



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... B.J. Jackson & Steve Roberts
Greeters... Sonny & Joyce French
Ushers... Luke Tusing & Jordan Christy
Counters...
Acolyte... AJ Parsalaw
Altar Guild... Tiffany Cowger & Becky Reyes

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

November 6 - Pentecost XXII (Proper 27) - God intends and imparts life (Luke 20:38). He wills life for every human being. He wills life even where the world witnesses only darkness, despair, and dying (Luke 20:29-32). He works life no matter how young or how old a person may be (Psalm 148:12). He works life that neither we nor anyone and anything else may end. Why would we not want to uncover, approach, and announce such a holy ground (Exodus 3:5) to everybody?

Stewardship Every Sunday

Matthew 5:6 - "Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied." You only hunger and thirst for what you don't have. Jesus has come to fill us up with righteousness - His own righteousness. He is the self-giving Lord whose sacrifice inspires us to be givers, too.

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 ~ 10/30/2022
Adult Bible Class - 10 Galatians Class - 9
Sun. Divine Service - 87
Offering - \$5186.00
Wed. Morning Bible Class - 9 Wed. Evening Bible Class - 12
For great is His steadfast love toward us, and the faithfulness of the Lord endures forever. Praise the Lord ~ Psalm 117:2



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.



Help Wanted

The church needs help cleaning and pressing the Acolyte robes. Please see Gayle if you are available to help.



LED Light Improvement Fun

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.

Strength & Healing

- ✘ Marilyn Kron - Has Covid
- ✘ Healing for Howard Jones - (John Tautenhan brother-in-law)
- ✘ Sandy Pedersen - out of the hospital & the biopsy results were negative (daughter of Lester Sentesi)
- ✘ 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
- ✘ 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)
- ✘ Debbie Blanton - suffered a stroke (daughter of Shirley Coyle)
- ✘ Mario Reyes - suffered an aortic aneurysm & awaiting surgery
- ✘ Carol Gentes - has shingles
- ✘ Richard Mavus - In rehabilitation

Cancer/Long Term Healing

- ✘ Gladys Banewski - Diagnosed with Cancer (friend of Curtis & Sharon Gace)
- ✘ 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
- ✘ 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

- ✘ **Bradley Shipes - joining the US Airforce on 11/15 (former member)**
- ✘ The family of Ali Lowitzer - strength during difficult times & for her safe return home (granddaughter of Mary Davis)
- ✘ Julie Saunders - for a healthy pregnancy & baby (friend of Gayle Bogs)
- ✘ 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)



Birthdays: 11/6 Kenneth Lilley, 11/10 Kate McIlhany, 11/11 Don Cornman, 11/11 Carine Pierce & 11/11 Nadine Reed

Baptism Anniversaries: 11/11 Mackenzie Gentes

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.



St. Matthew Lutheran Church Congregational Assembly Meeting

Agenda

11-13-2022
Call to Order
Opening Prayer
Approve minutes from 8-21-2022 CAM meeting
Pastor's Reports
Board Reports
Treasurer's Report
Old Business:
- Wells Fargo Account
New Business:
- Nominations for Officers/Boards, 2023-2024 term
- 2023 Church Budget
Closing Prayer



PRISM ~ November Calendar Change
There has been a change to the November calendar it has the PRISM meeting scheduled for Saturday, November 26th. We will not be having PRISM meetings for the month of November or December. So please remove PRISM from your November calendar.

Questions for reflection:

Read Col. 3: 1-17

What do these verses say about life as the church - God's people together?

What growth areas do you see as a congregation?

What successes?

Prayer starter: Ask God to slow you down so you can connect with fellow believers in need.