



We Welcome You to St. Matthew!

We are so glad to share with you the blessings of God's Holy Word today. 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... Jarod Christy & Scott Christy
Greeters... Melissa Sindlinger & Lillian Hill
Ushers... Aaron Montemayor & Joshua Montemayor
Counters... Becky Reyes
Acolyte... AJ Parsalaw
Altar Guild... Sylvia Christy & Angie Mendez

At St. Matthew, we encourage families to worship God together - it is a part of His plan. We love the sound of children. This shows a growing church. 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, you may take advantage of 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. Please do come back in the sanctuary to continue in the Divine Service.

Any prayer requests may be made using the prayer request card on the shelf in the Narthex or in the pews. Place them in the offering plate or give to a pastor or elder.

We're Here to Assist You

Church Office Hours: Monday-Thursdays - 8:00 am-1:00 pm
Appointments for counsel, home visits or hospital calls may be requested with Pastor by phone at any time.

- Senior Pastor... Rev. Dr. Ronald Bogs
Associate Pastor of Hispanic Ministry... Rev. Arturo Mendez
Organist... Michael Held
Parish Secretary... Amanda Hobbs

Board Chairpersons:

- Elders... Jarod Christy
Trustees... Eugene Meyer
Education... Kathleen Montemayor
Evangelism... Lester Sentesi
Stewardship... Vacant

Congregational Officers:

- President... Scott Christy
Vice Pres... David Honerkamp
Secretary... Dan Cross
Treasurer... Dan Cross

St. Matthew Lutheran Church of Westfield is a congregation of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod (LCMS) which is a denomination that confesses the historic, orthodox Christian faith, a faith built on "the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Christ Jesus himself being the cornerstone" (Eph. 2:20).

The LCMS, headquartered in St. Louis, Mo., is mission-oriented and Bible-based. LCMS doctrine reflects the teachings of Dr. Martin Luther, as summarized in The Book of Concord: The Confessions of the Evangelical Lutheran Church.

Today, the LCMS has nearly 2 million baptized members in more than 6,000 congregations and some 9,000 pastors. Two seminaries and nine colleges and universities operate under the auspices of the LCMS, and its congregations operate the largest Protestant parochial school system in America.

Life Thoughts

February 12 - Epiphany VI - Jesus affirms that God forbids both murder and adultery (Matthew 5:21, 27). The Lord categorically says, "No!" to abortion because He emphatically says, "Yes!" to marriage, family, and community. His "Yes!" even extends forgiveness and salvation to those who have aborted their own children. We may advocate the sanctity of human life with the same courage and compassion (Matthew 5:37)—no matter who calls us a fool (Matthew 5:22).

Stewardship Every Sunday

1 Corinthians 3:7 - "So neither he who plants nor he who waters is anything, but only God who gives the growth." Isn't that the truth! And it's not just true about preachers like Paul, but about all of us throughout the Christian life. God can do such wonderful things with our feeble efforts. This is so very true of our gifts to the Lord's work in the church. From His generous giving to us, we learn to give generously. His gracious generosity to us. And the cycle repeats, and the Lord gives growth!



Attendance for Last Week ~ 02/05/2023
Adult Bible Class - 14 Galatians Class - 10
Sun. Divine Service - 114
Offering - \$12,071.00
Wed. Morning Bible Class - 6 Wed. Evening Bible Class - 7
For great is His steadfast love toward us, and the faithfulness of the Lord endures forever.
Praise the Lord ~ Psalm 117:2



### Life Quotes

“When God tells us He knew us before we were born in our mother’s womb, we can hardly say life doesn’t begin at fertilization. When God tells our days are numbered and He will decide when our life is over, we can hardly ask for our life to be taken prematurely rather than dying a natural death. As you ponder God’s Word and stand up For Life, your witness will have remarkable power and you, only you, will be impactful in your response. So, even if you are going it alone, you can and should contribute to the message For Life, and God will bless your efforts.” Virginia Flo, Lutherans For Life – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • lutheransforlife.org

### Helping Hands Fund



Our Helping Hands Fund is designated to help members of St. Matthew and from time to time we do have members who have a need for some financial assistance. Because God reminds us that we help those in need when we are able so that others might help us when we are in need (2 Cor. 8:13-15), if you are so moved, the Helping Hands fund could use any donations. Please mark your offering as “Helping Hands Fund.”

### ESL Classes

ESL classes are every Tuesday and Thursday at 7pm. Pray for this mission that God will bless us to continue strongly. If you need more information, please see Pastor Mendez or contact him at [pastormendez.smlcw@gmail.com](mailto:pastormendez.smlcw@gmail.com).



