

## 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 ..... Jarod Christy & Sonny French  
 Greeters..... Curtis & Sharon Gace  
 Ushers ..... Dillon Mosier & Robert Sindlinger  
 Counters ..... Marie Fischer  
 Acolyte..... Ean Cowger  
 Altar Guild ..... Janie McElroy & Rose Jackson




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 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-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 Assoc Pastor of Hispanic Ministry  
 Organist..... Michael Held ..... Rev. Arturo Mendez  
**Board Chairpersons:** Parish Secretary ..... Hiring  
 Elders ..... Jason Christy **Congregational Officers:**  
 Trustees..... Eugene Meyer President ..... Scott Christy  
 Education..... Vacant Vice Pres. .. David Honerkamp  
 Evangelism ..... Vacant Secretary ..... Christina Cross  
 Stewardship ..... Vacant Treasurer ..... Dan Cross



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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



August 22 – Pentecost XIII (Proper 16B) – Abortion frequently runs interference for “sexual freedom.” It often intends to provide cover for adultery. But it ends up a cheap imitation and poor substitute for the self-sacrificing, servanthood love of biblical, biological, binary, and lifelong marriage (Ephesians 5:31-32). Death cannot supply what sin has deprived us of. Our Lord Jesus gives us His whole body and life like husband to wife and parents to children. We will experience real joy when we emulate His way.

### Stewardship Every Sunday



Mark 7:11 - "But you say, 'If a man tells his father or his mother, "Whatever you would have gained from me is Corban" ' (that is, given to God)." Each one of our vocations, in the home, in the church, and in society have a claim on our resources. The Pharisees thought that they could use the Kingdom of God as an excuse to shirk their duty to their parents. But they were wrong. Of course, doing it the other way around would also be wrong. God has called us to be supportive of our families, our churches, and our communities each in the proper proportion.

*Christian stewardship is the free and joyous activity of the child of God and God's family, the church, in managing all of life and life's resources for God's purposes.*

## Texas Confessional Lutherans Free Conference

You are invited to attend the Texas Confessional Lutherans annual FREE CONFERENCE that will be held on Friday, September 10 and Saturday, September 11 at Grace Lutheran Church, located at 1212 Jefferson Street in Brenham, Texas. Pastor Bryan Wolfmueller of St. Paul's Lutheran Church of Austin, Texas will be the speaker. He will speak on the theme of "Has American Christianity Failed." A catered barbeque meal will be available at noon on Saturday for \$10 per plate. Please make a meal ticket reservation by September 3. To reserve a meal ticket, get a copy of the Agenda, or for more information, call or text 979-421-3740 or email robertlangeinc@msn.com.



Friday, Sept. 10		Saturday, Sept. 11	
5-6 pm	Registration	7:30-8 am	Coffee and Donuts
6-6:15 pm	Opening Devotion and Introduction, Rev. Dr. Ronald A. Bogs, Committee Chr.	8-8:15 am	Opening Devotion - Pr. Arturo Mendez, St. Matthew, Wesfield
6:15-7:15 pm	The Four Pillars of American Evangelicalism	8:15-9:30 am	Go Play Outside: The Sacraments as the Foundation of Comfort
7:15-7:30 pm	Questions and Answers	9:30-9:45 am	Questions and Answers
7:30-7:45 pm	Break	9:45-10:15 am	Break
7:45-8:45 pm	The Pendulum of Pride and Despair, and the War Against Our Self-Justifying Flesh	10:15-11:30 am	A Theology the Truly Comforts: The Pastoral Nature of Confessional Lutheranism
8:45-9 pm	Questions and Answers	11:30 - 12 noon	Questions and Answers/Open Mic
9-9:30 pm	Evening Suffrages - Pr. Ryan Ogrodowicz, Grace, Brenham, TX	12:00 Noon	Closing Prayer, Benediction, Adjournment
		12:00 Noon	BBQ Lunch
		After Lunch	TX Balance/LMA/Concord TX (Meeting in Parlor)

### ESL Classes Postponed

ESL classes are currently postponed until October. If you need more information, please see Pastor Mendez.

