

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..... Scott Christy & David Honerkamp
 Greeters..... Carolyn McCorquodale & Kristen McManus
 Ushers..... Luke Tusing & Noah Montemayor
 Counters..... Robert & Melissa Sindlinger
 Acolyte..... AJ Parsalaw
 Altar Guild..... Sylvia Christy & Angie 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..... Michael Held
 Parish Secretary..... Amanda Hobbs

Board Chairpersons:

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

Congregational Officers:

President..... Scott Christy
 Vice Pres..... David Honerkamp
 Secretary..... Elaina Alvarez Christy
 Treasurer..... Dan Cross
 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



June 11 – Pentecost II (Proper 5A) – Abortion and assisted suicide attempt a salvation based on self-made assessments and efforts (Romans 4:13). Yet our God and Father would have even the most despised human life called into His kingdom (Matthew 9:9-11). Jesus on earth and in the flesh confirms this sanctity already and not just eventually. Let us bring the weak ones a healer instead of a hangman.

Stewardship Every Sunday

Matthew 9:9 – “As Jesus passed on from there, he saw a man called Matthew sitting at the tax booth, and he said to him, ‘Follow me.’ And he rose and followed him.” When Jesus talks, Matthew listens and acts. Jesus says, “Follow me,” and Matthew follows. What does this tell us about Matthew? It tells us that he believes in Jesus. Our actions flow out of our faith. Show me what a man does, and I’ll tell you what he really believes. Our sinful actions uncover our false beliefs and our need for repentance and a return to the forgiveness we find in Jesus. Our godly actions display our faith in Jesus. What kind of faith (or false belief) do your financial actions display?



Attendance for Last Week ~ <u>06/04/2023</u>	
Adult Bible Class - 13	Galatians Class - 6
Sun. Divine Service - 76	Spanish Service - N/A
Offering - \$8115.00	
Wed. Morning Bible Class - 8	Wed. Evening Bible Classes - 5
<i>For great is His steadfast love toward us, and the faithfulness of the Lord</i>	

ESL Classes

ESL classes are every Tuesday and Thursday at 7pm beginning again on August 15th. If you need more information, please see Pastor Mendez or contact him at pastormendez.smlcw@gmail.com.



LED Light Improvement Fund

A fund for a gradual upgrade of all building lights to LEDs exists to help reduce our utility cost in the future. Any dedicated donations towards this fund please specify "LED Light Improvement Fund." Each light cost about \$80. Please consider "adopting" a light or two. We are also in need of volunteers to install lights. So if you would like to donate your time to help install lights please contact the trustees.



4TH FRIDAYS!!!!

The Board of Evangelism and Fellowship is excited to announce the beginning of our "4th FRIDAYS." Beginning with Friday 06/30 at 8 pm we will be hosting a monthly movie night in the Fellowship Hall. This will be a fun evening of fellowship and movie watching. We will be providing popcorn, snacks and drinks. All we are asking is that you come out and enjoy the fun and bring a friend!



We will be announcing the 1st movie in the next week or 2. So far we have only received 1 request and that is for the Harry Potter series. If you have a suggestion for a movie that you would like to see let Lester know. Just keep in mind that they need to be family friendly so all of us can enjoy. We are so excited!!! Can't wait to see you all (and your invited friends)

Higher Things Pre- Gathering Bible Study

On Sunday, June 11th we will be meeting at Pastor Bogs' house at 1510 Anvil Drive right after church, around noon, for pizza and study. Please bring your Bible and \$5 for pizza.



