



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	.....	Scott Christy & Sonny French
Greeters	.....	Patricia LaShomb & Shirley Kuhlman
Ushers	.....	Robert Sindlinger & Nathan Cross
Counters	.....	Nancy Baeza
Acolyte	.....	Aaron Bogs
Altar Guild	.....	Robert & Melissa Sindlinger



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

- ✘ **Kevin Clark- broken neck & back (Korey Clark's brother)**
- ✘ Paula Southworth- went to doctor with "wet" left eye and right eye is starting to deteriorate (friend of Arlene Schultz)
- ✘ Nancy Zaring- 90 yr old hospitalized with possible broken hip (neighbor of Arlene Schultz)
- ✘ Betty- healing (Michael Nelson's Aunt's mom)
- ✘ George and Claire Pezzino- healing and strength (grandparents of Michael Nelson)
- ✘ Hope Enochs- deteriorating health condition (co-worker of Dan Cross)
- ✘ Reta Grohman- heart issues (former member, mother of Tracy Henderson)

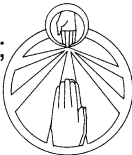
Cancer/Long Term Healing

- ✘ Cindy Sentesi- diagnosed with preleukemia and other complications
- ✘ Linda Fisher- continued testing & healing with a form of leukemia (Lester Sentesi's sister)
- ✘ Jonathan Held- COVID complications
- ✘ Andrue 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 Roosevelt (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:**5/6 Naatah Mollé; 5/8 Janis Stayton & Phillip Williamson
- ✘ **Baptism Anniversaries:** 5/3 Gary McCorquodale II; 5/4 Marie Fischer
- ✘ **Confirmation Anniversaries:** 5/2 Chad Lilley, Lester Sentesi, & Holly Williamson; 5/4 Amanda Goss & Cindy Sentesi; 5/5 Marcia Carr; 5/6 Jess Clark & Clay Lilley; 5/7 Scott Gentes

“We pray in our services for ‘the race of man’ not the races of man. There is only one race. All else are ethnic, national, cultural, or other differences. We’ve past histories to trouble us to be sure—like the Irish and the English, the Jew and the Christian, the Greek and the Ottoman Turk, and the slave and the slave owner—but there is no place from which a genuine reconciliation can emerge today, except in Christ. The goal is fellowship, brotherhood in Christ.” James M. Kushiner, The Fellowship of St. James – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • lutheransforlife.org



Stewardship Every Sunday

John 15:2 – “Every branch of mine that does not bear fruit he takes away, and every branch that does bear fruit he prunes, that it may bear more fruit.” God is interested in the fruit that we bear in good works, and He even prunes us so that we may bring forth more fruit. Trusting in our Lord’s work for us, we are grafted by grace into His vine. We desire to be more like Him and grow into His image. That’s growth in fruit bearing, and it always comes with some pruning.

Picnic Sunday

May 16, 2021
after Divine Service



Even though we will not be able to have our annual BBQ dinner again this year, we will still have the much loved fellowship and reunion we have had for over 120 years here at St. Matthew Lutheran Church of Westfield. We will have Hamburgers & Hot Dogs and all the fixings; cooked by Holy Smokes member/Picnic Chair and safely served by the S.M.A.R.T. Youth Group.

Sign up in the Narthex.

RSVP by May 9th.

****All proceeds will go to the youth group’s Higher Things Youth Gathering Fund.****