### Life Quotes

"Our youth are a gift of God—our future voice and our For Life voice, now! Take a moment and read Titus 2 and ponder Paul's teaching in light of Proverbs 1:5: 'Let the wise hear and increase in learning, and the one who understands obtain guidance.' Then invite, encourage, and mentor youth in your circle today." Rev. Jeff Duncan, Mission and Ministry Director of Lutherans For Life – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life

• [lutheransforlife.org](http://lutheransforlife.org)



## 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

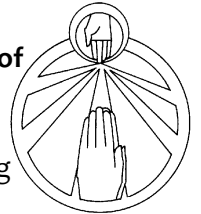
Please remember those whose needs have been reported with prayers, cards and visits. Most requests will be listed for *THREE* Sundays unless updated. **BOLD FONT** indicates request is new or has been updated this Sunday.

### Thanksgiving

✘ **Linda Kimmel Winders- successful surgery (cousin of Ray Reed)**

### Strength & Healing

- ✘ Mark Monroe-suffered a major stroke but improving with physical therapy (brother of Mary Gibbs)
- ✘ All of those, especially those in our congregation, suffering from COVID right now
- ✘ Phillip & Holly Williamson- COVID
- ✘ Grace Meyer Ballard- COVID (cousin of Jane McElroy)
- ✘ Caiden Pali- 5yr old with COVID (grandson of Bill & Brenda Pali)
- ✘ Joan Mikecz- recurrent lung infections (sister of Jeanne Held)
- ✘ Anne McIlhany- oxygen issues



### Cancer/Long Term Healing

- ✘ Ceci- finished chemo & radiation, now on quarterly monitoring, still tired and having kidney issues (great niece of Jim Gibbs)
- ✘ Dave Nahrwold- beginning chemo for bladder cancer (father of Elisabeth Held)
- ✘ Jeanie Cowger- recently re-diagnosed with cancer (step-family of Cowger family)
- ✘ Clarence Meal- lung cancer diagnosis (friend of Bettye Carter)
- ✘ Sandra Randolph- chronic fatigue syndrome (cousin of Sharon Gace)
- ✘ Carson Thelen- cancer has spread & there are no more treatment options, going on hospice (neighbor of the Williamsons)
- ✘ Rev. David Oberdieck- diagnosed with kidney cancer (seminary classmate of Pastor Bogs)
- ✘ Christina Cross- multiple health issues (sister of Dan Cross)
- ✘ Andrue Barnwell- osteosarcoma cancer metastasized in lungs (cousin of Gayle Bogs)
- ✘ Isdell Birnbaum- stage 4 cancer, under hospice care
- ✘ Phyllis Smith- cancer (cousin of Bryce Koslan)
- ✘ Kevin Clark- broken neck & back (brother of Korey Clark)
- ✘ Nellie Vick- inoperable cancer (friend of Lester Sentesi)
- ✘ Eugene File- lung cancer (friend of B.J. & Rose Jackson)
- ✘ Clarence Bourgeois- plaque on the brain & heart problems (father of Sean Bourgeois-Shirley Coyle's great grandson)

- ✘ Marian Martens- cancer (mother of Nadine Reed)
- ✘ 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 (wife of Steve Roberts)
- ✘ Loraine Lambert-cancer (friend of Shirley Coyle)
- ✘ Miranda Rodriguez- bipolar disorder(friend of Shirley Coyle)
- ✘ Betty Carroll- cancer w/dementia(friend of 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 (sons of Shirley Coyle)
- ✘ For a safe & healthy pregnancy for Sisilie & Chris Lawrence, due in December
- ✘ For the safety of those serving in the military:Greggrie O'Garro (Navy) -Bahrain (son of Claire O'Garro); Anthony Valles (Army) - Ft. Hood (grandson of Nancy Baeza), Chris Crowley (Navy)- USS Roosevelt (son-in-law of Nicole Poppenhusen); Timothy & Benjamin Menz (sons of Paul Menz)

