



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 Devon 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
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Board of Evangelism Vacant Dan Cross
Board of Stewardship Vacant	

"Christ does not refuse our sense of tragedy or awareness of pain. He bears it in love, affirming our condition, carrying our sorrows to the end, all the way to the heart of God." Jill Carattini – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • lutheransforlife.org



Be
a
Good
Steward

Stewardship Every Sunday

Ephesians 2:10 – "For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them." Even the good we do in this world is a gift from God, prepared beforehand for us to do. And this too is a gift! For isn't doing good also a good thing for the one who does it? So from first to last, from the Lord's free salvation given to us to the good works He's prepared for us to walk in, it is all a gift of God's grace.



March 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

KIDS IN THE DIVINE SERVICE



Hey! What happened to the "a" word?

There's one word we often use in the Church that isn't used during Lent. Usually we use it after responsories, antiphons and other parts of our worship. Have you guessed what the word is yet? If you guessed "alleluia," then you are right. We stop singing and saying "alleluia" during Lent and won't speak it again until Easter morning.

What does "alleluia" mean and why don't we say it during Lent?

"Alleluia" is a Hebrew word that means "Praise the Lord." Since we focus on the sufferings and death of Jesus during Lent, we stop using this joyful word until we celebrate Jesus' glorious resurrection. On Easter morning the first words you hear will be: "The Lord is risen. He is risen indeed! Alleluia!"

Parents:

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During worship, help your children to look for places in the service where "alleluia" has been omitted. Notice the red writing in the hymnal. These words will help to point out when and where we might use or refrain from using the "a" word.

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

- ✠ **The family of Jake Straham, who passed this past week.(friend of Pamela Lilley)**

Strength & Healing

- ✠ **Reta Grohman- heart issues (former member, mother of Tracy Henderson)**
- ✠ Cindy Sentesi- had 3 more strokes but recovering at home
- ✠ Debbie Blanton- recovering from lower leg amputation
- ✠ For those recovering from the severe weather
- ✠ Jonathan Held & family- COVID

Cancer/Long Term Healing

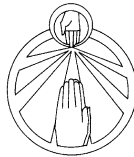
- ✠ Andrue Barnwell- chemo treatment (cousin of Gayle Bogs)
- ✠ Ceci- chemo & radiation (Jim Gibbs' great niece)
- ✠ Nellie Vick- inoperable cancer (friend of Lester Sentesi)
- ✠ Eugene File- lung cancer (friend of B.J. & Rose Jackson)
- ✠ Don Weidner- on hospice for colon cancer (friend of the Helds)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

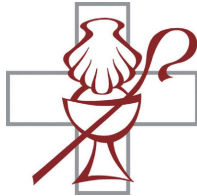
- ✠ **Birthdays:** 3/15 Marie Fischer & Isabell Pali; 3/18 Marilyn Kron; 3/19 Jeanne Langley
- ✠ **Baptism Anniversaries:** 3/14 Dillon Mosier; 3/20 Amanda Goss
- ✠ **Confirmation Anniversaries:** 3/20 Kenneth Lilley

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

Today we welcome Marc McIlhaney to our congregation by adult instruction & his family; Anne, Jake, & Katherine by reaffirmation of faith. We also welcome Michael, Jessica, George, & Emeline Nelson by way of transfer.



Member Information & Updates



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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 332-286-6486.

Circle One:

Cash / Check # / Credit Card (add \$1 fee per brick)

This brick is in memory of:

[illegible]

Donated by:

[illegible]

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

Symbol Name: (optional \$10 extra)