CALLING ALL VETERANS, FAMILIES, AND PROUD AMERICANS: ST. MATTHEW LUTHERAN CHURCH TO HOST POWERFUL VETERANS SUNDAY SERVICE AND QUILTS OF VALOR CEREMONY

HAWTHORN WOODS, IL — St. Matthew Lutheran Church of Hawthorn Woods proudly invites veterans, military families, and community members to a patriotic Red, White, and Blue American Service. This community-wide celebration will take place Sunday, November 8, 2026, at 9:00 AM, with special music at 8:45 AM, at St. Matthew Lutheran Church, **24500 N. Old McHenry Rd., Hawthorn Woods, IL 60047**.

Dedicated to honoring those willing to sacrifice for all, this special service will feature an inspiring sermon delivered by **Lt. Col. Taylor, Chaplain, U.S. Air Force**, **Retired.** The morning's tribute will include veterans posting the Colors, a moving rendition of the National Anthem performed by a U.S. Marine, the solemn sounds of bagpipes and Taps, a mass choir performance, and Comfort Dogs on site.

A centerpiece of the service will be a formal **Quilts of Valor® Ceremony**, honoring local service members with handmade quilts in recognition of their military service and sacrifice. A dedicated Quilt of Valor photo session will follow the ceremony. Afterward, all attendees are invited to a complimentary Veterans Appreciation Reception open to the public.

Call to Action for Local Veterans & Organizers:

- **Drill and VETERAN Charities Outreach:** Veterans looking to participate in Posting Colors/drill (basic) report Nov.8 at 0815 at Church Narthex/Lobby. Uniform: black shirt/sweater and military branch cap. Please come to drill! In need. **VETERAN Charities:** Bring info to the service to be included on the church website;
- **2027 Ceremony Requests:** Any veterans or groups wishing to coordinate or be added to the list for a future 2027 Quilts of Valor Ceremony should reach out immediately.
- **Contact Information: SSgt Patti Lindley, Vet-USMC**, at **patti@pflmed.com**.

Let us unite as a community to honor our Veterans and celebrate America.