



**Reaching out
Reaching within
Proclaiming God's Love**

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The Messenger



A NOTE FROM THE INTERIM PASTOR

In the **God Pause** e-devotion for September 16, 2010, David Mattson, pastor of Gloria Dei Lutheran Church in Dana Point, California, shared, "Several years ago, someone shared a story about a father and son dining at McDonald's. As a special treat, the father bought his son an extra-large fry. The young son was so excited that, when they came, he instantly started to gobble them down. The father, wanting to enter into the joy of that experience, asked to 'borrow' a few of the fries. The son rebuked him with one word, 'Mine!' The father, of course, was taken aback by the response and used it as a teaching moment. Whose fries were they truly? Who owned the fries? Who bought the fries? Who was strong enough to take away the fries at any second? Who gave the fries?"

"In a stewardship sermon I retold the story, and actually had French fries passed out to the entire congregation. Our church's staff was busy running around that morning bringing in hundreds and hundreds of fries. No easy task, but as one confirmation student reminded me years later, it was a memorable sermon."

Now, I am not going to re-enact the fry story! But I do want to remind everyone that shortly we will begin our Stewardship cam-

paign for St. Matthew's. We hope and pray that you will respond generously to our appeal.

There is good news! There is enough money in our parish to meet all our 2023 budgetary needs! The bad news, it's still in your pockets.

A wise Pastor once told me we can't be in a state of grace unless we are in a state of **gift**. God gave us everything.

That's what **grace** is all about!

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Riches
At
Christ's
Expense**

Fr. Richard Osborne +

**NOW MAY OUR
LORD JESUS CHRIST
HIMSELF, AND GOD OUR FATHER,
WHO LOVED US AND GAVE US
ETERNAL COMFORT AND GOOD HOPE
THROUGH GRACE,
COMFORT YOUR HEARTS
AND ESTABLISH THEM
IN EVERY GOOD WORK AND WORD.**

2 THESSALONIANS 2:16-17, ESV



St. Matt's
Little Food
Pantry

The Little Food Pantry looks empty! Remember to add items of canned goods and non-perishable items.

Lets fill it up!!



Birthdays—Baptisms—Confirmations

*Remember to pray for each of these persons
on their special day*

Watch over your children, O Lord, as their days increase; bless and guide them wherever they may be. Strengthen them when they stand; comfort them when discouraged or sorrowful; raise them up if they fall; and in their hearts may your peace which passes understanding abide all the days of their lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

The Tax Man

Despised, he was, by his fellow Jews and friends for collaborating with the Roman occupation in collecting taxes from his own people.

Yet as Jesus passed with a kind invitation to follow him Matthew responded with no questions asked of this unusual fellow Jew who consorted with public sinners and earned his own fill of bitter scorn.

Perhaps he was sick and tired of being rejected perhaps looking for a new job because of a patronizing Roman boss yet it was divine kindness that saved the day and his life.

Joan Breit
Fall 2017

September Birthdays

- September 2—Adam Simmonds
- September 9—Cole Irving
- September 14—Jennifer Beck, Toby Tyner
- September 17—Mariah Dove
- September 21—Ron Hall
- September 22—Jill Loyd
- September 24—Brier McCloud
- September 26—Jill Jantz
- September 28—Jane Orr
- September 29—Taten Penner

September Baptisms

- September 9—Bonnie Tandoc

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Bible Quiz

Besides being known for his proverbs about wise living, King Solomon was knowledgeable in other fields, including which of the following?

- A. zoology, including ornithology and ichthyology
- B. botany
- C. herpetology
- D. songwriting
- E. A and C
- F. B and D
- G. All of the above



Answer: G (See 1 Kings 4:29-34)



Labor Day laughs

Take a break and enjoy this work-related humor!

- My first job was in an orange juice factory. I got canned because I couldn't concentrate.
- When I couldn't hack it as a lumberjack, I got the ax.
- I wasn't suited to being a tailor.
- Working in the muffler factory was too exhausting.
- I was a banker ... until I lost interest.
- I realized there was no future in being a historian.
- Any way I sliced it, I couldn't cut the mustard at the deli.
- I studied to become a doctor but had no patients.
- My job at the coffee shop was always the same old grind.
- When I worked as a plumber, the tasks were too draining.
- I was hired at a gym but wasn't fit for the job.
- Finally, I got a job at a bakery; I kneaded dough!



