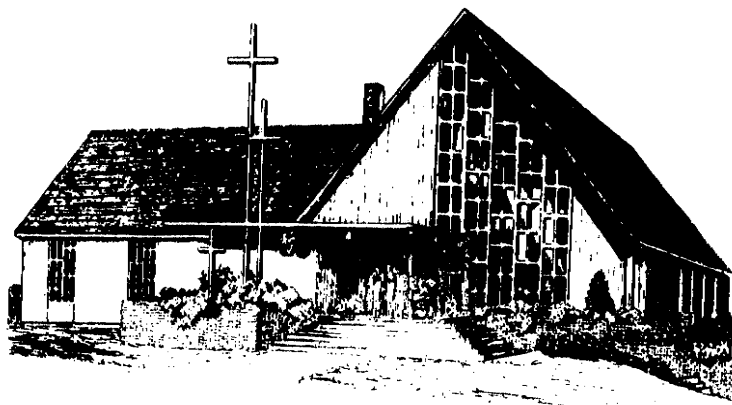




THE CARILLON
ST MATTHEW LUTHERAN
CHURCH

*Our mission is to be...
The living evidence of the
mercies of Christ.*

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GOING ON NOW

Confirmation Classes

This instructional course on the basic tenants of the Christian faith is made available for any child ages 11-14. If you have a child or know of a child that would like to enter into Confirmation, contact the Pastor.

Praise Team

The Praise Team currently provides most of the instrumental pre-service music for our Sunday services. If you have any questions regarding the Praise Team, please contact Ken Young or Dan Morrison.

Lutherans Women's Mission League (LWML)

We meet **Each Month, dates change per the event.**
Come contribute to Lutheran Missions Worldwide!
All women are welcome!

Altar Guild

Since the morning of Christ's resurrection, as the women approached to prepare the body of Christ for burial, ladies have gathered before the Sunday service to prepare the body of Christ for communion. If you are interested in helping with this sacred task, contact Lillian Holttum.

Free Community Dinner!

Community free dinner served every **Wednesday at 5pm.** If you are interested in joining this ministry contact our Human Care Chairman, Kay Hermann.

Choir

Contact Rod Larson or Ken Young, if interested in joining.

New Member's Class

Anyone interested in becoming a new member, please contact Lynn Vernon or the church office.
360-457-4122.

UPCOMING SERVICES

<i>Oct 5th</i>	<i>Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost Luke 17:1-10</i>
<i>Oct 12th</i>	<i>Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost Luke 17:11-19</i>
<i>Oct 19th</i>	<i>Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost Luke 18:1-8</i>
<i>Oct 26th</i>	<i>Reformation Day John 8:31-36</i>
<i>Nov 2nd</i>	<i>All Saints Day Matt 5:1-12</i>
<i>Nov 9th</i>	<i>Twenty Second Sunday after Pentecost Luke 20:27-40</i>
<i>Nov 16th</i>	<i>Twenty Third Sunday after Pentecost Luke 21:5-28</i>
<i>Nov 23rd</i>	<i>Last Sunday of the Church Year Luke 23:27-43</i>
<i>Nov 26th</i>	<i>Thanksgiving Eve Luke 17:11-19</i>



OCT 10TH At 6PM

Bring a friend & a snack to share



**Friday,
October 24th
5pm**

Sausage, sauerkraut, cabbage, German potato salad, the famous mustard, & desserts. Talk with Jan Edmunds if you can bring food.

Any donations received will benefit the Preschool



ST MATTHEW BOOK CLUB

**October 6th
At 1pm**

Hosted by
Kathy Walton in
Fellowship Hall

Book being discussed
**"Once There Were
Wolves"**
by Charlotte
McConaghy



**Family Fellowship/
Bible Study Group**

Tuesdays at 6pm in
Fellowship Hall. Bible
Study & Dinner . Interested in
attending, RSVP Sign up sheet in
Narthex or talk with Tim Robertson.

