

St. Matthew Lutheran Church

Spring 2021

Election Packet and Nominees



St. Matthew Lutheran Church Nomination Process

The Nominating Committee is a standing committee of the Executive Board and is comprised of:

- a. The Vice President of the congregation
- b. The director of the Volunteer Ministry
- c. Two committee members, at large, who are appointed by the Executive Board, but are not members of the Executive Board themselves. The director of the Volunteer Ministry will present these names to the Executive Board based on suggestions from IT and his knowledge of the membership.

2021 Nomination Committee Members: Dean Schenk (Vice President), Pastor Austin Wellhousen (Volunteer Ministry), Nancy Cushman (Member at Large), Bill Zehel (Member at Large)

Positions to be Elected for 2021

- Vice President
- Secretary
- School Board Chair
- 3 Members of Foundation Ministry
- 1 Member of Executive Board at Large

Current Office Holders: All positions have 2 year terms, Exec. at large has 3 year terms.

- (2yrs) President - Gaylen McDonald (2020)
- (2yrs) Vice President - Dean Schenk (appointed to fill out Gaylen's 2019-2021 term)
- (2yrs) Treasurer - Ken Palka (2020)
- (2yrs) Secretary - Kari Gonzales (2019)
- (2yrs) School Board Chair - Will Harmon (2019)
- (2yrs) Foundation Board - Lachelle Laney, Deandra Reinhardt, Beth Bird, Jenny Bacon, Bob McGhee, Micki Adams
- (3yrs) Executive Board Members At Large - Mike Ohlrich (until 2021), Laurie Schwandt (until 2022), Lorrie Wonfor (until 2023)

Nominees

Vice President

Dean Schenk: I have been a member at St. Matthew for 12 years and have served as an elder, usher, and on the security team. I enjoy assisting St. Matthew Church in bringing the good news to members of our church and those in our community. In addition, I enjoy my personal interaction with the members of St. Matthew Church and the relationships created.



Secretary

Lachelle Laney: My name is Lachelle Laney. I've been a member of St. Matthew since 2015. After moving here from Chicago, I was drawn to this congregation because of the love and care its members show to each other. Since joining the church I've served as a member of the Foundation Ministry (including as chairman) and VBS volunteer. I recently left my job of 10 years as a communications manager to stay home with my daughter fulltime. I live with my husband Mike and daughter Cecelia (2) in Plymouth.



School Board Chair

Will Harmon: My family and I have been members of St Matthew since 2017 when we moved to the area. We enrolled our oldest child in school that January and I joined the school board in the summer of that same year. As a product of Lutheran education 1st-12th I would say it is a critical mission. Being able to support the school and contribute to the future leaders and members of the church is a rewarding endeavor that I am happy to be able to do.



Foundation Board Members

Micki Adams:

- I have been a member at STM for 17.5 years. Through the years I have been on the H&H parent board, the SMLS PTL, Wixom Leadership Team, Children's ministry team and the Foundation Board. It's been a pleasure to serve on the Foundation Board as we work to help St. Matthew and all the ministries with the grants available from the generosity of the St. Matthew community.



Jenny Bacon:

- I've been a member at St. Matthew for 12 years. I am currently serving as the treasurer of the Foundation Board. I really enjoy serving in this position because I believe that the Foundation is a great source of continual income for the church, and it is fun to watch it grow and use the interest for grants. I also enjoy being the treasurer and getting to put together the monthly reports. In addition, I participate in small group, church setup, and enjoy helping out with various other ministries.

Executive Board Member at Large

Mike Ohlrich:

- I have been a member at St. Matthew for 26 years. I've served on the Foundation Board and as a coach for various day school sports teams. Currently, I serve on the Prayer and Praise Band and the Executive Board. I am excited to help out in a way that allows me to use my gifts to help the church succeed in its mission.

