

St. Matthew Church Biography: Lyn and Chuck Zimmerman
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Lyn and Chuck Zimmerman have been enriching our lives at St. Matthew since they joined the Parish in 1970 with their three children, Jennifer (now deceased), Elizabeth, and David. Of course, with this many children, it guaranteed involvement in Sunday School, the church youth groups and acolytes. And that was for both parents and children!

Lyn tells a story of her son, David, who was an acolyte. Many times when a scheduled acolyte did not show up, the acolyte coordinator would seek David out in church and tell him to “suit up”! It happened quite often! So David got plenty of experience.

The Zimmermans lived in Dash Point area on Markham. A few years ago, they moved to Judson Park in Des Moines. Their daughter lives in Browns Point and their son in Tacoma. Chuck and Lyn have five grandchildren and five great grandchildren with two more on the way. And they all live in the area.

Chuck and Lyn both grew up attending community churches (Chuck in Longview and Lyn in California). They both met as students at Oregon State College in Corvallis where they were engaged after six weeks of dating and married in four months. Lyn shares how she graduated in the morning and then got married in the afternoon! Chuck (88) and Lyn (84) certainly knew almost immediately that they wanted to spend their lives together and have celebrated over 60 years of marriage.

The Zimmermans have spent a busy life at St. Matthew being involved with many activities. They took Communion to shut-ins for many years (always welcomed by many grateful parishioners). They formed a musical group with members of the community and the church to entertain and inspire. For many years, they even entertained guests at The Points NE Historical Society's Christmas Tea in the Lighthouse Cottage! With Chuck, picking his banjo, the group would have a Christmas carol sing-along rocking the basement! They tried to form another musical group with residents at Judson Park, but COVID-19 precautions put a hamper on that.

Lyn suffers from Myotonic Dystrophy, a muscle weakening disorder. For years, she has been a memorable sight coming to church with a beautiful full-length walking stick. Lately, Lyn has changed to using a walker. Despite is they have never been deterred from coming to what they lovingly call “our place” - St. Matthew. They, like us all, are looking forward to being able to get back to services at St. Matthew when the time is right following this pandemic.