

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 Scott Christy & Jason Christy
- Greeters Melissa Sindlinger & Lillian Hill
- Ushers Randy Bogs & Nathan Cross
- Counters Carolyn McCorquodale
- Acolyte Alex Vaz
- Altar Guild Sylvia Christy & Angie Mendez

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 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–Thursday – 8:00 am-1:00 pm
 Appointments for counsel, home visits or hospital calls may be requested with Pastor by phone at any time.

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| Pastor..... Rev. Dr. Ronald Bogs | Assoc. Pastor of Hispanic Ministry |
| Organist..... Michael Held | Rev. Arturo Mendez |
| Board Chairpersons: | |
| Elders..... Jason Christy | Congregational Officers: |
| Trustees..... Eugene Meyer | President..... Scott Christy |
| Education..... Vacant | Vice Pres. David Honerkamp |
| Evangelism..... Vacant | Secretary..... Christina Cross |
| Stewardship..... Vacant | Treasurer..... Dan Cross |

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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 27 –Transfiguration of Our Lord – In carefully creating every member of our race (Hebrews 3:4), God has given great grace and glory to the human body. The transfiguration of our Lord unveils and affirms it. Peter attempted to reserve it for himself (Luke 6:33), and abortion and assisted suicide share these unholy motivations. But Jesus showed the sanctity of life is for sharing with others – in fact, it’s the only hope worth boasting about (Hebrews 3:6)!

Stewardship Every Sunday

Luke 9:36a- “And when the voice had spoken, Jesus was found alone.” Moses and Elijah point to Jesus, speak about Jesus and His sacrifice and then they are happy to fade into the background. They know that what we need is Jesus. With our eyes focused on Him and Him alone, the rest of our lives come into focus. He is primary, all else secondary. When that order is right in our lives, things truly fall into place. Or as Jesus Himself said, “Seek first the kingdom of God and all these things will be added unto you.”



Christian stewardship is the free and joyous activity of the child of God and God’s family, the church, in managing all of life and life’s resources for God’s purposes.

ESL Classes

ESL classes are every Tuesday and Thursday at 7pm. Pray for this mission of St. Matthew that God will bless it to continue strongly in reaching out to our community not only teaching English but also sharing the Gospel of the Lord. Of you need more info, please see Pastor Mendez.

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.”

Some upcoming choral concerts in our area

Concordia University Irvine Choir
Thursday, March 3 at 7 p.m. at Salem, Tomball

Concordia University Nebraska A Capella Choir
Tuesday, March 8 at 7 p.m. at Trinity Klein

These are both outstanding university choirs that you will thoroughly enjoy. Mark the dates on your calendar.

Life Quotes

“There’s so much work to be done, so many lives to protect. The unborn, the mentally ill, the hungry, the broken, and many others still need to hear about our hope in Christ and the love He has for us, and it’s our duty to bring it to them.” Katie Reid, 2021 Y4Life intern – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • lutheransforlife.org

Attendance for Last Week (02/20)

Adult Bible Class - 17 Galatians Class - 14

Sun. Divine Service - 89 /\$2781

Wed. Morning Bible Class - 7 Wed. Evening Bible Class - n/a

*For great is His steadfast love toward us,
and the faithfulness of the Lord endures forever.*

Praise the Lord! ~Psalm 117:2

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

✘ **For the Family of Andrué Barnwell-passed away after a battle with cancer (Cousin of Gayle Bogs)**

