

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 rehearses on **Mondays at 6pm** and 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)

LWML will be taking a summer break and will resume on September 7th.

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

ON SUMMER BREAK. Resume in Sept. with practice on **Tuesday's nights @ 7-8 PM**. Contact Rod Larson, if interested in joining.

New Member's Class

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

UPCOMING SERVICES

Sept 3rd	<i>Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost</i> <i>Matt. 16:21-28</i>
Sept 10th	<i>Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost</i> <i>Matt. 18:1-20</i>
Sept 17th	<i>Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost</i> <i>Matt. 18:21-35</i>
Sept 24th	<i>Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost</i> <i>Matt. 20:1-16</i>
Oct 1st	<i>Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost</i> <i>Matt. 21:23-27</i>
Oct 8th	<i>Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost</i> <i>Matt. 21:33-46</i>
Oct 15th	<i>Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost</i> <i>Matt. 22:1-14</i>
Oct 22nd	<i>Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost</i> <i>Matt. 22:15-22</i>

CHURCH COUNCIL



St. Matthew Lutheran Church Council Meeting Minutes, July 13th, 2023

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 by President Steven Schlaffmann.

Rod Larson opened with prayer. Roll call was taken. The minutes from the previous meeting were read and accepted.

REPORTS

Pastor:

- We are working hard on the anniversary program. Council members will be involved in the service. There are many special things planned.

Vice President:

- Mitch and Candy Thormodson and their son Chandler want to start a game night on the 2nd and 4th Fridays. In addition to advertising to the congregation, they would like permission from the council to advertise Game Night in town and to open it to the public. After discussion, a motion was made, seconded, and carried to have a game night on the 2nd and 4th Fridays (5-7 pm,) open to the congregation and their guests at this time.

Elders:

- The serving and lock-up schedule for August has been set.
- Dave Hogleund was able to attend the last meeting but he is unable to assist at this time. Gary Neske is improving. We are looking forward to him coming back.
- Kids in the 5th grade and up can sign up to be Acolytes.
- Someone suggested we should ask for a volunteer to photograph important events at the Church. Cindy suggested perhaps we could find someone to be a historian. This will be discussed at the next meeting.

Trustee:

- A bad valve was the cause of a water leak in the office. James Paulsen is very backed up so we will find someone else to fix it.
- Bob S has a bid to remove and replace the ugly outdoor carpet on the 13th St entrance.

Treasurer:

- The Balance Sheet, the Profit and Loss Report, and Income vs Expenses were presented and discussed.

Human Care:

- Cindy S reported for Kay that the Haller Grant has been submitted. We'll hear from them in September.

Education:

- The next preschool board meeting is July 25th.
- Maureen Roberts calculated that it costs slightly less than \$40,000 to run the preschool for one year.
- Ariana will be our substitute teacher for preschool and will start up a Pre-3 preschool. We need to get the room ready.
- We have 4 registrations so far. We need 12.

CHURCH COUNCIL



St. Matthew Lutheran Church Council Meeting Minutes, June 15th, 2023

Financial Chairman:

- This position is empty. Cindy S explained the duties and responsibilities. If anyone knows of someone who might be interested, please let us know.

Evangelism:

- We have secured our booth at the fair. We are awaiting billing and signature sheets to come in the mail. This year we have some glow in the dark crosses, pop-up Bible story books, wrist bands, and other nice things. We will have a “fish pond” again this year as the kids love it. We are thinking about having brochures & information out for the preschool and St Matthew. A corner is planned for those who desire prayer or would like to have biblical questions addressed. Janis will confirm what signage we have.
- Peggy Romero put in for some Thrivent Bucks (and was approved) so we have some money to help with fair expenses.

Stewardship:

- Lynn and Duane Vernon hosted a successful dinner for 9 new members in April. Carl and Janis DeVerter helped. The next new member dinner is planned for mid-August.
- Lynn has put together some very nice New Member Packets.
- She continues sending welcome cards, birthday cards, get well / illness cards, and “Concern” cards.

IT:

- Bob E identified the digital locks to be put on the new doors.
- Since Cindy S is the new treasurer, Bob encouraged her to change the computer passwords. She will consider doing that once she is more comfortable with her new position & she doesn't rely on Mary's help as much.
- Bob will set up a community computer in the counting room to help keep people off the office computer.
- Mrs. Lee Glas is turning 100. We should celebrate. Her son will be here in September.
- Nathaniel Smith is doing an excellent job keeping up with the cleaning & janitorial duties.

Current Business:

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Carpet Campaign:

Organ Update – Kathy Smith reported that the electrical has been updated. The piano in the Chapel has been donated and the space is ready for the old console. We need to prepare the chamber for the new organ.

