

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 Scott Christy & Luke Tusing
 Greeters
 Ushers Jordan Christy & Yair Mendez
 Counters Jared & Elaina Christy
 Acolyte Aurora Franks/Crucifer Aaron Montemayor
 Altar Guild Sylvia Christy & 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 Phylis Dodic
 Parish Secretary Amanda Hobbs

Board Chairpersons:

Elders Luke Tusing
 Trustees Craig Hooper
 Education
 Evangelism Lester Sentesi
 Stewardship Nicole Poppenhusen

Congregational Officers:

President Scott Christy
 Vice Pres David Honerkamp
 Secretary Becky Reyes
 Treasurer Oscar & Anna Hernandez
 Financial Secretary Nicole Poppenhusen

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

January 19 – Epiphany II – Surprise pregnancies sometimes seem like tidal waves. Terminal diagnoses also often come like thunderstorms. But even among their sufferings, the Lord Jesus exercises ultimate authority and never fails to make wine for us out of water. The gifts He delivers through each neighbor differ, but the same Spirit works (1 Corinthians 12:4-6) the sanctity of life in them all.

Attendance for Last Week ~ 01/12/2025
 Adult Bible Class - 10 Galatians Class - 13
 Sun. Divine Service - 80 Offering - \$4691.00
 Wed. Morning Bible Class - 8 Wed. Evening Bible Classes - 12
For great is His steadfast love toward us, and the faithfulness of the Lord endures forever. Praise the Lord ~ Psalm 117:2

Stewardship Every Sunday

John 2:3 – “When the wine ran out, the mother of Jesus said to Him, “They have no wine.” Behold the faith of Mary: she sees a problem and simply lays it before her Son and Lord: “They have no wine.” She does not offer a proposed solution, she does not demand, she simply states her need and waits for the Lord’s response. She trusts that the Lord is a giver, and she knows that He always provides. May such a faith be ours!

St. Matthew Lutheran Church Of Westfield
125th Anniversary Celebration Kick off is TODAY!



St. Matthew Lutheran Church of Westfield is having our kick off for its 125th Anniversary Celebration today. At 10am we will have a service of celebration followed by lunch and a "trip down memory lane."

Our guest Preacher is the Rev. Dr. Scott Murray, Sr. Pastor at Memorial Lutheran Church Houston and Vice President of LCMS.

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. BOLD FONT indicates request is new or has been updated this Sunday.

Prayer of Comfort

- ✘ Prayer of Comfort for the Barber Family for the loss of their son Brayton (friend of Shawn Goss)

Strength & Healing

- ✘ Jay Segovia - is in ICU at Memorial Hermann recovering from a stroke (friend of Marie Fischer)
- ✘ Audrey Black - (wife of Pastor Black at Trinity Downtown) has gone on hospice
- ✘ Angela Wilkins - healing from ulcerative colitis (daughter of Frances Bell)
- ✘ Cindy Henderson - diagnosed with lymphoma (friend of Sharon Gace)
- ✘ Tawnya Jackson - healing from oral surgery (BJ Jacksons daughter)
- ✘ Renee Joyce - healing, comfort & strength after her breast cancer diagnosis (family friend of Shawn & Amanda Goss)
- ✘ Jan Stayton - fell and hurt her knee
- ✘ Healing for Joe & Pam Hibler who were in a car accident (parents of a close friend of Amanda Goss)
- ✘ Kayden - tried to take her life due to being bullied at school (daughter of a friend of Nicole Poppenhusen)
- ✘ Ray Reed - thanksgiving to God for the blessing of finding the vocal cancer & strength for the treatments