GRIEVING A LOSS?

Find hope and healing after the death of a loved one.

13 WEEK GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP

September 1st—December 12th

Fridays, 10 am—11:30am

Contact: Sondya Rose 360-808-3262



Grieving?

Know someone who is?

October 25th

1-3 pm

**In the
Fellowship Hall**

When you are grieving a loved one's death, the holiday season can be especially painful. Our **Surviving the Holidays** seminar helps participants discover:

- How to deal with emotions
- What to do about traditions
- Helpful tips for surviving social events
- How to find hope for the future

SURVIVING THE HOLIDAYS

Please join us for this encouraging seminar.



THANKS
be to
God
for those
who work in our
congregations
and schools!



"I thank my God in all my remembrance of you always in every prayer of mine for you all making my prayer with joy, because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now," writes St. Paul in his letter to the Philippians (PHIL. 1:3).

With this same gratitude, we thank the more than 11,000 church workers who serve our Synod with the Word and mercy of Christ. Throughout this month, congregations and schools are encouraged to show their appreciation for all church workers.

For teachers especially we give thanks, who teach God's Word to our children, dedicate countless hours to the classroom, who love the children of God they teach and who live a life of service to Christ and His church.

For all church workers, from pastors to deaconesses to directors of Christian education, parish music, family life and outreach, who teach God's Word and point us to Christ. Tell them "Thank you!" this month for all they do!

Set Apart to Serve seeks to create an intentional culture of church worker formation and recruitment in every LCMS congregation, school and entity. Visit resources.lcms.org/set-apart-to-serve to learn more.



HOLIDAY BAZAAR

ATTENTION: CRAFTERS !

We have a committee and date for the annual Holiday Bazaar!
Mark your calendar! It's going to be hear soon!

Friday and Saturday, November 14 & 15, 9 AM – 3 PM

Proceeds will be directed to St. Matthew Lutheran Preschool

If you are making jam, jellies or goodies this summer think about putting a few aside to donate to the bazaar. Jams, jellies, pies, baked goods and candy always sell well.

Also, think about items you could make to make and donate to the sale; wood working, sewing, knitting, art, homemade soaps are just a few ideas.

Many volunteers are needed to make this event successful. Watch for bulletin inserts in October to sign up to help. We always have a fun time together.

If you have any questions, talk to one of the committee members; Janis Deverter, Peggy Romero, Pam Predovich, Robin Sonnenberg, Jan Edmonds and Kathy Peterson.



Holiday Bazaar 2025
November 14 & 15, 9 AM - 3 PM
Sunday, Nov. 16 (following worship): 11 AM-12:30 PM

Many hands are needed to make this annual event a success!

Please check all the ways you would like to be involved.
(We only need ONE volunteer sheet for each person.)

_____ Set Up on Tuesday, Wed. or Thurs.

Nov. 11-13 10 AM - 2 PM

_____ donate homemade cookies, pies, bars, candy, etc.

_____ donate home canned items (jams, jellies, etc.)

_____ donate homemade or homegrown items

Description: _____

_____ Greeter: _____ Friday AM _____ Friday PM

_____ Sat. AM _____ Sat. PM

_____ Table straightener: _____ Friday _____ Saturday

Morning _____ Afternoon _____

_____ Decorate, package and price bake sale items as they arrive

- Select one or more, Thurs. Fri. Sat.

_____ Cashier: _____ Friday 9 AM-Noon _____ Friday Noon -3 PM

_____ Sat. 9 AM-Noon _____ Sat. Noon -3 PM _____ Sunday 11 AM - 12:30 PM

_____ Kitchen Helper - assist Jan Edmonds in kitchen prep and serving

Friday _____ or Saturday _____

_____ Clean up on Sunday at 12:30 PM

_____ Snowman - Costume provided to attract shoppers. (circle one or more shifts)

Friday Morning Friday Afternoon

Saturday Morning Saturday Afternoon

Donated items should be priced by the donor.

