

OPERATION VETERANS' HONOR SERVICE WITH QUILTS OF VALOR CEREMONY 2026

SPECIAL VETERANS' SERVICE TO HONOR OUR VETERANS WITH UNIFIED GRATITUDE.

St. Matthew Lutheran Church of Hawthorn Woods
24500 Old McHenry Rd, Hawthorn Woods, IL 60047

November 8, 2026 9:00 am Special music 8:45 am

Guest Preacher: Rev. Dr. Kurt Taylor

- Sermon and Bible Study
- LtCol., Air Force, Chaplain, retired with 24 years of military service
- Currently teaches at Concordia U. WI as Associate Professor of Theology & Dir. Church Ministries
- One of the original student member, along with Pastor Blonski (as student) of The Master's Voice at Concordia U. WI

Uniform of the day: Veterans, please wear your military branch of service ball cap to be recognized





Service includes: LtCol Taylor's Sermon and Bible Study, Quilts of Valor Ceremony, Bagpipes, Veteran Posting of Colors, Soloist Marine National Anthem, Multiple Church Choir, Comfort Dogs, Patriotic Music, Military Branch Anthems, and more.

A patriotic celebration with dessert and drinks will follow the service.

Veterans: •Active in a Veterans' charity; let St. Matthew Lutheran Church know. We will publish it on our website. •Want to be a QOV recipient for 2027, contact SSgt Lindley, USMC, Vietnam-era Veteran, at patti@pflmed.com. •Want to participate in Posting of Colors and drill (basic), contact SSgt Lindley at patti@pflmed.com.

QUILTS OF VALOR ORGANIZATION is a national organization of women and men who hand-make quilts to honor and recognize Veterans who have served our country. These quilts are personalized with a label bearing the names of the sewer and the Veteran. The Quilts of Valor and Wrapping Ceremony is a longstanding tradition that says, "Thank you (the Veteran) for your service, sacrifice, and valor in serving our nation." Welcome home. At a Quilts of Valor Ceremony, the Veteran is "wrapped" in the Quilt rather than simply receiving it as a handout.

OUR VETERANS: WE STAND FOR OUR FLAG, WE STAND FOR OUR COUNTRY, WE STAND UP FOR THOSE WHO CAN'T.