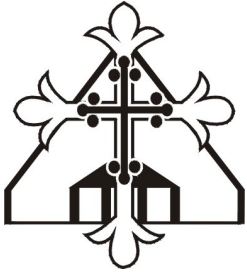


# We Welcome You to St. Matthew!



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..... Steve Roberts & Sonny French  
 Greeters..... Carolyn McCorquodale & Kristen McManus  
 Ushers..... Luke Tusing & Noah Montemayor  
 Counters..... Nancy Baeza  
 Acolyte..... Alex Vaz  
 Altar Guild..... Sylvia Christy & Becky Reyes

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

June 23 – Pentecost V (Proper 7B) – “Widen your hearts,” the Apostle exhorts his Corinthian companions (2 Corinthians 6:13). He has just instructed them how God’s grace prevails to make life worthwhile without regard to anyone’s size, skills, or circumstances. Doesn’t His love expand our imaginations and affections to receive every human life as a gift and privilege? Won’t our voices offer the same opportunities to neighbors in surprise pregnancy and terminal diagnosis?

## Stewardship Every Sunday

Mark 4:40 – “He said to them, ‘Why are you so afraid? Have you still no faith?’” Faith means trust. If we trust the Lord, what do we have to be afraid of? Isn’t it fear that holds us back in our stewardship? Isn’t it fear that stops us from following the Lord’s Word to give generously toward His work in the church? Well ... “Why are you so afraid? Have you still no faith?” The Lord has proved His trustworthiness by His cross. You can trust Him.



## 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 24<sup>th</sup>.

Attendance for Last Week ~ 06/16/2024  
 Adult Bible Class - 17 Galatians Class - 13  
 Sun. Divine Service - 100  
 Offering - \$N/A  
 Wed. Morning Bible Class - 7 Wed. Evening Bible Classes - 12  
*For great is His steadfast love toward us, and the faithfulness of the Lord  
 endures forever. Praise the Lord ~ Psalm 117:2*

*Life Quotes*

“The state of marriage is under a full assault from the devil. He will use whatever means necessary to destroy what God has created. Pray also for all God’s children. Pray that love may abound in all homes. Pray that forgiveness may be the first word spoken between husbands and wives, parents and children. Pray that you and all people receive an increase of the Holy Spirit, for it is only through Him that we may repent of our sinful lives, amend our ways, and live joyfully in the comfort of God’s grace.”  
 Rev. Matthew Wietfeldt, Concordia Theological Seminary – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • lutheransforlife.org

*Board of Evangelism Monthly Meeting*



The Board of Evangelism & Fellowship will be meeting every 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of each month after church service. The next meeting will be, Sunday, July 21<sup>st</sup>. 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 10<sup>th</sup> 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



*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.

*Prayers of Thanksgiving*

✘ Eugene Meyer - successful surgery and cancer treatments

*Strength & Healing*

- ✘ Ray Reed - having ablation surgery on July 5<sup>th</sup>, 2024
- ✘ 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
- ✘ Erica Vogt - recovering from surgery (Jeanne Held granddaughter)
- ✘ Frances Casper - recovering from open heart surgery (friend of Dave Cowger)
- ✘ Patsy Hodges - recovering at home from cataract surgery
- ✘ Jean Hinz - recovering from hernia surgery
- ✘ Werner Hartl - fell and broke his hand among many other injuries

*Cancer/Long Term Healing*

- ✘ Ruben Alvarez - health challenges (father of Elaina Alvarez Christy)
- ✘ Jose Galvaz - recovering from 3<sup>rd</sup> degree burns
- ✘ Rick Hamitt - has been diagnosed with ALS (son-in-law of The Staytons)
- ✘ 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)
- ✘ 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

- ✠ Bella Kirk - High risk pregnancy with twins ~ Update she lost one of the twins but the other seems healthy at this time (friend of 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/USC Roosevelt (son-in-law of Nicole Poppenhusen), Timothy & Benjamin Menz - Marines (sons of Paul Menz), Robert Hailey - Marines (nephew of the Haileys)

### Celebrations

Birthdays: 6/26 Clay Lilley

Confirmed Anniversaries: 6/24 Annie Mae Byars, 6/24 Lillian Hill & 6/30 Susie Wells

Baptism Anniversaries: 6/30 Gordon Munson

Wedding Anniversaries: 6/24 Paul & Jane Nitz ~ 7Yrs.



### Matins & a Meal!

Next Sunday, June 30<sup>th</sup>, is Matins & a meal! Join us for a carry in dinner in the fellowship hall following service.

### KFUO Radio

KFUO Radio, the broadcast voice of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod, shares Christ for you anytime, anywhere on KFUE.org via worship services, Bible and theology studies, practical talk programs, and sacred music. Find programs on demand at kfuo.org and wherever you get your podcasts! Find us on social: @KFUOradio on Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram.



CHRIST FOR YOU this week on KFUE.org: Study Esther 3-6 on Sharper Iron (weekdays at 8:00 a.m. CT), hear stories from around the Synod on The Coffee Hour (weekdays at 9:00 a.m. CT), and study Luke 2-4 on Thy Strong Word (weekdays at 11:00 a.m. CT). Find your favorite programs on demand at kfuo.org and the KFUE Radio app!

### St. Matthew Lutheran Church

#### Congregational Assembly Meeting Agenda ~ June 23, 2024

- Call to Order
- Opening Prayer
- Approve minutes from 3-03-2024 CAM
- Pastor's Reports
- Treasurer's Report
- Board Reports
- Old Business:
  - Constitution Review Committee update
- New Business:
  - Nomination Committee (2025-2026 terms)
- Closing Prayer
- Motion to Adjourn



### 7:30 - 8 p.m. ~ "LIBERTY ACTION ALERT"



Join Rev. Dr. Greg Seltz and his guest Zachary Mettler, Staff Writer and Communications Liaison for The Daily Citizen as they discuss the antisemitism bill in Congress and the legitimate concerns that the LCRL and other conservative organizations have, not with the principle of the bill, but with the vague language that could be misused against the Christian Church. Because of the rising violence associated with antisemitism, public and moral clarity is needed, but

clarity of language is also a must in limiting the misuse of the coercive power of government in this regard. Listen in for the legal, the cultural, and the faith perspective on these vital issues as we continue to grow in the wisdom needed to be 2 Kingdom citizens for the country we love. Join us!

### 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

### 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of St. Matthew Lutheran Church

The Anniversary Committee meet June 2nd 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!"

## Opportunities to Study God's Word

### SUNDAY



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.

### SCHOOL

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 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday of every month at 8:00 am in the Fellowship Hall. Our next class is July 13<sup>th</sup>. The Board of Elders will meet immediately after at 10:00am.

