



# 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 .....	David Honerkamp & Paul Nitz
Greeters .....	Daniel & Christina Cross
Ushers .....	Will Gentes & Jarod Christy
Counters .....	Robert & Melissa Sindlinger
Acolyte .....	Becky Mendez
Crucifer .....	Nathan Cross
Altar Guild .....	Sylvia Christy & Becky Reyes



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	.....	Vacant
Assoc. Pastor .....	Rev. Arturo Mendez	Congregation Vice President	.....	David Honerkamp
Parish Secretary .....	Cindy Doty	Congregation Secretary	.....	Christina Cross
Organist .....	Michael Held	Congregation Treasurer	.....	Dan Cross
Board of Elders .....	Jason Christy			
Board of Trustees .....	Eugene Meyer			
Board of Edu .....				
Board of Evangelism .....	Sylvia Christy			
Board of Stewardship .....				



# WORSHIP SCHEDULE for LENT

### (COVID-19 Update for St. Matthew Lutheran Church)

"God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble. Therefore we will not fear though the earth gives way, though the mountains be moved into the heart of the sea, though its waters roar and foam, though the mountains tremble at its swelling. There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God, the holy habitation of the Most High. God is in the midst of her; she shall not be moved." ~Psalm 46:1-5

We all have strength and comfort knowing our God is with us wherever we are and when we are apart from each other. The difficult decision has been made to temporarily suspend all non-worship activities for the next two weeks here at St. Matthew and live stream the Lenten Services on Wednesdays at Noon and the Divine Service on Sundays at 10:00 am via Facebook.

**April 12<sup>th</sup>**

Easter SONrise Service (livestream) - 7 am

## 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. 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*

- ✠ **Aileen Mercer- suffering from angina**
- ✠ **Alexandria Humphreys- nurse in DC (cousin of Dan Cross)**
- ✠ Rose Goebel- fractured foot
- ✠ Dalhardt Goebel- heart problems
- ✠ Diane Alger- broken back (Shirley Coyle's neighbor)
- ✠ Keith Baker- general healing (friend of John Lisius)
- ✠ Barry Rosenberg- hospitalized (Shirley Coyle's nephew)

### *Comfort*

- ✠ **The family of Billie Brunner who passes away (Gayle Bogs' aunt)**

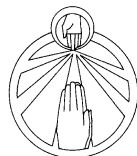
### *Cancer/Long Term Healing*

- ✠ Verna Oltjen- cancer (member of Aikman/Baumgartner families)
- ✠ Marian Piracci- seizures (niece of Langleys' son-in-law)
- ✠ 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 Nitche-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: 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:** 4/7 Daniel Cross, Scott Gentes, & Dalhardt Goelbel; 4/10 Barbara Ellis & Mary Garrett
- ✘ **Baptism Anniversaries:** 4/8 Patricia LaShomb; 4/9 Marily Kron, Aileen Mercer, & Cindy Sentesi
- ✘ **Confirmation Anniversaries:** 4/5 Caleb Bogs; 4/6 Eda Nitz; 4/7 Joyce French & Janis Stayton; 4/9 Hannah Bogs, Jordan Christy, Nathan Cross, William Gentes, Aaron Lilley, Rebecca Mendez, Naatah Mollel, & Dillon Mosier; 4/11 Larry Harvey

- ✘ **Wedding Anniversaries:** 4/6 Joe & Shirley Michka (52 years)



“For me, Holy Week offers us a glimpse into the holy and vicarious humanity of Jesus. The human Jesus struggling with His own suffering in agony is a portrait for which I am deeply thankful. Jesus struggled as I do. And while I often reluctantly say to God, ‘Not my will but yours be done,’ I trust that God will generate salvation out of suffering and life from death.” Margaret Manning Shull is a member of the speaking and writing team at Ravi Zacharias International Ministries in Bellingham, Washington – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • [www.lutheransforlife.org](http://www.lutheransforlife.org)

### Stewardship Every Sunday

Matt. 21:3 – “If anyone says anything to you, you shall say, ‘The Lord needs them,’ and he will send them at once.” Did Jesus really *need* the donkey? If the man had refused to give the donkey, would the work of salvation have been derailed? Of course not. But what an honor for the man who owned this donkey and foal! Likewise, the Lord needs none of us, but what an honor for God to choose to use our generosity in the work of His Church.



*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

Please continue to view the live stream Lenten Service on Wednesdays at 12 and Sunday's Divine Service at 10am via FaceBook and submit your offerings either online at <https://www.stmatthewlcms.com/giving.html> or by mail.

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

Unfortunately due to the current pandemic, this year's picnic will not take place.



~Phillip Williamson



You can now access Lutheran Hour Ministries' Daily Devotions on your mobile device by using the new Daily Devotions app!

- † Inspirational Scripture-based messages at your fingertips every day
- † Season-themed devotions during Advent and Lent
- † Read the devotion text or listen to the audio version
- † Share the devotion with a friend using Twitter, Facebook or e-mail



## 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.



St. Matthew Lutheran Church of Westfield is a congregation of Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod. Visit the LCMS website at [www.lcms.org](http://www.lcms.org). We are joined with another 2.3 million Christians in over 6,100 churches which maintain mission stations, educational institutions, and welfare agencies in over thirty countries of the world. We also sponsor *The Lutheran Hour* on radio (Sundays on KSEV (700 AM) at 6:30 am, KHCB (105.7 FM) at 12:30 pm, and KKHT (100.7 FM) at 6:30 pm).



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