



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 & David Honerkamp
Greeters... Shawn & Amanda Goss
Ushers... Robert Sindlinger & Nathan Cross
Counters... Marie Fischer
Acolyte... Kaitlyn Christie
Altar Guild... Nancy Baeza & Marie Fischer

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-Thursdays - 8:00 am-1:00 pm
Appointments for counsel, home visits or hospital calls may be requested with Pastor by phone at any time.

- Senior Pastor... Rev. Dr. Ronald Bogs
Associate Pastor of Hispanic Ministry... Rev. Arturo Mendez
Organist... Michael Held
Parish Secretary... Amanda Hobbs

Board Chairpersons:

- Elders... Jason Christy
Trustees... Eugene Meyer
Education... Vacant
Evangelism... Vacant
Stewardship... Vacant

Congregational Officers:

- President... Scott Christy
Vice Pres... David Honerkamp
Secretary... Christina Cross
Treasurer... Dan Cross

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 9 - Pentecost XVIII (Proper 23) - Naomi insisted Ruth abandon her because of her age and infirmity (Ruth 1:11-12). But Ruth instead trusted in the God who shares in suffering (2 Timothy 2:3). Likewise, the ten lepers were left for dead, but Jesus reaches even into our severest afflictions with presence and compassion. And He invites and encourages us also to accompany and assist rather than settling for physician-assisted suicide.

Stewardship Every Sunday

Luke 17:19 - 19 - "And he said to him, 'Rise and go your way; your faith has made you well.'" Only one of the 10 lepers who were cleansed returns to give thanks to Jesus. Why is that? Surely the rest were indeed thankful to be freed from such a terrible disease. But only the Samaritan leper had faith, and his faith turned into action, as all true faith does. Our generosity to God's work in the Church is likewise our faith in action.



Christian stewardship is the free and joyous activity of the child of God and God's family, the church, in managing all of life and life's resources for God's purposes.

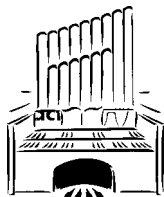
Attendance for Last Week (10/02/2022)
Adult Bible Class - 9 Galatians Class - 8
Sun. Divine Service - 76 Offerings - \$4507.00
Wed. Morning Bible Class - 8 Wed. Evening Bible Classes - 6
For great is His steadfast love toward us, and the faithfulness of the Lord endures forever. Praise the Lord! ~Psalm 117:2

Life Quotes

“Moved by the Holy Spirit, may we help each other carry the crosses we face together. May we work to eliminate suffering together. And may we find healing, belonging, peace, and joy, together in the cross of Christ!”
Michelle Bauman, director of Y4Life – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life
• lutheransforlife.org

Organ Music Operators Needed

Due to the extended absence of Michael Held we are in need of volunteers to play the computerized program which is playing our organ during Divine Service. No special skills are needed, just plug and play. If you are interested, please see Dave Cowger or Gayle Bogs for further information.



Helping Hands Fund

Our Helping Hands Fund is designated to help members of St. Matthew Lutheran Church of Westfield and from time to time we do have members who have a need for some financial assistance. Because God reminds us that we help those in need when we are able so that others might help us when we are in need (2 Cor. 8:13-15), if you are so moved, the Helping Hands fund could use any donations you wish to give. Please mark your offering as “Helping Hands Fund.”



ESL Classes

ESL classes are resuming every Tuesday and Thursday at 7pm. Pray for this mission of St. Matthew that God will bless it to continue strongly in reaching out to our community not only teaching English but also sharing the Gospel of the Lord. If you need more information, please see Pastor Mendez.



LED Light Improvement Fund

A fund for a gradual upgrade of all building lights to LEDs exists to help reduce our utility cost in the future. Any dedicated donations towards this fund please specify "LED Light Improvement Fund." Each light cost about \$80. Please consider "adopting" a light or two.



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. Most requests will be listed for **THREE** Sundays unless updated. **BOLD FONT** indicates request is new or has been updated this Sunday.

