

# Messenger

*St. Matthew Lutheran Church  
of Westfield*

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Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Just because we celebrated Easter morning does not mean our Easter celebration and Easter joy is over. Indeed, we worship on Sunday because every Sunday is an Easter celebration for us Christians. Our Divine Service follows the Church year events to proclaim what we believe, teach and confess. It is also wherein we are gathered to be given the gifts of God so that we are filled so that we might be strengthened to live lives of faith always being ready to give an answer for our hope and joy in Jesus. Remember, when we come to the Lord's Table we are gathered there with the company of heavenly hosts, all the saints who have gone on before us. We may not see them, and they may not see us, but God promises that they are there with us. The Lord's Table is where we are closest to those who have gone on before us, this side of heaven.

I would also encourage you, not only to make regular attendance in the Divine Service, but also to take advantage of our Bible Classes. We offer a Wednesday morning Bible Class, as well as, two on Wednesday evening and two on Sunday Morning. Certainly one hour a week in Divine Service and hearing a 15-20 minute sermon as well as the readings are a good start and how we are fed by God. Yet, "normally" one does not ask questions during the Divine Service. In Bible Class there is great opportunity to ask questions, to grow in your Biblical knowledge, and to be fed even more. Remember, God's desire is that we are always ready to give an answer for the hope that we have in Him, and He gets us ready by being in Divine Service and Bible Class. Indeed, when we are asked a question, the Holy Spirit uses our learning, perhaps from the morning Portals of Prayer devotion we read or from our Sunday or Wednesday Bible Class lesson. And do not worry, you will not be put on the spot to read, to answer a question, or what not, but you will have the opportunity if you wish and volunteer to read and ask questions.

Lastly, let me encourage you to attend the regular, quarterly meeting of the Texas Confessional Lutherans which will be meeting on April 18 at Grace Lutheran Church, Brenham, Texas. I am not sure what our topic will be so watch the bulletin for more information. We have these meetings to encourage each other as confessional brothers and sisters.

God's richest blessings.  
In His Service,

Pastor Bogs  
1 Cor. 15:3-5

Don't forget, if you miss a Sunday, you can read the sermon on my blog:  
<http://rabswritings.blogspot.com>.

~A Message from Pastor Mendez~

Greetings in the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Last week was the Holy Week, by being given to us the Gifts and Blessings from our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, what a great joy, peace and hope we have in His Assurance of his Word, and sacraments He has given to us His children, we rejoice as well because in Him we have salvation Through faith in Jesus Christ and the assurance in our baptism that our sins are being forgiven, what a precious gift we have in Christ and the joy that when we hear His word in our Divine Services, it is the assurance that God our Father is serving us through His means of grace, the word, the Baptism, the absolution and the Lord's table. That's why it is so important that Our Lord continue working in us through the help of The Holy Spirit to keep stirs in us by our response of faith and to be able to be witness to what the Lord has made for the whole world, hope, life and salvation as we continue during this whole ecclesiastical year by being feed by His word and sacraments we rejoice, in hope and peace and the security that we are His Children in Jesus Christ Our Lord, Amen!!

### 125th Anniversary of St. Matthew Lutheran Church

The Anniversary Committee had their 1st meeting and we are excited. The Grand Celebration will be held on May 18, 2025. We have invited Dr. Harrison to be our guest Preacher that day as we celebrate not only 125 years as a congregation, but also our 125th Annual Picnic.



We have a lot to do and time is going to fly by. We need your help. If you want to be part of the planning for this awesome year of celebration please see Lester Sentesi. "Growing Together In Christ for 125 Years!"

### St. Matthew Lutheran Church ~ 2024 Picnic Committee/Volunteers



The Picnic Committee will be meeting on Sunday, 3/24 right after service. There are sign up sheets in the Narthex for side dishes, desserts & for people to sign up to work. We need potato salad, coleslaw, pies & cakes. As well as lots of people to help out. If you have any questions please contact Lester Sentesi, Phillip Williamson or Melissa Sindlinger. Thank you to everyone in advance for your help in making our 2024 picnic a wonderful success.

