leading the choir. It was wonderful how the choir grew in membership this year. The choir provides a wonderful form of worship to our services. Martin Luther made this comment about music, "Next to the Word of God, the noble art of music is the greatest treasure in the world."

The opportunity to have other musicians provide music for worship adds special elements for the service because it helps us to be more alert for the service because we can sometimes become lulled with the regular routine of service week after week. I hope we can continue to have trumpet, flute/harp, in addition to other singers and instrumentalists at various times throughout the church year.

I think it would be wonderful to have more members of the church share some of their talents for services or special events. Music provides another form of fellowship in the church that helps us to renew our spirit, in addition to growing our faith.

**Editor: We will miss you at St Matthew but for those that do not know....can you tell us a little about your plans for the future?**

**Kelly:** I am going to be continuing to teach flute lessons at The Village School, in addition to pursuing more flute performing venues. I am just beginning to research about making a flute and organ professional recording, where I would be performing the flute AND organ parts. I will be making this recording at St. Matthew on the fine organ that we have at the church.

I am going to be looking forward to spending more time with my daughters, Sarah and Emily, and being involved with their events as they are growing up so fast!

We are planning to come to worship at St. Matthew at various times throughout the year. I will be back to be a part of the Good Friday services playing flute and organ again and to serve as a substitute organist when needed.

God's blessings to Kelly and her family!!

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HUNGER

*St. Matthew's Youth Group will be holding a food drive/monetary collection through Sunday, February 5 to benefit the Houston Covenant House. In addition to monetary donations, the Covenant House is in need of food items including store bought canned goods, packaged goods, and snacks. Food items will be collected at the table on the Fannin Street entrance through 2/5.*

*The mission of Covenant House Texas ([www.covenanthousetx.org](http://www.covenanthousetx.org)) is to offer homeless and runaway youth a safe haven from the dangers of street life and abuse as well as provide them with the necessary skills, training, and emotional support to choose positive life alternatives and develop into self-sufficient adults.*

*Please contact Brooke Meaike with questions.*

## **Singing SHEEP!**

**I hope you got to be at Church for the CHRISTmas music the other day. It was a very intricate show with lots of Bible passages and the Choir had thirteen ( yes, 13 ! ) pieces of music in our Music Folders to respond to what was said. I thought the thing was probably just too intricate.**

**When they brought the kids in to practice for the first time, I was amazed at the size of our current herd of sheep, Shepherds, Angels - Mary and Joseph. And the sheep were all acting like sheep- as sheep do...I thought we might need to hire more Shepherds off the street.**

**Older Houstonians will remember "The Fancy Pass-in' Dago" as Carl Mauck called his Oiler QB. We had the "Fancy Singin' Lady" Christin Jordon here again to sing a VERY heavy Soprano solo.**

**The Hall family worked as Co-Directors and Stage Hands, Casey and Christine were Co-Directors. Several of our post-graduate sheep from years past read the story line.**

**Well, long story short, we got through that long involved program without losing even one sheep, so we did not have to leave the 99...who rapidly surprised everyone by being a herd of Singing Sheep, thanks to Amy and Stephen Cedillo, and Casey.**

**Half the fun, for me, when the sheep were singing, was watching Casey and Stephen mouthing the words to the Singing Sheep. Evidently, some of those Singing Sheep were not Reading Sheep yet.**

**Kelly ran her usual track meet up and down the aisles and stairs between the Piano and Flute at the front and the Organ up in the loft.**

**Laura kept one eye on the band and Choir, one eye on Kelly and made sure everybody started at the same time with that quick upbeat hand. She knows big musical words like pizzicato, glissando, intermezzo and legato. She interprets the pieces to us and then augments the voice that is weakest that day. Did you know she even sings Bass? ( Just kidding... she doesn't sing Bass. I can't even sing Bass.) -Fred Harwell**



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CHURCH

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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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