



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>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>
<i>Nov 30th</i>	<i>First Sunday in Advent Matt. 21:1-11</i>
<i>Dec 3rd</i>	<i>First Wednesday in Advent</i>
<i>Dec 7th</i>	<i>Second Sunday in Advent Matt. 3:1-12</i>
<i>Dec 10th</i>	<i>Second Wednesday in Advent</i>
<i>Dec 14h</i>	<i>Third Sunday in Advent Matt. 11: 2-15</i>

*Thanksgiving Eve
Service*

Wednesday, November 26

7pm

**GAME
NIGHT**

**Is on a pause until
after the holidays**

Get in the festive spirit! We're gathering to decorate the church for Christmas and we need your help. Join us for some fellowship & fun as we make our church beautiful!

Many hands
make light
work! Come
lend a hand!

**November
29th at
10am**



ST MATTHEW BOOK CLUB



**November 3rd
At 1pm**

Hosted by
Julie Fealko
in Fellowship Hall

Book being discussed
**"Beneath the
Scarlet Sky"**

by Mark Sullivan



**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.

FALL BACK

Daylight Savings Time Ends

**NOV
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December 21
10 am

**During worship
Service**

INTERGENERATIONAL CHRISTMAS PAGEANT

Come hear the whole story of Christmas and

Celebrate—the Birthday of Jesus

"Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign. Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel." "Isaiah 7:14

**Any children that are wanting to participate talk
with Kathy Smith.**

IMPORTANT DATES:

December 7th: FULL REHEARSAL of all participates
after worship service

December 14th: PICK UP COSTUMES

December 21st: PAGEANT arrive by 9:30 am
in costumes & wait in little chapel

COMMUNITY MEAL



We have been
awarded a
\$14,000 grant
from the
**Albert Haller
Foundation**

for our Wednesday night community dinners. Thank you to all the many helpers that prepare, package and serve allowing this amazing outreach to our community happen.

CPR Training

Join Our Hands On CPR
Certification Class.

At St. Matthew Lutheran Church

NOVEMBER 3, 2025

MONDAY AT 9AM

COST OF CLASS

\$70

Call Church Office
to Reserve a Spot:

360-457-4122.

132 E 13 St, Port Angeles,
WA 98362



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PACIFIC NORTHWEST

Join Us!

Tour & Food!

**New
Sequim office!!**

**Saturday
November 15
11-2 p.m.**

660 North 7th Avenue



NEW MEMBERS CLASS

Have you attended our New
Member/Adult Confirmation
Class?

**NOVEMBER 10 AT 6:30 PM
FELLOWSHIP HALL**

We will be reviewing the major doctrines of our church. This is a **REQUIRED CLASS** to be a Confirmed member of our church.

Taken the class before? Come again, review and have good discussions with Pastor Sonnenberg.

What is Christianity?

What makes Christianity different than all other religions?

What is a Lutheran?

Ephesians 2:8-11 (pg. 1806)

How can you be certain of heaven?

Romans 8:11-38 (pgs. 1729-1730)

John 14:1-6 (pgs. 1634-1635)

How was everything created and what is promised?
God and the Trinity

HOLIDAY BAZAAR

ATTENTION: CRAFTERS & BAKERS !



The Christmas Bazaar is almost here!

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

**Proceeds will be directed to
St. Matthew Lutheran Preschool**

(The sale will continue for an hour or so after worship on Sunday too!)
We hope you will come to shop and volunteer if you can.

Information

Sandwiches or Chili, will be served from 11:30 am to 2:00 pm Friday and Saturday.

Donated Items

If you are donating items to sell, please bring them to the fellowship hall on Tuesday or Wednesday November 11th and 12th from 9 am to 3 pm. (If this time slot does not work for you, contact Peggy Romero at 360-460-1889 to arrange another time.)

Donated Baked Goods

If you are donating baked goods to sell, please bring them to the fellowship hall on Thursday, November 13th from 9 am to 3 pm. (If this time slot does not work for you, contact Peggy Romero at 360-460-1889 to arrange another time.) We will provide boxes or festive bags to package baked good.

Volunteers

If you signed up to volunteer, please arrive 30 minutes prior to your shift (morning or afternoon.)

Items not sold by Saturday at 3 pm will be reduced for sale on Sunday after worship. Please take your donated item home on Saturday at 3 PM if you don't want it reduced.

All proceeds from our holiday bazaar support our wonderful preschool!
Thanks to all who have volunteered. We always have a good time together.

Holiday Bazaar Committee

Peggy Romero, Janis Deverter, Kathy Peterson,
Robin Sonnenberg and Jan Edmunds

HOLIDAY BAZAAR

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, September 11, 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. Janis Deverter | Co-Chair, Evangelism |
| 7. Peggy Romero | Chair, Fellowship |
| 8. Kay Hermann | Chair, Human Care |
| 9. Lynn Vernon | Chair, Stewardship |
| 10. Dan Smith | Chair, Trustees |
| 11. Tim Robertson | Chair, Youth & Education |
| 12. Jan Edmunds | Chair, Preschool |
| 13. Pastor Roger Sonnenberg | |

Members Absent:

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| 1. Carl Deverter | Co-Chair, Evangelism |
| 2. Vacant | Chair, Information Technology |
| 3. Vacant | Chair, Finance |

Guests: None

Meeting was called to order by President Pete Pettit at 6:03 pm. Pastor Sonnenberg opened with prayer.

