



# 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 & Jarod Christy
Greeters .....	Dan & Christina Cross
Ushers .....	Will Gentes & Cody Williamson
Counters .....	Robert & Melissa Sindlinger
Acolyte .....	Ean Cowger
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
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	

## 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

- ✘ **Hope Enochs- deteriorating health condition (co-worker of Dan Cross)**
- ✘ Cindy Sentesi- diagnosed with preleukemia and other complications
- ✘ Debbie Blanton- recovering at home from surgery
- ✘ Larry Blanton- in ICU with undetermined diagnosis (Debbie's son)
- ✘ Linda Fisher- continued testing & healing with a form of leukemia (Lester Sentesi's sister)
- ✘ Reta Grohman- heart issues (former member, mother of Tracy Henderson)

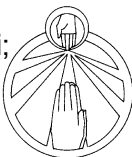
### Cancer/Long Term Healing

- ✘ Jonathan Held- COVID complications
- ✘ Andrué 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)- Ft. Hood (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:** 4/19 Mary Davis & Ashley Massuda; 4/23 David Christie & Robert Sindlinger
- ✘ **Baptism Anniversaries:** 4/19 Shirley Coyle; 4/21 Bryce Koslan; 4/22 Aurora Franks
- ✘ **Confirmation Anniversaries:** 4/18 Devon Cowger & Dixie Garrett
- ✘ **Wedding Anniversaries:** 4/23 Robert & Melissa Sindlinger (53yrs); 4/24 Sonny & Joyce French (67yrs)



*Welcome to the Lord's Family  
Through Holy Baptism*

*Jack Scott Christy*

*son of Jordan & Ashley Christy.*

*His Sponsors are Jarod Christy & Courtney Bell.*



## "HERE I STAND"

The 500th Anniversary  
of Luther's Confession at  
the Diet of Worms  
**Sunday, April 18**



### **Luther's Answer at the Diet of Worms:**

It could have all ended the evening of April 18, 1521. The sun was beginning to set on the city of Worms. The heat was stifling in the packed room of the bishop's palace where emperor, electors and German princes all waited with anticipation to hear the answer Martin Luther would bring. Would Luther recant? Would he retract what he had written and said against abuses in the church and against papal tyranny? Most of all, would he give up on the Gospel he had preached and taught, giving comfort and certainty to consciences in Christ?

"Martin, answer clearly and without any double-talk: Do you or do you not recant your books and the errors in them?" If Luther were to recant and admit that he was wrong, all would be well before the emperor and the Roman Catholic Church. On the other hand, if he did not recant, his own life would be at risk. He could be burned as a heretic.

This was it: recant or stand firm. With beads of sweat on his face, Luther responded:

**"Unless I am convinced by the testimony of the Scriptures or by clear reason (for I do not trust either in the pope or in councils alone, since it is well known that they have often erred and contradicted themselves), I am bound by the Scriptures I have quoted and my conscience is captive to the Word of God. I cannot and I will not retract anything, since it is neither safe**

**nor right to go against conscience. I cannot do otherwise, here I stand, may God help me, Amen"** (LW 32:112–13).

At this bold confession, the room erupted in noise. Some rejoiced; some demanded fire! Yet, in the midst of such commotion, the truth of Jesus Christ rang forth. The gates of Hades had not prevailed over the confession of the Gospel. The proclamation of justification by grace through faith on account of Christ's work alone did not bend to spiritual tyranny.

### **500 Years Later:**

Today, we stand in the footsteps of Martin Luther 500 years later. We stand boldly, proclaiming the One who has called us out of darkness into His marvelous light. We stand boldly, renouncing the devil and all his works and all his ways. We stand, by the grace of God, steadfast and ready to suffer all rather than fall away. We do not stand on Luther, but we will gladly stand with him, firm on the testimony of the Holy Scriptures to confess the saving Gospel of Christ, our Good Shepherd, who died and rose, in whose name is forgiveness of sins for all people. Here we stand; we can do no other. God help us. Amen.

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