#### **Celebrations**

**Birthdays:** 8/24 Kim Christy

**Baptism Anniversaries:** 8/24 Chris Aikman; 8/25 Dale Haude; 8/26 Dixie Garrett; 8/27 Andy Montemayor

**Confirmation Anniversaries:** 8/25 Don Cornman

**Wedding Anniversaries:** 8/25 Curtis & Sharon Gace (48 yrs)



# Truth in a Post-Truth World

A HIGHER THINGS RETREAT

September 25, 2021

Zion Lutheran Church in Tomball, TX

#### **About this topic . . .**

We no longer live in a post-modern society in which everyone has their own truth. Truth is no longer a subjective reality. We live in a post-truth world. What does this mean? Let Dr. Adam Francisco of Concordia University Chicago tell you what it means to declare, define, and defend the absolute truth of the Gospel in a post-truth world so that we may give a reason for the hope that is within us.

#### **Things to know . . .**

**When:** September 25, 2021

**Where:** Zion Lutheran Church, Tomball, TX

**Cost:** \$30 per person

**Contact:** See Gayle Bogs if you want to go with the group from our church. Otherwise you may contact Lynea Sander, retreat coordinator, at (832) 722-3170 or lynealeia@gmail.com

**RSVP:** via online registration at [www.higherthings.org/events/retreats](http://www.higherthings.org/events/retreats)

#### **About this retreat . . .**

Picture the sanctuary filled with teenagers, eager for the organ to begin the opening lines of the liturgy or their favorite hymns, listening intently as they learn how their Lutheran faith applies to their lives and relationships, and laughing as they horse around playing games and getting to know other youth from the area. This retreat will give youth and adults a glimpse of a typical Higher Things youth conference. The \$30 cost covers three meals in addition to the retreat activities, running from 9am to 7pm.

Register for this retreat online at [www.higherthings.org/retreats](http://www.higherthings.org/retreats). Groups are encouraged to register online, however, you may bring your payment with you to Zion Lutheran Church when you arrive for the retreat. Please RSVP for this retreat by September 17.

#### **About Higher Things...**

Higher Things is a Recognized Service Organization of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod. The mission of Higher Things is to support the church in passing on the Faith by teaching the next generation the Gospel of Jesus Christ: that they are saved by grace alone, through faith alone, as revealed in Scripture alone. For more information about Higher Things, please visit [www.higherthings.org](http://www.higherthings.org) or email [info@higherthings.org](mailto:info@higherthings.org)

## Opportunities to Study God's Word

### Sunday School for All Ages

Preschool - Elementary Classes begin at 8:45 am in **Room #2**. They children are learning Biblical accounts from the Growing in Christ series. The **Jr. High through High School** class is led by Pastor Mendez in **Room #3**.



### Sunday Adult Bible Classes

All members and friends of St. Matthew Lutheran Church are invited to attend the Adult Bible Classes each Sunday at 8:45 am. **Answers in Genesis** led by Pastor Bogs meets in the Fellowship Hall (gym). And **Galatians** led by Larry Harvey meets in **Room #4**. Please join us. Bring a family member. Bring a neighbor. Bring a friend!

### Wednesday Mornings

The Wednesday Morning Bible Study Group meets at **10:00 am** in **Room #2**. We invite everyone who is available to join us to study God's Word. We are studying **Romans**.



### Wednesday Evenings

Wednesday evening Bible Class meets at **7 pm** in **Room #2**. We are studying the **Psalms**. Bring a friend for an enjoyable evening!

### Men's Breakfast Bible Study

Join us for the Men's Breakfast and Bible study on the **2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday** of the month at **8:00 am** in the **Fellowship Hall**. Our next class on **September 11** will be studying **Nehemiah**.

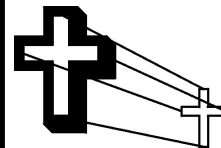


The Board of Elders meet following study at **10:00am**.

Men's Breakfast

### PRISM - Precious Rubies In St Matthew

Ladies' PRISM meetings usually take place the **4<sup>th</sup> Saturday** of the month where we begin with Breakfast and a Bible Study in the Fellowship Hall at **9:00 am**. However, since the Covid break we have not met. If you are interested in starting to meet again, please let Melissa Sindlinger or Gayle Bogs know and watch



here for more information.

Visit our website at [www.stmatthewlcms.com](http://www.stmatthewlcms.com)!