



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

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| Elders | David Honerkamp & Paul Nitz |
| Greeters | Daniel & Christina Cross |
| Ushers | Will Gentes & Jarod Christy |
| Counters | Robert & Melissa Sindlinger |
| Acolyte | James Pierce |
| 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.

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| 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 | | |

COVID-19 Update for St. Matthew Lutheran Church from 04-03-2020

"For if we have been united with Him in a death like His, we shall certainly be united with Him in a resurrection like His." ~Romans 6:5

All non-worship activities continue to be suspended through April 30 and live streaming of all worship services through Sunday, April 26 will continue to be made available on our Facebook Page and uploaded to our website and YouTube channel.

If you do not have a hymnal at home, you may call the church office to borrow one from the pews. You can also find the hymns at <https://hymnary.org/hymnal/LSB2006> and our order of service and announcements at <https://www.stmatthewlcms.com/sunday-bulletins.html>.

Because the Governor has declared religious services as essential services, we will neither encourage nor discourage your attendance at any service. Should you desire to attend, we will follow the social distancing guidelines.

Divine Service on the last two Sundays of the month, April 19 & 26, will be live streaming at 10:00 am. The Lord's Supper will also be available to any who would like to come and partake, practicing social distancing.

Please continue to check our Facebook Page and website for updates and share the information with your friends and family. If you have any special needs, prayer requests, Lord's Supper or other visit requests, please let one of the Pastors know. Pray for each other, our nation, and our world, and continue to trust in the Lord to give us His strength and peace that surpasses all understanding. God be with you!

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

- ✘ **Debbie Blanton- amputation of another toe (Shirley Coyle's daughter)**
- ✘ Paula Southwarth- continued improvement with anti-angiogenic shots, allowing her to regain some vision while suffering from age-related macular degeneration (Arlene Schultz's friend)
- ✘ Aileen Mercer- suffering from angina
- ✘ Alexandria Humphreys- nurse in DC (cousin of Dan Cross)
- ✘ Rose Goebel- fractured foot
- ✘ Dalhardt Goebel- heart problems

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 heath 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:** 4/19 Mary Davis & Ashley Massuda; 4/23 David Christie & Robert Sindlinger
- ✘ **Baptism Anniversaries:** 4/19 Shirley Coyle; 4/21 Bryce Koslan; 4/22 Aurora Franks; 4/25 Jennifer Cornman
- ✘ **Confirmation Anniversaries:** 4/25 Cathy Smith
- ✘ **Wedding Anniversaries:** 4/23 Robert & Melissa Sindlinger (14 yrs); 4/24 Sonny & Joyce French (66 yrs)



“Did the soldiers wonder about Jesus in years to come? Surely, a Man of such power could have avoided the cross. But that wasn't what Jesus was doing with His authority. He was in charge that night, because He was about the business of saving us. And now that He has risen from the dead and ascended into heaven, we know that He is in charge of everything in heaven and earth—and we are safely His forever.” Dr. Kari Vo, Lutheran Hour Ministries – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • www.lutheransforlife.org

Stewardship Every Sunday

1 Peter 1:3b-4 – “He has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, to an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you.” We have waiting for us an inheritance – a treasure gathered where moth and rust do not destroy. That should change our perspective on the treasures of this earth. They are fleeting; they come and go. But we can use the treasures of this earth for the work of the Kingdom that will not fade away.



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 livestream Divine Service on Sunday's at 10am via FaceBook at <https://www.facebook.com/stmatthewwestfield/> or on our YouTube channel <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCCMs9KuW2vMaWzVlcD-Xn3A> 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



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HOUR
MINISTRIES

KHCB 105.7 FM Sun 12:30 PM

KKHT 100.7 FM Sun 6:30 PM

KSEV 700 AM Sun 6:30 AM

April 19

"You Haven't Lost Me"

Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler

Christians are not immune from relapses into sin and doubt. A Christian is at the same time both saint and sinner. Dr. Michael Zeigler tells how God loves us through the relapses, in a message titled "You Haven't Lost Me." And we'll hear how the Bible Project's animated videos present the Bible as a unified story that leads to Jesus.

(Exodus 14)

April 26

"The Great Pursuit"

Guest Speaker: Pastor Ryan Tinetti

(Exodus 15)

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 15th**, after Easter.

Men's Breakfast Bible Study



Join us for the Men's Breakfast and Bible study on the 2nd Saturday of the month, **April 11th**, 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 4th Saturday of the month. Please join us for our next meeting, **April 25th** starting at 9am

SMART - St. Matthew's Absolved & Redeemed Teens

Teens, please join us for meetings the 1st 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 5th** after Service.



St. Matthew Lutheran Church of Westfield is a congregation of Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod. Visit the LCMS website at 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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