



St. Matthew's  
CHURCH AND SCHOOL

2000's

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100 YEARS IN GOD'S GRACE  
1922 - 2022

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- In 2000 members resolved to advance their God-given mission in the Oconomowoc area. The goals were to:
  - 1) Pay down church debt (the debt was retired)
  - 2) Establish a Mission Congregation (Hope was established to serve the area south of Oconomowoc.)
  - 3) Expand our Lutheran Elementary School (Land was to be purchased on Hwy P and funds were set aside for school construction)
  - 4) Continue to serve (the growing church continued to serve Oconomowoc with increased, visible fruits of faith from members in the key areas of worship attendance, Bible study, attendance at Lord's Supper and offerings)
- On January 27, 2001 two options were presented to the congregation by the Long-Range Planning Committee regarding expansion of its facilities – 1) expansion of our current site or 2) purchasing a second site. It was approved that the second site concept was the best alternative because the city required a certain amount of green space and our present location was too small to expand.
- On April 26, 2001, the Land Search Committee was authorized to make an offer of \$10,000 to purchase at least 20 acres and up to 30 acres of land on the north side of Oconomowoc, for a future school site.
- On February 17, 2002 St. Matthew's resolved to start a mission church to serve the area south of Oconomowoc. The mission church's operating budget would be funded independently of St. Matthew's operating budget.
- St Matthew's joined the Lakeside Lutheran High School Federation.
- A call was extended to Dennis Fletcher on April 24, 2004 to be our staff minister. Dennis served for 10 years, retiring in 2014.
- The congregation approved the Resolution and Agreement between St. Matthew's and Hope (mission church) dated April 29, 2005, that provided for the transfer of designated funds from our Memorial Trust Fund for the purchase of land for the mission congregation.
- A 3K preschool program was established in 2005, with Mrs. Laura Lai serving as the 3K teacher and Early Childhood Director.
- On December 31, 2006, 30 acres of land on Brown Street was purchased for \$818,500 (George's figure \$828,450)
- 100 members of St. Matthew's developed a MASTER PLAN for a new school. This plan was set aside because of many factors, such as the recession and the lack of development on the north side of town.
- Pastor Dave Rothe resigned his call on January 31, 2007.
- Pastor Jonathan Schultz was called to replace Pastor Schroeder. He accepted the call on March 12 and was installed on July 15th.
- George Zaferos was hired as St. Matthew's business manager on March 17, 2007.
- Pastor Schroeder's retirement celebration was held on July 31, 2007.

- On January 24, 2008 Pastor Dan Schmidt was called to be Pastor Schultz's associate. He accepted the call on February 17th and was installed in April.
- Elevator problems began in 2008....
- On December 31, 2008 Hope's initial land purchase was completed.
- A Long-Range Planning Committee was established to set a course for the next decade. A year later, the committee's work was done and "Vision 2020" provided direction for the congregation.
- The Shepherding Plan was created in 2009 for in-home bible studies. Each fellowship group was made up of 7-10 families.
- The 1st Live Nativity was presented in December of 2009 but was held in the gym due to bad weather.

**St. Matthews Statistical Totals for this decade 2001-2010 from Annual Reports**

Baptisms	Confirmations	Marriages	Deaths
155	227	54	94