New Business:

- Constitution and Bylaws –So far Mary Heller, Cindy Schlaffman, Leroy Peterson, and Bill Hermann are interested in being on the committee. Is there anyone else?

The meeting was adjourned at 7:18, followed by a closing prayer by Pastor Sonnenberg.

Winning The Battle of Your Mind

Meghan Markle

Proverbs 31 Ministries

"Finally, be strong in the Lord and in his mighty power. Put on the full armor of God, so that you can take your stand against the devil's schemes."

Ephesians 6:10-11 (NIV)

Have you ever played that game "Two Truths and a Lie"? You present three statements about yourself — two that are true and one that isn't — and then everyone guesses which statement is false. Over the years, I've noticed that the people who are really good at that game are the ones who make their lies simple, not over the top. The "I won the lottery last year" lie is obvious — the kind of lies that seem normal, everyday, are the ones nobody second-guesses.

The same goes for our self-talk. Our minds are a battleground of affirmation and deception. But it's hard to discern what's true and what isn't. Every thought is a game of truth versus lies. Because if you're a follower of Jesus, you have the ultimate Truth. And that makes you dangerous to the enemy, who is the *"father of lies"* (John 8:44, NIV). But take heart: If you believe in Jesus, the devil can't touch your eternity (Ephesians 1:13-14), though he will try to render you ineffective on earth. And one way he tries to do that is through the "normal," everyday lies that pop in our minds:

I am not [fill in the blank] enough.

I am the only one who feels this way.

I don't think God means what He says about me.

The good news is: You don't have to have a black belt in karate to fight back.

Step One: Take Inventory

What decisions have you recently made, or what are you weighing the pros and cons of? The greater the impact of your decisions, the greater the battle Satan wages to try to keep you from following God's will. What godly influence might the evil one be trying to stop you from having?

Step Two: Bring to the Light

I don't think it's a coincidence that light is the first thing God created when He made our world (Genesis 1:3). The devil may delight in the darkness, but the light always overcomes it (John

1:5). Bringing your dark thoughts to the light can mean a lot of things, including releasing your thoughts through prayer, journaling, or processing with a trusted friend or counselor. In the dark, you feel alone, and fear, worry and hopelessness multiply faster than the ants in my kitchen after they found my candy stash. But in the light, you have company, support and freedom.

Step Three: Discern the Lies From the Truth

With your thoughts revealed, how can you tell the difference between something true and something false? The Holy Spirit *convicts us* when we make sinful choices so that we can repent, but the devil *shames us* to hide instead of heal. Satan's lies will undermine, discourage and destroy, but God's Truth will empower us in — or convict us toward — our true identity and affirm God's character.

For example:

LIE: My brokenness and imperfections are beyond repair or hope.

TRUTH: Jesus' love and sacrifice cover my brokenness and imperfections.

If we believe in Jesus, there is no longer any condemnation for us, only redemption (Romans 8:1).

Step Four: Fight the Lies With Truth

For every lie that crosses your mind, you can cover it with Scripture and render it meaningless. Allow Jesus, not the evil one, to be victorious in that thought. *"Finally, be strong in the Lord and in his mighty power. Put on the full armor of God, so that you can take your stand against the devil's schemes"* (Ephesians 6:10-11). And always remember: God is with you. God's Spirit lives *within* you if you've placed your faith in Jesus. He is for you. He is protecting you, empowering you, and helping you be victorious in the battle of your mind.

Jesus, the thoughts I have and choose to believe hold much power over my life. Grant me wisdom to discern what is true and what is not. May my mind be filled with Your Truth about who You are and who You say I am. In Jesus' Name, Amen.



envelope
fundraiser

1. Carpet/Flooring Fund

"We will not neglect the house of our God."
Nehemiah 10:39

We will be purchasing new carpet in the Fellowship Hall and replacing the flooring under the pews in the Sanctuary.

2. Preschool Fund

Let the little children come to Me and do not hinder them for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these. Matthew 19:14

This money will help to fund the preschool and help keep it operational.

Each envelope has a dollar amount printed on it. Put either a check or cash of that amount into the envelope and place it in the offering plate on Sunday morning or turn it in to the church office.



