



# 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 .....	Sonny French & Curtis Gace
Greeters .....	Melissa Sindlinger
Ushers .....	Randy Bogs & Nathan Cross
Counters .....	Carolyn McCorquodale
Acolyte .....	Cody Williamson
Altar Guild .....	Karen French & Mikaela Reese



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	..... Scott Christy
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 .....	Vacant	Congregation Treasurer
Board of Evangelism .....	Vacant	..... Dan Cross
Board of Stewardship .....	Vacant	

"Christians are to show no partiality whatsoever. My brother in Christ who happens to have more melanin than I have in the paper-thin upper level of our skin—while all the skin below the paper is the same—is not of a different race than I. So-called 'race' is not even skin deep! That's mere upper-skin coloring, not race. Varying levels of mere melanin indicate that we're all coffee beans—some are blonde roast, some are medium or dark or espresso roast, but we're all coffee, we're all colored people." James M. Kushiner, The Fellowship of St. James – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • lutheransforlife.org



### Stewardship Every Sunday



Mark 8:32 – "And he said this plainly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him." Anytime we sin we are acting like Peter: thinking we know better than the Lord. But as Jesus says, such acts stem from Satan. So let us repent: let us trust our Lord Jesus and follow Him. For certainly He has earned our trust with His gracious sacrifice for us.



**March 3<sup>rd</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup>, 24<sup>th</sup>**

12:00 pm Worship, 6:30 pm Family Meal for families only (no food sharing outside of family members), 7:15 pm Hymn Sing, 7:30 pm Service

**March 28<sup>th</sup>**

Palm Sunday / Confirmation Sunday 10 am w/ Lord's Supper

**April 1<sup>st</sup>**

Maundy Thursday 7:30 pm w/ Lord's Supper

**April 2<sup>nd</sup>**

Good Friday 7:30 pm at Cemetery

**April 4<sup>th</sup>**

Easter Sunday 7 am no Lord's Supper, 8:45 am Sunday School, 10 am w/ Lord's Supper

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**KIDS IN THE  
 DIVINE SERVICE**  
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**What is "Lent"?**

Lent is a season of the Church Year that lasts six weeks. Lent begins on Ash Wednesday and ends the day before Easter Sunday. During these six weeks we look forward to Good Friday, the day our Lord died on the cross to pay for our sins, and to Easter Sunday, the day He rose from the dead to prove it!



**How can I remember to think about Jesus during Lent?**

You can give up something you enjoy during Lent. You might see your parents give up their morning coffee. Maybe your brother or sister has decided not to eat candy during Lent. Every time you think about doing what you gave up for Lent, it will remind you of what Jesus gave up for you — His life! Blessings to you as you experience the wonderful journey of Lent!



**Parents:**

We encourage you to help your child decide on something in their life that they can give up during Lent. Be sure to give up something too. Being their example and companion on this journey makes a big difference!



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*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.

*Strength & Healing*

- ✠ **For those recovering from the severe weather**
- ✠ **Jonathan Held & family- COVID**
- ✠ Shawnee- testing for dystonia (12yr old friend of Hannah Bogs & Becky Mendez)
- ✠ John Cauppila- recovering from back surgery (friend of Marie Fischer's family)

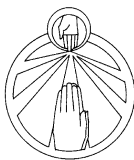
*Cancer/Long Term Healing*

- ✠ Andrué Barnwell- radiation treatment (cousin of Gayle Bogs)
- ✠ Debbie Blanton- recurring health issues
- ✠ Ceci- chemo & radiation (Jim Gibbs' great niece)
- ✠ Nellie Vick- inoperable cancer (friend of Lester Sentesi)
- ✠ Eugene File- lung cancer (friend of B.J. & Rose Jackson)
- ✠ Don Weidner- on hospice for colon cancer (friend of the Helds)
- ✠ 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--child 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*

- ✠ 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), Chris Crowley-Navy on USS Rosevelt (son-in-law of Nicole Poppenhusen); Joel Berry-Bolen (Navy)--Naval Nuclear Facility in Balston Spa, NY (son of Nicole Poppenhusen); Timothy & Benjamin Menz (sons of Paul Menz)

