



# 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 .....	Curtis Gace & Steve Roberts
Greeters .....	Barbara Newbould & Luke Tusing, Jr.
Ushers .....	Dillon Mosier & Jason Christy
Counters .....	George Gentes
Acolyte .....	Dillon Mosier
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	..... Vacant
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 .....	.....	Congregation Treasurer
Board of Evangelism .....	Sylvia Christy	..... Dan Cross
Board of Stewardship .....	.....	.....

## Lent Easter Schedule Correction

It has been brought to our attention that the date for Easter in the Lent-Easter Planning Guide is not correct. Please note that Easter is not April 8, but April 12. Sorry for this inconvenience.



## WORSHIP SCHEDULE for LENT

### March 25<sup>th</sup>, April 1<sup>st</sup>

12:00 pm Worship & 7:15 pm Hymn Sing, 7:30 pm Service

### April 5<sup>th</sup>

Palm Sunday - 10 am w/ Lord's Supper

### April 9<sup>th</sup>

Maundy Thursday - 12:00 pm Worship & 7:30 pm w/ Lord's Supper

### April 10<sup>th</sup>

Good Friday - 12:00 pm & 7:30 pm Worship

### April 12<sup>th</sup>

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

## Hymn Committee

The Hymn Committee is seeking new members. The purpose of this committee is to review selected hymns for Sunday morning Divine Service, and other services, and give approval or alternate suggestions. For more information about joining this committee and or to join, contact Pastor Bogs.

## Cemetery News

The Cemetery Committee has just completed a major project on the beautification and safety of the cemetery grounds. Many of the tombstones were leaning and were a safety issue. 84 tombstones were straightened & aligned, and bases were built for those that did not have one. If anyone, including notifying family and friends outside of our church of their loved ones that are buried here, would like to donate to help offset the cost, it would be greatly appreciated. Please specify St. Matthew Lutheran Church Dedicated Cemetery Fund on the donation. Thank you.

~The Cemetery Committee

## LED Light Improvement Fund

The Trustees started a LED Light Improvement Fund. The fund is for a slow gradual upgrade to LED's of all building lights to help in reducing our utility cost in the future. Any dedicated donations towards this fund please specify "LED Light Improvement Fund".

Thank you

~The Board of Trustees

## Fellowship Hall Usage

Anytime a group of people or a church board needs to use the fellowship hall, reservations need to be made. This is to prevent any confusion, over crowding, any stepping on toes, & interference with the cleaning schedule. To make reservations you can call Jami Gause directly at 281-443-8270. Also, hanging on the wall in the room off of the secretary's office is a large calendar. There is a wall mounted container that holds a pencil and sticky notes. You can write down your request along with your name & phone number and stick it to the calendar (please do not write on the calendar). Jami will get back with you as soon as possible to let you know if the date you are requesting is available. There is also a bright yellow sheet of paper that has been hanging next to the calendar for years with these instructions typed out for you in case you do not have Jami's info on hand.

## *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*

- ✘ **Diane Alger- broken back (Shirley Coyle's neighbor)**
- ✘ **Keith Baker- general healing (friend of John Lisius)**
- ✘ **Barry Rosenberg- hospitalized (Shirley Coyle's nephew)**
- ✘ Marian Piracci- seizures (niece of Langleys' son-in-law)
- ✘ Verna Oltjen- cancer (member of Aikman/Baumgartner families)
- ✘ Gloria Meyer- transferred to New Haven in Spring
- ✘ Carol Gentes- recovering from shoulder surgery

### *Comfort*

- ✘ **The family of Bob Lawonn who passed 3/16 (Jeanne Held's uncle)**

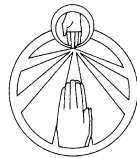
### *Cancer/Long Term Healing*

- ✘ Linda Muckerheide- liver failure (mother of Held's son-in-law)
- ✘ Lani Henderson- cancer treatment (friend of Marie Fischer)
- ✘ Darlene Morrow- started chemo (coupon lady)
- ✘ Jim Musgrove- recovering at home from health issues
- ✘ Olivia Getschmann- recovering in rehab at The Heights in Tomball
- ✘ Arthur Bolinger- recovering in hospital from hip surgery after a fall
- ✘ William Stoughton- cancer (friend of Lester Sentesi)
- ✘ Scott McCasland- hospitalized (friend of Rose & BJ Jackson)
- ✘ Vic Vaz- leukemia (husband of Sheila Vaz)
- ✘ Rylie McKay- child in remission (friend of Aaron Lilley)
- ✘ Leon Lilley- diagnosed with Leukemia
- ✘ Margie Schindewolf Miller- hospice (Shirley Coyle's step-sister)
- ✘ Harold Ramsey- treated for lung cancer (the Holland's friend)
- ✘ Chryssa Sharp-ovarian cancer (cousin of Karen Mavus)
- ✘ Paul Kron- cancer treatments (husband of Marilyn Kron)
- ✘ Kathy Glenn- chemo for breast cancer (friend of Pamela Lilley)
- ✘ 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)
- ✘ George Cook- cancer (husband of Jenny Turner's friend)
- ✘ Josephina- breast cancer (co-worker & friend of Amanda Goss)