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

- ✘ Linda Ristow - possibly having heart surgery in June (Lester Sentesi's sister-in-law)
- ✘ Sharon Anderson - metastatic colon cancer & is undergoing chemotherapy (twin sister of Karen Hartl)
- ✘ The Teel Family - their mother is in hospice (friends of Gary McCorquodale, II)
- ✘ Angela Wilkins - undergoing treatment for breast cancer (Gayle Bell's daughter)
- ✘ Eda Nitz - recovering from surgery to remove a tumor from her neck
- ✘ Dixie Garrett - prayers for healing
- ✘ Eddie Cross - having test for possible lymphoma (cousin of Dan Cross)
- ✘ Justin Street - found a facial tumor (friend of Shawn Goss)
- ✘ Susan Baumgartner - 3cm aneurysm in her artery - undergoing treatment (cousin of Nicole Poppenhusen)
- ✘ Carolyn Nitche - Lymphoma has returned with no treatment plan (aunt of Nicole Poppenhusen)
- ✘ Denise Berry - ongoing test for undiagnosed health issues, also took a fall and fractured her wrist (cousin of Nicole Poppenhusen)
- ✘ Tonya Michka-Adrion & her daughter Cadi - Cadi's cancer has returned (Daughter & Granddaughter of Joe & Shirley Michka)
- ✘ Kathy Lee - hospitalized after a serious car accident (Lester Sentesi's son-in-laws grandmother)
- ✘ Toby Turley - Cancer (Curtis & Sharon Gace's Niece)
- ✘ Joshua Montemayor - prayers for good medical test results
- ✘ Martha Paz - recovery from health complications (Mother of Pastor Mendez)
- ✘ Cora Berry - recovering from eye surgery (mother of Nicole Poppenhusen)

Cancer/Long Term Healing

- ✘ Dave Nahrwold - recovery from complications of cancer surgery (father of Elisabeth Held)
- ✘ Eda Nitz - new leukemia treatment

- ✠ Michael Held - pancreatic cancer
- ✠ Jan Stayton - healing from back surgery
- ✠ Leon Lilley - leukemia
- ✠ Paul Kron - cancer treatment
- ✠ Bill Pali - Alzheimers
- ✠ Anne McIlhany - heart failure, myasthenia gravis, systemic sclerosis
- ✠ Rev. Bruce Nathan - in town for cancer treatment@MD Anderson
- ✠ Gladys Banewski - cancer (friend of Curtis & Sharon Gace)
- ✠ Jake Fodderie - brain tumor (nephew of Christina Cross)
- ✠ Colin Brogan - recovering from heart surgery (friend of Sonny French)
- ✠ Stephanie Nixdorf - stage 4 melanoma (friend of the Helds)
- ✠ Craig Johnson - rehab/skilled nursing soon (father of Christina Cross)
- ✠ Brandon Pate - sclerosis of the liver (friend of Nicole Poppenhusen)
- ✠ Aileen Mercer - failing eye sight
- ✠ Erica Vogt - Covid complications (granddaughter of the Helds)
- ✠ Carolina Villarreal - cancer & surgery (friend of the Mendez Family)
- ✠ Benny Alvarez - cancer (brother of Elaina Alvarez)
- ✠ Chris Pirk - cancer treatment (friend of the Reese family)
- ✠ Carmen Arnold - cancer returned (friend of Jarod Christy)
- ✠ 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)
- ✠ Sue Wright - cancer (aunt of Elaina Alvarez)
- ✠ Matthew Piserelle - no treatment (brother of Phillip Williamson)

Our Shut Ins

Gladys Barton, Marcia Carr, Dixie Garrett, Karen Mavus,
Aileen Mercer, Bill Pali, & Arlene Schultz

General Prayer

- ✠ The family of Ali Lowitzer - strength during difficult times & for her safe return home (granddaughter of Mary Davis)
- ✠ Healthy pregnancies & babies for: Ashlyn Frizzel due in June & Amanda McCarthy due in October (Rachel Sentesi's sister-in-law)
- ✠ For the safety of those serving in the military: Bradley Shipes - Airforce/Washington DC (former member), 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), Steven & Robert Hailey - Marines (nephews of the Haileys)

Celebrations



Birthdays: 6/13 Rebecca Paulsel, 6/14 John Tautenhahn, 6/15 Daniel Pedersen, 6/15 Steve Roberts, 6/17 Brent Harvey & 6/17 Gordon Munson
Baptism Anniversaries: 6/12 Robert Sindlinger, 6/13 Jess Clark, 6/13 Lily Williamson, 6/14 Christopher Lawrence, 6/14 Anne McIlhany & 6/14 Janis Stayton

Confirmation Anniversaries: 6/14 Nancy Baeza

Wedding Anniversaries: 6/11 Dale & Renita Haude ~ 40 Yrs. & 6/12 Larry & April Harvey ~ 52 Yrs.