Cancer/Long Term Healing

- ✘ Aileen Mercer - prayers for her failing eye sight
- ✘ Erica Caballero - has breast cancer (friend of Elizabeth & Yair Mendez)
- ✘ Wanda Wood - recovering from a massive heart attack (friend of the McCorquodales)
- ✘ Ronnie Ethridge - diagnosed with chronic lymphocytic leukemia(co worker of Yair Mendez)
- ✘ Brad Ratliff - has an inoperable brain tumor (friend of Lester Sentesi)
- ✘ Paul Kron - prayers for recovery from kidney failure & cancer treatments
- ✘ Robbie Barton - diagnosed with cancer (brother of Jennifer Hailey)

- ✘ Ruben Alvarez - health challenges (father of Elaina Alvarez Christy)
- ✘ Rick Hamitt - has been diagnosed with ALS (son-in-law of the Staytons)
- ✘ Patricia LaShomb - prayers during her continued treatment and healing from cancer
- ✘ Hunter Baty - Fhar's disease (friend of Marie Fischer)
- ✘ Denise Berry - diagnosed with ALS (cousin of Nicole Poppenhusen)
- ✘ Justin Street - facial tumor (friend of Shawn Goss)
- ✘ Toby Turley - cancer (niece of the Gaces)
- ✘ Carolyn Nitche - lymphoma, no treatment plan (aunt of Nicole Poppenhusen)
- ✘ Leon Lilley - leukemia
- ✘ Bill Pali - Alzheimers
- ✘ Anne McIlhany - heart failure, myasthenia gravis, systemic sclerosis
- ✘ Gladys Banewski - cancer (friend of Gaces)
- ✘ Brandon Pate - sclerosis of the liver (friend of Nicole Poppenhusen)
- ✘ Jeanie Cowger - cancer (step-family of the Cowger family)
- ✘ Marian Piracci - neurological treatment (niece of the Langleys' son-in-law)
- ✘ Vic Vaz - leukemia (husband of Shelia Vaz)
- ✘ JoAnn Roberts - chronic Leukemia Stage 1 (wife of Steve Roberts)

Our Shut Ins

Gladys Brandt, Karen Mavus, Aileen Mercer, Bill Pali, Arlene Schultz, Sherry Betz, Jean Hinz, Shirley Coyle & Marilyn Kron

General Prayer

- ✘ For the victims of Hurricane Helene & Milton
- ✘ For Christians being persecuted around the world
- ✘ Prayers for a healthy baby for Jarod & Elaina Christy
- ✘ The family of Ali Lowitzer - for her safe return home (granddaughter of Mary Davis)
- ✘ For the safety of those serving in the military: Daemon Metcalf - Navy (friend of Hanah Hailey), Victor & Andrew Guinn - Airforce (sons of Paul Guinn), 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), Robert Hailey - Marines (nephew of the Haileys) & David Cowger - Basic Training for the Army in Georgia

Celebrations

Birthdays: 1/20 Cody Williamson, 1/21 Troy Lilley, 1/21 Jack Christy & 1/23 Annie Mae Byars
Baptism Anniversaries: 1/24 Cadence Wells



Picnic Committee

The Picnic Committee will be having its initial meeting to start planning our 125th Picnic on February 9th immediately after Divine Service. We need lots of volunteers this year. We have a Chairman but we still need a Kitchen Supervisor and a Cooking Team Leader. If you would be interested in either of these positions or just want to help plan on being at this meeting. Any questions see Lester Sentesi, Picnic Chairman

Annual Mailbox Clean Out ~ January 30th

On January 30th all mailboxes in the Narthex will be cleaned out. If there is anything in your mailbox that you would like to keep please make sure that you have removed it from your mailbox before this date. Also if you are a current member and do not have a mailbox and would like one please contact the church secretary, office.smlcw@gmail.com or by phone and we will make sure that you receive one.



Board of Evangelism

The Board of Evangelism will be meeting on February 16th immediately following Divine Service. We will be meeting regularly now on the 3rd Sunday of each month. We have a lot to discuss so please plan to be there. Any questions see Lester Sentesi

St. Matthew Senior Group

Our Senior Ministry will be having a carry in dinner and planning meeting on February 23rd immediately after Divine Service. We are asking everyone to bring a main dish and a side or dessert. We will be planning events for the rest of the year so bring your ideas and let's show the youngsters how it is done. If you are over 50 please join us.



