



JASON LINDQUIST
President

I have been a member of the St. Matthew family since 2003, along with my wife Melissa. We have two daughters, Sarah and Hannah, who continue to grow in the faith and fellowship of our church. Through the years, I have served as a member of the Property Committee, Technology Committee, Intern Committee, as well as the Call Committee for Pastor Julie.

I currently manage the church's website, in conjunction with both Pastors and the Church Administrator, participate in the Men's Group events, and assist as chaperone for Confirmation Class events. I currently serve as Chief Administrative Officer for Hooker & Holcombe in Bloomfield, which provides retirement and benefit plan consulting services. When not working, I enjoy family time, golfing, exercising, and watching the Red Sox. We currently reside in West Hartford with our pup, Cosmo.



FRED FENN
Vice President

I am a retired special education teacher. I taught in both northern Vermont and New Hampshire before returning to my native Barkhamsted, CT. Here in Connecticut, I taught at Northwestern Regional #7 High School, and then provided independent tutorial services for learning disabled students at The Master's School. I enjoy playing bassoon and bass recorder.

I am married to my wife, Anne, and we live in Barkhamsted. We have been members of SMLC for about 15 years. We have two married sons and six grandchildren. I am excited about being a part of the Practical Training for Healing Prayer Ministry here at St. Matthew. Other interests include music and volunteering at the Barkhamsted Historical Society in their collections department. I have served on the Worship and Music Committee for most of my time here at SMLC. My faith journey involves being a part of the healing prayer ministry.



LANELLE GALLO
Secretary

I am very excited to find have found a home at St. Matthew Church. I grew up as a Catholic but was fortunate to find a Lutheran Church through my former husband. At Emmanuel Lutheran Church in Hartford, I fell in love with the theology “through grace by faith”. It was also there that she learned about Camp Calumet! What a great find that was! When I got divorced, I spent many summers working with the Family staff program. It was a very healing time for me to be surrounded with intergenerational family of Christians in such a beautiful setting (both inside and out). One of the best parts of working at Calumet was meeting the various Pastors of Lutheran Churches across New England. I worked with the Pastor of the week during Bible study and also infused their messages into my daily yoga classes. It is also where I became friends with Pastor Julie.

There are many religions, and nothing is perfect, but I value the openness of our Lutheran Theology. Learning about centering prayer and healing services at St. Matthew are just added benefits to which I continue to grow and learn. As any practice, I try to take my growing faith and apply it to the challenges I see at work and in the world. I am a speech language pathologist in the Farmington School district. This is also where I live too! I have four beautiful sons (and admit my bias). Two sons are off on their own, one is in college and the youngest is a high school senior.



DEBBIE STEINBERG

Assistant Treasurer

I have been a member of St. Matthew since 1998, when my five children and my brother's family came over from Our Savior's Lutheran in Newington, where my family had been members for generations. I am married to Jeff and live in Farmington.

I am an accountant, but I have had mostly volunteer and very part-time jobs in order to be with my kids. I love to read, ski, camp, hike, sew, and spend time with my family, which includes an almost 7-year-old granddaughter. I am currently on Council, Altar Guild, Stewardship, and Finance. Dawne Ware and I are Treasurer and Assistant Treasurer, respectively. I also help Deb Brodeur with Sunday morning coffee and coordinate the Evening Readers book club and the Spring Women's Retreat.



BETTE MCINTIRE

I am a collaborative leader and retired from IBM after 28 years. My consulting experience has resulted in optimizing processes while building high performing, customer-focused IT operations. I have been a member of St. Matthew since 2004. My two daughters, Kristen and Rebecca, were confirmed at St. Matthew. I have previously served on the council, was involved in the Community Committee, and enjoyed making connections with the broader community. I now serve as an Assistant Minister and enjoy the opportunity to serve as lector as often as possible. I am an active volunteer and have been an active Toastmaster since 2004. I am the Immediate Past District Director in a District of 3,000+ members and am currently responsible for mentoring and coaching the Trio, to achieve goals based on their strategic vision as well as their development needs. I obtained a Bachelor of Science in Business Management from St. Joseph College and graduated summa cum laude. I am both passionate and community minded with a give-back philosophy that keeps me involved in numerous volunteer activities. Those activities now have me serving as both a recreational therapist and Care Program Professional for the LiveWell Alliance, in Plantsville, on a per diem basis. I am also a licensed Tour Guide who conducts tours for both seniors and students in D.C., Boston, and NYC. My husband, Bruce, and I reside in Avon.



BILL PARCHEN

I have been a member of St. Matthew since 2009. I have previously been a Council Member and currently serve on the Finance Committee.

I work in Human Resources in the insurance industry and reside in Canton my family, which includes my wife Amy, and children Miller, Maren, and Charlie.



JACK PIETRICK

Jack has been a member of St. Matthew for 45 years. He served as the co-chairperson of the 1987 Organ Committee which selected the Casavant Organ in our sanctuary. He also teamed with Krysia Robinson for many summers at our Vacation Bible School. Jack has been a member of the Church Council since 2018 and served as our Church Counsel President from 2019-2021.

Jack and his wife Robin have two daughters who were baptized, confirmed, and married at St. Matthew. They have four grandsons and one granddaughter. Jack and his wife Robin enjoy spending time with their grandchildren in Avon and Virginia.