### Church Re-pipe Fund

At the August 27 Congregational meeting of St. Matthew Lutheran Church of Westfield, the voters voted to begin a fund to re-pipe all our facilities. The cost estimated at around \$40,000. This fund is to be funded by any member wishing to make a contribution above their normal tithe. At the same time we will pursue financing the amount over what is contributed. However, if the contributions amount to more than the cost all extra monies will then be put in the general fund.

### Board of Evangelism Monthly Meeting

The Board of Evangelism & Fellowship will be meeting every 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of each month after church service. The next meeting will be Sunday, April 21<sup>st</sup>. So mark your calendars and plan to attend. If you have an activity you would like to see us do, please see Lester Sentesi or any board member.

### Attn: Senior Congregation Members!

Fellowship wants to re-establish our 55+ Seniors Ministry. We are looking for an excited 55+ person and/or couple to head up the program. If interested please see Lester. This is a Fellowship Group for our 55+ member



### May Newsletter Deadline

If you have anything that you would like to see and/or add to the May 2024 newsletter. Please submit them to [office.smlcw@gmail.com](mailto:office.smlcw@gmail.com) by Monday, April 22<sup>nd</sup>.



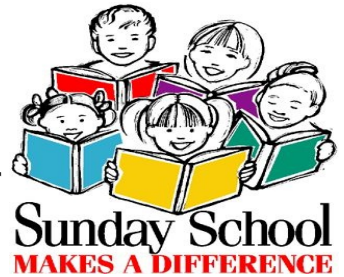
# April 2024

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<b>Those Serving the Lord this Month:</b> <b>Elders</b> ~ David Honerkamp & Jason Christy <b>Greeters</b> ~ Daniel & Christina Cross <b>Ushers</b> ~ Joshua Montemayor & Jarod Christy <b>Counter</b> ~ <b>Altar Guild</b> ~ Rose & BJ Jackson <b>Acolytes</b> ~ AJ Parsalaw, Isabel Vaz, Heston Reed & Alex Vaz						
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8:30am Fellowship 8:45am Sunday School 10am Divine Service			10am Bible Class 6:30pm Bible Study w/Larry Harvey 7pm Bible Study w/Pastor Bogs Happy Birthday April Harvey!	10am Bulletin Deadline	Office Closed	
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21	22	23	24	25	26	27
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# Opportunities to Study God's Word

## *Sunday School for All Ages*

Preschool - Elementary Classes begin at 8:45 am in Room #5. The children are learning Biblical accounts to go with Sunday's Readings from "God's Hand in Our Lives" series from the Church of the Lutheran Confessions.



## *Sunday Adult Bible Classes*

All members and friends of St. Matthew Lutheran Church are invited for coffee and donuts at 8:30 am each Sunday at 8:30 am. Then our Bible Classes begin at 8:45 am. The Study of *John* led by Pastor Bogs meets in the **Room #2**. And *Galatians* led by Larry Harvey meets in **Room #4**. Please join us. Bring a friend!



## *Wednesday Mornings*

The Wednesday morning Bible study group will be meeting at 10:00 am in Room #2. We invite everyone to join us to study God's Word. We are studying The Augsburg Confession & The Apology.



## *Wednesday Evenings*

There are two Wednesday evening Bible Classes. The study of Baptism led by Larry Harvey meets at 6:30 pm in **Room #4**. The study of End Times led by Pastor Bogs meets at 7:00 pm in **Room #2**.

## *Men's Breakfast Bible Study*

Join us for the Men's Breakfast and Bible study on the 2nd Saturday of the month, April 13<sup>th</sup> at 8:00 am in the Fellowship Hall. The Board of Elders will meet following study at 10:00am.