February Newsletter Deadline

If you have anything that you would like to see and/or add to the February 2025 newsletter. Please submit them to office.smlcw@gmail.com by Monday, January 20th.



Life Quotes

"No amount of scientific progress can defeat death. No political ruler can promise eternal life. Only Jesus can make and keep that promise. The promise of hope and life is ours to proclaim. It is the promise that a world without hope needs to hear. In Jesus we have hope for the future, the living hope of life in His presence forever." Dr. Carol Geisler, Lutheran Hour Ministries – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • lutheransforlife.org

A Big "Bannerific" Thank You

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I just wanted to say a special thank you to those who worked on the Anniversary banners over the past month: Carol Clark, Nancy Baeza, Sylvia Christy, Rose & BJ Jackson, Jennifer Hailey, Sharon Gace, Angie & Becky Mendez, Amanda Goss, Shirley Michka, and Aaron Bogs. Your patience with my never-ending "ideas" and "what if we"s, your suggestions, and your "save the days" are so greatly appreciated. Our team created beautiful pieces for

our year long celebration, and I'm excited to share them with everyone else today. May God bless you always, my friends! ~ Gayle



The Chancel Flowers are given to the Glory of God by Arlene & Victor Schultz and Pastor & Gayle Bogs in celebration of St. Matthew's 125th Anniversary and in memory of Gayle's father, Michael Dodic,



on the anniversary of his entrance into heaven.

Usher 2025 Schedule

- January ~ Jordan Christy/Yair Mendez
- February ~ Aaron Montemayor/Joshua Montemayor/Dwayne Lilley
- March ~ Dillon Mosier/Noah Montemayor/Logan Reed & Heston Reed (2nd and 4th weeks only)
- April ~ Joshua Montemayor/Yair Mendez
- May ~ Aaron Montemayor/Jarod Christy
- June ~ Noah Montemayor/Dillon Mosier
- July ~ Logan Reed & Heston Reed (2nd & 4th weeks only)/Troy Lilley/Dwayne Lilley
- August ~ Yair Mendez/Aaron Montemayor
- September ~ Joshua Montemayor/Jarod Christy
- October ~ Logan Reed & Heston Reed (2nd & 4th weeks only)/Troy Lilley Dwayne Lilley
- November ~ Aaron Montemayor/Noah Montemayor
- December ~ Jarod Christy/Dillon Mosier

Opportunities to Study God's Word

SUNDAY



SCHOOL

Sunday School for All Ages

Preschool - Elementary Classes begin at 8:45 am in Room #5. The children are learning Biblical accounts to go with Sunday's Readings from "God's Hand in Our Lives" series from the Church of the Lutheran Confessions.

Sunday Adult Bible Classes

All members and friends of St. Matthew Lutheran Church are invited for coffee and donuts every Sunday at 8:30 am. Then our Bible Classes begin at 8:45 am. The study of Epistles of Paul led by Pastor Bogs meets in Room #2 and First Thessalonians led by Larry Harvey meets in Room #4. Please join us and feel free to bring a friend!



Wednesday Mornings

The Wednesday morning Bible study group will be meeting at 10:00 am in Room #2. We invite everyone to join us to study God's Word. We are studying The Formula of Concord.



Wednesday Evenings

There are two Wednesday evening Bible classes. The study on The Lord's Supper led by Larry Harvey meets at 6:30 pm in Room #4. The study of How We Got the Bible led by Pastor Bogs meets at 7pm in Room #2.

Men's Breakfast Bible Study

Join us for the Men's Breakfast & Bible Study on the 2nd Saturday of every month at 8:00 am in the Fellowship Hall. Our next class is February 8th. The Board of Elders will meet immediately after at 10:00am.

