



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 Jason Christy & David Honerkamp
Greeters..... Shawn & Amanda Goss
Ushers Robert Sindlinger & Nathan Cross
Counters Marie Fischer
Acolyte..... Noah Montemayor
Altar Guild Nancy Baeza & Rose Jackson

At St. Matthew, we encourage families to worship God together – it is a part of His plan. 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, we invite you to take advantage of the **Nursery** located in the Sunday School wing north of the Sanctuary which is equipped with a speaker so mom and dad can attend to their child's needs and still participate in the service. Or you may visit 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.

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.

Pastor. . . . Rev. Dr. Ronald Bogs
Organist..... Michael Held
Board Chairpersons:
Elders Jason Christy
Trustees..... Eugene Meyer
Education..... Vacant
Evangelism Vacant
Stewardship Vacant
Assoc. Pastor of Hispanic Ministry
..... Rev. Arturo Mendez
Parish Secretary . Amanda Hobbs
Congregational Officers:
President Scott Christy
Vice Pres. David Honerkamp
Secretary Christina Cross
Treasurer..... Dan Cross

St Matthew News & Notes

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 24 – Pentecost XXII (Proper 25B) – Disabilities do not deserve death, either at life's beginning or near its end. The Lord our God loves to save us in all our brokennesses (Jeremiah 31:8-9). May we learn something even greater than comfort from our limitations—may we learn in our disabilities to cry out to Jesus and follow Him (Mark 10:48, 52), through affliction to life everlasting.

Stewardship Every Sunday

Hebrews 7:27 – “He has no need, like those high priests, to offer sacrifices daily, first for his own sins and then for those of the people, since he did this once for all when he offered up himself.” The great sacrifice of Jesus upon the cross covers the sins of all mankind. When that sacrifice was made, Jesus proclaimed: “It is finished.” No sacrifice of ours is needed to cover our sins. And yet St. Paul tells us to be “living sacrifices,” and Jesus tells us to “lay your offering at the altar.” So sacrificial giving goes on, but now its purpose is transformed by the one sin-atonement sacrifice of Christ. Now our giving and serving are sacrifices of thanksgiving, gifts of self in serving others for Christ's sake.



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.



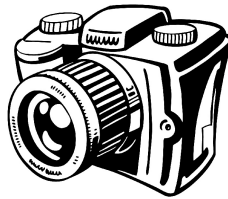
KFUO Radio

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CHRIST FOR YOU this week on KFUO.org: Begin Ecclesiastes on Thy Strong Word (weekdays at 11:00 a.m. CT), study Ezekiel 27-31 on Sharper Iron's "The Faithful Watchman" (weekdays at 8:00 a.m. CT), and hear special guests on Midday Moments at 12:30 p.m. CT! Find your favorite programs on demand at kfu.org or on the KFUO Radio app.

Church Directory/Picture Day!

Mark your calendars St. Matthew is having picture day! We would like for all current members to participate by having their picture taken for the directory whether you are purchasing photos or not. Please look for sign up sheets in the Narthex as well as order forms.



We are also updating member information to print a new pictorial directory. There will be a list of all current members and the information that we have available. Please find your name and review, if anything is incorrect or needs to be updated please fill out the directory information on the picture package order form. If you have any questions please don't hesitate to ask Pastor Mendez, Pastor Bogs or the secretary of the church.

Attendance for Last Week (10/17)

Wed. Morning Bible Class - 9 Wed. Evening Bible Class - 8
Sunday School - 10
Adult Bible Class - 12 Galatians Class - 9
Sun. Divine Service - 87/\$3503

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

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.

Comfort

✘ **Family of Lani Henderson-passed away 10/9/21 (friend of Marie Fischer)**

Strength & Healing

- ✘ Eunice Metz-Under Hospice Care (Friend of Pastor Bogs)
- ✘ Carmen Arnold-cancer returned (friend of Jarod Christy)
- ✘ Javier Castillo-Hospitalized with covid (friend of Lester Sentesi)

Cancer/Long Term Healing

- ✘ Carl Holmes-Dementia (Former Member)
- ✘ Bill Pali - Alzheimers
- ✘ Kerri Bogs Harvard - skin cancer (cousin of Pastor Bogs)
- ✘ Anne McIlhany - Systemic Sclerosis
- ✘ Deitra Johnson - Was in a major car accident (Daughter-in-law of Shirley Coyle)
- ✘ Debbie Blanton - Health complications (Daughter of Shirley Coyle)
- ✘ Joan Mikecz- recurrent lung infections (sister of Jeanne Held)
- ✘ Ceci - finished chemo & radiation, now on quarterly monitoring, still tired and having kidney issues (great niece of Jim Gibbs)
- ✘ Dave Nahrwold- beginning chemo for bladder cancer (father of Elisabeth Held)
- ✘ Jeanie Cowger- recently re-diagnosed with cancer (step-family of Cowger family)
- ✘ Clarence Meal- lung cancer diagnosis (friend of Bettye Carter)
- ✘ Sandra Randolph- chronic fatigue syndrome (cousin of Sharon Gace)
- ✘ Rev. David Oberdieck-diagnosed with kidney cancer (classmate of Pastor Bogs)
- ✘ Andrue Barnwell- osteosarcoma now in lungs (cousin of Gayle Bogs)
- ✘ Phyllis Smith- cancer (cousin of Bryce Koslan)
- ✘ Kevin Clark- broken neck & back (brother of Corey Clark)
- ✘ Eugene File- lung cancer (friend of B.J. & Rose Jackson)
- ✘ Clarence Bourgeois- plaque on the brain & heart problems (father of Sean Bourgeois-Shirley Coyle's great grandson)

