



# St. Matthew News & Notes

## A Warm Welcome to You!

We welcome you to St. Matthew! We are glad to share with you the blessings of God's holy Word. If you have no church home, we invite you to consider membership at St. Matthew. Please fill out the Record of Fellowship book found at the end of the pew and sign our guest book in the Narthex (entryway). We hope to see you again soon. Come often to be given the gifts our Lord has to give!

### Worship Information

Elders	.....	Jason Christy & Jarod Christy
Greeters	.....	Jim & Mary Gibbs
Ushers	.....	Luke Tusing, Jr. & Steve Roberts
Counters	.....	Joe & Shirley Michka
Acolyte	.....	Cody Williamson
Altar Guild	.....	Angie Mendez & Gayle Bogs



At St. Matthew, we encourage families to worship God together – it is a part of His plan. We do recognize, however, the special needs of our youngest church attendees. While we encourage children to be present in worship, if they are a distraction to you or others, we invite you to take advantage of the **Nursery** located in the Sunday School wing north of the Sanctuary which is equipped with a speaker so mom and dad can attend to their child's needs and still participate in the service. Or you may visit the **Cry Room** located on the south side of the narthex, where the **Restroom** is located as well, which is equipped with a changing table and a rocking chair for the times you may just need to step out for a brief moment.

Any **prayer requests** may be made using the prayer request card on the shelf in the narthex (entryway) or in the pews. These will be prayed for during "The Prayer of the Church."

### We're Here to Assist You

Church Office Hours: Monday–Thursday – 8:00 am–4:00 pm  
Appointments for counsel, home visits or hospital calls may be requested with Pastor by phone at any time.

Pastor	.....	Rev. Dr. Ronald Bogs	Congregation President
Assoc. Pastor	.....	Rev. Arturo Mendez	..... Vacant
Parish Secretary	.....	Cindy Doty	Congregation Vice President
Organist	.....	Michael Held	..... David Honerkamp
Board of Elders	.....	Jason Christy	Congregation Secretary
Board of Trustees	.....	Eugene Meyer	..... Christina Cross
Board of Edu	.....	.....	Congregation Treasurer
Board of Evangelism	.....	Sylvia Christy	..... Dan Cross
Board of Stewardship	.....	.....	.....

## Prayers for Our Church Family & Friends

First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for all people. . . .This is good, and it is pleasing in the sight of God our Savior, who desires all people to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth.

–1 Timothy 2:1-4

Please remember those whose needs have been reported with prayers, cards and visits. Most requests will be listed for *THREE* Sundays unless updated. **BOLD FONT** indicates request is new or has been updated this Sunday.

### Comfort

- ✘ **The family of Shirley Bogs who passed away on New Year's Eve (Pastor Bogs' aunt)**
- ✘ **The family of Elsie Brett who passed away on Tuesday.**
- ✘ **The family of Evelyn McWhorter who passed away (Joyce Bolinger's mom)**

### Strength & Healing

- ✘ **Cora Berry- hospitalized with pneumonia, blood clot, & high cholesterol (Nicole Poppenhusen's mom)**
- ✘ Pastor Mendez & family- COVID
- ✘ Katrina Marx- in ICU with COVID (Shirley Michka's niece)
- ✘ Debbie Blanton- returning home after a near foot amputation (Shirley Coyle's daughter)
- ✘ Mauro Gonzalez- recovering from a collapsed lung (friend of Hannah Bogs)

### Cancer/Long Term Healing

- ✘ **Ceci- successful removal of tumor, following up with chemo & radiation (Jim Gibbs' great niece)**
- ✘ Nellie Vick- inoperable cancer (friend of Lester Sentesi)
- ✘ Eugene File- lung cancer, at home with chemo (friend of B.J. & Rose Jackson)
- ✘ Don Weidner- on hospice for colon cancer (friend of the Helds)
- ✘ Andrué Barnwell- bone cancer (cousin of Gayle Bogs)
- ✘ Sherry Adams- stage 2 lung cancer (Lester Sentesi's co-worker)
- ✘ Clarence Bourgeois- plaque on the brain & heart problems (father of Sean Bourgeois-Shirley Coyle's great grandson)
- ✘ Marian Martins- cancer (Nadine Reed's mother)
- ✘ Isdell Birnbaum- colon cancer
- ✘ Brenda Pali- arthritis pain
- ✘ Verna Oltjen- cancer (member of Aikman/Baumgartner families)
- ✘ Marian Piracci- undergoing treatment for compromised neurological

