



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 ..... Robert & Melissa Sindlinger  
 Acolyte..... Alex Vaz  
 Altar Guild..... Nancy Baeza

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

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 23 – Pentecost XX (Proper 25)/St. James of Jerusalem, Brother of Jesus and Martyr – The earliest Christian congregation in Jerusalem recognized the lives of despised Gentiles as precious as their own (Acts 15:17-18). Along with James, they each understood the dignity Jesus bestowed by making human beings God's own brothers and sisters, even though the public took offense at it (Matthew 13:55-57). Let us not let this Gospel they gave us with their lives fall silent!

### Stewardship Every Sunday

**2 Timothy 4:6 – “For I am already being poured out as a drink offering, and the time of my departure has come.”** As St. Paul nears the end of his life, he continues to view it as something to be spent in sacrifice toward God – just as he had told the Romans (12:1) to be “living sacrifices.” And why does St. Paul do this? Because he knows that His Lord has already won for him the crown of life. Jesus' sacrifice that purchased our salvation leads us to imitate His sacrifice in our living for Him.

*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 (10/16/2022)

Adult Bible Class - 10 Galatians Class - 9

Sun. Divine Service - 65

Offerings - \$33321.00

Wed. Morning Bible Class - 8 Wed. Evening Bible Classes - 10

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

### Life Quotes

"We may think our prayers are small in relation to the magnitude of the problem of abortion. Not so! ... Educate yourself, your children, and the people you know about Lutherans For Life ... Support leaders who embrace these words, 'All men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty, and the Pursuit of Happiness.' ... We have the most hopeful message the world has ever heard. You know it. God does big things with small stuff. How can we be so sure? Shiphrah and Puah, Jochebed, Miriam, and Moses ... and especially Jesus."



### Help for Hurricane Ian Victims

Pastor Bogs & Gayle would like to give our church family the opportunity to help another church be able to share Christ's love to their community. Pastor & Gayle attended Faith Lutheran in Dunedin while in Florida after Pastor's Doxology Retreat, and that congregation is collecting gift cards for the victims of Hurricane Ian. The devastation just south of Tampa where they are reminds us of when our community was in need after Hurricane Ike and Harvey. A church up north sent us gift cards to help our community then, and we would like to do the same for Florida. If you would like to be a part of this opportunity to give, please bring gift cards to Walmart, Home Depot, Lowes, or Target and place in the basket in the narthex. We will collect through November 13 so that we can get these cards to them by the holidays. Thank you for sharing Christ's love!

### 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. If you need more information, please see Pastor Mendez.



### 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.

### Strength & Healing

- ✱ **Dave Nahrwold** - recovery from complications of cancer surgery (father of Elisabeth Held)
- ✱ **Michael Held** - pray for good results of further testing for pancreatic cancer
- ✱ **Jackie Purcell** - recovering from bypass surgery (mother of The Helds son-in-law)
- ✱ **Eda Nitz** - prayers for new leukemia treatment she is undergoing
- ✱ Peg Munson - Having medical test run
- ✱ Pastor Mendez - Is having double hernia surgery on Thursday, 10/13
- ✱ Sandy Pedersen - in the hospital for test on her gall bladder (daughter of Lester Sentesi)
- ✱ Julie Saunders - for a healthy pregnancy & baby (friend of Gayle Bogs)
- ✱ 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)
- ✱ 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 Albarez)
- ✠ Benny Albarez - cancer (brother of Elaina Albarez)
- ✠ 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
- ✠ 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)
- ✠ Chryssa 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)



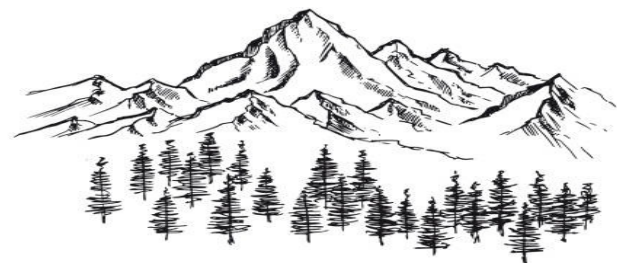
#### Celebrations

**Birthdays:** 10/23 Sharol Aikman, 10/27 Gary Lawrence & 10/29 Nancy Baeza

**Baptism Anniversaries:** 10/10/24 Becky Reyes & 10/27 Junah Arimond

**Confirmation Anniversaries:** 10/26 Jane McElroy, 10/27 Jack Lutsch & 10/29 Pamela Lilley

## 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!**



#### 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.





## 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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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, November 26<sup>th</sup> 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"



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

## Matins & Meal: Fall Edition!

### 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.