On Monday, September 12th at 2:00 PM, Bonnie Jones and Mary Upton will be making cards at St. Matthew's for our shut ins and September birth-days. We would like to invite you to join us.

All materials will be provided.

Please call Mary Upton at 316-841-1736 or Bonnie Jones at 316-227-9287 if you have questions, if you plan on coming, or cannot come at that time.

**JOIN US FOR ST. MATTHEW'S DAY
TO CELEBRATE
ST. MATTHEW, THE APOSTLE**

And as we celebrate the people of St. Matthew's Church and our lives together. We want to honor the past and prepare for the future. We can't wait to see you here!

Sunday, September 18

Worship at 10:15 am

Potluck at 11:30 am

(bring a dish to share)

Come for Worship and stay for fellowship and food. Everyone is welcome!



Thanks to my St. Matthew's family, Fr. Osborne (for bringing communion and great comic relief) and Connie for all the continued prayers, messages, visits, cards, flowers and calls. You all have been a constant loving support during quite an interesting journey! Thank you so many times over and May God richly bless each and every one of you.

Nyla Friesen





St. Matthew's Outreach

Food Cart

13 non-perishable food items were delivered to the Salvation Army "Harvest of Love" food bank in August. Thanks for remembering those who don't have enough to eat.

Soldiers & Shut Ins

Please keep these wonderful people in your prayers.

Ryan Bernard	Jordan Orr	Conner Ekerberg
Susan Koehn	Sharon Davis	Stephen Bidle
Kathleen Leid		

If anyone has a loved one they would like to add to either board, please contact Melissa.

Back to School totals

We collected 182 items for Northridge Elementary school. We collected \$360.00 which will be divided between Northridge and Salvation Army. Thank you all so much for your generosity!!!

New Hope Shelter

We will be collecting items for the New Hope shelter this month. There are lists of needed items in the front hallway. Pick one up today. Thanks.

The Season of Creation, September 1st through October 4th, is celebrated by Christians around the world as a time for renewing, repairing and restoring our relationship to God, one another, and all of creation. The Episcopal Church joins this international effort for prayer and action for climate justice and an end to environmental racism and ecological destruction. This year's theme is *A home for all? Renewing the Oikos of God*. In celebrating the Season, we are invited to consider anew our ecological, economic, and political ways of living.

[See this web site for Season of Creation and St. Francis Day resources.](#)

September 2022 Coffee Hour Hosts

September 4 - Melissa Keenan
September 11 - OPEN
September 18 - Mary Upton/ Bonnie Jones
September 25 - OPEN



There are plenty of opportunities Left of the calendar to sign up to host coffee hour after the service on Sundays. It doesn't have to be a feast. Just crackers or cookies are greatly appreciated. If you would like to showcase a favorite recipe or your culinary skills, that's great too! Any questions or concerns, please contact Melissa. Thanks

Education for Ministry groups starting in September

Education for Ministry, or EfM as it is more commonly known, helps the faithful encounter the breadth and depth of the Christian tradition and bring it into conversation with their experiences of the world as they study, worship, and engage in theological reflection together. The program invites participants into small, mentored groups that provide the framework for understanding life and shaping actions as Christian faith is deepened. EfM seminar groups meet in local settings and online, and provide a four-year curriculum that develops a theologically informed, reflective, and articulate laity.



First year participants study the Old Testament; second year individuals study the New Testament; third year study is of the history of the church; and the fourth year study includes readings that help participants identify their ministries.

If you are interested in joining an EfM group please contact Deacon Barbara Gibson at St. Matthew's.

O heavenly Father, you have filled the world with beauty. Open our eyes to recognize your gracious hand in all your works, that, rejoicing in your whole creation, we may learn to serve you with gladness; for the sake of the One through whom all things were made, Jesus Christ our Redeemer. Amen



Altar team for September
Melissa Keenen and Karen Wall.

Altar Flowers for September 2022

September 4

Ron and Darlene Hall

"In memory of Charles and Dorothy Elliot"

September 11

Joe and Joy Robb

"for blessings received"

September 18

Stephanie and Katherine Lindgren

"for blessings received"

September 25

Charlie Robinson and Rich Stinnett

"for blessings received"

St. Matthew's Prayer Chain

If you have a request for prayers for yourself or others, please contact Mary Upton at **316-841-1736**. The information you share with me will then be passed on to the chain leaders who will then pass the information on to their team. The members of the chain will then add your request to their prayers. The information you give me is confidential and will not be shared with others outside the prayer chain without your permission.

