



## 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..... Aaron 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 3 – Pentecost XIX (Proper 22B) – This world idolizes sexuality so much it sacrifices unborn children in worship. Our Heavenly Father establishes boundaries to protect us from this slavery. He elevates us by connecting sexuality to marriage, intimacy, procreation, and family. Human bodies testify that we are born already belonging to somebody. Where the world sees selves for expressing or enjoying, we celebrate them in sharing and in serving!

### Stewardship Every Sunday

1 Corinthians 1:4 – “I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that was given you in Christ Jesus.” The grace of God and our thanksgiving go together. When God gives to us, thankfulness wells up inside of us. How could it not? And as Paul shows us here, it's not only the grace given to us that causes us to give thanks but even the grace given to others. We certainly have much to be thankful for when we look at the gifts of grace all around us.



*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

KFUO Radio, a media ministry extension of LCMS congregations, shares Christ for you anytime, anywhere on KFUE.org via worship services, Bible and theology studies, practical talk programs, and sacred music. You can 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 KFUE.org: Study Ezekiel 15-18 on Sharper Iron's "The Faithful Watchman" (weekdays at 8:00 a.m. CT), worship with us in Daily Chapel services at 10:00 a.m. CT. Study Leviticus 17-22 on Thy Strong Word (weekdays at 11:00 a.m. CT), and hear special guests on Midday Moments at 12:30 p.m. CT! Find your favorite programs on demand at kfuo.org or on the KFUE radio app!

### Hurricane Ida Donations

There is a box in the Narthex to collect our donations to those who have been devastated by Hurricane Ida. Rose Schutt, DCE of Atonement Lutheran Church in Metairie, LA is the Disaster Relief Coordinator and has asked for the following items. Please only purchase/donate items on the wishlist below. You may also give online by choosing the "Hurricane Ida Relief" fund at her church's website at alcs.org. As our box is filled, our donations will be taken to Lamb of God, Humble, which is a pick up point for Atonement Lutheran. We join them in prayer for the affected areas.

- ✘ gift cards (Home Depot, Walmart, Lowes, Target, Sams Club, Costco)
- ✘ toilet paper/feminine products
- ✘ mold killer
- ✘ pump sprayers
- ✘ non-perishable food/snacks
- ✘ bleach
- ✘ Pine-Sol for mopping/bleach/ mop buckets
- ✘ large plastic totes with lids
- ✘ brooms/rakes/shovels
- ✘ black,heavy duty garbage bags
- ✘ work gloves
- ✘ bug spray/sunscreen
- ✘ beef jerky/canned meat/Spam
- ✘ dog food/cat food
- ✘ diapers size newborn-size 7/baby wipes
- ✘ formula/baby food/baby juice/baby bottles
- ✘ toiletries (shampoo, conditioner, body wash, razors, deodorant)
- ✘ blue tarps
- ✘ Gatorade/bottled water
- ✘ N95 masks/P100 masks

### Attendance for Last Week (9/26)

Wed. Morning Bible Class - 9      Wed. Evening Bible Class - 10  
Sunday School - 9  
Adult Bible Class - 11      Galatians Class - 8  
Sun. Divine Service - 90/\$3640.00

*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

- ✘ **Homer Smith family - former member who passed away**

### Thanksgiving

- ✘ Loraine Lambert - Healing of cancer (Friend of Shirley Coyle)

### Strength & Healing

- ✘ **Javier Castillo-Hospitalized with covid (friend of Lester Sentesi)**
- ✘ **Mark Monroe-having surgery 10/5 (brother of Mary Gibbs)**
- ✘ James Kline-In the hospital for covid & pneumonia (brother-in-law of Carolyn & Gary McCorquodale)
- ✘ Merilee Eidson-complications from covid vaccine (friend of Bogs Family)
- ✘ Larry Blanton - Having surgery (stepson of Shirley Coyle's daughter)
- ✘ Rusty - Severe covid complications in ICU (friend of Goss family)
- ✘ Curtis Gace - Future surgery for carotid arteries
- ✘ Richard Mavus - stroke
- ✘ Lindsey Busby - hospitalized with Covid (friend of Goss family)
- ✘ Carol Rubio - multiple health issues (cousin of Jane McElroy)
- ✘ Paula Southworth - Afib (friend of Arlene Schultz)

### Cancer/Long Term Healing

- ✘ 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)
- ✘ Bill Jackson- liver transplant (friend of Chrissy Fransel)

- ✘ Rev. David Oberdieck-diagnosed with kidney cancer (classmate of Pastor Bogs)
- ✘ Andrué Barnwell- osteosarcoma now in lungs (cousin of Gayle Bogs)
- ✘ Phyllis Smith- cancer (cousin of Bryce Koslan)
- ✘ Kevin Clark- broken neck & back (brother of Korey 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 Langley's son-in-law)
- ✘ Lani Henderson- cancer treatment (friend of Marie Fischer)
- ✘ Vic Vaz- leukemia (husband of Sheila Vaz)
- ✘ Leon Lilley- Leukemia
- ✘ Chryssa 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)

#### **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:** 10/3 Peg Munson

**Baptism Anniversaries:** 10/6 Emeline Nelson & 10/7 Phillip Williamson

#### **ESL Classes Postponed**

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.

#### **A/C News**

The trustees have designated the A/C fund to replace the South Meeting Room unit. We are currently getting several bids and will update the congregation as soon as all have been submitted. If you choose to give towards this fund please specify "St. Matthew Dedicated A/C Fund" on the donation.

#### **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 Agenda for 10/10/21**

Opening Prayer

Approve Minutes from 6/6/2021 CAM meeting

Pastor's Reports

Treasurer's Report

Board Reports

Old Business: N/A

New Business:

- Reallocation of Pastor Brillinger mission funds

Closing Prayer

#### **Life Quotes**



"[L]ife ministry is about walking together, bearing one another's burdens, and celebrating the lives God has given us. Life ministry is assisting the mother who is struggling in the pew with her busy 'preschooler'. Life ministry is encouraging the father whose unbelieving wife just left him. Life ministry is visiting the sick and elderly, preparing meals for the grieving, celebrating with the newlyweds. Christ's Church continues to bring the message of new life into each and every heart. And that is a beautiful thing!" Deaconess Rachael Geraci  
Christina Cross- multiple health issues (sister of Dan Cross)

## 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**.



### 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 Genesis** 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 **2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday** of the month at **8:00 am** in the **Fellowship Hall**. **However our next class is rescheduled for October 2** where we will be studying **Nehemiah**.

**The Board of Elders will still meet on Saturday, October 9th at 10:00am.**



### PRISM - Precious Rubies In St Matthew

Ladies' PRISM meetings usually take place the **4<sup>th</sup> 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



Sunday, October 31, immediately after the worship service

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

This is a carry in dinner, so 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