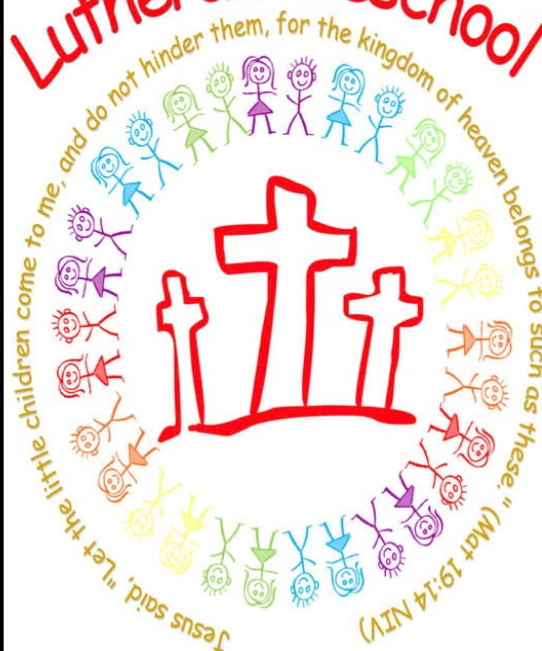
**Come Celebrate
Lee Glas's
100th Birthday**

September 10th

In the Fellowship Hall
After worship service

Enrolling NOW for 2023-24

**St Matthew
Lutheran Preschool**



**Come join the
fun!**

On our path to Kindergarten readiness, daily, your child will have the opportunity to learn in areas of.....

- *Social play
- *Art and Crafts
- *Music and Movement
- *Early Literacy
- *STEM
- *Independent skills
- *Biblical teaching with weekly Chapel time
- *As well as free choice time and hands-on activities.

**Preschool for children 3-5 years old
4-day Program Tuesday through Friday, 8:30-11:30 AM**

*Must be potty trained and 3 years old by August 31st

Coffee with ME and THEE

SEPTEMBER 16TH - 11AM

Coffee Oasis 11212 Ne State Hwy 104, Kingston WA



Hey, Ladies!! Join the LWML caravan to visit Coffee Oasis in Kingston. Come along to support and see in person a local non-profit that LWML has supported over the years. We'll meet in the church parking lot at 9:15ish and carpool to Kingston (Sequim ladies get together and figure out a meet up spot).

P.S. Lunch is always on the menu.

The Coffee Oasis is a Christian non-profit organization that exists to create pathways of opportunity for youth to be restored in heart, soul, mind, and body. We believe youth are the future of our community, but many are hurting, homeless, and hindered from living their full potential. The Coffee Oasis youth programs offer a place for the community to invest in their future—the youth. We do this through creating safe shared spaces, mentorship, street and school outreach, goal setting, job training, shelter, and crisis services. The only way for our mission to succeed is through the support of the entire community—intentional inter-generational and cross-cultural investment. We accomplish this mission through a sustainable and successful coffee business. The cafés offer a "third place" for the community to gather and buy products with the added value of all profits returning to create opportunities for youth.

Copied from <https://thecoffeooasis.com/about/>

2023 LWML Hood Canal Zone Rally

St Matthew Lutheran Church

October 7, 2023



Registration \$5.00 9:30 -10 am

Ingathering and SpeakerObria PNW

Lunch served by the Ladies of St. Matthew

Blessed are the people whose God is the Lord, the people whom he has chosen as his heritage! The Lord looks down from heaven; He sees all the children of man. Psalm 33:12-13

GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP

Help and encouragement after the death of a spouse, child, family member, or friend

GriefShare is a special weekly seminar and support group designed to help you rebuild your life after losing a loved one. Our group is led by caring people who have experienced grief and want to help you through the difficult days ahead.

We know it hurts, and we want to help.

Contact Us Today

Fridays 10:00am — 11:30am
September 1 - December 1, 2023
St Matthew Lutheran Church
132 E 13th Street, Port Angeles
stmatthewpa@gmail.com
360-457-8682 or 360-457-4122 ext 1

GRIEF SHARE



2nd & 4th Friday

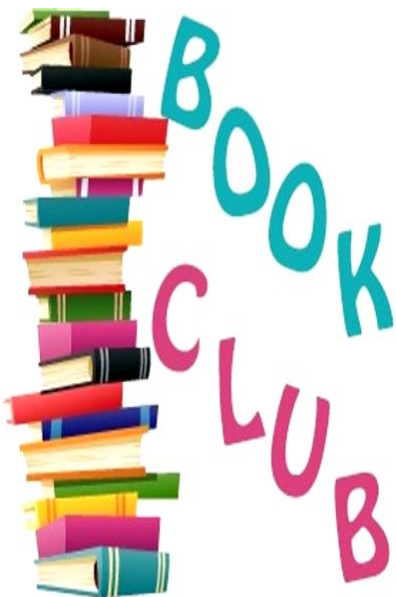
of the month 5pm –7pm

Come enjoy an evening of competitive fun.

Bring a friend with you, light snacks & games to share!



TO EVERYONE WHO
HELPED OUT WITH THE
BOOTH AT THE CLALLAM
COUNTY FAIR



Next Book Club Meeting

September 11th at 5pm

In Fellowship Hall

Book being discussed

Chemistry By Weike Wang

All are welcome to come and participate.

SEPTEMBER

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