



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
Greeters	Sylvia Chirsty & Jean Hinz
Ushers	Jordan Christy & Cody Williamson
Counters	Robert & Melissa Sindlinger
Acolyte	Aaron Montemayor
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	Scott Christy
Parish Secretary	Cindy Doty	Congregation Vice President
Organist	Michael Held	David Honerkamp
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.

Strength & Healing

- ✘ **Joanne Cowger- recently re-diagnosed with cancer (step-family to Cowger family)**
- ✘ Joan Mikecz- recurrent lung infections (sister of Jeanne Held)
- ✘ Anne McIlhany- oxygen issues

Cancer/Long Term 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)
- ✘ Rev. David Oberdieck- diagnosed with kidney cancer (seminary class mate of Pastor Bogs)
- ✘ Christina Cross- multiple health issues (Dan Cross' sister)
- ✘ Andrué Barnwell- cancer has metastasized to the lung (cousin of Gayle Bogs)
- ✘ 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 neurological functions (niece of Langleys' son-in-law)
- ✕ Lani Henderson- cancer treatment (friend of Marie Fischer)
- ✕ Vic Vaz- leukemia (husband of Sheila Vaz)
- ✕ Leon Lilley- Leukemia
- ✕ Chryssa Sharp-ovarian cancer (cousin of Karen Mavus)
- ✕ Paul Kron- cancer treatments (husband of Marilyn Kron)
- ✕ JoAnn Roberts- chronic Leukemia Stage 1 (Steve Roberts' wife)
- ✕ Loraine Lambert-cancer (friend of Shirley Coyle)
- ✕ 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)
- ✕ Charlie Garton–child w/ brain cancer (friend of Mark Johnson)
- ✕ 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 Roosevelt (son-in-law of Nicole Poppenhusen); Timothy & Benjamin Menz (sons of Paul Menz)

Celebrations

Birthdays:7/27 Randy Bogs & Ean Cowger; 7/28 Addison Christie & Dale Haude; 7/30 Will Gentes & Aaron Lilley

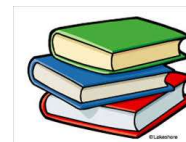
Baptism Anniversaries: 7/25 AJ Parsalaw

“We need to keep fueled up through Christian fellowship in worship and in the sacraments. We need to pray without ceasing and receive the peace in that special relationship with God. And then, we need to stand strong and boldly declare God’s plan for life. We can’t be timid, afraid to speak up or be noticed. If we don’t share the truth, who will?” Virginia Flo, Regional Director of Minnesota and National Conference Director, Lutherans For Life – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • lutheransforlife.org



Stewardship Every Sunday

Ephesians 3:20 – “Now to him who is able to do far more abundantly than all that we ask or think ...” We often shortchange God by failing to remember what Paul says here: God can do far more than what we can think or ask. His power, and His love, are without bound and without measure. So why do we fear to follow His word? Isn’t it in fact fear that keeps us back from a life of joyous generosity and open-handedness? But God is able to do far more abundantly! So let us not be afraid to take the Lord at his Word and live according to it.



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.

Texas Confessional Lutherans

Please save the following date for TCL events:

- * **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.