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Matthew Leighty has been with Lutheran Ministries Media (LMM) since October of 2013 as Executive Director. Lutheran Ministries Media shares Christ with the world through the weekly television program *Worship Anew* and expanding Christian media content. In his role, he directs operations, staffing, and ministry expansion.

During his time with the ministry, he has overseen multiple enhancements to the media center, the name change of the flagship program from *Worship for Shut-Ins* to *Worship Anew* in December of 2017, a new video devotional, *Moments of Comfort*, in March of 2019, new video equipment in October of 2019, the acquisition of print daily devotional, *Hope-Full Living*, in September of 2020, staff growth, and television expansion in Chicago, Florida, and on American Forces Television, reaching the men and women serving our country overseas with the Gospel of Christ.

Before he transitioned to LMM, he served as Director of Donor Relations at Concordia University Ann Arbor and Advancement Officer at Concordia Theological Seminary. In both roles, his primary responsibility was to visit with donors and request philanthropic support. He also worked with congregations of the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod to share the organization's mission and seek funding.

Matthew graduated from Concordia University Chicago with majors in Mass Media and Psychology. He has attended Indiana University Lilly Family School of Philanthropy, where he earned a Certificate in Fund Raising Management. In December of 2011, Matthew was named a Certified Fundraising Executive, reflecting that he has met a series of CFRE International standards in philanthropic practice.

Matthew and his wife Kelli (Borchelt), are natives of Fort Wayne, Indiana. They both graduated from Holy Cross Lutheran School and Concordia Lutheran High School before attending Concordia University Chicago. They are active at Holy Cross, where Matthew has served as President, and Kelli sings in the choir. Matthew and Kelli have four children, a son Ian and daughters Reagan, Addison, and Brynn.

Matthew states, "I am moved by the faithful community of Lutheran Ministries Media who have faithfully supported *Worship Anew* with their prayers, time, and resources. Additionally, God has blessed us with a team of professionals and volunteers focused on furthering our shared mission of reaching the aging with Christ's love. What a humbling experience to serve alongside such a great group of dedicated and gifted individuals.

“I treasure God’s word as communicated through Paul’s writings, such as in the book of Philippians. Here we learn of the peace and joy we share in Christ as we seek to live our lives for Him. Let us not yearn for the peace that the world gives, but the incredible and only true peace we receive from our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. My confirmation passage was Philippians 4:4-7, *Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, rejoice. Let your reasonableness be known to everyone. The Lord is at hand; do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.*”

The child of a Lutheran pastor, Matthew loves combining his passion for boldly proclaiming the Gospel with the outreach capability of media and technology. He finds it to be a great blessing to share the story of what Christ is doing through the ministry of *Worship Anew*.