

# 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	. David Honerkamp & Curtis Gace
Greeters	Sylvia Christy & Jean Hinz
Greeters	Randy Bogs & Jason Christy
Counters	Nancy Baeza
Acolyte	
Altar Guild	Hannah Bogs & Becky Mendez



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	
Parish Secretary Cindy Doty	Congregation Vice President
Organist Michael Held	
Board of Elders Jason Christy	Congregation Secretary .
Board of Trustees . Eugene Meyer	Christina Cross
Board of Edu	
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.

#### Comfort

- ★ The family of Dodie Lilley who passed away last Sunday
- ★ The family of Cecil Lowrance who passed away this past week
   (father of Jami Gause)

## Strength & Healing

- ☼ Chris Lowrance- recovering from 3 heart attacks in 1 week (brother of Jami Gause)
- **№ Sue Daniels- brain aneurysm (friend of Jenny Turner)**

- David Berger- complications after brain surgery
- ★ Tristan Berry- recovering in ICU from major accident and brain surgery (Nicole Poppenhusen's nephew)
- Martin Holmes- strength during difficult times (grandson of former members Carl & Ellen Holmes)

## Cancer/Long Term Healing

- ₱ Dennis Vogt- serious health issues (the Held's son-in-law)
- ▼ Verna Oltjen- cancer (member of Aikman/Baumgartner families)
- Marian Piracci- seizures (niece of Langleys' son-in-law)

- ⊕ Olivia Getschmann- recovering in rehab at The Heights in Tomball
- ₩ William Stoughton- cancer (friend of Lester Sentesi)
- ⊕ Scott McCasland- hospitalized (friend of Rose & BJ Jackson)
- ∀ Vic Vaz- lukemia (husband of Sheila Vaz)

- Margie Schindewolf Miller- hospice (Shirley Coyle's step-sister)

- ⊕ 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)

- Betty Carroll- cancer treatment with dementia(Cathy Coyle's aunt)
- ⊕ George Cook- cancer (husband of Jenny Turner's friend)
- Maria Kent-chemo (sister of Christina Cross)
- Mary Ellen Zwahr

   Seizures (cousin of Brenda Pali)
- ⊕ 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, back pain, shingles
- 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)

#### Our Shut Ins

Aileen Mercer, Gloria Meyer

#### General Prayer

- ★ 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)
- 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)

#### Pelebrations

- ₱ Birthdays: 7/15 Jason Christy & Jennifer Cornman; 7/16 Carolyn McCorquodale
- Baptism Anniversaries: 7/14 Clay Lilley

## Update

We are working toward resuming church life to normal while trying to follow national, state and local guidelines, Because of the upswing in COVID cases and the latest local recommendations we have changed the date for restarting Sunday & Wednesday Bible Classes to August 2, depending on what is happening at that time.



"What does it say to our neighbor when in our own families we care for our elderly, become foster parents, adopt children, care for the handicapped, or carry through with an unplanned pregnancy? What does it say to our community when in our churches we care and pray for each other, offer families respite care, visit nursing homes, or provide for the needs of pregnant women? It

says that we are truly For Life because we are living it." Diane E. Schroeder, former president of Lutherans For Life – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • www.lutheransforlife.org

## Stewardship Every Sunday

Romans 8:12 – "So then, brothers, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh." We owe the flesh, the world, and the devil nothing at all. We are not debtors to these enemies; we are freed

by the blood of Christ. We are joyful servants in Christ's kingdom servants that He calls friends. We share our Lord's plans and purposes, and this gives direction and purpose to our lives.

## Offering

You can continue to give by dropping off your offering in the plate as you enter the sanctuary doors, by submitting your offerings online at https://www.stmatthewlcms.com/giving.html or sending them in by mail.



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. LUTHERAN 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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