- ✘ Marian Martens- cancer (mother of Nadine Reed)
- ✘ Marian Piracci- compromised neuro system (niece of Langleys' son-in-law)
- ✘ Vic Vaz- leukemia (husband of Sheila Vaz)
- ✘ Leon Lilley- Leukemia
- ✘ Chrissy Sharp-ovarian cancer (cousin of Karen Mavus)
- ✘ Paul Kron- cancer treatments (husband of Marilyn Kron)
- ✘ 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 Arturo Mendez)
- ✘ Dan–immune disorder (neighbor of Steve Roberts)
- ✘ Aileen Mercer–macular degeneration, back pain, shingles
- ✘ 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

Louise Simmons, Richard & Karen Mavus, Bill Pali, Aileen Mercer, Olivia Getschmann, Arthur Bolinger, Mario Reyes, Marcia Carr

General Prayer

- ✘ The family of Ali Lowitzer -- strength & understanding during difficult times & for her safe return home (granddaughter of Mary Davis)
- ✘ For a safe and healthy pregnancy for Sisilie & Chris Lawrence, due in December
- ✘ For the safety of those serving in the military:Greggrie O'Garro (Navy) - Bahrain (son of Claire O'Garro); Anthony Valles (Army) - Ft. Hood (grandson of Nancy Baeza), Chris Crowley (Navy) - USS Roosevelt (son-in-law of Nicole Poppenhusen); Timothy & Benjamin Menz (sons of Paul Menz)

Celebrations

Birthdays: 10/27 Gary Lawrence & 10/29 Nancy Baeza

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

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

Wedding Anniversaries: 10/26 Michael & Jessica Nelson & 10/27 Nicole & Bryan Poppenhusen

High Things 2022 - July 26-29, 2022 in Valparaiso, Indiana

Attention all SMART Youth!! See the full announcement in GroupMe if you want to go to HT 2022. A \$150 deposit will lock in your spot. Bring your deposit NEXT SUNDAY to our first fundraiser Reformation Fall Festival. Be sure to plan to be there!



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."

CAM - Congregational Assembly Meeting

Immediately following the Divine Service on Sunday, November 21st we will be having a CAM Meeting

Texas Confessional Lutherans

The next quarterly meeting of the Texas Confessional Lutherans is scheduled for Thursday, October 28, 2021 at Grace Lutheran in Brenham. Our speaker this month will be Rev. Robert Leblanc who will address the topic of organizing a Confessional Lutheran Mission Conference. We are still in need of a Program Chairman, and thus also volunteers to present topics at our regular meetings. Please contact Dr. Bogs if you have ideas or input toward this. We will meet next Thursday beginning at 10:30am. After devotions and the morning topic, we will commute to the Cannery at 12:30 for lunch (\$10) followed by our business meeting if any business remains. Please plan on joining us and consider inviting a friend, or two. See you in Brenham!

Life Quotes



"Society should address every act of injustice and partiality based on ethnicity, and not allow politicians to use envy or 'race' for election ploys. 'Wisdom from above' is needed, says James, lest there be 'wars among you.' Resist the calls to revolution and repair to the One who is able to bring all men together, at the Cross." James M. Kushiner - A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • lutheransforlife.org

Opportunities to Study God's Word

Sunday School for All Ages

Preschool - Elementary Classes begin at 8:45 am in Room #2. They 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 which is now studying "Angels."



Sunday Adult Bible Classes

All members and friends of St. Matthew Lutheran Church are invited to attend the Adult Bible Classes each Sunday at 8:45 am. **Answers in to be determined** led by Pastor Bogs meets in the Fellowship Hall (gym). And **Galatians** led by Larry Harvey meets in Room #4. Please join us. Bring a friend!

Wednesday Mornings



The Wednesday Morning Bible Study Group meets at 10:00 am in Room #2. We invite everyone who is available to join us to study God's Word. We are studying **Romans**.

Wednesday Evenings

Wednesday evening Bible Class meets at 7 pm in Room #2. We are studying the **Psalms**. Bring a friend for an enjoyable evening!

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 13. The Board of Elders will meet following study at 10:00am.

PRISM - Precious Rubies In St Matthew

Ladies' PRISM meetings usually take place the 4th Saturday of the month where we begin with Breakfast and a Bible Study in the Fellowship Hall at 9:00 am. However, since the Covid break we have not met. If you are interested in starting to meet again, please let Tiffany Cowger, Melissa Sindlinger or Gayle Bogs know and watch here for more information.



Reformation Day Fall Festival



Sunday, October 31

Next Week After Divine Service

Join in the fun,
celebrating with friends, food, and more!

****Don't Miss the special appearance of the last living classmate of Dr. Martin Luther, Lester Methuselah Gottenburg! He will be here to speak about his classmate.****

This is a carry in dinner,
so SIGN UP in the Narthex,
dust off those casserole dishes,
and bring your favorite dish and/or dessert to share!

Stay for Games,
BYOP (Bring Your Own Pumpkin)
for decorating*,
or just enjoy fellowship!

*BYOP decorating supplies will be provided



The Rev. Dr. & Mrs. Ronald Bogs and
American Heritage Girls Troop TX0355
invite you to the Stars & Stripes Court of Honor for

Hannah Gayle Bogs

Saturday, November 13, 2021 at 11:00 am
in St. Matthew Fellowship Hall

A Dinner Reception will follow the Ceremony.
Please RSVP by November 7. Sign up in the Narthex today!