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Members of St. Matthew:

HE IS RISEN! HE IS RISEN INDEED, ALLELUIA!

God's blessings to you and your family and we hope that you enjoyed a blessed Easter. We would like to update you on some of the things happening here at St. Matthew.

- At the start of the pandemic, we moved to a virtual-only worship schedule. We are now back to in-person worship but will continue to offer all services virtually, giving you the option to worship with the St. Matthew family no matter where you are! We will also continue to offer the on-line devotions and Bible studies every day of the week!
- We are here for you when you are ready to attend worship in person, but we also recognize that there are many reasons that you may want to attend services virtually. If you are attending in-person, we ask that you continue to call or email the church office and make your reservations.
- On Easter weekend we dedicated the video screens that are being used to enhance our worship experience. Through the generosity of a number of our members, this capital project is completely paid for! Now the Church Council is recommending that we hire an employee to assist with the preparation of what is necessary to support our visual presentations and assist in maintaining our information technology systems. This will be discussed as part of the 2021-2022 Church budget. We are also looking for volunteers to help during the worship services - more on that below.
- A transition committee made up of a number of Congregation members has been meeting to discuss the next steps with the coming retirement of our Senior Pastor Kinne. Many alternatives are being explored. Pastor Blonski has been kept abreast of the discussions of this committee. We will continue to update you as we move forward. We would like to have an all-Congregation meeting on April 18, to allow discussion of this process. Further information on this meeting will be forthcoming.

- Included with this letter is the 2021-2022 Time and Talent Profile and Commitment. We would like these forms to be returned by May 1, 2021. There are many areas where many of you may serve the Lord here at St. Matthew. From helping with the video technology to working the Pig & Corn Roast to serving on a board or committee! Since the pandemic started, we have made use of virtual meetings!. Our boards and committees only meet once a month and we try to limit meetings to no more than 2 hours. And now members of the board can meet in-house or virtually, no matter where they happen to be!
- The Time and Talent Profile Commitment form lists many of the opportunities to serve here at St. Matthew. Please go through it and see if there is an interest or skill that calls to you. One of our most immediate needs is people who would like to assist in carrying on the tradition of our Pig and Corn Roast. The Coordinator position is open, and it would be very helpful for a volunteer to step into that role and spearhead our 30th annual Pig and Corn Roast. If you have an interest in the Pig and Corn Roast, please contact the Church Office or me. My request is that you prayerfully consider how you might be able to serve your Church.

God's blessings,

John Kelly
Congregation Chair
St. Matthew Lutheran Church & Early Childhood Center

