

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 | . BJ Jackson & David Honerkamp |
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| Greeters | Sylvia Chirsty & Jean Hinz |
| Ushers | Jordan Christy & Cody Williamson |
| Counters | Robert & Melissa Sindlinger |
| AcolyteAltar Guild | Lily Williamson |
| 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 |
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| Assoc. Pastor Rev. Arturo Mendez | Scott Christy |
| 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 Vacant | Congregation Treasurer |
| Board of Evangelism Vacant | Dan Cross |
| Board of Stewardship Vacant | |

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

Strength & Healing

- Sandra Randolph- chronic fatigue syndrome (Sharon Gace's cousin)
- Carson Thelen- cancer has spread & there are no more treatment options, going on hospice (Holly Williamson's neighbor)

- Andrue Barnwell- cancer has metastasized to the lung (cousin of Gayle Bogs)
- Joan Mikecz- recurrent lung infections (sister of Jeanne Held)
- Anne McIlhany- oxygen issues

Cancer/Long Term Healing

- David Nahrwold- recovering from major cancer surgery (Elisabeth Held's father)
- Isdell Birnbaum- stage 4 cancer, under hospice care
- ₱ Phyllis Smith- cancer (Bryce Koslan's cousin)
- ★ Kevin Clark- broken neck & back (Korey Clark's brother)
- Linda Kimmel Winders- tumor in colon (Ray Reed's cousin)
- Ceci- chemo & radiation (Jim Gibbs' great niece)
- Nellie Vick- inoperable cancer (friend of Lester Sentesi)
- Eugene File- lung cancer (friend of B.J. & Rose Jackson)
- Don Weidner- on hospice for colon cancer (friend of the Helds)
- ➡ Sherry Adams- stage 2 lung cancer (Lester Sentesi's co-worker)
- Clarence Bourgeois- plaque on the brain & heart problems (father of Sean Bourgeois-Shirley Coyle's great grandson)

- Marian Martins- cancer (Nadine Reed's mother)
- Brenda Pali- arthritis pain
- Marian Piracci- compromised neuological functions (niece of Langleys' son-in-law)
- ▼ Vic Vaz- lukemia (husband of Sheila Vaz)
- Chryssa Sharp-ovarian cancer (cousin of Karen Mavus)
- ₱ Paul Kron- cancer treatments (husband of Marilyn Kron)

- Miranda Rodriguez- bipolar disorder(Shirley Coyle's friend)
- Betty Carroll- cancer treatment with dementia(Cathy Coyle's aunt)
- Mary Ellen Zwahr–seizures (cousin of Brenda Pali)
- Odet Mendez-possible breast cancer (sister of Arturo Mendez)
- Dan-immune disorder (neighbor of Steve Roberts)
- Aileen Mercer-macular degeneration, back pain, shingles
- Matthew Piserelle-no treatment (brother of Phillip Williamson)
- David Saville–MS (nephew of Louie Pali)

Our Shut Ins

Louise Simmons; Richard & Karen Mavus; Bill Pali; Aileen Mercer, Jim Musgrove, Olivia Getschmann, Arthur Bolinger, Mario Reyes, Marcia Carr



General Prayer

- Sean Bourgeois & Garrett Johnson– personal guidance
- The family of Ali Lowitzer strength & understanding during difficult times & for her safe return home (granddaughter of Mary Davis).
- Georgiann & Ron Mallory & Barry Rosenberg—continued strength
- Michael & Guy Johnson- continued healing (Shirley Coyle's sons)
- ₱ For the safety of those serving in the military:Greggrie O'Garro (Navy)-Bahrain (Claire O'Garro's son); Anthony Valles (Army)- Ft. Hood (Nancy Baeza's grandson), Chris Crowley-Navy on USS Rosevelt (son-in-law of Nicole Poppenhusen); Timothy & Benjamin Menz (sons of Paul Menz)

Celebrations

Birthdays: 7/24 Jordan Christy & Mikaela Reese **Baptism Anniversaries:** 7/19 Jessica Nelson

Wedding Anniversaries: 7/21 Scott & Sylvia Christy (42yrs)



Grace Lutheran Church, 1212 West Jefferson, Brenham, TX is hosting Pastor Alfonso Espinosa (former pastor of Living Word Lutheran Church, The Woodlands) for a one day conference on his new book, Faith that Engages the Culture, on Saturday, July 31

from 9 am - 3:15 pm. This is a free conference. Lunch (Chicken salad and soup) will be available for \$8. His book will be available for \$10. Please RSVP at: judy@glcsbren.org.

THANK YOU!!!

Many thanks to Tiffany and Dave Cowger for the construction and installation of our gradine and credence table. Thanks to Sonny French for staining and varnishing them as well. As the Bible says, faith produces good works and it is most certainly true at St. Matthew. The Chancel is now complete.

Pastor Mendez

Pastor Mendez will not be in attendance today as he is filling in for Rev. Hemsath at Faith Lutheran Church in Huntsville.

Texas Confessional Lutherans

Fellow Lutherans,

Please save the following dates for TCL events:

- * July 22nd at 10 AM: The next TCL quarterly meeting at Grace Lutheran Church in Brenham. The actions taken at the District Convention will likely be discussed along with planning activities for our next Free Conference. A program committee chairman is still need if anyone would like to volunteer for that position.
- * September 10th and 11th: The next TCL Free Conference will be held at Grace Lutheran Church in Brenham. Pastor Bryan Wolfmueller of St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Austin will be the speaker. His topic will be *Has American Christianity Failed?* If you would like to have a catered meal on Saturday at noon, please email me at robertlangeinc@msn.com and let me know so that proper arrangements can be made.

TCL has been inactive due to the Covid pandemic, but every effort to return to normal is being made. Please try to attend these upcoming events if possible.