Please complete this form and leave it in the basket located in the lobby or fellowship hall.

Name: _____

Phone Number: _____

Email Address: _____

Proceeds from this sale will support our Preschool Ministry.

Thank you for helping us make this sale a wonderful experience for our volunteers and shoppers.

Questions? Contact one of the planning committee members: Janis Deverter, Jan Edmonds, Peggy Romero, Robin Sonnenberg or Kathy Peterson.

CHURCH COUNCIL



St. Matthew Lutheran Church Council Meeting Minutes, July 10, 2025

(Follow-up actions are *italicized*)

Members Present:

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| 1. Pete Pettit | President |
| 2. Leroy Peterson | Vice-President |
| 3. Kathy Smith | Treasurer |
| 4. Mary Heller | Recording Secretary |
| 5. Bill Hermann | Chair, Board of Elders |
| 6. Carl Deverter | Co-Chair, Evangelism |
| 7. Janis Deverter | Co-Chair, Evangelism |
| 8. Peggy Romero | Chair, Fellowship |
| 9. Jan Edmunds | Chair, Preschool |
| 10. Kay Hermann | Chair, Human Care |
| 11. Lynn Vernon | Chair, Stewardship |
| 12. Tim Robertson | Chair, Youth & Education |
| 13. Pastor Roger Sonnenberg | |

Members Absent:

- | | |
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| 1. Dan Smith | Chair, Trustees |
| 2. Vacant | Chair, Information Technology |
| 3. Vacant | Chair, Finance |

Guests: None

Meeting was called to order by President Pete Pettit at 6:18 pm. Pastor Sonnenberg opened with prayer.

Pastor's Report:

The annual dog show to support the preschool will be on Sunday, September 21, 3:00 pm.

A volunteer is needed to be in charge of Trunk or Treat on Friday, October 31.

Pipe organ dedication/recital.

The pipe organ dedication/recital will be Saturday, August 30, 7:00 pm, and advertised community wide.

An antique organ will be gifted to the church, which will be further gifted by the elders and council members on August 30 to Ken and Belinda Young in grateful appreciation for their leadership and generous contribution to the acquisition of the pipe organ and the music program at St Matthew.

Sunday School will start soon with Pastor Peder leading.

Pastor encourages all church members but especially church leadership to be intentionally welcoming to visitors.

Approval of minutes: The minutes of the June 12, 2025 Council Meeting were read. One update to the information presented is that Kathy has provided Treasurer and Finance comments to Leroy for inclusion in the draft constitution and bylaws. A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes as read. Motion was approved by voice vote.

Council Reports:

President's report (Pete Pettit): Pete has prepared a spreadsheet to show percentages of the church's expenditures that go to various ministry areas. Review and discussion was tabled until next month's council meeting.

Vice-President's report (Leroy Peterson): No report

Board of Elders (Bill Hermann):

Leroy is working on the elders' recommendations for the constitution and bylaws update.

The elders are considering adding additional elders.

The last Sunday of each month will be designated for new members and baptisms, as needed.

CHURCH COUNCIL



Board of Elders (Bill Hermann): continued

Start time for the monthly elders meeting will change from 7:00 pm to 6:00 pm.

Members who were assigned to Jason Reid have been reassigned to other elders, until he is able to be in active service again.

The Thormodson family has been released from membership, as Mitch pursues going into ministry.

Trustee (Kathy Smith for Dan): Application of solar film to windows has been completed.

Youth & Education (Tim Robertson):

Tim will meet with Pastor Peder on the start of Sunday School. *Janis asked for information or hand-out material for the Clallam fair.*

Small groups are continuing.

Fellowship (Peggy Romero):

Thanks to Kay for recruiting persons for Sunday fellowship time.

Peggy will have a cake for fellowship time on Sunday, August 31, in recognition of the August 30 organ dedication.

Human Care (Kay Hermann): No report.