Prayer of Thanksgiving

✘ Sherry Adams - Is Cancer Free (friend of Lester Sentesi)

Strength & Healing

- ✘ Carol Ainsworth - Under hospice care with alzheimers (neighbor of Arlene Schultz)
- ✘ Leyton Labay - Recovering from broken femur (4 yr. Old son of Stephanie & Lane Labay friends of Lester Sentesi)
- ✘ LaVerne Theiss - hospitalized due to a mini-stroke (cousin of Janie McElroy)
- ✘ Gladys Banewski - Diagnosed with Cancer (friend of Curtis & Sharon Gace)
- ✘ Michael Held - began chemotherapy for pancreatic cancer
- ✘ Debbie Blanton - suffered a stroke (daughter of Shirley Coyle)
- ✘ Virginia Lawrence - Recovering from a detached retina
- ✘ Mario Reyes - suffered an aortic aneurysm & awaiting surgery
- ✘ Carol Gentes - has shingles
- ✘ Richard Mavus - In rehabilitation

Cancer/Long Term Healing

- ✘ Jake Fodderie - brain tumor has returned (nephew of Christina Cross)
- ✘ Samantha Brown - being treated for cancer (daughter of Eda Nitz niece)
- ✘ Stephanie Favreau - Breast cancer (friend of the Gace and Goss families)
- ✘ Ernie Bernet - bladder cancer (seminary friend of Pastor Bogs)
- ✘ Colin Brogan - recovering from heart surgery (friend of Sonny French)
- ✘ Stephanie Nixdorf - stage 4 melanoma (friend of The Helds)
- ✘ Craig Johnson - broken neck from a fall (father of Christina Cross)
- ✘ Brandon Pate - scerosis of the liver (friend of Nicole Poppenhusen)
- ✘ Aileen Mercer - failing eye sight
- ✘ Jan Stayton - healing from back surgery
- ✘ Erica Vogt - Covid complications (granddaughter of The Helds)
- ✘ Carolina Villarreal - cancer & surgery (friend of Mendez Family)
- ✘ Sue Wright - cancer (aunt of Elaina Alvarez)
- ✘ Benny Alvarez - cancer (brother of Elaina Alvarez)
- ✘ Leon Lilley - Leukemia

- ✠ Chris Pirk - receiving cancer treatment (friend of The Reese Family)
- ✠ Paul Kron - receiving cancer treatment
- ✠ Carmen Arnold - cancer returned (friend of Jarod Christy)
- ✠ Bill Pali - Alzheimers
- ✠ Anne McIlhany - heart failure, myasthenia gravis, systemic sclerosis
- ✠ Dave Nahrwold - bladder cancer (father of Elisabeth Held)
- ✠ Jeanie Cowger - cancer step-family of The Cowger Family)
- ✠ Kevin Clark - broken neck & back (brother of Korey Clark)
- ✠ Marian Piracci - improving (niece of Langley's son-in-law)
- ✠ Vic Vaz - Leukemia (husband of Shelia Vaz)
- ✠ Chrissy Sharp - ovarian cancer (cousin of Karen Mavus)
- ✠ JoAnn Roberts - chronic Leukemia Stage 1 (wife of Steve Roberts)
- ✠ Miranda Rodriguez - bipolar disorder (friend of Shirley Coyle)
- ✠ Betty Carroll - cancer w/dementia (friend of Cathy Coyle's aunt)
- ✠ Odet Mendez - possible breast cancer (sister of Pastor Mendez)
- ✠ Matthew Piserelle - no treatment (brother of Phillip Williamson)
- ✠ Charlie Garton - child w/brain cancer (friend of Mark Johnson)
- ✠ David Saville - MS (nephew of Louie Pali)
- ✠ Christina Cross - multiple health issues (sister of Dan Cross)

Our Shut Ins

Gladys Barton, Marcia Carr, Dixie Garrett, Richard & Karen Mavus, Aileen Mercer, Bill Pali, Mario Reyes & Arlene Schultz

General Prayer

- ✠ The family of Ali Lowitzer - strength during difficult times & for her safe return home (granddaughter of Mary Davis)
- ✠ 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 (sons of Paul Menz, Steven & Robert Hailey (Marines) - (nephews of The Haileys)

