

# 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 . . . . . Jordan Christy & David Honerkamp  
 Greeters . . . . . Shawn & Amanda Goss  
 Ushers . . . . . Robert Sindlinger & Aaron Montemayor  
 Counters . . . . . Nancy Baeza  
 Acolyte . . . . . Aurora Franks  
 Altar Guild . . . . . Marie Fischer & Vita Malloy

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 . . . . .  
 Parish Secretary . . . . . Amanda Hobbs

### Board Chairpersons:

Elders . . . . .  
 Trustees . . . . . Eugene Meyer  
 Education . . . Kathleen Montemayor  
 Evangelism . . . . . Lester Sentesi  
 Stewardship . . . Nicole Poppenhusen

### Congregational Officers:

President . . . . . Scott Christy  
 Vice Pres . . . . . David Honerkamp  
 Secretary . . . . . Becky Reyes  
 Treasurer . . . . .  
 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

October 6 – Pentecost XX (Proper 22B) – Our Almighty Maker carefully creates every human male or female (Genesis 2:21-22). Jesus Himself took on the same flesh in fertilization and gestation to redeem our entire race (Hebrews 2:14, 17). And the Lord our God calls even the littlest among us for His own (Mark 10:14). Could the Scriptures get any clearer about the sanctity of life? Can we?

## Stewardship Every Sunday

Mark 10:6 – “But from the beginning of creation ...” In recent years our country, along with most (formerly) Christian nations of Europe, have lost their way when it comes to marriage. We have ignored the fact that it is God who created us. We always go off-the-tracks when we forget that He made us and that everything good in this world comes from His hand. In big things and in small things, in the life of a nation or the life of an individual, things go dreadfully wrong when we ignore the Creator’s instructions for life.



## November Newsletter Deadline



If you have anything that you would like to see and/or add to the November 2024 newsletter. Please submit them to [office.smlcw@gmail.com](mailto:office.smlcw@gmail.com) by Monday, October 21<sup>st</sup>.

Attendance for Last Week ~ 09/29/2024  
Adult Bible Class - 14 Galatians Class - 11  
Sun. Divine Service - 108  
Offering - \$4341.00

Wed. Morning Bible Class - 6 Wed. Evening Bible Classes - 16

*For great is His steadfast love toward us, and the faithfulness of the Lord endures forever. Praise the Lord ~ Psalm 117:2*

### Life Quotes

“Having received God’s gifts of forgiveness, life, and salvation in His divine services to us in our congregations, we jointly put on His armor (Ephesians 6:10-18) in the public square, proclaiming Christ and Him crucified for the forgiveness of sins, even those of babies still in the womb. In so doing, we advocate for the sanctity of life from the moment of fertilization and pray that God will use us to change the hearts of the abortion-minded in our communities.” Dr. Roni Grad, Catalina Lutheran Church Life Team and National Lutherans For Life Board of Directors member – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • [lutheransforlife.org](http://lutheransforlife.org)

### 125th Anniversary of St. Matthew Lutheran Church

The 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Committee will be meeting on Sunday, 10/13 after Divine Service. We have several different items to finalize. T’ minus 79 days until Jan. 1<sup>st</sup> and we kick off the 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of St. Matthews “Eyes Always on the Lord”.



1. Kick Off Celebration - 1/19/25
2. Banner Committee
3. Collectible or Memento Committee (work on a collectible souvenir)
4. Entertainment
5. School/Alumni Sunday
6. Reformation Celebration

Sign up sheets are in the Narthex. Please sign up.

Also think and pray about a monetary donation to the Anniversary Account to help take care of the cost. "Growing Together in Christ for 125 years"

### Board of Evangelism Monthly Meeting

The Board of Evangelism & Fellowship will be meeting every 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of each month after church service. The next meeting will be, Sunday, October 20<sup>th</sup>. If you have an activity you would like to see us do, please see Lester Sentesi or any board member.

**MONTHLY MEETING**  
Be Connected. Be Heard. Be Informed.

## 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.

### Comfort

- ✘ For the family of William Wenthe - who passed away on 9/25 he was a teacher & principal at St Matthew Lutheran school. The funeral will be held at Zion Lutheran Church, Walburg Texas, Mon Oct 7th, Visitation 10AM & Service at 11AM

### Strength & Healing

- ✘ Eugene Meyer - cancer treatments & other medical issues
- ✘ Forrest Weaver - Healing
- ✘ Pastor Bogs - recovering from basal cell carcinoma removal
- ✘ Prayer for Gail, Joel & family for healing - Jude
- ✘ Wanda Wood - recovering from a massive heart attack (friend of the McCorquodales)
- ✘ Ronnie Ethridge - diagnosed with chronic lymphocytic leukemia(co worker of Yair Mendez)
- ✘ Joyce Bolinger - recovering from successful hip surgery at Park Manor 1014 Windsor Lakes The Woodlands, TX Room 212
- ✘ John Aikman - has been diagnosed with small cell lung cancer (husband of Sharol Aikman)
- ✘ Donald Thompson - for a successful open heart surgery (Pamela Lilleys father)
- ✘ Holly Bettingfield & her fiancé Matthew - they lost all of their belongings in a fire (friend of Nicole Poppenhusen)
- ✘ Brad Ratliff - has an inoperable brain tumor (friend of Lester Sentesi)
- ✘ Paul Kron - prayers for recovery from kidney failure & cancer treatments
- ✘ Cindy Dewbre McClure - complications with her third knee replacement surgery (friend of Elaina Albarez Christy)
- ✘ Robbie Barton - diagnosed with cancer (brother of Jennifer Hailey)
- ✘ Jean Hinz - recovering from hernia surgery