Treasurer (Kathy Smith):

Kathy handed out the Income and Expense report and restricted fund balances report; Profit and Loss statement; and reports to each council member of expenses charged to their funds.

Kathy is moving excess general fund monies to the savings account in order to maximize monthly savings account interest.

Preschool finances are being handled by Kathy and Jacquie in Maureen's medical absence.

Evangelism (Janis Deverter): Clallam Fair:

A print-out of the Clallam fair set-up plan was passed around.

A sign-up for Clallam fair volunteers was passed around. Janis and Carl would like to have a volunteer video controller in addition to the regular booth volunteers. Drop-in volunteers will also be happily accepted and put to work.

Popcorn and water will be available for attendees, along with church and preschool flyers or brochures.

Volunteers will receive a free fair pass.

The regularly scheduled August council meeting is on the first day of the fair, and Janis asked for consideration of rescheduling this council meeting.

Stewardship (Lynn Vernon):

The next new member dinner is tentatively scheduled on August 1.

Lynn has been in contact with several absent members. Many are in poor health but expressed appreciation for the outreach.

Lynn will write a thank you to the Adolphsons for their expert painting volunteerism.

CHURCH COUNCIL



Subcommittee Reports:

Preschool (Jan Edmunds): Four students are currently enrolled for the next school year, with other interested students yet to sign up.

Constitution and Bylaws revision (Leroy Peterson):

The sign at Peninsula Golf Course sponsored by Scott Adolphson is now up.

Leroy stated that the constitution currently gives authority to the congregation over all elected offices, including elders. Leroy asked the elders for further clarification as to their desires and rationale for elders not being an elected office. *Leroy will schedule a meeting for further discussion.*

Leroy has implemented all received comments into the draft document.

Unfinished Business:

Pastor has had conversation with impacted persons about the safety of children as they play after worship.

There was no vote at the most recent congregational meeting on the issue of Fellowship Hall flooring, as originally planned, as this topic is tabled for now. The upstairs flooring is still being worked on.

Exterior sign/cross update.

It is estimated to cost \$6,000 to redo our current exterior sign in aluminum.

Cost to move the three exterior crosses and replace with aluminum is estimated at \$10,000. Scott Adolphson and Leroy are discussing other potential options.

Leroy will have more information on the Luke 2 fundraiser soon.

New Business:

Kathy presented information from the recent District Convention:

Lutheran Community Services is no longer affiliated with the LCMS, and Kathy questioned how we should respond to questions about their services. Pastor suggested we don't want to attach our name or reputation to theirs.

Kathy reported the convention was a good experience and appreciated hearing the Synodical President speak.

New equipment has been added to the sound system, with good results. Additional upgrades are planned.

The freewill offering for Pastor Trump came to \$481, plus additional offerings were given directly to him that were not included in the freewill basket.

A recent parking lot mishap resulted in the striking of a temporary fence post, which will cost approximately \$500 to repair. *Pete will handle this issue.*

Closing: Meeting adjourned at 8:03 pm with closing prayer.

Respectfully Submitted,
Mary Heller, Recording Secretary

Recap of follow-up actions:

Tim to provide Janis with information or hand-out material for the Clallam fair.

Peggy will have a cake at the August 30 organ dedication.

Lynn will write a thank you to the Adolphsons for their expert painting volunteerism.

Leroy will schedule a meeting for further discussion on the issue of elected offices in the constitution and bylaws.

Leroy to have more information on the Luke 2 fundraiser soon.

Pete will take care of the repair of the broken parking lot fence post.



*Bringing Christ to the
Nations and the
Nations to the Church*

WA-AK DISTRICT OCTOBER 2025

Enter, mighty Word, the field; Ripe
the promise of its yield. But the reap-
ers, oh, how few for the work there is
to do!



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The Lutheran Hour

Dr. Michael Zeigler

REGIONAL BROADCASTS

All American Christian
Network (ACN) stations
air at 8:00 am on Sundays in
eastern Washington.

