

We Welcome You to St. Matthew!



We are so glad to share with you the blessings of God's Holy Word today. 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 BJ Jackson & Scott Christy
 Greeters Patricia LaShomb & Shirley Kuhlman
 Ushers Robert Sindlinger & Aaron Montemayor
 Counters Robert & Melissa Sindlinger
 Acolyte Alex Vaz
 Altar Guild Hannah Bogs & Becky Mendez

At St. Matthew, we encourage families to worship God together – it is a part of His plan. We love the sound of children. This shows a growing church. 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, you may take advantage of 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. Please do come back in the sanctuary to continue in the Divine Service.

Any prayer requests may be made using the prayer request card on the shelf in the Narthex or in the pews. Place them in the offering plate or give to a pastor or elder.

We're Here to Assist You

Church Office Hours: Monday–Thursday – 8:00 am - 1:00 pm
 281-443-2304 or 281-443-8463

Appointments for counsel, home visits or hospital calls may be requested with Pastor by phone at any time.

Senior Pastor Rev. Dr. Ronald Bogs ~ 832-515-4830
 Associate Pastor of Hispanic Ministry . . . Rev. Arturo Mendez ~ 832-883-1705
 Organist
 Parish Secretary Amanda Hobbs

Board Chairpersons:

Elders
 Trustees Eugene Meyer
 Education . . . Kathleen Montemayor
 Evangelism Lester Sentesi
 Stewardship . . . Nicole Poppenhusen

Congregational Officers:

President Scott Christy
 Vice Pres David Honerkamp
 Secretary Becky Reyes
 Treasurer
 Financial Secretary . . Nicole Poppenhusen

St. Matthew Lutheran Church of Westfield is a congregation of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod (LCMS) which is a denomination that confesses the historic, orthodox Christian faith, a faith built on “the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Christ Jesus himself being the cornerstone” (Eph. 2:20).



The LCMS, headquartered in St. Louis, Mo., is mission-oriented and Bible-based. LCMS doctrine reflects the teachings of Dr. Martin Luther, as summarized in *The Book of Concord: The Confessions of the Evangelical Lutheran Church*. Today, the LCMS has nearly 2 million baptized members in more than 6,000 congregations and some 9,000 pastors. Two seminaries and nine colleges and universities operate under the auspices of the LCMS, and its congregations operate the largest Protestant parochial school system in America.

Life Thoughts

May 26 – Holy Trinity – The truth of Father, Son, and Spirit proves that God loves relationship, family, and community. He gives these blessings no matter how young or old (John 3:4-5), even inhabiting the womb or entering the tomb. The One who creates, redeems, and calls every human being reigns as Lord over life and death (Acts 2:36). Abortion and assisted suicide are idolatrous, and Jesus has come to save from it (John 3:17).

Stewardship Every Sunday

John 3:6 – “That which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit.” In Holy Baptism we receive a new birth: spirit from Spirit. With that rebirth we receive new desires, new lives, new purposes. To the (fleshly) world, Christian generosity makes no sense: the total minus a percentage is less than the original total. But Spirit-reborn Christians know that God’s math works differently (as we might expect from the Trinity!). A blessing received from God becomes more of a blessing when it is used in generosity to bless others.

Attendance for Last Week ~ 05/19/2024
 Adult Bible Class - 11 Galatians Class - 11
 Sun. Divine Service - 120
 Offering - \$4334.40
 Wed. Morning Bible Class - 6 Wed. Evening Bible Classes - 13
For great is His steadfast love toward us, and the faithfulness of the Lord endures forever. Praise the Lord ~ Psalm 117:2

Life Quotes

“May God send an army of angels to protect the babies in the womb from the laws being enacted in some states that are taking away protections for God’s smallest, most vulnerable humans. May hearts be changed with the truths found in Scripture. And may the influence the devil has on our society, with his culture of death, be deposed.” Virginia Flo, Director of Volunteer Relations, Lutherans For Life – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • lutheransforlife.org

Board of Evangelism Monthly Meeting



The Board of Evangelism & Fellowship will be meeting every 3rd Sunday of each month after church service. The next meeting will be Sunday, May 26th. 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.

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. The church re-pipe began on Friday, May 10th and is expected to continue for 6 weeks or less.