- functions (niece of Langleys' son-in-law)
- ✘ Lani Henderson- cancer treatment (friend of Marie Fischer)
- ✘ Vic Vaz- leukemia (husband of Sheila Vaz)
- ✘ Leon Lilley- Leukemia
- ✘ Chryssa Sharp-ovarian cancer (cousin of Karen Mavus)
- ✘ Paul Kron- cancer treatments (husband of Marilyn Kron)
- ✘ JoAnn Roberts- chronic Leukemia Stage 1 (Steve Roberts' wife)
- ✘ Loraine Lambert-cancer (friend of Shirley Coyle)
- ✘ Miranda Rodriguez- bipolar disorder(Shirley Coyle's friend)
- ✘ Betty Carroll- cancer treatment with dementia(Cathy Coyle's aunt)
- ✘ Mary Ellen Zwahr–seizures (cousin of Brenda Pali)
- ✘ Odet Mendez–possible breast cancer (sister of Arturo Mendez)
- ✘ Dan–immune disorder (neighbor of Steve Roberts)
- ✘ Aileen Mercer–macular degeneration, back pain, shingles
- ✘ Matthew Piserelle–no treatment (brother of Phillip Williamson)
- ✘ Charlie Garton–5 yr old w/ brain cancer (friend of Mark Johnson)
- ✘ David Saville–MS (nephew of Louie Pali)
- ✘ Carolyn Nitche–lymphoma (aunt of Nicole Poppenhusen)

### *Our Shut Ins*

- ✘ Louise Simmons; Richard & Karen Mavus; Bill Pali; Aileen Mercer, Gloria Meyer, Jim Musgrove, Olivia Getschmann, Arthur Bolinger, Mario Reyes, Marcia Carr



### *General Prayer*

- ✘ Healthy pregnancy for Ashley Christy due in February
- ✘ Sean Bourgeois & Garrett Johnson– personal guidance
- ✘ The family of Ali Lowitzer for strength & understanding during difficult times and for her safe return home (granddaughter of Mary Davis).
- ✘ Georgiann & Ron Mallory & Barry Rosenberg–continued strength
- ✘ Michael & Guy Johnson- continued healing (Shirley Coyle's sons)
- ✘ For the safety of those serving in the military:Greggrie O'Garro (Navy)-Bahrain (Claire O'Garro's son); Anthony Valles (Army)-Poland (Nancy Baeza's grandson), Brittney Herrington (Navy)–Belgium (daughter of Nicole Poppenhusen); Joel Berry-Bolen (Navy)–submarine in Pacific (son of Nicole Poppenhusen); Timothy & Benjamin Menz (sons of Paul Menz)

### *Celebrations*

- ✘ **Birthdays:** 1/11 Eda Nitz
- ✘ **Baptism Anniversaries:** 1/14 Aaron Bogs

“The world needs your voice to declare Jesus’ words of eternal life. The world needs your voice to declare God’s value of life in all of its stages. The world needs your voice to declare God’s convictions born of His Word. The world needs your voice to declare that God’s word of forgiveness purchased with the blood of Jesus extends to all of us sinners, including those who have chosen abortion. The world needs your voice!” Rev. David Eibel, Living Word Lutheran Church, Grapevine, Texas – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • [lutheransforlife.org](http://lutheransforlife.org)



### **Stewardship Every Sunday**

Mark 1:7 – “And (John) preached, saying, ‘After me comes he who is mightier than I, the strap of whose sandals I am not worthy to stoop down and untie.’ ” John is right. Jesus is immensely greater than any of us yet behold how He came to serve! That is the upside down, outlandish grace of God. The innocent Jesus takes our sinner’s place. This is the greatest act of giving the world has ever known or will know. The Father gives His Son to die in the place of sinners.

Flowers are given today to the Glory of God by the Bogs Family in honor of Aaron’s 14<sup>th</sup> Birthday!



**Wednesday morning & evening Bible classes resume this Wednesday, January 13<sup>th</sup>, along with Confirmation classes.**