Spokane stations

KTRW 630 AM and 96.5 FM

Yakima stations

KYAK 930 AM and 96.1 FM

NATIONAL OUTLETS

SiriusXM

Sundays, 10 am. EST

Family Talk channel 131

**iHeartRadio/Spotify/Apple/
Google** have podcast on demand

Classic Broadcast

lhm.org/sentradio

ALASKA LUTHERAN HOUR

SUNDAY MORNINGS

KGTL AM 6:20/FM 100.1

in Homer, AK

KPEN AM 840/FM 102.5

in Kenai-Soldotna, AK

A SENSE OF URGENCY

An old story begins with Satan ordering his junior demons to devise a strategy to win the world for the kingdom of darkness. The first demon says, "Let's tell people there is no god." Satan scoffs and replies, "Ineffective for the mass of humankind. We've never been able to make that lie convincing." The second demon says "Let's tell people there's no heaven and no hell." Satan dismissed that idea, saying "It will never work. Eternity is written on the souls of all humans." The third demon says, "Tell Christians there's no hurry." Satan beams and hell explodes in applause.

Peter, John, and Barnabas believed Jesus would appear in the sky with his heavenly hosts at any moment. That faith energized their witness. Have we lost that urgency? Do we expect someone else to share the Gospel? We can go to Jesus in repentance and faith to renew our zeal for sharing God's love, forgiveness, and salvation with others, especially those who are hurting, hopeless, and overcome by sin.

(adapted from "Sharpen the Focus", by Jane Fryar, Today's Light Bible, NIV, LWML, 1999.)

Lutheran Hour Ministries is committed to supporting the spread of the Gospel in our homes, our communities, our churches, and around the world. We can all be members of LHM with a \$5.00 or more donation. We can all use and share the many free devotions, Bible studies, podcasts, and booklets at lhm.org. It is easy to share these resources with others. Partner with LHM to reach our hurting world with the love of Jesus. For those without Christ, this is urgent. Consider becoming your churches ambassador for LHM!

GOSPEL ADVENTURES IS HEADING TO MONGOLIA!

gospeladventures.org will give you
the details for engaging your fami-
ly, school, or mid-week class
in "How Vast is God's Love"



LWML Hood Canal Zone Fall Rally

Joyful Jamboree!

Saturday, October 11th 9:30 am

Fellowship Hall

All Ladies Welcome! Invite a friend!

\$5 Registration, Lunch provided

Theme: 'I Love to Tell the Story'

1 Peter 3: 15b

'Be ready at all times to answer anyone who asks you to explain the Hope you have in you'

Bring 5 - 7 digital or actual photos of special meaning to you for a photo journal:

Joyful about Jesus!

Donation to Mite Challenge:

'Feeding Haitian Children for the Kingdom!' LWML district Mission Grant #13

**Sign up to Host Snacks
after worship!**

Volunteers needed each month.

Thanks Peggy, Fellowship



PREsCHOOL

Hello Congregation,

Our school year is off to a wonderful start with 11 students! We've spent these initial weeks getting to know everyone and settle into the daily routines. Each student colored a special hat for their first day, and we photographed them wearing their creations for our classroom bulletin board display. "Alli the alligator" visited to teach the children about germs and how to cover when coughing. We've also been learning this month's memory verse and singing some new songs. Pastor joined us on Thursday to meet the students and sang "Animal Action" with us.

Our Bible study for the month is: Creation (God made me), Adam and Eve, and Noah's Ark.

Our Memory Verse: "And God saw that it was good" *Genesis 1:10*

Please continue to pray for our teachers, students, and families.