- ✘ Maria Kent—chemo (sister of Christina Cross)
- ✘ Mary Ellen Zwahr—seizures (cousin of Brenda Pali)
- ✘ Lauryn Criswell—brain tumor (Jenny Turner’s friend’s daughter)
- ✘ Odet Mendez—possible breast cancer (sister of Arturo Mendez)
- ✘ Sharron Frank—breast cancer (neighbor of The Goss’)
- ✘ Dan—immune disorder (neighbor of Steve Roberts)
- ✘ Aileen Mercer—macular degeneration both eyes & back pain
- ✘ Matthew Piserelle—no treatment (brother of Phillip Williamson)
- ✘ Charlie Garton—brain cancer (friend of Mark Johnson)
- ✘ David Saville—MS (nephew of Louie Pali)
- ✘ Marion Christy—Alzheimers (mother of Scott Christy)
- ✘ Janet Murray—lupus (friend of Curtis & Sharon Gace)
- ✘ Carolyn Nitché—lymphoma (aunt of Nicole Poppenhusen)

### *Our Shut Ins*

- ✘ Louise Simmons; Richard & Karen Mavus; Bill Pali;  
Aileen Mercer



### *General Prayer*

- ✘ Debbie Blanton- continued healing from toe amputation
- ✘ Georgiann & Ron Mallory & Barry Rosenberg—continued strength
- ✘ Guy Johnson- continued healing (Shirley Coyle’s son)
- ✘ Dalton Courtright—growth (great grandson of Shirley Kuhlman)
- ✘ Sean Bourgeois & Garrett Johnson— personal guidance
- ✘ Healthy pregnancies for: Chloe Mattern (Louise Simmons’ granddaughter); Shastia Hamilton (friends of Bill & Brenda Pali)
- ✘ The family of Ali Lowitzer for strength & understanding during difficult times and her safe return home (granddaughter of Mary Davis)
- ✘ For the safety of those serving in the military especially: Anthony Valles (Army)—Ft. Hood (Nancy Baeza’s grandson), Brittney Herrington (Navy)—Belgium (daughter of Nicole Poppenhusen); Joel Berry-Bolen (Navy)—submarine in Pacific (son of Nicole Poppenhusen); Derreck Fischer (Army)—Fort Bragg (son of Marie Fischer)

### *Celebrations*

- ✘ **Birthdays:** 3/23 Bryce Koslan; 3/25 Barbara Newbould; 3/26 Cindy Sentesi; 3/27 Aurora Franks; 3/28 Ernest Pali
- ✘ **Baptism Anniversaries:** 3/22 Joyce French; 3/24 Brandy McCorquodale
- ✘ **Confirmation Anniversaries:** 3/22 Curtis Gace & Paul Nitz; 3/24 Chris Aikman, Kelly Gentes, & Brandy McCorquodale; 3/26 Steve Nitz; 3/28 April Harvey
- ✘ **Wedding Anniversaries:** 3/23 Phillip & Holly Williamson (18 yrs); 3/25 Bob & Jenny Turner (37 yrs)



“At home: can we be more loving and forgiving to those who mean so much to us? Can we take the time to show our unconditional love? At work: are we really a Christian example to our coworkers? Can we be more mindful of the struggles others are going through? At church: where sometimes, ironically, it’s the hardest, can we put on the mind of Christ, giving ourselves to our brothers and sisters in the faith? ...

[L]et the message of God's love in Jesus resonate boldly in your own life ... to God’s glory.” Dr. J. A. O. Preus – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • [www.lutheransforlife.org](http://www.lutheransforlife.org)

### Stewardship Every Sunday

Ps. 142:5 – “I cry to you, O LORD; I say, ‘You are my refuge, my portion in the land of the living.’” The Lord is our portion, our refuge, our everything. His mercy preserves us through all our days in the land of the living. This confidence frees us from the fear that so often leads to sins of greed and coveting. We have the Lord, we have a Father, and He is in control. We can follow His Word in confidence.