### *Celebrations*

- ✠ **Birthdays:** 2/28 Tess Clark & Trent Clark; 3/05 Aileen Mercer
- ✠ **Confirmation Anniversaries:** 3/02 Patricia LaShomb

## *Upkeep & Maintenance*

- We are working to update our key inventory list and are requesting that anyone who has keys to the church to please contact one of the trustees and let them know that you have a key.
- We are requesting the support of the congregation to assist with minimizing any additional expenses associated with outsourcing projects and/or repairs needed around the Church. How can the congregation help us? By volunteering your time, talent, and materials. Starting Sunday, February 28th we will have a list of the projects and repairs that we need your help with posted in the Narthex. Volunteers can choose to do the projects/repairs according to their own schedule. If you sign-up for a project that requires access to the building and you do not have direct access to the building, a trustee will be happy to accommodate. All we need you to do is put the date you wish to complete the project next to your name and a trustee will help coordinate access to the building. If you are attending services online due to COVID19 but feel one of the outside projects/repairs below is something you would like to assist with you can contact a trustee or the main office and make us aware and we will add your name to the list. Your support is appreciated!
  - Included is the list of projects and/or repairs needed:
    - Someone who can tear down and haul off the old wood playground set.
    - Building of handrails for the stairway in the gym and the stairs in the children's building.
    - Someone who can haul off the old refrigerators in the back of the church.
    - Cleaning of the Treasurer's office (Library)

- Cleaning of the upstairs in the fellowship hall
- Cleaning of the Trustee closet
- Someone who can repair the manifold at the water well to supply cemetery with water
- Someone who can spread the sand at the back of the white building
- Repair the paneling on the wall from water leak in fellowship hall
- Sand and paint the train on the playground

~The Board of Trustees



Life Line Screening, a leading provider of community-based preventive health screenings, will offer their affordable, non-invasive and painless health screenings at St. Matthew Lutheran Church on 3/25/2021. All five screenings for \$139. These include: Carotid Artery / Plaque Screening, Heart Rhythm Screening (Atrial Fibrillation), Abdominal Aortic Aneurysm Screening, Peripheral Arterial Disease Screening, and Osteoporosis Risk Assessment. These Screenings go beyond regular checkups to look inside your arteries for signs of plaque build-up. They can provide meaningful benefits for your body and mind. That's why we're committed to delivering accurate results and recommendations that could give you a healthier advantage in your everyday life:

- Early detection of serious conditions
- Prevention of disease progression
- Peace of mind so you can enjoy life
- Savings with more affordable screenings
- Control, no insurance required

In order to register for this event, please call 1-866-229-0469, visit [www.lifelinescreening.com/communitycircle](http://www.lifelinescreening.com/communitycircle), or text the word **circle** to 797979.

Hello everyone!

I'm so excited to share with you my final American Heritage Girls project, my Stars & Stripes project. I will be expanding the bell tower path here at St. Matthew while also adding benches and plants so that there will be another place for us to fellowship after church services that's not in the way of cars. I wanted to take a pro-life direction for my project so this will be a memory garden and a place to remember and respect life from the unborn to the elderly. I will be laying engraved bricks with names of loved ones who have gone to see Christ in heaven. And this is where you can be a part of it. Not only can you come to my work days on April 10 & 17, but you can purchase a brick or more in memory of your loved ones. The bricks will be \$35 each and will be available to order using the pink order forms found in the narthex. If you don't want to buy a brick but still would like to help me, there's a list of supplies needed in the narthex and any donations would be appreciated and can be made payable to St. Matthew.



Thank you for your support!

Hannah Bogs

## Memory Garden Brick Order Form

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Bricks are \$35 each. There is a \$10 extra charge to add a symbol to your brick. 21 characters (including spaces) are allowed per line. Only 18 characters per line for those bricks with symbols. Please make checks payable to St. Matthew. If you have any questions, please contact Hannah Bogs at 832-286-6486.

Circle One:  
Cash / Check # \_\_\_ / Credit Card (add \$1 fee per brick)

This brick is in memory of:

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Donated by:

*Last 3 spaces cannot be used if Symbol is added*

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Symbol Name: \_\_\_\_\_ (optional \$10 extra)