The Preschool



**Looking for minimum of 8 Volunteers/Cars
for a fun Kids event of games & Evangelism.**



**Volunteers needed for
Candy donations.**

October 31 from 3-5pm



Finding God in the Scars

AMINA FROM NORTHEAST NIGERIA

Proverbs 31 Ministries

"That is why, for Christ's sake, I delight in weaknesses, in insults, in hardships, in persecutions, in difficulties. For when I am weak, then I am strong." 2 Corinthians 12:10 (NIV)

Amina's story is difficult yet powerful. Her husband was killed for his faith by Boko Haram, an Islamic extremist group in sub-Saharan Africa. The group terrorizes Christians and anyone else who does not adhere to their strict interpretation of Islam. It's estimated that more than 25,000 people remain in Boko Haram captivity.

I thank God I grew up reading the Bible and that the Bible didn't hide from me anything about persecution. I would read about Paul and how he suffered. He was beaten, stoned, shipwrecked, arrested, and imprisoned again and again. (2 Corinthians 11:23-27) But through it all, he walked with and trusted Jesus, knowing that the trials revealed the strength of Jesus in his life. Jesus' power in Paul's life gave him strength to stand, as the Bible says in 2 Corinthians 12:10: *"That is why, for Christ's sake, I delight in weaknesses, in insults, in hardships, in persecutions, in difficulties. For when I am weak, then I am strong."* From Scripture, I learned that anything can happen anytime, anywhere. Looking back, I know God's Word prepared me to face my trials.

I lived with my husband, Daniel, and our five kids — four sons and one daughter — in the northeast region of Nigeria, in Maiduguri, a city of 1 million people. But that was before October 2, 2012. That evening, our whole family was inside watching TV, trying to get away from the 90-degree heat outside, when we began to hear pounding on the front gate. In seconds, men with guns had forced their way inside, shouting at us. It was chaos. They told Daniel, "Today is your day; tomorrow is not yours." When I heard this, I started praying, *God, I do not want to be a widow; please help me, Lord!* They took Daniel and my sons outside and told them to denounce Christ. When my husband and sons refused, the attackers told them, "If you are not going to denounce Christ, we are going to kill you today." That day, I became a widow. The Lord spared the lives of my sons. Praise God! They were in the hospital for a month with severe injuries, but they are with me today. My sons say the scars from the attack are their testimonies — evidence of the existence of God.

Five years after that, I had no idea *my* faith would also be tested in the same way as my husband's. I was on my way to a funeral, traveling with 15 other people, when we heard gunshots. We all fell on the floor of the van, and I silently prayed Psalm 118:17: *"I shall not die, but live, and declare the works of the LORD"* (KJV). The terrorists took most of the women into the Sambisa Forest, where we lived in captivity for the next five weeks. Each day, we spent most of our time fasting and praying. They would send their imam (Muslim teacher) to preach to us, and after, they would ask: "Who amongst you wants to denounce Christ?" Each time we said, "No," I knew that breath might be my last. Philippians 1:21 became our verse: *"For to me, to live is Christ and to die is gain"* (NIV). I believe the years I spent studying the Bible gave me strength for these days in captivity. Eventually, after negotiations with the government, we were freed. The day we came home, I remember going into a room by myself, kneeling and thanking God, praising Him through tears. I came out of the room singing the words of a song I now sing often: *By His grace, I am alive. That's why I'm singing. Jehovah saved my life.*

By God's grace, I have slowly learned to live without my husband and be a single parent. All these things that happened to me make me come closer to Jesus, more and more. Like Paul, I understand that my trials can reveal Jesus' strength if I stay with Him and walk with Him. Sometimes I feel so weak and weary, but I know that it is Jesus' strength that holds me up.

I want to ask you, to pray for all the persecuted Christians around the world.

God, thank You for Your healing and restoration as I live with my scars. May I see my scars as testimonies of Your grace and strength. Please work in the lives of Amina and her family and the rest of my suffering brothers and sisters around the world who are persecuted because of their deep faith in You. I ask that You give them Your courage — reminding them that Your Spirit lives inside them. And because of that, they can walk in Your power and peace. In Jesus' Name, Amen.

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