## Holy Days & Holidays in April

April 8<sup>th</sup> Solar Eclipse  
April 15<sup>th</sup> Tax Day  
April 22<sup>nd</sup> Passover Begins  
April 22<sup>nd</sup> Earth Day  
April 24<sup>th</sup> Administrative Professionals Day  
April 25<sup>th</sup> St. Mark; Evangelist  
April 26<sup>th</sup> 177<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod

### Wishing You A Very Happy Birthday

April 3<sup>rd</sup> April Harvey  
April 7<sup>th</sup> Daniel Cross  
April 7<sup>th</sup> Scott Gentes  
April 9<sup>th</sup> Katie Clark  
April 10<sup>th</sup> Barbara Ellis  
April 10<sup>th</sup> Mary Garrett  
April 16<sup>th</sup> Jonathan LaShomb  
April 17<sup>th</sup> Connor Lilley  
April 19<sup>th</sup> Mary Davis  
April 19<sup>th</sup> Trisha Hodges  
April 19<sup>th</sup> Ashley Massuda  
April 21<sup>st</sup> Palmer Reese  
April 23<sup>rd</sup> David Christie  
April 23<sup>rd</sup> Robert Sindlinger  
April 27<sup>th</sup> Dwayne Lilley  
April 28<sup>th</sup> Arrip Parsalaw

### Baptism Anniversaries

April 1<sup>st</sup> Paul Menz  
April 3<sup>rd</sup> Carol Clark  
April 3<sup>rd</sup> Jake McIlhany  
April 3<sup>rd</sup> Kate McIlhany  
April 8<sup>th</sup> Patricia LaShomb  
April 9<sup>th</sup> Marilyn Kron  
April 9<sup>th</sup> Aileen Mercer  
April 14<sup>th</sup> Kelly Gentes  
April 15<sup>th</sup> Peg Munson  
April 18<sup>th</sup> Jack Christy  
April 19<sup>th</sup> Shirley Coyle  
April 21<sup>st</sup> Bryce Koslan  
April 22<sup>nd</sup> Aurora Franks  
April 23<sup>rd</sup> Megan Williamson  
April 25<sup>th</sup> Jennifer Cornman  
April 27<sup>th</sup> Tess Clark  
April 27<sup>th</sup> Trent Clark

### Confirmed Anniversaries

April 1<sup>st</sup> Jonathan LaShomb  
April 2<sup>nd</sup> David Cowger  
April 3<sup>rd</sup> Mary Garrett  
April 5<sup>th</sup> Caleb Bogs  
April 5<sup>th</sup> Tiffany Cowger  
April 5<sup>th</sup> Shawn Honerkamp  
April 7<sup>th</sup> Joyce French  
April 7<sup>th</sup> Janis Stayton  
April 9<sup>th</sup> Hannah Bogs  
April 9<sup>th</sup> Jordan Christy  
April 9<sup>th</sup> Nathan Cross  
April 9<sup>th</sup> William Gentes  
April 9<sup>th</sup> Aaron Lilley  
April 9<sup>th</sup> Rebecca Mendez  
April 9<sup>th</sup> Dillon Mosier  
April 11<sup>th</sup> Larry Harvey  
April 14<sup>th</sup> Barbara Ellis  
April 14<sup>th</sup> Barbara Newbould  
April 14<sup>th</sup> Cody Williamson  
April 15<sup>th</sup> Ronald Bogs  
April 16<sup>th</sup> Gary McCorquodale  
April 18<sup>th</sup> Devon Cowger  
April 26<sup>th</sup> Rebecca Pfennig  
April 28<sup>th</sup> Robert Sindlinger  
April 30<sup>th</sup> David Christie

### Wedding Anniversaries

April 6<sup>th</sup> Joe & Shirley Michka ~ 56 Yrs.  
April 17<sup>th</sup> Andy & Kathleen Montemayor ~ 25 Yrs.  
April 23<sup>rd</sup> Robert & Melissa Sindlinger ~ 18 Yrs.  
April 24<sup>th</sup> Randy & Kathy Bogs ~ 36 Yrs.  
April 24<sup>th</sup> Kenneth & Joyce French ~ 70 Yrs.  
April 25<sup>th</sup> David & Mikaela Reese ~ 4 Yrs.