Strength & Healing

- ✘ Jim McKay-In the hospital (brother of Carol Clark)
- ✘ Susan-Being Treated for Cancer(co-worker of Amanda Goss)
- ✘ Erica Vogt-long term Covid complications (granddaughter of Michael & Jeanne Held)
- ✘ Elizabeth Posey-Still fighting Covid & Flu but has been moved out of the hospital and back to her nursing home (mother of Sharon Gace)
- ✘ Carolina Villarreal-Cancer and surgery (friend of The Mendez Family)
- ✘ Jan Stayton-healing from back surgery this past Wednesday
- ✘ Sue Wright-Cancer Diagnosis (Elaina Alvarez Aunt)
- ✘ Benny Alvarez - Cancer (Elaina’s Brother)
- ✘ Brandon Pate-diagnosed with partial sclerosis of the liver(Friend of Nicole Poppenhusen)
- ✘ Dale Cowger-Recovering from Covid (father of Dave Cowger)
- ✘ Rosie Hildebrandt-shingles (sister of Curtis Gace)
- ✘ Rosemary McElroy-has been moved to a care facility in Victoria, TX (sister-in-law of Janie McElroy)
- ✘ Karren Radcliff-paraplegic needing prayers for healing of wounds (college friend of Nancy Baeza)

Cancer/Long Term Healing

- ✘ Leon Lilley-Leukemia (father of Troy Lilley)
- ✘ Chris Pirk-receiving cancer treatment (friend of David & Mikaela Reese)
- ✘ Sherry Adams-radiation for cancer (co-worker of Lester Sentesi)
- ✘ Paul Kron-receiving cancer treatment
- ✘ Carmen Arnold–cancer returned (friend of Jarod Christy)
- ✘ Bill Pali–Alzheimers
- ✘ Anne McIlhany–heart failure, myasthenia gravis, systemic

sclerosis

- ✘ Debbie Blanton - Health complications (Daughter of Shirley Coyle)
- ✘ Ceci—kidney issues (great niece of Jim Gibbs)
- ✘ Dave Nahrwold—bladder cancer (father of Elisabeth Held)
- ✘ Jeanie Cowger—cancer (step-family of Cowger family)
- ✘ Clarence Meal—lung cancer (friend of Bettye Carter)
- ✘ Phyllis Smith—cancer (cousin of Bryce Koslan)
- ✘ Kevin Clark—broken neck & back (brother of Corey Clark)
- ✘ Eugene File—lung cancer (friend of B.J. & Rose Jackson)
- ✘ Marian Piracci—compromised neuro system (niece of Langleys' son-in-law)
- ✘ Vic Vaz—Lukemia (husband of Sheila 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)
- ✘ Odet Mendez—possible breast cancer (sister of Arturo Mendez)
- ✘ 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)
- ✘ Christina Cross—multiple health issues (sister of Dan Cross)

Our Shut Ins

Louise Simmons, Richard & Karen Mavus, Bill Pali, Aileen Mercer, Mario Reyes, Marcia Carr, Dixie Garrett, Arlene Schultz & Gladys Brandt

General Prayer

- ✘ The family of Ali Lowitzer—strength & understanding during difficult times & for her safe return home (granddaughter of Mary Davis)
- ✘ For a safe and healthy pregnancy for Mikaela & David Reese (due in May)
- ✘ For the safety of those serving in the military: 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)

Celebrations

Birthdays: 2/27 Joyce French, 2/28 Tess Clark, 2/28 Trent Clark & 3/5 Aileen Mercer

Baptism Anniversaries: 2/27 Annie Mae Byars & 2/27 James Musgrove

Confirmation Anniversaries: 3/2 Patricia LaShomb

Memory Bricks



We are taking orders for new Memory Garden bricks in the Narthex now. The Memory Garden outside of the sanctuary leading to the bell tower was built as an American Heritage Girls' Stars & Stripes project in 2021 for a place of fellowship after services, as well as, to remember and respect life from the unborn to the elderly. Engraved bricks with names of loved ones who have gone to see Christ in heaven

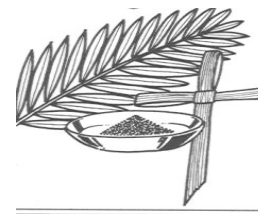
were donated for the project. Since the project was completed, some have requested new bricks of their loved ones who have gone to their eternal home. Once we have at least ten bricks ordered, we will make a church order. Bricks are now \$20 each (since it's not a project fundraiser), and there is a \$5 extra charge to add a symbol to your brick. The symbols available are next to the order form in the Narthex. 21 characters (including spaces) are allowed per line. Only 18 characters per line for those bricks with symbols. Please fill out the information for each brick separately on the form in the Narthex. You may combine your payment if ordering multiple bricks. Make checks payable to St. Matthew. If paying by credit card, go to <https://www.stmatthewlcms.com/giving.html> and click on the "donate" button. If using a credit card, please add \$1 per brick to cover Paypal fees. If you have any questions, please contact the church office.