As a family, music has always been an important part of their lives. Jack spent 39 years in education. Nineteen were in the field of music education and the last twenty as an elementary principal. His educational background includes a B. Mus. Ed. from the Hartt School, a M.Ed. in Educational Administration & Supervision from the University of Hartford, and a Sixth Year Certificate and Ph.D. in Educational Leadership from the University of Connecticut.

Jack is currently a member of the Property Committee and the Reopening Task Force. He is the chairperson of the Mutual Ministry Committee and is a member of the Sanctuary Choir. Jack and Robin reside in Avon.



KEVIN REICHLER

My wife, Linda, and son, Justin, joined St. Matthew in 2004 after Linda exited active duty from the ASAF. I grew up in Avon and had been Baptized and Confirmed at Bethany Lutheran in West Hartford. Linda and I were married and moved to Maine and attended Holy Trinity in Newington, NH. We both taught Sunday School for 6 years, and attended bean suppers every other week, and church picnics. I was Property Chair and worked with the construction crew building the new Sanctuary. I was involved with Habitat for Humanity, locally, in Maine and New Hampshire, as well as three, single week-long builds in Homestead, FL following Hurricane Andrew. My Property chair lasted 5 years up to Linda's Commission and we moved to FL. We again were involved teaching Sunday School at Holy Trinity (south) in Fort Walton and I was nominated to Church Council and chaired Stewardship for 3 years. Our next move brought us back to CT and we attended St. Paul in Cornwall - we again were involved teaching SS and was briefly involved with Church Council as we moved to Avon after one year. After a 41-year career in Education, I retired two years ago this June. During our tenure here at St. Matthew, Linda and I taught two years of Sunday School, served as greeters, and regularly attended adult forum, tables of eight, chili cook-offs, church picnics, and Habitat for Humanity. As a family, we served at Grace Lutheran in Hartford and I have been an usher since 2004.



GEORGE REIDER

I reside in Farmington with my wife, Carol. We were first members in 1975, upon moving to Connecticut with our four sons. We had several Aetna assignments out of CT between 1980 and their return in 1985.

I have served on council a number of times, including as vice president. I chaired the Land Sale Committee, which allowed for the establishment of our Endowment Fund. Most recently, I have helped develop our growing relationship with Grace Lutheran in Hartford, including meals for their Friday night community dinners.



GEORGE SPOERING

I have been a member of St Matthew for over 28 years from when my family and I moved from Long Island to Connecticut in 1992. My 2 adult children, Erik, and Karen, were confirmed at St. Matthew and are currently living in Indiana and South Carolina and my 3 grandchildren are living too far away. I served on the church council and on a number of committees since joining the church and was serving on the Evangelism committee, Usher, and Counting team when the pandemic began.

I was working as an IT manager in NYC and then at Cigna with the move to Connecticut. I retired 2 years ago after 46 years and retired from the US Army Reserve after 38 years of service.

Lisa and I resided in Granby where I am still living now, and I enjoy a variety to outdoor activities including bicycling, hiking, golf, kayaking, and skiing. All great social distancing activities these days.

I welcome the opportunity to continue to serve on council and in the ministries of at St Matthew as we move forward on our journey of faith and outreach.



DAN TUVE

Dan Tuve and his wife, Jean, live in West Hartford. They joined the church in 1985 with their daughter, Tammi. Dan has served on council a number of times, including as vice-president. He served on an Intern Committee, was a member of the initial Endowment Committee, sings in the choir, has served on the Outreach Committee, coordinates the Assisting Ministers, and chairs the Worship and Music Committee.



BEN WRIGHT

I have been a member at St. Matthew since 1990 when I began attending with my future wife, Karen. A New Englander in heritage, I grew up attending the 1st Congregational Church in Madison, CT, where my ancestors arrived in 1643. I have been a resident of Avon since 1992 and my wife since 1985; we live a little over a mile from St. Matthew on Anvil Drive which is off Chevas Rd. Karen and I have 2 children, Travis, 26, and Emily, 23, who have grown up attending St. Matthew, participating in the youth group, including attending the National Lutheran Youth Gathering in New Orleans (Travis & Dad) and

several missionary trips (Emily) including Mississippi and Chicago. Travis is a graduate of UConn and Emily is a Villanova University graduate. Karen and I were married by Pastor Carter on Dec. 6, 1992. I have previously served two terms on the St. Matthew council, the Property Committee, the Stewardship Committee, on Mutual Ministry, and the Vision for Growth Committee, which initiated the expansion of the church a few years ago. I am a regular reader at Sunday service.

Professionally, I had a long career at Aetna (37 years) in information technology and later in advanced data analytics and healthcare fraud detection. After retiring from Aetna in 2011, I explored Booz Allen Hamilton for a couple of years, Cigna for a couple of years and since 2015, have been employed as a Senior Solutions Architect by SAS Institute, Inc., where I help Government and Commercial clients implement advanced analytics in Enterprise Payment Integrity and other healthcare-related disciplines.

I have found St. Matthew to be the most nourishing of spiritual homes and a solid foundation to my faith and my life. Both in worship and in fellowship I have been nourished here and fulfilled. I believe that St. Matthew should continue to nourish members of all ages by continuing to be firmly rooted in the faith AND in the community by fostering growth, contemplation and remaining relevant in this ever more diverse, astonishing, and sometimes appalling world, that God has made and entrusted to us.