

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 Patricia LaShomb & Shirley Kuhlman
Greeters	Patricia LaShomb & Shirley Kuhlman
Ushers	Robert Sindlinger & Nathan Cross
Counters	Nancy Baeza
Acolyte	Devon Cowger
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	
Parish Secretary Cindy Doty	
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

- B.J. Jackson- has bowel blockage & may need surgery
- David Nahrwold- testing & treatment for new cancer diagnosis (Elizabeth Held's father)
- Landon Reed- COVID positive (Ray & Nadine Reed's son)
- ▼ Kevin Clark- broken neck & back (Korey Clark's brother)
- Betty- healing (Michael Nelson's Aunt's mom)
- George & Claire Pezzino- healing & strength (grandparents of Michael Nelson)

Cancer/Long Term Healing

- Linda Kimmel Winders- tumor in colon (Ray Reed's cousin)
- E Cindy Sentesi- diagnosed with preleukemia and other complications
- ♣ Andrue Barnwell- chemo treatment (cousin of Gayle Bogs)
- 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)
- 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 neuological functions (niece of Langleys' son-in-law)

- ∀ Vic Vaz- lukemia (husband of Sheila Vaz)
- Leon Lilley- Leukemia
- ➡ Chryssa Sharp-ovarian cancer (cousin of Karen Mavus)
- Paul Kron- cancer treatments (husband of Marilyn Kron)

- 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)
- David Saville–MS (nephew of Louie Pali)

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)

Celebrations

- Birthdays: 5/16 Melissa Sindlinger; 5/20 Isdell Birnbaum; 5/22 Arturo Mendez
- Baptism Anniversaries: 5/19 Mark LaShomb; 5/21 Justin Msampha
- ☼ Confirmation Anniversaries: 5/16 Sandra Pederson & John Stayton; 5/17 Virginia Lawrence; 5/18 Jennifer Cornman; 5/20 Anne McIlhany; 5/21 Kristyn Christie, Brent Harvey, John Lisius, & Eugene Meyer; 5/22 Rose Goebel & Jennifer Widner

Stewardship Every Sunday

Be whoever does not have the Son has life; whoever does not have the Son of God does not have life." Jesus is the foundation, the bedrock, the beginning, and the end. To have Him is to have it all. In Him we have life. We are called to live in Him,

to live this new life He has given us, and to grow up into His image. This is a struggle in this sinful world! But His grace is sufficient as He refreshes us through Word and Sacrament.



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.

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

Roof Repair Fund

Thank you to all who have given to the roof repair fund. It looks like we are about 2/3 the way to having completely paid for the repairs with just over \$8000 still needed to pay off the loan. If you are so moved, please contribute so that we might finish paying off this loan and again be debt free. Thank you.