Welcome New Members

Please welcome Jessi, Jennifer & Hanah Hailey to the church through a reaffirmation of faith.

Congratulations Hanah Hailey!

Following our service Hanah Hailey will be receiving The American Heritage Girl award for God in Life. Please congratulate and celebrate Hanah and this accomplishment.



Ash Wednesday, March 2nd

If you would like to receive ashes on Ash Wednesday there will be somebody at the church office from 8am-1pm. We will also have them at the evening service.

Opportunities to Study God's Word

Sunday School for All Ages

Preschool - Elementary Classes begin at 8:45 am in **Room #2**. They 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** which is now studying "Revelation."



Sunday Adult Bible Classes

All members and friends of St. Matthew Lutheran Church are invited to attend the Adult Bible Classes each Sunday at 8:45 am. **Revelation** led by Pastor Bogs meets in the Fellowship Hall (gym). And **Galatians** led by Larry Harvey meets in **Room #4**. Please join us. Bring a friend!

Wednesday Mornings

The Wednesday Morning Bible Study Group will be meeting at **10:00 am** in **Room #2**. We invite everyone who is available to join us to study God's Word. We are studying **Corinthians**.



Wednesday Evenings

Wednesday evening Bible Class meets at **7 pm** in **Room #2**. We are studying the **Psalms**. Bring a friend for an enjoyable evening!

Men's Breakfast Bible Study

Join us for the Men's Breakfast and Bible study on the **2nd Saturday** of the month at **8:00 am** in the Fellowship Hall. Our next class is March 12th. The Board of Elders will meet following study at 10:00am.



PRISM - Precious Rubies In St Matthew

PRISM is going to meet on March 26 at 9 a.m. Ladies of all ages are invited to enjoy breakfast, fellowship, and Bible study. We will be diving into "Living a Chocolate Life" by Deb Burma. "Living a Chocolate Life" invites women to savor God's rich and endless supply of grace in Christ. This study reminds readers that the Holy Spirit fills them with sweet faith in the Savior and it is only He who can truly satisfy. Please let Tiffany Cowger (call or text 815-719-1435) if you will be in attendance, so she can order enough books and food!

Join us for a Laudamus concert this spring!



Laudamus is a select choir of seminarians preparing for full-time service as pastors in The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod (LCMS). Under the direction of Dr. James Marriott, the Seminary's director of musical arts, the choir delights in proclaiming the Gospel of Jesus Christ through music.

Each year, the choir schedules tours throughout the country, one in the fall and another in the spring.

Concordia Seminary's choir of seminarians, Laudamus, will tour Oklahoma and Texas before holding a homecoming performance in St. Louis.

Please join us at a performance close to you!

- Saturday, March 19, 7 p.m. Immanuel Lutheran Church, Broken Arrow, Okla.
- Sunday, March 20, 8 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. Grace Lutheran Church, Tulsa, Okla.
- Sunday, March 20, 3 p.m. Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, Edmond, Okla.
- Monday, March 21, 7 p.m. Lamb of God Lutheran Church, Flower Mound, Texas
- Wednesday, March 23, 7 p.m. Trinity Lutheran Church, Klein, Texas
- Sunday, April 3, 4 p.m. Hope Lutheran Church, St. Louis, Mo.

All of the concerts are free and open to the public. Freewill offerings can be given to support the music arts programs at the Seminary.

Congregational Assembly Meeting

Agenda

March 6, 2022

Opening Prayer

Approve CAM minutes from 11-21-2021

Pastor's Reports

Board Reports

Treasurer's Report

Old Business N/A

Closing Prayer