If you have a prayer request, would like more information and/or join the St. Matthew's Prayer Chain, please contact Mary Upton at **316-841-1736**.





Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist

September 21 Feast Day

One day Jesus was walking and saw a tax collector named Matthew sitting at a tax collection post, and said to him, "Follow me." And Matthew stood up and followed Him, and became one of His twelve apostles. Tax collectors in those days were social outcasts. Devout Jews avoided them because they were usually dishonest (the job carried no salary, and they were expected to make their profits by cheating the people from whom they collected taxes). Patriotic and nationalistic Jews hated them because they were agents of the Roman government, the conquerors, and hated them with a double hatred if (like Matthew) they were Jews, because they had gone over to the enemy, had betrayed their own people for money. Thus, throughout the Gospels, we find tax collectors (publicans) mentioned as a standard type of sinful and despised outcast. Matthew brought many of his former associates to meet Jesus, and social outcasts in general were shown that the love of Jesus extended even to them.

The name "Matthew" means "gift of the LORD." Mark and Luke, in the story of his calling, name him "Levi." Perhaps this was his original name, and he received a new name from Jesus when he became a disciple. (It has also been suggested that he was simply a member of the tribe of Levi.)

Of Matthew's life after Pentecost the Scriptures tell us nothing. Later accounts of his life vary, some reporting that he was martyred, others that he died a natural death. The Christian community since early times has commemorated him as a martyr.

Whether the Apostle Matthew is also the Evangelist Matthew -- that is, whether the Apostle Matthew wrote the Gospel that bears his name -- is disputed. The Gospel itself does not say who wrote it, but the designation "according to Matthew" is very old.

In favor of his authorship it may be noted that (1) while Mark and Luke give the fourth pair of Apostles as "Matthew and Thomas," the Gospel of Matthew gives

them as "Thomas and Matthew"; and (2) while Luke 5:29 explicitly states, and Mark 2:15 suggests, that Matthew gave a banquet for Jesus, Matthew 9:10 in describing the same banquet does not indicate who the host was. Both of these variations would be routine touches of modesty if Matthew was the author.

On the other hand, the gospel (1) does not have the manner of an eyewitness, and (2) is thought by many scholars to contain material borrowed from Mark, whereas one would not expect someone who had been an eyewitness to borrow from someone who had not. (**Note:** The view that Mark is an older Gospel than Matthew is widespread and not long ago many scholars regarded the matter as settled. However, there is respectable opinion holding that Matthew is the earliest Gospel after all.

Perhaps the Gospel was written by some early Christian, not an apostle, whose name was Matthew, and about whom nothing else is known. Early Christian readers, hearing the Gospel ascribed to "Matthew," would naturally associate it with the Apostle of that name, and so the ascribing of the work to the Apostle Matthew becomes common at an early date, by a perfectly natural misunderstanding.

The Scripture readings associated with the day bear the themes of Matthew as a Gospel-writer (hence readings that speak of the Scriptures), Matthew as an Apostle, and Matthew as a sinner called by God's grace.

We thank thee, heavenly Father, for the witness of your apostle and evangelist Matthew to the Gospel of your Son our Savior; and we pray that, after his example, we may with ready wills and hearts obey the calling of our Lord to follow him; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen

James Kiefer's Christian Biographies



A History of St. Matthew's Episcopal Church
Established in 1876
Newton, Kansas

Continuity of a parish is well exemplified in the way that St. Matthew's, Newton, through the years has borrowed buildings, purchased buildings, and constructed buildings all the while maintaining its church identity.

On April 2, 1876, a small group of church people in Newton, some Episcopalians, some attracted by the doctrines of the church and by the sacramental nature of the services, met to organize an Episcopal parish. For the first six years of the parish's life, services were held in local Methodist and Presbyterian churches. In 1882 a church building was secured but within several months it was declared unsafe with no recourse obtainable from the seller. Undaunted, the parish purchased a Methodist Church building. In 1887 this building was moved to a more advantageous location at the corner of West Broadway and Poplar.