125th Anniversary of St. Matthew Lutheran Church

Four years ago an attempt was started to get ready to celebrate our congregation's 120th anniversary. That attempt was thwarted by COVID. In one year an eight months we will be celebrating the 125th anniversary of St. Matthew Lutheran Church of Westfield. In order to assure a proper celebration the congregation has authorized an Anniversary Celebration fund. Because a committee has not yet been set for this celebration there is not yet a goal as for how much we would like to collect, but please do not let that stop you from beginning the giving so that we might indeed have a grand celebration.



CAM ~ Congregational Assembly Meeting

There will be a Congregational Assembly Meeting on Sunday, June 25th immediately after Divine Service in the Fellowship Hall.

- Call to Order
- Opening Prayer
- Approve minutes from 3-19-2023 CAM
- Pastor's Reports
- Treasurer's Report
- Board Reports
- Old Business:
- New Business:
- Closing Prayer
- Motion to Adjourn



Congregational Meeting

Lifeline ~ Baby Bottle Boomerang

DON'T FORGET BOTTLE TURN IN DAY IS NEXT SUNDAY, JUNE 18TH



It's Baby Bottle Boomerang Season Again!!! Lifeline is gearing up for our 3rd ANNUAL BABY BOTTLE BOOMERANG. Don't forget to take home and fill with your loose change and cash. Bottle Bank collection day will be on Father's Day (June 18). Want to know more about Lifeline? Check out their webpage: <https://www.lifelinepcc.net/>

St. Matthew Lutheran Church ~ 2024 Picnic Committee/Volunteers

We at St. Matthew are looking forward to our 125th Anniversary Celebration in 2025. We want to re-launch our Annual May BBQ starting in May 2024 to ensure that it is up & running smoothly for that big celebration we would like to start planning now.



With that in mind we will be needing lots of volunteers. What we are needing right now is a volunteer to be "Kitchen Chairperson." This person will be available to supervise both on Saturday and Sunday of Picnic Weekend for setup, supervision of all aspects of the serving on that Sunday, to just generally make sure everything runs smoothly and clean-up.

We are also getting our Picnic Planning Committee together to plan, set-up & get everything ready to go. If you would like to serve as we plan for the re-launch of this iconic event see Lester Sentesi.

Thank You!

for your support.

Thank You from Eda Nitz

Thank you for the cards & prayers during my recent surgery and hospital stay, and thank you to Pastor Bogs for visiting me in the hospital. They were all very much appreciated. ~Eda Nitz~

HELP WANTED for Eda Nitz

Looking for one or mor persons to occasionally clean my mother's house (near Houston NW Medical Center) and/or drive her to doctor appointments. \$20/hour. Please contact Paul Nitz (281) 250-9509 if interested.



Opportunities to Study God's Word

Sunday School for All Ages

SUNDAY Preschool - Elementary Classes begin at 8:45 am in Room #5. The children are learning Biblical accounts from the Growing in Christ series. The Sr. & Jr. High School class is led by Pastor Mendez in Room #3.



Sunday Adult Bible Classes

SCHOOL 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 Pentetuch 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 James.

Wednesday Evenings

There are two Wednesday evening Bible classes. The study on Word & Sacrament led by Larry Harvey meets at 6:30 pm in Room #4. The study of Matthew led by Pastor Bogs meets at 7:00 pm 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 July 8th. The Board of Elders will meet immediately after at 10:00am.



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