Lutheran Witness Subscription

If you have requested and been receiving a subscription to the Lutheran Witness and have not submitted payment for your subscription. Please bring your envelope with the subscription cost of \$22.50 as soon as possible. Thank you



July Newsletter Deadline

If you have anything that you would like to see and/or add to the July 2024 newsletter. Please submit them to office.smlcw@gmail.com by Monday, June 24th.



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. **BOLD FONT** indicates request is new or has been updated this Sunday.

Strength & Healing

- ✘ Paul Kron - pray for good test results
- ✘ Gary Lawrence - Pulmonary Edema
- ✘ Jim Musgrove - fell at home. He has been released from the hospital and is recovering at home
- ✘ Colleen - had surgery on Wednesday, May 22
- ✘ Erica Vogt - recovering from surgery (Jeanne Held granddaughter)
- ✘ Frances Casper - recovering from open heart surgery (friend of Dave Cowger)
- ✘ Rick Hamitt - has been diagnosed with ALS (son-in-law of The Staytons)
- ✘ Patsy Hodges - recovering at home from cataract surgery
- ✘ Ruben Alvarez - health challenges (father of Elaina Alvarez Christy)
- ✘ Jean Hinz - recovering from hernia surgery
- ✘ Jose Galvaz - recovery from 3rd degree burns
- ✘ Werner Hartl - fell and broke his hand among many other injuries

Cancer/Long Term Healing

- ✘ Patricia LaShomb - prayers during her continued treatment and healing from cancer
- ✘ Hunter Baty - Fhar's disease (friend of Marie Fischer)
- ✘ Denise Berry - diagnosed with ALS (cousin of Nicole Poppenhusen)
- ✘ Helena Goss - prayer for healing as she goes through cancer treatments (Aunt of Shawn Goss)
- ✘ Rose Ortiz - stage 2 pancreatic cancer (friend of Nancy Baeza)
- ✘ Justin Street - facial tumor (friend of Shawn Goss)
- ✘ Toby Turley - cancer (niece of Gaces)
- ✘ Carolyn Nitche - lymphoma, no treatment plan (aunt of Nicole Poppenhusen)
- ✘ Jan Stayton - healing from back surgery
- ✘ Leon Lilley - leukemia
- ✘ Bill Pali - Alzheimers
- ✘ Anne McIlhany - heart failure, myasthenia gravis, systemic sclerosis

- ✠ Gladys Banewski - cancer (friend of Gaces)
- ✠ Brandon Pate - sclerosis of the liver (friend of Nicole Poppenhusen)
- ✠ Carolina Villarreal - cancer & surgery (friend of the Mendez Family)
- ✠ Jeanie Cowger - cancer (step-family of the Cowger family)
- ✠ Marian Piracci - neurological treatment (niece of the Langleys' son-in-law)
- ✠ Vic Vaz - leukemia (husband of Shelia Vaz)
- ✠ JoAnn Roberts - chronic Leukemia Stage 1 (wife of Steve Roberts)

Our Shut Ins

Gladys Brandt, Karen Mavus, Aileen Mercer, Bill Pali, Arlene Schultz & Sherry Betz

General Prayer

- ✠ Prayers for employment for Lester Sentesi
- ✠ Comfort & Protection for our brothers and sisters in Christ in Israel
- ✠ The family of Ali Lowitzer - strength during difficult times & for her safe return home (granddaughter of Mary Davis)
- ✠ For the safety of those serving in the military: Daemon Metcalf - Navy (friend of Hanah Hailey), Victor & Andrew Guinn - Airforce (Sons of Paul Guinn), Greggrie O'Garro - Navy/Bahrain (son of Claire O'Garro), Anthony Valles Army/Japan (grandson of Nancy Baeza), Chris Crowley (Navy/USS Roosevelt (son-in-law of Nicole Poppenhusen), Timothy & Benjamin Menz - Marines (sons of Paul Menz), Robert Hailey - Marines (nephew of the Haileys)

Celebrations

Birthdays: 5/26 Eugene Meyer, 5/28 Kelly Gentes, 5/29 Shawn Goss, 5/30 Larry Harvey, 5/30 Amina Lesso, 5/30 Paul Nitz, 5/31 Nicole Poppenhusen & 6/1 Lily Williamson
 Confirmed Anniversaries: 5/28 Sharon Gace, 5/30 Frances Bell, 6/1 April Harvey, 6/1 Leon Lilley, 6/1 Andy Montemayor & 6/1 Becky Reyes
 Baptism Anniversaries: 5/29 Mary Garrett, 5/30 Melissa Sindlinger, 5/31 Karen French, 6/1 Marie Fischer, 6/1 Paul Guinn, 6/1 April Harvey & 6/1 Leon Lilley
 Wedding Anniversaries: 5/27 Ronald & Gayle Bogs ~ 35 Years

125th Anniversary of St. Matthew Lutheran Church

The Anniversary Committee will be meeting June 2nd right after church service. We need lots of help getting this together so please join us as we plan this milestone celebration for 2025. The Grand Celebration will be held on May 18, 2025. We have a lot to do and time is going to fly by. 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!"

