

St. Matthew's Evangelical Lutheran Church

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“ In response to God’s love, St. Matthew’s is a faith community welcoming all to grow in faith, to worship Christ and to reach out to everyone”.

St. Matthew's News and Notes

Our annual meeting was held on Sunday, February 2nd, 2025 following the worship service and a light lunch. Highlights of the meeting included:

- A review and acceptance of Pastor Bart’s and our church committees’ 2024 reports.
- The election of 3 new Church Council members: Anna Bosak, Beryl Bowen and Shirley Hornich and a recognition of the outgoing council members; Jennifer Rusk, Frances Mckenzie and Bill Bender and St. Matthew’s treasurer, Melanie Funk Laskaris.
- Appointment of the Endowment committee members: Linda Borland, Aaron Kleinsmith, Margaret Kleinsmith and Marilyn Schultz.
- A mandate to the Church Council to update the pariochal statistics report and submit it to The Eastern Synod by March 31.
- A unanimous vote to accept the 2025 budget as presented, with the Church Council having the option of adjusting it as appropriate.

A meeting was held in the Kottmeier Room following the annual meeting. Council members elected Bobbye Goldenberg as Chairperson, Marilyn Schultz as Vice Chair and Carole McLeod as Secretary.

Bob Hansen, Ruth Kiers, and Dianne Yungblut, along with the newly elected members, complete the 2025 church council.-----

An installation of Church Council Members was held during the worship service on Feb. 16th via Zoom.

What are a few of the duties of a church council? According to our Constitution, the congregational council shall:

- lead the congregation in stating its mission, do long term planning, setting goals and priorities and evaluating its activities in the light of its mission and goals;
- seek to involve all members of the congregation in worship, learning, witness, service and support;
- provide support for the rostered minister and other professional leaders, assist them in reviewing and evaluating their ministry, and review annually their financial compensation, making adequate adjustments;
- normally meet once a month.



Introducing our Council Chairperson and Vice Chairperson

Chairperson: *Bobbye Goldenberg*

"Hope is the thing with feathers, that perches in the soul..." Emily Dickinson



Vice Chairperson: *Marilyn Schultz*

My late husband Cliff and I were welcomed into St. Matthew's over six decades ago. Serving this church family is a privilege and a blessing which I do not take for granted.

Upcoming Dates to Remember!

Ash Wednesday with Holy Communion noon March 5 at St. Matthew's

MidWeek Lenten Prayer and Coffee

March 12 and March 19 at 10 a.m. in the Kottmeier Room. Those wishing to join via Zoom can contact the Pastor Bart at bartsterc@gmail.com to receive an invitation and link to join.

March 26-Prayer and Conversation via zoom- time to be announced and again contact the pastor to receive an invitation with a link to join the meeting.

April 1 and 8 Prayer and Coffee at First Lutheran Port Colborne—details to be confirmed.