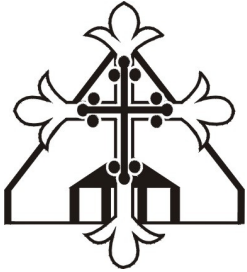


# We Welcome You to St. Matthew!



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..... Heston Reed  
 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 30 – Pentecost VI (Proper 8B) – “Silence.” “Dust.” “Strikes.” “Insults.” “Grief.” Lamentations knows right where it hurts. And this Word of the Lord gives us a God who comforts just how each needs: “steadfast love,” “mercies,” “faithfulness,” “salvation,” “compassion,” and “abundance.” Let us diagnose abortion by naming its sinfulness, so that we may directly dispense the healing that the hearts it has broken long for.

## Stewardship Every Sunday

2 Corinthians 8:3 – “For they gave according to their means, as I can testify, and beyond their means, of their own accord.” St. Paul lifts up an example of faithful Christian generosity in the Epistle lesson today. Read those words again this week and ponder them. How is the Lord calling you to increase your generosity toward His work?

## August Newsletter Deadline



If you have anything that you would like to see and/or add to the August 2024 newsletter. Please submit them to office.smlcw@gmail.com by Monday, July 22<sup>nd</sup>

## Pest Control Notice

There is a new pest control notice posted on the bulletin board outside the church office. It lists treatments dates as well as any information if you have questions and/or concerns.



Attendance for Last Week ~ 06/23/2024  
Adult Bible Class - 20 Galatians Class - 9  
Sun. Divine Service - 100  
Offering - \$N/A

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*

“History, science, and Holy Scripture affirm: No matter what age, every human life has irreducible worth. No matter what appearance, every human life has inestimable purpose. No matter what abilities, every genetic member of this one race and species of ours has incomparable and irreplaceable sanctity—the cute little babies and the dear old ladies, yes; but also those who in pride promote, those who in anger permit, those who in fear participate in the devil’s deception that death supplies a suitable solution to difficulty—none so helpless, dependent, and undeserving as we ourselves.” Pastor Michael Saleminck, Lutherans For Life – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • [lutheransforlife.org](http://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.

### *Thanksgiving*

✘ Patiricia LaShomb - received good results on her follow up pet scan

### *Strength & Healing*

- ✘ Robbie Barton - diagnosed with cancer (Jennifer Haileys brother)
- ✘ Ray Reed - having ablation surgery on July 5<sup>th</sup>, 2024
- ✘ Paul Kron - pray for good test results
- ✘ 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: 7/3 Shirley Kuhlman

Confirmed Anniversaries: 7/1 Brenda Pali & 7/5 Ean Cowger

Baptism Anniversaries: 7/3 Devon Cowger & 7/5 Kaitlyn Christie

Wedding Anniversaries: 7/2 Steve & JoAnn Roberts ~ 53 Yrs. &

7/5 Marc & Anne McIlhany ~ 28 Yrs.



Matins & a Meal! TODAY!

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

### KFUO Radio

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CHRIST FOR YOU this week on KFUO.org: Finish the book of Esther and begin the book of Haggai on Sharper Iron (weekdays at 8:00 a.m. CT), study Luke 4-6 on Thy Strong Word (weekdays at 11:00 a.m. CT), and hear stories from around the Synod (including our History Series on the Puritan Movement) on The Coffee Hour (weekdays at 9:00 a.m. CT). Find your favorite programs on demand at kfuo.org and the KFUO Radio app!

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

The Anniversary Committee will be meeting on Sunday, July 14<sup>th</sup> 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!"

### SUNDAY NIGHT ON KKHT 100.7 FM "THE WORD"

JUNE 30, 2024

7 - 7:30 p.m. ~ "FOLLOWING GOD'S LEAD"

Pastors undertake specialized education, equipping them to serve in churches. Some people find themselves going back to school after having a previous career. Not everyone is called by God to change careers, but some, from nearly all walks of life, have been led to discover a second career in professional church work. So, an attorney later went to a seminary and is now the Rev. Richard Colquist, a Teaching Elder with the Presbyterian Church in America. Richard talks about how he knew God wanted him to follow this path of service with his life. Rev. John Cain hosts.



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

Join Rev. Dr. Greg Seltz and his guest GianCarlo Canaparo, Senior Legal Fellow, Edwin Meese III Center for Legal and Judicial Studies at the Heritage Foundation, as they discuss the Supreme Court rightly ruling that the Biden Administration, actually any government agency, can't discriminate giving small business loans based on race. Could we finally rid ourselves of the divisive DEI policies for good? We'll see! Listen in for the challenges and opportunities, the legal, the cultural, and the faith perspective on this vital issue as we continue to grow in the wisdom needed to be 2 Kingdom citizens for the country we love.

### Evangelism ~ Why Me?

Last month we discussed what Evangelism is. This month let's take a look at why Evangelism is the privilege of every Christian. Most people run for the hills whenever a Pastor teaches or preaches about Evangelism. After all, that's not 1 of my gifts. That is someone else's job. WRONG In the Great Promise Jesus instructs His Disciples to "as you are going make disciples (those who desire to learn) of all nations" Matthew 28:19. Was that just directed at the 12 Disciples? No. Like everything else Christ taught and said these words were meant for us as well as the 12. Does that mean that we give up our chosen vocations, sell our worldly possessions and dedicate our lives to the teaching and witnessing of the Gospel to the world? Also no. While there are those men and women who God calls into Ministry as Pastors, Teachers, Deacons, Deaconesses, DECs or other areas of full time church work these words were spoken by Christ to all believers You may ask yourself, "What can I do? I am no good at talking to people, especially people I don't know?" No problem. There are many ways to "evangelize" and most of them have nothing to do with knocking on doors.

Most importantly is our "lifestyle Evangelism" that we exhibit on a daily basis. Visiting a shut in. Helping our neighbors even when they don't ask. Being in Sunday School and Bible Class and bringing our kids with us (what an awesome example to set.) Whenever we reach out in Christian love to help, aid, assist and/or correct or admonish we are exhibiting our faith in and our love for Christ and all he has done for us. We must remember however, that the reverse is also true. When we step outside our faith and do something that is contrary to God's word we are also witnessing. Getting frustrated and yelling at people in traffic especially when there are friends and/or family members in the car with us. Getting mad at the person ahead of us in the grocery line because they have 22 items in the 15 item or less aisle, the music we listen to and the shows and movies we watch all give testimony to the Witness we put forth to the world. How do you want to be perceived by those you come into contact with? Remember what Saint Paul tells us: "we are in the world, not of the world." We are chosen redeemed children of God. Does our daily witness show that? To that end Pastor Bogs will be leading us in a Witnessing Workshop on Saturday August 24th from 9 till Noon. Make plans to be there and find out what Witnessing is all about

Lester Sentesi  
Board of Evangelism

## 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.

