



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..... Ean Cowger
 crucifer..... Nathan Cross
 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	Assoc. Pastor of Hispanic Ministry
Organist..... Michael Held Rev. Arturo Mendez
Board Chairpersons:	Parish Secretary .. Amanda Hobbs
Elders Jason Christy	Congregational Officers:
Trustees..... Eugene Meyer	President..... Scott Christy
Education..... Vacant	Vice Pres. David Honerkamp
Evangelism Vacant	Secretary..... Christina Cross
Stewardship Vacant	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 31–Pentecost XXIII (Proper 26B)–The grace of God doesn't prevail only in private. His life-giving words belong in bedrooms and on bodies (Deuteronomy 6:6-8), brought before congregations and into conversations for the sanctity of every human life. So, we do not keep these life-affirming convictions to ourselves because His blessings become even better when celebrating them with others (Deuteronomy 6:3).

Stewardship Every Sunday

Romans 3:20 – “For by works of the law no human being will be justified in his sight, since through the law comes knowledge of sin.” The Law of God is good - it's just that we sinners cannot save ourselves by the Law. Salvation is a free gift of God because that is the only way we could ever be saved. The Law shows us God's holiness and thus our own sin. And now in Christ we can look at the Law and see it in a new light - as a guide for how to live a godly life in thanksgiving to God for His gracious forgiveness in Christ.



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.



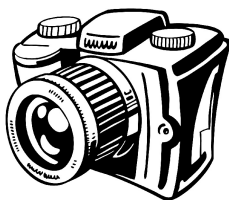
KFUO Radio

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CHRIST FOR YOU this week on KFUO.org: Happy Reformation! Study Ecclesiastes 4-7 on Thy Strong Word (weekdays at 11:00 a.m. CT), Ezekiel 32-36 on Sharper Iron's "The Faithful Watchman" (weekdays at 8:00 a.m. CT), and worship with us in daily chapel services at 10:00 a.m. CT from the LCMS International Center. Hear 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 (10/24)

Wed. Morning Bible Class - 8 Wed. Evening Bible Class - 9
Sunday School - 11
Adult Bible Class - 8 Galatians Class - 10
Sun. Divine Service - 112/\$

*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.

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 Langley's)

son-in-law)

- ✠ 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)
- ✠ 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: 11/6 Kenneth Lilley

Wedding Anniversaries: 11/5 Isdell Birnbaum & Olivia Getschmann

Life Quotes



"So follow Daniel ... Martin Luther ... the believers of ages past who have stood firm on Scripture alone, by faith alone, and by God's grace alone no matter what the cost. Spread the Word. Preach the truth. Defend your faith. Pass it on to your children. God will bless you and keep you firm in the one true faith. With that comfort you

can proclaim, 'Here I stand. I cannot do otherwise. God help me. Amen!'" Rev. Peter Sulzle, St. John Evangelical Lutheran Church – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • lutheransforlife.org

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



*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!*

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 Revelations** 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