



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	Mary Piercer
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	

"We affirm again and again that God handmade all people and Jesus died for all people. And that means ALL lives are valuable and equally loved." Michelle Bauman, Director of Y4Life for Lutherans For Life – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • lutheransforlife.org



Stewardship Every Sunday

Mark 10:45 – "For even the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many." Jesus gives everything He has: He gives Himself. That self-giving is the model for our giving in all aspects of our lives. In our family, in our church, and in the world at large, Jesus calls us to follow His example in self-giving. We can only do this if we are connected to His self-giving in faith.



March 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 12 pm & 7:30 pm w/ Lord's Supper

April 2nd

Good Friday 12 pm & 7:30 pm at Cemetery

April 4th

Easter Sunday 7 am no Lord's Supper, 8 am Easter Breakfast, 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 have a week called "Holy Week"?

Why would we refer to a week as being holy? The word "holy" means that it is from God. That's why we call the Bible "holy." It isn't just any book. It is God's living Word given to us for our salvation! The same goes for Holy Week. This is "God's Week." This is the week in the Church Year when Jesus actually paid for our sins and won our salvation!

Which days are in Holy Week?

There are particular days during Holy Week that are extra special. During Holy Week we celebrate **Palm Sunday**, when Jesus went to Jerusalem and people celebrated His arrival; **Maunder Thursday**, when Jesus instituted the Lord's Supper; **Good Friday**, when Jesus died on the cross; and **Holy Saturday**, when we await His resurrection on Easter Sunday!



Parents:

During worship, help your children to look for other things in the church that are considered holy (i.e. God's Word, the Sacraments, etc.). Ask them: "How does God use these things to give us His forgiveness?"



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 Melba Bammel who passed away last week**

Strength & Healing

- ✘ **Linda Fisher- continued testing & healing with a form of leukemia (Lester Sentesi's sister)**
- ✘ **Cindy Sentesi- having bone marrow biopsy to rule out leukemia**
- ✘ **Debbie Blanton- recovering at home after lower leg amputation**
- ✘ Reta Grohman- heart issues (former member, mother of Tracy Henderson)
- ✘ For those recovering from the severe weather
- ✘ Jonathan Held & family- COVID

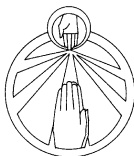
Cancer/Long Term Healing

- ✘ Andruw 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:** 3/23 Bryce Koslan; 3/25 Barbara Newbould; 3/26 Cindy Sentesi; 3/27 Aurora Franks
- ✘ **Baptism Anniversaries:** 3/21 Nathan Cross; 3/22 Joyce French; 3/24 Brandy McCorquodale
- ✘ **Confirmation Anniversaries:** 3/21 Jean Hinz; 3/22 Curtis Gace & Paul Nitz; 3/24 Chris Aikman, Kelly Gentes, & Brandy McCorquodale; 3/26 Steve Nitz
- ✘ **Wedding Anniversaries:** 3/23 Phillip & Holly Williamson (19 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. We 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:
 - 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 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