In 1910 growth of the parish warranted the construction of a new building, so the existing building was sold and moved off the location. On November 19, 1910, the cornerstone of a new church building was laid on the same location. The "Good Shepherd" window and the "Christ at the Door" window were removed from the old structure and placed in the new. The red brick church was designed along Gothic lines.

By 1957, the congregation had outgrown the Broadway building. The last service held there was October 27, 1957. The building was sold and demolished. During the next thirteen months, while the new church building was being built, the congregation of St. Matthew's again used Methodist facilities, holding services in the chapel at Methodist Youthville.

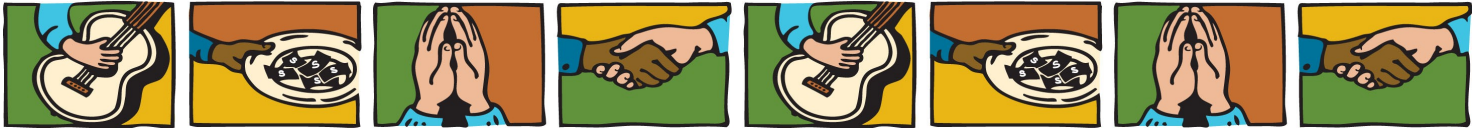
Land for the site for a new church building at 2001 Windsor was a gift of a parishioner. Ground was broken for the current facility on February 23, 1958. The cornerstone was laid September 28, 1958. The building was dedicated December 14 of that year. The

building combines the beauty of traditional church architecture with modern design. The windows found in the nave and narthex are memorials depicting the Old Testament and the life of Christ. The memorial windows from the east Broadway churches are now located in Covey Chapel at the far end of the building. Memorial kneelers, whose colors repeat the colors of the windows in the nave, were dedicated on St. Matthew's Day, 1994.

Many other memorials and gifts of thanksgiving are in the church. A number of years ago a parishioner gave a large sum of money and stocks for a Permanent Endowment Fund. The principal of the fund remains intact. Interest and dividends from the fund may not be used for operational expenses but are used for the "furtherance of Christ's Kingdom," i.e. church-related education, Episcopalian projects, local humanitarian projects and outreach and capital expenses.

From the early days of the founding of the parish over a century ago, St. Matthew's has persevered, evolved and flourished. The dedication of its members and the grace of God have enabled this to happen. God has richly blessed the parish. May the vision and dedication of St. Matthew's congregation in the years to come continue to grow and may the members serve joyfully to the glory of God.





Here is the worship schedule for August. Please let the office know if you would like to sign up to read, usher and/or count. We can always use more hands! ***If you are unable to serve when you are scheduled, please find a substitute.*** Thanks for your service!

	September 4	September 11	September 18	September 25
Season	13th Sunday after Pentecost	14th Sunday after Pentecost	15th Sunday after Pentecost	16th Sunday after Pentecost
Service	Holy Eucharist	Holy Eucharist	Holy Eucharist St. Matthew's Day	Communion in the absence of a Priest (ComAP)
Leaders	Fr. Richard Osborne	Fr. Richard Osborne	Fr. Richard Osborne	Deacon Barbara Gibson Maggie Snow
Lectors	Fred Schroeder	Elizabeth Hill	Bonnie Jones	Mary Upton
Counters (2)	Fred Schroeder	Mary Upton	David Simmonds	Margie Knupp
	Margie Knupp	Twila Lockaby	Fred Schroeder	Twila Lockaby
Ushers (2)	Melissa Keenan	Charlie Craig	Open	Elizabeth Hill
	Mary Upton	Rick Glover	Open	Melissa Keenan
Hosts	Melissa Keenan	Open	Mary Upton/ Bonnie Jones	Open
Altar Flowers	<i>Ron and Darlene Hall</i> <i>"in memory of Charles & Dorothy Elliot"</i>	<i>Joe and Joy Robb</i> <i>"for blessings received"</i>	<i>Stephanie & Katherine Lindgren</i> <i>"for blessings received"</i>	<i>Charlie Robinson and Rich Stinnett</i> <i>"for blessings received"</i>
Acolyte	Maggie Snow	Fred Schroeder	Fred Schroeder	CoMap
Organist	Chris Teichler	Chris Teichler	Chris Teichler	Kelli Glann