Approval of minutes: The minutes of the July 10, 2025 Council Meeting were read (*note: there are no August minutes as that council meeting was cancelled*). A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes as read. Motion was approved by voice vote.

Pastor's Report:

Pastor reminded that discussion of confidential and sensitive matters must be kept confidential.

An exciting new preschool year has started. Pastor will make an effort to meet with each preschool family.

The Clallam Fair booth was very well received with many positive comments. Thanks to Carl and Janis for their leadership.

Council Reports:

President's report (Pete Pettit): No report

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

Board of Elders (Bill Hermann):

The elder serving schedule for October is in place.

Recommended Constitution and Bylaws updates have been given to Leroy.

A poster with elder names and photos is in progress.

Octoberfest is tentatively scheduled for the third week of October.

Planning will start soon for the upcoming Advent season.

Leroy has been appointed as head usher.

It will be requested to add "In Honor of Steven Schlaffman" to the recently erected golf course sponsorship sign. *Scott Adolphson will handle this.*

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Trustee (Dan Smith):

The exterior cross has been repaired. Thanks to Leroy, Scott, and Bill for their contributions to an effective and economical solution.

The washing machine at the 118 rental house has been replaced. The dryer did not need replacing.

Youth & Education (Tim Robertson):

Sunday School will start this week, with Tim leading. Additional volunteers are needed.

The Tuesday Bible and fellowship group continues to go well.

A new volunteer is needed to host game nights.

The new women's Bible study is off to a good start with two study groups.

Fellowship (Peggy Romero): No report

Human Care (Kay Hermann): A \$14,000 grant has been awarded by the Haller Foundation.

Treasurer (Kathy Smith):

Kathy handed out graph reports of Income and Expenses, restricted fund balances, and average Sunday attendance and giving. Attendance was down over the summer months.

The Special Projects Fund includes funds for the sanctuary floor replacement and the fellowship hall carpet replacement.

Evangelism (Janis Deverter): No report

Stewardship (Lynn Vernon):

A new member dinner was held on August 1 with 19 persons in attendance.

The next New Member Sunday is scheduled for September 28.

Subcommittee Reports:

Preschool (Jan Edmunds):

Eleven students are currently enrolled. We can accept up to 16 students.

The Preschool Board will host two dinners a year as fund raisers, the first one in January. All preschool families will be invited.

Belinda is resigning from the Preschool Board in order to volunteer with the Sunday School.

A big thanks to all for your faithful support of the preschool.

Constitution and Bylaws revision (Leroy Peterson): The next meeting is on September 29.

Unfinished Business:

There were 54 persons in attendance at the Pipe Organ dedication. It was an excellent program, enjoyed by all.

The sanctuary hard flooring replacement is moving forward. Carpet replacement in the upstairs area is on hold for now.

Exterior sign update: This project is on hold for now but will be addressed in the near term. We have quotes but less expensive alternatives are being sought.

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New Business:

Jan is looking at the various alternatives for renewal of preschool teacher CPR certifications. Depending upon what is available, other persons may be able to join in on this training. *Kay will call the fire department to inquire about what they may be able to offer.*

Kathy will check if the AED batteries need to be replaced.

Fire extinguishers may need to be inspected.

Brotherhood Mutual, our property insurance provider, recently visited St Matthew and has made the following comments and recommendations:

There is one stair area without a handrail, which does not meet ADA standards.

Existing parking lot damage may be a hazard and should be replaced or repaired. *Pete will inquire with RSI.*

The moss on the roof of one of the rental houses needs to be remediated.

Elders will discuss and establish a good date for Octoberfest at their next meeting.

Trunk or Treat needs a volunteer to lead this important ministry.

Due to the busy Fall schedule, Bill recommended postponing the dog show until the Spring. This was agreed to by consensus. It was noted that the dogs may cause an allergic reaction for some persons.

The next regular quarterly congregational meeting will be September 28. There are no decisions that need to be brought before the assembly, so this will be primarily informational in nature.

Future Business: Additional offering counter volunteers are needed.

Closing: Meeting adjourned at 7:47 pm with closing prayer by Pastor Sonnenberg

Respectfully Submitted,
Mary Heller, Recording Secretary

Recap of follow-up actions:

Scott will inquire about adding "In Honor of Steven Schlaffman" to the recently erected golf course sponsorship sign.

Kay will call the fire department to inquire about what CPR training they may be able to offer.

Kathy will check if the AED batteries need to be replaced.

Pete will inquire with RSI about our parking lot damage.



