

Messenger

St. Matthew Lutheran Church
of Westfield

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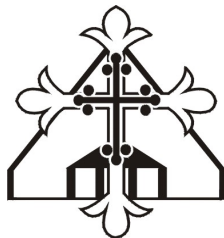
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Rev. Arturo Mendez



Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Traditionally the Labor Day weekend is the end of our Summer Season meaning that the children have gone back to school and the regular social and church calendar activities are back in full swing. Although that may or may not be the case this year for everyone, we are attempting to continue to serve our community with the Word and Sacrament as best we can. Certainly there continue to be challenges and we will continue to make mistakes, for that we ask your forgiveness. If we have missed you or you feel missed or if there is simply something with which we might be of help, please let us know and if we can oblige we will.

September 11 marks the Twentieth Anniversary of the 9/11/2001 terrorist bombing of the United States and still today we continue to be reminded of the unrest in the world, a sure and certain sign of the fall into sin in the Garden of Eden. As we remember the anniversary of this day we continue to pray for God's hand of peace in our world today.

Fall begins on Wednesday, September 22, a day for which many of us looking forward to and a reminder of God's promise to Noah and us, "While the earth remains, seedtime and harvest, cold and heat, summer and winter, day and night, shall not cease" (Genesis 8:22).

Finally, I would most certainly encourage you to attend the Texas Confessional Lutheran Free conference September 10-11. Rev. Bryan Wolfmueller will be speaking on the topic of his book, Has American Christianity Failed? Look for more information about this conference in this newsletter.

As the chaos of the world and the struggles of life encompass us, as we seek order in disorder, as we wonder if ours will be the final generation before the Lord returns, as we seek to find truth and sanity in a world of contradictory messaging, as we may wonder where is God in all this mess, let me assure you that God is with us and the most certain place that we can know Him and that He speaks to us is in His Word and Sacraments. Come be given those gifts as often as they are offered. As He promises in Hebrews, "I will never leave you nor forsake you" (Hebrews 13:5b).

God's richest blessings.

In His Service,

Pastor Bogs
1 Cor. 15:3-5

Don't forget, if you miss a Sunday, you can read the sermon on my blog:
<http://rabswritings.blogspot.com>.

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1	2	3	4
Elders ~ Scott Christy & Curtis Gace Greeters ~ Cathy Smith & Mary Davis Ushers ~ Will Gentes & James Pierce Counter ~ Carolyn McCorquodale Altar Guild ~ Sylvia Christy & Becky Reyes Acolytes 5 ~ Lily Williamson; 12 ~ Joshua Montemayor; 19 ~ Isabella Vaz; 26 ~ Alex Vaz			10am Romans Bible Class 7pm Psalms Evening Bible Class	10am Bulletin Cutoff	Office Closed/ Pastor Bogs' Family Day	8am Men's Breakfast Bible Study 10am Elders Meeting
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8:30am Fellowship 8:45am Sunday School 10am Divine Service			10am Romans Bible Class 7pm Psalms Evening Bible Class	10am Bulletin Cutoff	Office Closed/ Pastor Bogs' Family Day Texas Confessional Lutherans Free Conference >>	>> see article in this newsletter
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26	27	28	29	30		
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Texas Confessional Lutherans

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 Ogradowicz, 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)

Trustees' Report

A/C News

The trustees have designated the A/C fund to replace the South Meeting Room unit. We are currently getting several bids and will update the congregation as soon as all have been submitted. If you choose to give towards this fund please specify St. Matthew Dedicated A/C Fund on the donation.

LED Light Improvement Fund

There is also a fund for a gradual upgrade of all building lights to LEDs to help in reducing our utility cost in the future. Any dedicated donations towards this fund please specify "LED Light Improvement Fund."

Holy Days & Holidays in September

September 7th - Labor Day

September 11th - Patriot Day

September 13th - Grandparents Day

September 14th - Holy Cross Day

September 21st - St. Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist

September 22nd - 1st Day of Autumn

September 29th - St. Michael and All Angels

Happy Birthday to You!

09-02 Steve Nitz
09-06 James Pierce & Mary Pierce
09-10 Edna Ehrhardt
09-13 David Honerkamp
09-17 Dan Pierce
09-20 Carol Gentes
09-23 Virginia Lawrence
09-24 Leon Lilley

Baptismal Birthdays

09-01 Mikaela Reese
09-03 Lorna Sentesi
09-07 Addison Christie
09-09 Joshua Bogs
09-16 Jordan Christy
09-18 Lillian Hill
09-19 Aaron Lilley
09-20 John Tautenhahn
09-25 Daniel Pedersen
09-29 Sonny French

Confirmation Anniversaries

09-12 Christina & Daniel Cross
09-29 Sonny French

Wedding Anniversaries

09-15 Ernest & Isabell Pali – 54 years
09-20 Jim & Marilyn Holland – 34 years



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: either tell Gayle or you may go online yourself and register at 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. 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 or email 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 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 **2nd Saturday** of the month at **8:00 am** in the **Fellowship Hall**. **Due to the Brenham Conference, our next class is rescheduled for September 4** where we will be studying **Nehemiah**.

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

PRISM — Precious Rubies In St Matthew

Ladies' PRISM meetings usually take place the **4th 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 Tiffany Cowger, Melissa Sindlinger or Gayle Bogs know and watch here for more information.



Those Serving the Lord this Month

Elders

Scott Christy & Curtis Gace

Acolytes

5 ~ Lily Williamson
12 ~ Joshua Montemayor
19 ~ Isabella Vaz
26 ~ Alex Vaz

Greeters

Cathy Smith & Mary Davis

Ushers

Will Gentes & James Pierce

Counters

Carolyn McCorquodale

Altar Guild

Sylvia Christy & Becky Reyes