Celebrations

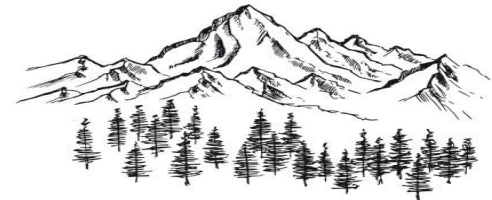
Birthdays: 10/14 Becky Reyes & 10/15 Kathleen Montemayor
 Baptism Anniversaries: 10/12 Eugene Meyer, 10/12 Steve Nitz, 10/14 Virginia Lawrence, 10/15 James Pierce & 10/15 Mary Pierce
 Confirmation Anniversaries: 10/11 James Pierce, 10/11 Mary Pierce, 10/14 David Honerkamp & 10/15 Vanessa Rivera
 Wedding Anniversaries: 10/13 Daniel & Christina Cross ~ 21 Yrs.



Texas Confessional Lutherans
 Join us for our next quarterly meeting at Grace Lutheran Church, Brenham on Thursday, Oct. 20 at 10:30 am. Our speaker will be Rev. Carl Roth on the topic "That's Queer: LGBTQ Ideology as a Postmodern Religion." The topic concludes at 12:30 pm after which we dine at one of the local place and have our business meeting. We are usually concluded by 2 pm.



Evanguard Men's Retreat ages 8 and up



When: November 18-20

What: The mid-South region Evanguard gathering for men and boys Pastor Adam Koontz will present on a Biblical understanding of the patriarchy. We'll be meeting at Camp Trinity on Petit Jean Mountain in Arkansas where there will be opportunity for study, conversation, fellowship, prayer, indoor relaxation, and outdoor adventure. Camp Trinity will have canoeing, ax throwing, hiking, and other fun outdoor activities. We will begin on Friday at 6pm. Sunday morning will begin with the Divine Service with communion and ends after the dismissal at 11am. Join Us! Men 18 and up are \$125; Ages 8-17 are \$75.

To Register: <https://evanguard.org> or
<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/DQ77N92>

Rubicon Candy Wrapper Recycle

Research shows that in the United States alone, more than 600 million pounds of candy are purchased each year for Halloween. Instead of throwing those candy wrappers in the garbage bring them to the church and throw them in the recycle box in front of the church office to be recycled. Once our box is full we will send it back to Rubicon and receive a certificate showing how many wrappers we diverted from landfills. **CANDY WRAPPERS ONLY!**



Opportunities to Study God's Word

Sunday School for All Ages

Preschool - Elementary Classes begin at 8:45 am in Room #5. The children are learning Biblical accounts from the Growing in Christ series. The Sr. & Jr. 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 for coffee and donuts at 8:30 am each Sunday at 8:30 am. Then our Bible Classes begin at 8:45 am. *The Pentetuch* led by Pastor Bogs meets in the Room #2. And *Galatians* led by Larry Harvey meets in Room #4. Please join us. Bring a friend!

Wednesday Mornings

The Wednesday Morning Bible Study Group will be meeting at 10:00 am in Room #2. We invite everyone who is available to join us to study God's Word. We are studying the "What about" series. They can be downloaded at: <https://resources.lcms.org/reading-study/what-about-pamphlets/>



Wednesday Evenings

There are two Wednesday evening Bible Classes. The study on *Word & Sacrament* led by Larry Harvey meets at 6:30 pm in Room #4. The study on *Psalms* led by Pastor meets at 7:00 pm in Room #2.

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. Our next class is November 12th. The Board of Elders will meet following study at 10:00am.



PRISM – Precious Rubies In St Matthew

PRISM is going to meet on Saturday, October 22nd at 9 a.m. Ladies of all ages are invited to enjoy breakfast, fellowship, and Bible study. We will be diving into "Living a Chocolate Life" by Deb Burma. "Living a Chocolate Life"



Matins & Meal: Fall Edition!

Join us for a Potluck Lunch,
Bingo, and Pumpkin Painting!

Sunday October 30th
at 10 am with festivities
to follow in the
Fellowship Hall

Volunteer Sign-up Sheet is
in the Entry. Please
Contact Tiffany Cowger
with questions.