



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	.....	Sonny French & Jason Christy
Greeters	.....	Patricia LaShomb & Shirley Kuhlman
Ushers	.....	Steve Roberts & Curtis Gace
Counters	.....	Robert & Melissa Sindlinger
Acolyte	.....	Becky Mendez
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	..... 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	.....	.....	.....

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.

Thanksgiving

✘ **Paula Southworth- macular degeneration treatments are working & she is doing better than expected (friend of Arlene Schultz)**

Strength & Healing

- ✘ **Mike Diteresa- pancreatic cancer (friend of the Harveys)**
- ✘ **Carson Thelen- 16yr old with rare cancer starting 41 weeks of chemo (neighbor of Holly Williamson)**
- ✘ Carlos Mariano Gonzalez- surgery (Pastor Mendez's nephew)
- ✘ Virginia Morris- elderly friend of the Harveys & Sindlingers with COVID-19
- ✘ Rose Goebel- broken foot
- ✘ Dalhardt Goebel- surgery on 4/29 for heart problems
- ✘ Dennis Vogt- surgery on 4/30 (son-in-law of the Helds)

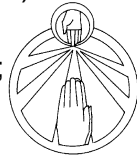
Cancer/Long Term Healing

- ✘ 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-5 yr old w/ 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

- ✠ Sean Bourgeois & Garrett Johnson- personal guidance
- ✠ Quick end to the COVID-19 pandemic
- ✠ 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
- ✠ Guy Johnson- continued healing (Shirley Coyle's son)
- ✠ Dalton Courtright-growth (great grandson of Shirley Kuhlman)
- ✠ Healthy pregnancies for: Chloe Mattern (Louise Simmons' granddaughter); Shastia Hamilton (friends of Bill & Brenda Pali)
- ✠ 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:** 5/20 Isdell Birnbaum; 5/22 Pastor Mendez
- ✠ **Baptism Anniversaries:** 5/19 Mark LaShomb; 5/21 Justin Msampha
- ✠ **Confirmation Anniversaries:** 5/17 Virginia Lawrence; 5/18 Jennifer Cornman; 5/21 Kristyn Christie, Brent Harvey, John Lisius, & Eugene Meyer; 5/22 Rose Goebel
- ✠ **Wedding Anniversaries:** 5/11 David & Kathy Honerkamp (28 yrs); 5/15 Mario & Becky Reyes (10 yrs)



“Ascension Day, a holy day falling inconspicuously on a Thursday in May, is the conspicuous declaration that we are not left as orphans. In the same post-resurrection body that He invited Thomas to touch, Jesus invites us to full humanity even today. He ascended with a body, He shares in our humanity, extending His own body even now, promising to return for our own bodies. Christ is preparing a room for us, and we can know it is real because He himself is real.” Jill Carattini, Ravi Zacharias International Ministries – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • www.lutheransforlife.org

Stewardship Every Sunday

John 14:15 – “If you love me, you will keep my commandments.” Jesus is clear: our obedience to His Word comes from our love for Him. But where does that love come from? Jesus tells us that as well, “She was forgiven much, so she loved much” (Luke 7:47).



Christ shows us His love and gives us the forgiveness of our sins – and this causes love to well up in us, which in turn causes us to keep the commandments of Jesus. For after all, the summary of the Law is “Love.”

Offering

You can continue to give by submitting your offerings either online at <https://www.stmatthewlcms.com/giving.html> or sending them in by mail.

Hopeline

Hurt or sad? Struggling to cope? Overwhelmed and afraid? Feeling too much togetherness or all alone? Talk with a compassionate caregiver at Hope Disaster Recovery: **832-793-8583**



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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