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	Jason Christy & BJ Jackson
Greeters	Curtis & Sharon Gace
Ushers	Dillon Mosier & Robert Sindlinger
Counters	Carolyn McCorquodale
	AJ Parsalaw
Altar Guild	Tiffany Cowger & 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	Michael Held
Parish Secretary	Amanda Hobbs

Board Chairpersons:

Congregational Officers:

Elders	Jarod Christy	President	Scott Christy
Trustees	Eugene Meyer	Vice Pres	David Honerkamp
Education	Kathleen Montemayor	Secretary	Elaina Albarez Christy
Evangelism	Lester Sentesi	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 27 – Pentecost XIII (Proper 16A) – Confessing the Christ means advocating the sanctity of every human life. If Jesus is indeed the Son of the Living God (Matthew 16:16), then He also serves as Lord of life-and-death situations and decisions. May He whose Word has plundered us out of hell's gates grant our testimony to extend this same courage and compassion to everyone considering abortion or physician-assisted suicide.

Stewardship Every Sunday

Romans 12:1 – "I appeal to you therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship." That's the order: God's mercies, then our sacrifice. Since God's mercies are all-encompassing, so is our sacrifice: a total sacrifice, our total selves placed over into God's service according to how He has called each of us individually to serve in home, church, and society.

Attendance for Last Week ~ <u>08/20/2023</u> Adult Bible Class - N/A Galatians Class - 14 Sun. Divine Service - 100 Spanish Service - N/A Offering - \$4949.00 Wed. Morning Bible Class - 7 Wed. Evening Bible Classes - 11 For great is His steadfast love toward us, and the faithfulness of the Lord endures forever. Praise the Lord ~ Psalm 117:2

St. Matthew estiv October 14 🖉 9 am to 4 pm St. Matthew Lutheran Church of Westfield 21434 E. Hardy Rd. & Houston, TX 77073 Visit stmatthewlcms.com & follow us on Facebook & Instagram @stmatthewwestfield Attention all Crafters and Vendors: We would love to have you be a part of our day. If you are interested in having a booth at our event, please go to www.stmatthewlcms.com/vendors-registration.html. The registration fee is only \$30! You will have one 8 ft. table and two chairs provided, and if you are in need of electricity, please just let us know.

St. Matthew Lutheran Church Congregational Assembly Meeting ~ Agenda August 27, 2023

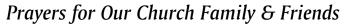
Call to Order Opening Prayer Approve minutes from 6-25-2023 CAM Pastor's Reports Treasurer's Report Board Reports Old Business: - Absentee member list



- Constitution Review Committee

New Business:

- Church treasurer (position open Jan.1, 2024)
- 2024 Budget
- Closing Prayer
- Motion to Adjourn



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. \sim 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

✤ Thanksgiving for 50 yrs. Of marriage for Curtis & Sharon Gace (Amanda, Shawn & Dillon Goss)

Strength & Healing

- ➡ Healing, comfort & strength for Brett Visage whose wife, Robyn haw been diagnosed with cancer (Amanda Goss co-worker of Robyn)
- ➡ David Nahrwold having surgery for intestinal blockage this week (Michael & Jeanne Held's daughter-in-law's father)
- ♥ Michael Held Pray for good results of CT scans this week
- ✤ Sharon Schliecher recovering from back surgery
- ✤ Jude Sanders successful brain surgery (friend of Aaron Bogs)
- ✤ Patricia LaShomb recovering from a successful oral cancer surgery
- ✤ Sherry Barnwell has a broken hip (Gayle Bogs Aunt)
- ✓ Esther Miller kidney cancer, surgery to remove tumor on 7/21 (friend of Gayle Bogs)
- ▲ Justin Street found a facial tumor (friend of Shawn Goss)
- Denise Berry ongoing test for undiagnosed health issues, also took a fall and fractured her wrist (cousin of Nicole Poppenhusen)
- ✤ Joshua Montemayor prayers for good medical test results
- ➡ Martha Paz recovery from health complications (Mother of Pastor Mendez)

Cancer/Long Term Healing

- ♥ Toby Turley Cancer (Curtis & Sharon Gace's Niece)
- ✤ Sharon Anderson metastatic colon cancer & is undergoing chemotherapy (twin sister of Karen Hartl)
- Angela Wilkins undergoing treatment for breast cancer (Gayle Bell's daughter)

- Michael Held pancreatic cancer
- ✤ Jan Stayton healing from back surgery
- 🖲 Leon Lilley leukemia
- ✤ Paul Kron cancer treatment
- ✤ Bill Pali Alzheimers
- Anne McIlhany heart failure, myasthenia gravis, systemic sclerosis
- ✤ Gladys Banewski cancer (friend of Curtis & Sharon Gace)
- ✤ Jake Fodderie brain tumor (nephew of Christina Cross)
- ✤ Colin Brogan recovering from heart surgery (friend of Sonny French)
- ✤ Stephanie Nixdorf stage 4 melanoma (friend of the Helds)
- ✤ Craig Johnson rehab/skilled nursing soon (father of Christina Cross)
- ✤ Brandon Pate sclerosis of the liver (friend of Nicole Poppenhusen)
- ✤ Aileen Mercer failing eye sight
- ✤ Erica Vogt Covid complications (granddaughter of the Helds)
- ✤ Carolina Villarreal cancer & surgery (friend of the Mendez Family)
- ✤ Benny Albarez cancer (brother of Elaina Albarez)
- ✤ Jeanie Cowger cancer (step-family of the Cowger family)
- 🕸 Vic Vaz leukemia (husband of Shelia Vaz)
- JoAnn Roberts chronic Leukemia Stage 1 (wife of Steve Roberts)
- ✤ Sue Wright cancer (aunt of Elaina Albarez)
- ✤ Matthew Piserelle no treatment (brother of Phillip Williamson)