Lifeline ~ Baby Bottle Boomerang



It's Baby Bottle Boomerang Season Again!!! Lifeline is gearing up for our 4th ANNUAL BABY BOTTLE BOOMERANG. Mother's Day (May 12) is just around the corner, and we will have Bottle Banks available for you to pick up, take home and fill with your loose change and cash. Bottle Bank collection day will be on Father's Day (June 16). Want to know

more about Lifeline? Check out their webpage: <https://www.lifelinepcc.net/>

KFUO Radio

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CHRIST FOR YOU this week on KFUE.org: Study Ezra 6-10 on Sharper Iron (weekdays at 8:00 a.m. CT), study Proverbs 22-24 on Thy Strong Word (weekdays at 11:00 a.m. CT), and study the Lord's Supper in the Apology of the Augsburg Confession on Concord Matters (6/1 at 10:00 a.m. CT). Find your favorite programs on demand at kfuo.org and the KFUE Radio app!

~ Thank You ~

A huge thank you to everyone who worked so hard to make our 124th Annual Picnic a huge success. Special thanks to Phillip, Holly & Lily Williamson for all their help in planning, ordering and making sure everything was taken care of. A big thanks to our Kitchen Supervisor, Melissa Sindlinger for stepping up and taking on that huge role. Also special thanks to Dave Cowger and Shawn Goss for helping with the BBQ. Now on to planning next years 125th Celebration!! ~Board of Evangelism



Evangelism ~ Exactly What is it?

When I say the word "EVANGELISM" what thoughts come to mind? Knocking on doors? Handing out leaflets? Distributing tracts to visitors at church on Sunday morning? Well, all of those answers would be correct. However, it only explains a very small portion of what Evangelism or Outreach is all about.

The Oxford Dictionary defines the word evangelism as "the spreading of the Christian Gospel by public preaching or personal witness. I think we are all very familiar with "the public preaching" part. But what about the "personal witness" part? When it comes to personal witnessing are you prepared to give an answer for the hope you have? When someone asks why your life is good, why you seem to be happy all the time are you ready with your answer? Or do you have to fumble around and try to think of an answer?

When the world assaults us with its worldly agenda are we ready to reject that and have an answer as to why? Our greatest witness happens when we least expect it. The Holy Spirit doesn't have a schedule or agenda that he can give us that shows us when witness opportunities will arrive. We have to be ready. With that in mind Pastor Bogs will be taking us through a Witness Workshop on Saturday, August 24th from 9am-12 (Noon). This workshop will take us through what it means to be a Witness for Christ in our modern world. As we get closer to the Workshop there will be a sign up sheet in the Narthex so that we can have a count to make sure we have enough material. Donuts will be served that morning.

Please make plans to attend this workshop as we prepare to be Witnesses for Christ in our daily lives and so that we are better prepared to give an answer for the faith we have. Looking forward to next month's Outreach Article.

Growing together in Christ,

Lester Sentesi, Chairman Board of Evangelism and Fellowship



Chancel Flowers are
Given to the Glory of God
by the Bogs Family in Honor of
Pastor Bogs and Gayle' 35th Wedding
Anniversary



Opportunities to Study God's Word

SUNDAY



SCHOOL

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 every Sunday at 8:30 am. Then our Bible Classes begin at 8:45 am. The study of John led by Pastor Bogs meets in Room #2 and Galatians led by Larry Harvey meets in Room #4. Please join us and feel free to 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.

Wednesday Evenings

There are two Wednesday evening Bible classes. The study on Baptism led by Larry Harvey meets at 6:30 pm in Room #4. The study of Acts led by Pastor Bogs meets at 7pm in Room #2.

Men's Breakfast Bible Study

Join us for the Men's Breakfast & Bible Study on the 2nd Saturday of every month at 8:00 am in the Fellowship Hall. Our next class is June 8th. The Board of Elders will meet immediately after at 10:00am.

