

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 Alex Vaz
 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
 Music John Lisius & Jeanne Held
 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 26 – St. Titus, Pastor and Confessor – The Apostle Paul involved Gentile Titus in Christian ministry to embody how the Gospel doesn't discriminate. So confinement to mother's womb will not disqualify anyone from worth: Jesus is Lord there, too (Psalm 71:6). And advanced age cannot undermine it either: He employs “elder” as an expression of respect (Titus 1:5-9). We dare not close the kingdom doors Almighty God has opened!

Attendance for Last Week ~ 01/19/2025
 Adult Bible Class - 13 Galatians Class - 15
 Sun. Divine Service - 88 Offering - \$2990.00
 Wed. Morning Bible Class - X Wed. Evening Bible Classes - X
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

1 Cor. 12:16 – “And if the ear should say, ‘Because I am not an eye, I do not belong to the body,’ that would not make it any less a part of the body.” The Lord has called each of us individually and given each of us unique gifts. He has made our whole lives holy in our Baptism and has called us to a life together in the church, His body. You are a part of that body, and that body needs you and the gifts the Lord has given you. This is your holy calling from the Lord.

2025 Special Service Schedule

Ash Wednesday	March 5th	7:30pm w/Lord's Supper
Lent (+ noon services)	March 12, 19, 26, April 2 & 9	7:15pm Hymn Sing & 7:30pm Worship
Palm Sunday	April 13th	10am w/ Lord's Supper
Maundy Thursday	April 17th	12pm & 7:30pm w/Lord's Supper
Good Friday	April 18th	12pm & 7:30pm Cemetery
Easter Sunday	April 20th	7:00am no Lord's Supper 8:45am Sunday School 10:00am w/Lord's Supper
Thanksgiving Eve	November 26th	12pm & 7:30pm w/Lord's Supper
Advent	Dec. 3, 10 & 17	12pm Service, 7:15pm Hymn Sing & 7:30pm Worship
Christmas Eve	Dec. 24th	6:30pm w/Lord's Supper
Christmas Day	Dec. 25th	10:00am w/Lord's Supper
New Years Eve	Decr 31st	6:30pm w/Lord's Supper

2025 Church Office Holiday Schedule

Good Friday*	April 18th (Friday) ~ Floating
Memorial Day	May 26th (Monday)
Independence Day	July 4th (Friday)
Labor Day	September 1st (Monday)
Thanksgiving Day	November 27th (Thursday)
Christmas Day	December 25th (Thursday)
New Years Day	January 1st (Thursday)



February 2025 Acolyte Schedule

February 2 nd ~	Dalton Reed
February 9 th ~	Isabel Vaz
February 16 th ~	Abi Hernandez
February 23 rd ~	Alex Vaz

If you won't be able to serve on your day scheduled, please ask someone to fill your spot and/or tell Gayle Bogs.



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 Black Family -Audrey Black - (wife of Pastor Black at Trinity Downtown) passed away on 1/18

Strength & Healing

- ✘ Jay Segovia - is in ICU at Memorial Hermann recovering from a stroke (friend of Marie Fischer)
- ✘ 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 Albarez - health challenges (father of Elaina Albarez 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: 1/28 Dillon Mosier & 2/1 Susie 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

"Babies are born into the world wrapped in surprising packaging like disabilities or poverty, but even so, God has a perfect plan for each one of them. Abortion is a tragic end to the countless blessings in store for those who would have surrounded these children." Brad Mattes, Life Issues Institute – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • lutheransforlife.org

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

Altar Guild 2025 Schedule

- January ~ Sylvia Christy & Becky Reyes
- February ~ Marie Fischer & Vita Malloy
- March ~ Rose & BJ Jackson
- April ~ Tiffany Cowger & Carol Clark
- May ~ Sylvia Christy & Becky Reyes
- June ~ Marie Fischer & Vita Malloy
- July ~ Rose & BJ Jackson
- August ~ Tiffany Cowger & Carol Clark
- September ~ Sylvia Christy & Becky Reyes
- October ~ Marie Fischer & Vita Malloy
- November ~ Tiffany Cowger & Carol Clark
- December ~ Rose & BJ Jackson

Elder 2025 Schedule

- January ~ Scott Christy & Luke Tusing
- February ~ Sonny French & David Honerkamp
- March ~ Jordan Christy & Steve Roberts
- April ~ Scott Christy & BJ Jackson
- May ~ Luke Tusing & David Honerkamp
- June ~ Sonny French & Jordan Christy
- July ~ Steve Roberts & BJ Jackson
- August ~ Luke Tusing & Sonny French
- September ~ David Honerkamp & Steve Roberts
- October ~ Scott Christy & Jordan Christy
- November ~ BJ Jackson & Luke Tusing
- December ~ David Honerkamp & Steve Roberts



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.