### LED Light Improvement Fund



A fund for a gradual upgrade of all building lights to LEDs exists to help reduce our utility cost in the future. Any dedicated donations towards this fund please specify "LED Light Improvement Fund." Each light cost about \$80. Please consider “adopting” a light or two. We are also in need of volunteers to install lights. So if you would like to donate your time to help install lights

please contact the trustees.

### 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.

### Prayer of Thanksgiving

✠ **Sonny French - Thanks for a good report**

### Strength & Healing

- ✠ Betty Burr - In ICU (cousin of Jan Stayton)
- ✠ Patsy Hodges - has been moved to a rehabilitation facility
- ✠ Karren Radcliff - having surgery to promote wound healing (college friend of Nancy Baeza)
- ✠ Luke Tusing Jr. - recovering from knee surgery
- ✠ Peggy Berry - diagnosed w/Covid & has Afib (Nicole Poppenhusen Aunt)
- ✠ Gayle Berry - has pneumonia, bilateral pleural effusions, severe DSD, spinal stenosis & some spondylosisthesis (Nicole Poppenhusen Uncle)
- ✠ Oakley Rose Simmons - Born 2 months premature on Nov. 11<sup>th</sup> weighing 2lbs. 11oz. (Randy & Kathy Bogs)
- ✠ Mariela Guerra - pray for healing (friend of Pastor Mendez)
- ✠ Dave Nahrwold - recovery from complications of cancer surgery (father of Elisabeth Held)
- ✠ Debbie Blanton - suffered a stroke (daughter of Shirley Coyle)
- ✠ Carol Gentes - has shingles
- ✠ Richard Mavus - In rehabilitation

### Cancer/Long Term Healing

- ✠ Eda Nitz - prayers for new leukemia treatment she is undergoing
- ✠ Michael Held - pancreatic cancer
- ✠ Gladys Banewski - Diagnosed with Cancer (friend of Curtis & Sharon Gace)
- ✠ Jake Fodderie - brain tumor has returned (nephew of Christina Cross)
- ✠ Samantha Brown - being treated for cancer (daughter of Eda Nitz niece)
- ✠ Stephanie Favreau - Breast cancer (friend of the Gace and Goss families)
- ✠ Colin Brogan - recovering from heart surgery (friend of Sonny French)
- ✠ Stephanie Nixdorf - stage 4 melanoma (friend of The Helds)
- ✠ Craig Johnson - in rehabilitation and will hopefully be moved to skilled nursing soon (father of Christina Cross)
- ✠ Brandon Pate - scerosis of the liver (friend of Nicole Poppenhusen)
- ✠ Aileen Mercer - failing eye sight

Serving for the month of February 2023

- ✠ Jan Stayton - healing from back surgery
- ✠ Erica Vogt - Covid complications (granddaughter of The Helds)
- ✠ Carolina Villarreal - cancer & surgery (friend of Mendez Family)
- ✠ Benny Alvarez - cancer (brother of Elaina Alvarez)
- ✠ Leon Lilley - Leukemia
- ✠ Chris Pirk - receiving cancer treatment (friend of The Reese Family)
- ✠ Paul Kron - receiving cancer treatment
- ✠ Carmen Arnold - cancer returned (friend of Jarod Christy)
- ✠ Bill Pali - Alzheimers
- ✠ Anne McIlhany - heart failure, myasthenia gravis, systemic sclerosis
- ✠ Jeanie Cowger - cancer (step-family of The Cowger Family)
- ✠ Kevin Clark - broken neck & back (brother of Korey Clark)
- ✠ Marian Piracci - undergoing neurological treatment (niece of Langley's son-in-law)
- ✠ Vic Vaz - Leukemia (husband of Shelia Vaz)
- ✠ Chryssa Sharp - ovarian cancer (cousin of Karen Mavus)
- ✠ JoAnn Roberts - chronic Leukemia Stage 1 (wife of Steve Roberts)
- ✠ Miranda Rodriguez - bipolar disorder (friend of Shirley Coyle)
- ✠ Betty Carroll - cancer w/dementia (friend of Cathy Coyle's aunt)
- ✠ Sue Wright - cancer (aunt of Elaina Alvarez)
- ✠ Matthew Piserelle - no treatment (brother of Phillip Williamson)
- ✠ Charlie Garton - child w/brain cancer (friend of Mark Johnson)
- ✠ David Saville - MS (nephew of Louie Pali)
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#### Our Shut Ins