### Cancer/Long Term Healing

- ✘ 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, Jim Musgrove, Shirley Coyle & Marilyn Kron

#### General Prayer

- ✘ 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

Baptism Anniversaries: 10/7 Phillip Williamson, 10/12 Eugene Meyer & 10/12 Steve Nitz

#### Wednesday Bible Study

"PLEASE NOTE: A new study on "The Lord's Supper" is beginning Wednesday evening, September 25<sup>th</sup>, at 6:30 P.M. in Room #4. Consider joining this study."



#### KFUO Radio

KFUO Radio, the broadcast voice of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod, shares Christ for you anytime, anywhere on KFUO.org via worship services, Bible and theology studies, practical talk programs, and sacred music. Find programs on demand at kfuo.org and wherever you get your podcasts! Find us on social: @KFUOradio on Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram.

CHRIST FOR YOU this week on KFUO.org: Continue studying Numbers on Sharper Iron (weekdays at 8:00 a.m. CT) and the book of Revelation on Thy Strong Word (weekdays at 11:00 a.m. CT). Tune in for an interview with author Matt Richard (Will the Real Church Please Stand Up?) on The Coffee Hour (weekdays at 9:00 a.m. CT). Don't forget to join us for KFUO Radio's Centennial Celebration broadcast, October 12 at 10:00 a.m. CT! Tune in at kfuo.org or on the KFUO Radio app!



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Given to the Glory of God  
by the Munson Family  
in honor of Peg's 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday



#### ENGAGING TRUTH OCTOBER PROGRAMMING

The influence of Martin Luther permeates the modern church. October is widely celebrated among Protestant congregations as Reformation month, commemorating Martin Luther's posting of the grievances against the Catholic Church on the chapel door at Wittenberg. But his influence as a pastor, teacher, and translator is still alive in the church today.



During October, we here at Evangelical Life Ministries will highlight Luther's passion for God's word in our Engaging Truth broadcasts each Sunday on KKHT-FM 100.7 -- The Word (kkht.com). We'll start the month with an interview by host Bill Prewitt of Rev. Dr. Rich Rudowske of Lutheran Bible Translators.n of God.

October 6, 2024

7 p.m. - Rev. Dr. Rich Rudowske – "LUTHERAN BIBLE TRANSLATORS"

7:30 p.m. – Rev. Dr. Greg Seltz – "LIBERTY ACTION ALERT"



## Higher Things 2025



Are you or someone you know going to be 18-24 in June of 2025? Do you love Higher Things conferences? Want to spend a week with like-minded young adults, taking the next step into HT beyond, checking out art and architecture and how it confesses Christ and Him crucified?

Join Pastor David Kind, Pastor Harrison Goodman, and Crysten Sanchez for a week of exploring, worshipping, developing friendships, and digging into the beauty that the historic Church has to offer in the City of Steeples, Milwaukee, WI. Interested in joining our early access list for perks once registration opens in early 2025? Click the button below!  
<https://higherthings.org/events/eyes-to-see-early-access/>

ATTENTION St. Matthew Members The Anniversary Committee is asking for anyone that was married and/or has friends or family that were married at St. Matthew to please submit photos with names and dates to a member of the Anniversary Committee by November 1<sup>st</sup>. They will be creating a display for the 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration and would love your help. So please dig through all those photo boxes/albums and help everyone take a walk down memory lane.



### Acolyte Schedule for October 2024

- Oct. 13<sup>th</sup> ~ Isabel Vaz
- Oct. 20<sup>th</sup> ~ Dalton Reed
- Oct. 27<sup>th</sup> ~ Alex Vaz

\*\*If you are unable to serve on your scheduled date, please ask someone to fill in for you and/or tell Gayle Bogs.\*\*



### Picnic Chairman Needed

The Anniversary Committee is in need of someone to fill the role of "Picnic Chairman". If you are interested in this position and/or know somebody that would be please see Lester Sentesi.



### Questions for reflection

Read Acts 10:27-43. What did Peter learn? How does his insight help you and your congregation understand your mission?

Prayer starter: Ask Jesus to help you share the Gospel with a new group of people in your community.



## Opportunities to Study God's Word

### SUNDAY



#### 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.

### SCHOOL

#### 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 Philippians led by Pastor Bogs meets in Room #2 and Galatians 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 Augsburg Confession.

#### 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 Prayer led by Pastor Bogs meets at 7pm in Room #2. "PLEASE NOTE: A new study on "The Lord's Supper" is beginning Wednesday evening, September 25<sup>th</sup>, at 6:30 P.M. in Room #4. Consider joining this study."

#### Men's Breakfast Bible Study

Join us for the Men's Breakfast & Bible Study on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday of every month at 8:00 am in the Fellowship Hall. Our next class is October 12<sup>th</sup>. The Board of Elders will meet immediately after at 10:00am.

