



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..... Ruby Montemayor
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–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.

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.....
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 5 – Epiphany V – Do abortion and physician-assisted suicide rest our faith in God’s power or men’s wisdom (1 Corinthians 2:5)? Has not Christ crucified proved the beauty of being with one another even in weakness and trembling (1 Corinthians 2:3) rather than hiding from our own flesh (Isaiah 58:7)? And will not what God has prepared for those who love Him (1 Corinthians 2:9) ease fears about surprise pregnancy or terminal diagnosis (Psalm 112:7)?

Stewardship Every Sunday

Matthew 5:17 – “Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I have not come to abolish them but to fulfill them.” We cannot keep the Law of God perfectly. We are sinners. For us to be saved, Jesus had to fulfill the Law in our place so that the threat of the Law is abolished and the Law itself is upheld. Now, in Christ, we do desire to fulfill the Law, to live out a godly Christian life, precisely because we are so full of thanksgiving toward God for His salvation in Christ.



Attendance for Last Week ~ 01/29/2023
Adult Bible Class - 9 Galatians Class - 5
Sun. Divine Service - 97
Offering - \$2858.00
Wed. Morning Bible Class - 9 Wed. Evening Bible Class -
For great is His steadfast love toward us, and the faithfulness of the Lord endures forever.
Praise the Lord ~ Psalm 117:2

Life Quotes

“How sad as we hear of the overturning of Roe vs. Wade by the Supreme Court that so many are acting like this is the worst thing that could happen in our world. Stop and think of what they are arguing about. They want the right to kill a baby in their womb. They want the right to do what they want with their body. It is such a selfish, sinful, and demented way of thinking. Yet, as you hear the arguments and as your kids go off to college, you often feel like you as a Christian are such an uncaring person. My friends, we are all sinners. Imagine what Jesus must think of this. He loves every soul!” Pastor Darren Green, St. John Evangelical Lutheran Church, Redwood Falls, Minnesota (6-26-22) – 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.



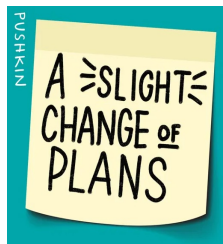
LED Light Improvement Fund



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.

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.



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

✠ **For the Kirk Family - whose 3 grandchildren born in December have made it home from the hospital (Lester Sentesi's Boss)**

Strength & Healing

- ✠ **Betty Burr - In ICU (cousin of Jan Stayton)**
 - ✠ **Sonny French - Is having a heart catheterization on 2/8**
 - ✠ **Patsy Hodges - in the hospital with a dislocated shoulder & will be moving to a rehabilitation facility**
 - ✠ Larry Harvey - tested positive for Covid
 - ✠ Jarod Christy - tested positive for Covid
 - ✠ Elaina Alvarez - tested positive for Covid
 - ✠ 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 Poppenhuson Uncle)
 - ✠ Oakley Rose Simmons - Born 2 months premature on Nov. 11th 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)

Serving for the month of February 2023

- ✠ 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
- ✠ 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)

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: 2/7 Curtis Gace & 2/9 Yair Mendez
Baptism Anniversaries: 2/6 Cody Williamson,
2/7 Ricky Gause, 2/8 Kristyn Christie, &
2/11 Jessica LaShomb & 2/11 Sandra Pedersen



****Please update the church secretary on your prayer request****

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Greeters
Melissa Sindlinger & Lillian Hill

Ushers
Aaron Montemayor & Joshua Montemayor

Counter
Becky Reyes

Altar Guild
Sylvia Christy & Angie Mendez

Acolyte Schedule
February 5 ~ Ruby Montemayor
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.



*Welcome to the Lord's Family
Through Holy Baptism
Jacob Brock Christy
son of Jason & Kim Christy.
His Sponsors are Susie Kline &
Jordan Christy.*



Opportunities to Study God's Word



Sunday School for All Ages

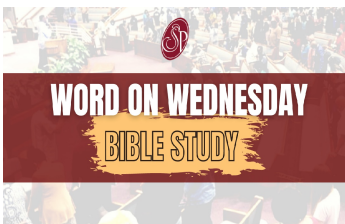
Preschool - Elementary Classes begin at 8:45 am in Room #5. The children are learning Biblical accounts from the Growing in Christ series. The Sr. & Jr. High School class is led by Pastor Mendez in Room #3.

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 2nd Saturday of every month at 8:00am in the Fellowship Hall. Our next class is February 11th. The Board of Elders will meet immediately after at 10:00am.

2023 - 25 Officers & Committees

President ~	Scott Christy	832-428-4349
Vice President ~	David Honerkamp	713-702-5301
Treasurer ~	Dan Cross	281-639-5043
Secretary ~	Vacant	
Financial Secretary ~	Nicole Poppenhusan	281-682-7045

Elders:

*Jarod Christy	832-928-4365	Jason Christy	832-515-4054
Scott Christy	832-428-4349	Sonny French	281-723-9413
B.J Jackson	936-661-3606	Steve Roberts	281-324-1680
David Honerkamp	713-702-5301		

Trustees:

*Eugene Meyer	281-748-4246	Shawn Goss	936-647-5560
Troy Lilley	713-829-4036		

Stewardship:

Nicole Poppenhusan	281-682-7045	Dan Cross	281-639-5043
Scott Christy	832-428-4349		

Education:

Rose Jackson	832-517-2411	*Kathleen Montemayor	832-515-9416
Susie Wells	281-636-3453	Amanda Goss	832-257-7131

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



Don't Miss

Board of Stewardship Meeting

The Board of Stewardship will be meeting immediately after services on Sunday, February 12th. If any board members are unable to attend please contact Lester Sentesi.