Gladys Barton, Marcia Carr, Dixie Garrett, Richard & Karen Mavus, Aileen Mercer, Bill Pali, & Arlene Schultz

#### General Prayer

- ✠ The family of Ali Lowitzer - strength during difficult times & for her safe return home (granddaughter of Mary Davis)
- ✠ Julie Saunders - for a healthy pregnancy & baby (friend of Gayle Bogs)
- ✠ For the safety of those serving in the military: Bradley Shipes (US Airforce) (former member), Greggrie O'Garro (Navy)-Bahrain (son of Claire O-Garro), Anthony Valles (Army)-Japan (grandson of Nancy Baeza), Chris Crowley (Navy)-USS Roosevelt (son-in-law of Nicole Poppenhusen), Timothy & Benjamin Menz (sons of Paul Menz, Steven & Robert Hailey (Marines) - (nephews of The Haileys)



**Birthdays:** 2/13 Jess Clarke, 2/14 Brock Tautenhahn, 2/16 Mackenzie Gentes & 2/17 Amanda Goss  
**Baptism Anniversaries:** 2/15 Chase Barta & 2/18 Jean Hinz  
**Wedding Anniversaries:** 2/12 Gordon & Peg Munson ~ 68 Yrs., 2/14 Korey & Carol Clark ~ 33 Yrs. & 2/17 Bob & Jeanne Langley ~ 50 Yrs.

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Acolyte Schedule  
February 12 ~ AJ Parsalaw  
February 19 ~ Aaron Montemayor  
February 22 ~ Logan Reed (Ash Wednesday)  
February 26 ~ Kaitlyn Christie

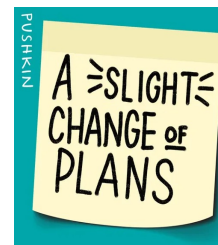


**Life Line Screening**  
Life Line Screening will be here at St. Matthew on Thursday, March 30th. They will be performing advanced ultrasound to detect peripheral arterial disease and other vascular conditions. Pre-registration is required so please call 1-800-772-8260 or register online at [www.lifelinescreening.com/communitycircle](http://www.lifelinescreening.com/communitycircle).

**Board of Evangelism Meeting**  
The Board of Evangelism will be meeting immediately after services on Sunday, February 12<sup>th</sup>. If any board members are unable to attend please contact Lester Sentesi.



**Don't Miss**



**Prism Meeting Change**  
In lieu of PRISM meetings on the last Saturday of the month, we are going to have Altar Guild work days. February's focus is banner cleaning and repair. Everyone is welcome to attend! The next meeting will be February 25th at 9 am.

## Opportunities to Study God's Word



### Sunday School for All Ages

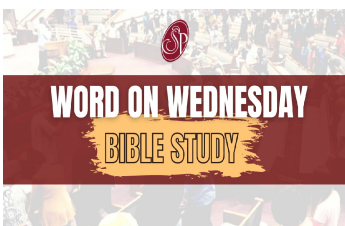
Preschool - Elementary Classes begin at 8:45 am in Room #5. The children are learning Biblical accounts from the Growing in Christ series. The Sr. & Jr. High School class is led by Pastor Mendez in Room #3.

### Sunday Adult Bible Classes

All members and friends of St. Matthew Lutheran Church are invited for coffee and donuts every Sunday at 8:30 am. Then our Bible Classes begin at 8:45 am.



The Pentetuch led by Pastor Bogs meets in Room #2 and Galatians led by Larry Harvey meets in Room #4. Please join us and feel free to bring a friend!



### Wednesday Mornings

The Wednesday morning Bible study group will be meeting at 10:00 am in Room #2. We invite everyone to join us to study God's Word. We are studying the Book of Hebrews.

### Wednesday Evenings

There are two Wednesday evening Bible classes. The study on Word & Sacrament led by Larry Harvey meets at 6:30 pm in Room #4. The study on Psalms led by Pastor Bogs meets at 7:00 pm in Room #2.

### Men's Breakfast Bible Study

Join us for the Men's Breakfast & Bible Study on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday of every month at 8:00am in the Fellowship Hall. Our next class is March 11<sup>th</sup>. The Board of Elders will meet immediately after at 10:00am.

## 2023 - 25 Officers & Committees

President ~	Scott Christy	832-428-4349
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### Evangelism:

Carol Clarke	281-610-4862	Tiffany Cowger	815-719-1435
*Lester Sentesi	346-382-0688	Sylvia Christy	832-721-6320
Jess Clarke	832-823-1641		

\*denotes chairman