



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 & B.J. Jackson
Greeters	.....	Barbara Newbould & Luke Tusing
Ushers	.....	Dillon Mosier & James Pierce
Counters	.....	Barbara Newbould & Luke Tusing
Acolyte	.....	Ean Cowger
Altar Guild	.....	Marie Fischer & Nancy Baeza



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		

"Whether you are five or 35 or 65, there will be days when it seems to you that God has dropped it. When that happens, when the darkness threatens to close in on you, just go back to the simple truth that God taught you in your youth. Go back to the Word of Light, the Word that is Christ. 'Jesus loves me, this I know, for the Bible tells me so.' That will lighten the way for you, for us all." Rev. Dr. Dale A. Meyer, The Lutheran Hour – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • lutheransforlife.org



Stewardship Every Sunday

John 2:16 – "And he told those who sold the pigeons, "Take these things away; do not make my Father's house a house of trade." The Lord's House is not a place to sell, but a place to receive and a place to give. It's not a place for our schemes and plans. Instead the Church is a place for the Lord's gracious giving and our faithful sacrifices in response.



March 10th, 17th, 24th

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 28th

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

April 1st

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

April 2nd

Good Friday 7:30 pm at Cemetery

April 4th

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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Why do we celebrate Lent for 40 days?

Don't forget what Lent is all about! It is a time when we are reminded of what Jesus gave up for us, and a time when we look forward to and prepare for His death and resurrection!



We celebrate Lent for six weeks, or 40 days, as we remember Christ's temptation in the wilderness in the Gospel of Matthew. There **Jesus was without food** for 40 days.



We remember the temptation of **the Israelites in the desert** after the Lord had delivered them from Egypt. This lasted 40 years.



Finally, we can remember the story of **Noah and his family**. After 40 days and 40 nights of rain, the Lord delivered them as He promised.

During these 40 days of Lent, we remember God's faithfulness to His people and how His faithfulness is complete in Jesus, our Savior. Jesus remains faithful to us, always being where He promises to be: in His Word and Sacraments. Wow! What a Savior!



Parents: Continue to encourage your children in their Lenten preparation. During worship, point out the places where our Lord comes to us (i.e. God's Word, Holy Communion, Holy Baptism, Absolution). Remember, being their example and companion on this Lenten journey makes a 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

- ✘ **Cindy Sentesi- had 3 more strokes but recovering at home**
- ✘ **Debbie Blanton- recovering from foot amputation on 3/5**
- ✘ 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)

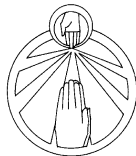
Cancer/Long Term Healing

- ✘ Andrue Barnwell- radiation treatment (cousin of Gayle Bogs)
- ✘ 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 Roosevelt (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:** 3/10 Justin Parsalaw; 3/11 Shirley Coyle
- ✠ **Baptism Anniversaries:** 3/12 Curtis Gace
- ✠ **Confirmation Anniversaries:** 3/12 Gary Lawrence; 3/13 Richard LaShomb
- ✠ **Wedding Anniversaries:** 3/13 Scott & Kelly Gentes (22 yrs)

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



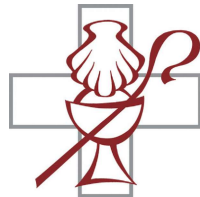
Thank you for all of the prayers & get well wishes while I was recovering from COVID.

I thank God for giving me another chance to serve Him. God's blessings to all of you.

~ Lillian Hill

Welcome New Members

Today we welcome two new members to St. Matthew by adult confirmation: Katie Laurel Easlon & Kimberly Joy Reynolds.



Sing to the Lord, all the earth! Tell of his salvation from day to day. Declare his glory among the nations, his marvelous works among all the peoples! For great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised;

1 Chronicles 6: 23-25

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)