*Christian stewardship is the free and joyous activity of the child of God and God’s family, the church, in managing all of life and life’s resources for God’s purposes.*

### Attendance & Offering for Last Week

Sun. Bible Class - 27

Wed Bible Class - 11

Wed. Lent Service (3/11) - 42 / \$333.00

Sun. Divine Service - 68 / \$3,047.00

*For great is His steadfast love toward us, and the faithfulness of the LORD endures forever. Praise the LORD! ~Psalm 117:2*



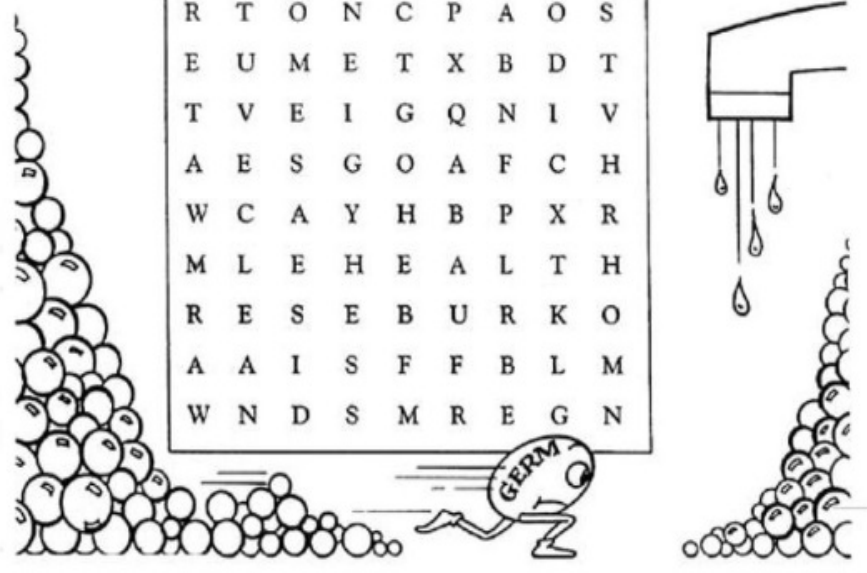
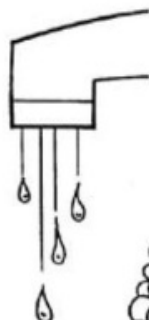
**There will be no more carry-in dinners. There will be no Wednesday evening Bible study until after Easter. Wednesday morning Bible Study has been postponed for 2 weeks. Confirmation classes are finished.**

## HAND WASHING WORD SEARCH

Find and circle the eight words in the puzzle below.

GERMS      DISEASE      SOAP  
 WASH HANDS      WARM WATER  
 HYGIENE      CLEAN      HEALTH

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## Opportunities to Study the Word



### Sunday School for All Ages

Classes begin at 8:45 am. Sunday School Guests, please enroll your children for Sunday School in the Sunday School Office. They will be directed to their class and teacher.

### Sunday Adult Bible Classes

All members and friends of St. Matthew Lutheran Church are invited to attend the **Adult Bible Class** taught by **Pastor Bogs in the Fellowship Hall (gym)**, now studying James, or the **Galatians Class** taught by **Larry Harvey in Room #4 each Sunday at 8:45 am**. Please join us. Bring a family member. Bring a neighbor. Bring a friend!

### Wednesday Mornings

The Wednesday Morning Bible Study Group meets **Wednesdays at 10:00 am in Room #2**. We invite everyone who is available to join us to study God's Word. We are studying Revelations.

### Wednesday Evenings

Wednesday evening Bible Class meets **Wednesdays at 7 pm in Room #2**. Please join us when we return, **April 15<sup>th</sup>**, after Easter.

### Men's Breakfast Bible Study



Join us for the Men's Breakfast and Bible study on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday of the month, **April 11<sup>th</sup>**, at 8:00 am in the fellowship hall. **The Board of Elders meet following Bible study at 10:00am.**

### PRISM – Precious Rubies In St Matthew

Ladies PRISM meetings take place the 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday of the month. Please join us for our next meeting, **April 25<sup>th</sup>** starting at 9am

### SMART - St. Matthew's Absolved & Redeemed Teens

Teens, please join us for meetings the 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of every month as we study "Faithfully Connected" and learn how to be God's faithful people in a digital world. Our next meeting will be **Sunday, April 5<sup>th</sup>** after Service.



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