<u>Our Shut Ins</u>

Gladys Barton, Marcia Carr, Dixie Garrett, Karen Mavus, Aileen Mercer, Bill Pali, Arlene Schultz & Eda Nitz

<u>General Prayer</u>

- ✤ Susie Wells seeking employment after 9 years with Microsoft
- ✤ The family of Ali Lowitzer strength during difficult times & for her safe return home (granddaughter of Mary Davis)
- ➡ Healthy pregnancies & babies for: Amanda McCarthy due in October (Rachel Sentesi's sister-in-law)
- ➡ For the safety of those serving in the military: Greggrie O'Garro -Navy/Bahrain (son of Claire O'Garro), Anthony Valles Army/Japan (grandson of Nancy Baeza), Chris Crowley (Navy/USS Roosevelt (son-in-law of Nicole Poppenhusen), Timothy & Benjamin Menz -Marines (sons of Paul Menz), Steven & Robert Hailey - Marines (nephews of the Haileys)



Celebrations

Birthdays: 8/31 Joshua Bogs & 9/2 Steve Nitz Baptism Anniversaries: 8/27 Andy Montemayor, 8/30 Gayle Bogs, 8/31 William Gentes & 9/1 Mikaela Reese

ESL Classes

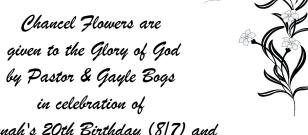
ESL classes are every Tuesday and Thursday at 7pm and began again on August 15th. If you need more information, please see Pastor Mendez or contact him at pastormendez.smlcw@gmail.com.

125th Anniversary of St. Matthew Lutheran Church



Four years ago an attempt was started to get ready to celebrate our congregation's 120th anniversary. That attempt was thwarted by COVID. In one year an eight months we will be celebrating the 125th anniversary of St. Matthew Lutheran Church of Westfield. In order to assure a proper celebration the congregation has authorized an Anniversary Celebration fund.

Because a committee has not yet been set for this celebration there is not yet a goal as for how much we would like to collect, but please do not let that stop you from beginning the giving so that we might indeed have a grand celebration.



Hannah's 20th Birthday (8|7) and Joshua's 22nd Birthday (8|31)



Youth and Young Adults Swim Party Thank you to Peg & Gordon Munson for allowing us to come to the home and enjoy their beautiful pool! We are blessed they have offered for us to come one more time before the "cooler" weather. So September's activity will be another Pool Day at the Munson's home on Sunday, September 17 from 12:30

- 3:00 pm. Watch for more information on GroupMe messages!

St. Matthew Lutheran Church 2024 Picnic Committee/Volunteers

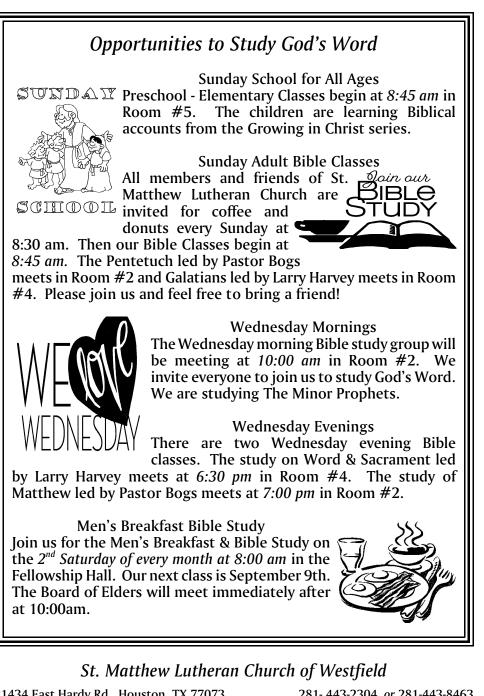
We at St. Matthew are re-launching our Annual May BBQ starting in May 2024 and to ensure that it is up & running smoothly for that big celebration we would like to start planning now. With that in mind we will be needing lots of volunteers. We would like to extend a huge thank you to Phillip Williamson for volunteering to chair the picnic again & to Melissa



Sindlinger for volunteering to be the kitchen chairperson. They will be meeting soon to get going. Watch the bulletin & newsletter for all of the fun to come. And be ready to say "Yes" when asked to help. If you would like to serve as we plan for the re-launch of this iconic event see Phillip or Melissa.

Higher Things Retreat - Zion, Tomball Sept. 22 & 23 It's easy to get lost looking for yourself. It can feel impossible to find a person that you love and respect in the mirror. To find one who lives up to the expectations of your parents, your friends, your church. Vaguely religious calls to hand it over to God don't help much because the deeper we dive into God's word, the more we realize we have two identities that are at war with each other. Sinner. Saint. And that's not a sign something is broken. It's a sign it's working. It feels terrible to have a losing war fought inside you every day, but that identity crisis isn't yours to sort out. In your baptism, old Adam is drowned. Every day. And the new man arises. Every day. It feels like a losing war, but it's already won.

The theme this year is "Identity Crisis," and the main speaker is Pastor Harrison Goodman of Higher Things. The retreat will begin at 7pm Friday evening and end at 4 pm Saturday afternoon. The cost is \$50 per person and includes meals (supper Friday, breakfast and lunch Saturday) as well as overnight accommodations at Zion. We're looking forward to great catechesis, worship, and fun times! See Mrs. Gayle or Mrs. Kathleen if you're interested in going. Adults can come as well.



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