Sign up to Host Snacks after worship!

Volunteers needed each month.

Thanks Peggy, Fellowship

A Theology of Suffering for a Self-Obsessed Culture

Paul Edwards

Contemporary culture is, in the words of the late author and social critic Christopher Lasch, a “culture of narcissism.” Tragically, the American church is not immune to this virus. For today the lifestyles and longings of many modern-day followers of Christ often bear no appreciable difference from that of our non-Christian neighbors and co-workers. At some point during the last quarter century, it became all-too-common to stop proclaiming a gospel directed at people’s real spiritual needs and instead focus on the wants and desires of potential church goers. More than mirroring the first century church, this conduct reflects the way Starbucks markets overpriced coffee to potential consumers.

For example, conventional wisdom in evangelicalism today is that suffering is the exception, not the norm for the believer. Moreover, if a Christian does suffer it is quite possibly because of sin in his or her life. Many segments of the American church—immersed in a culture of happy, prosperous consumers—have failed their constituency by not faithfully proclaiming what the Bible says about the reality of suffering. *But suffering in the Christian life is the rule, not the exception.* From the day Christ called us to follow Him he fully disclosed two prerequisites: denying ourselves and taking up our cross. When Saul of Tarsus was converted on the road to Damascus, he didn’t experience a Benny Hinn-esque healing. On the contrary, God blinded him, left him in that condition for days and sent a reluctant evangelist by the name of Ananias to inform him of how much he would suffer for the name of Christ (Acts 9:15-16). And suffer he did. Consider what Paul endured: five times beaten with 39 stripes, three times beaten with rods, stoned, shipwrecked three times, a night and a day floating in the sea, danger of all kinds, weary and in pain, hungry and thirsty, naked and cold. And to add insult to injury God refused to answer his prayer for healing from whatever was ailing him—a thorn in his flesh. Paul was told to be content with grace in the midst of his sufferings (2 Cor. 11-12). How did Paul respond to his sufferings?

I will glory in the things, which concern my infirmities (2 Cor. 11:30).

I am now ready to be offered and the time of my departure is at hand ...henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness which the Lord, the righteous judge, shall give me at that day; and not to me only, but unto them also who love His appearing (2 Tim. 4:8).

The Lord shall deliver me from every evil work, and will preserve me unto his heavenly kingdom: to whom be glory forever and ever! Amen (2 Tim. 4:18).

How could Paul rejoice in his sufferings and give glory to God? The answer lies in a full reading of 2 Timothy 3-4, written in prison just prior to his execution. Note the use of the word “love” five times in these two chapters: lovers of self (3:2); lovers of money (3:2 - “covetous” in some translations); lovers of pleasure (3:4); love his appearing (4:8); loved this present world (4:10). One of the five loves mentioned stands in stark contrast to the other four: *loving the appearing of Jesus Christ.*

When we live in anticipation of seeing Jesus and hearing Him say, “Well done, thou good and faithful servant: enter into the joy of your Lord,” we can endure suffering. Why? Because such a focus helps us realize that the worst thing that happens to us here and now can never separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus. With our focus not on self but Jesus, we more fully realize the truth of 2 Corinthians 4:17: “Our light affliction, which is but for a moment, works for us a far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory.”

The tragedy is that much of contemporary evangelicalism has sold the future and eternal “weight of glory” for the immediate and transient satisfaction of “your best life now.” As a result, when Christian’s encounter difficulty they are ill-prepared to deal with it biblically: the storms come, the winds blow and “Cultural Christian” is blown away because there is no firm, biblical foundation for life (Matt. 7:24-27).

In Jesus we have a foundation not only for this life, but, for all eternity. Therefore, come what may, the Christian can proclaim, “My flesh and my heart may fail, but God is the strength of my heart and my portion forever” (Ps. 73:26).

PREsCHOOL

Hello Congregation,

This month has been very busy for our students, and time has flown by. We have added a new student this month which means we are up to twelve in total for this year! This month our students helped make our annual homemade applesauce here in the classroom. Each student brought in their own apple to add to the pot. They helped chop the apples, which helps build finger dexterity, and added the seasonings. It turned out delicious! We also finger-painted pumpkins and added them to our tree poster display in the classroom.

Our Bible lesson this month focused on Noah and the Ark. Bob, our "White Dove," came out to help teach the Bible story, which included building an Ark out of blocks. The students pretended to be animals in the Ark, waiting for Bob to tell them when it was safe to leave. They also worked hard on a paper Ark craft with an attached coffee filter rainbow. This is a craft we make every year, and it always turns out cute! This year, we have them displayed in our classroom. We also purchased a new rainbow rug for our classroom circle time area. This is to accommodate our growing group of students. It is super cute and looks great in our classroom.



Our **Bible Stories** for the month are Abraham & Sarah, Moses' Birth, and the Burning Bush.

Our **Memory Verse**: "For nothing is impossible with God" *Luke 1:37*

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



The Preschool



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