



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 ..... Robert & Melissa Sindlinger
- Acolyte..... Aaron Montemayor
- 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–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*

November 13 – Pentecost XXIII (Proper 28) – Parents delivering children to death, as in abortion, indicates the end of the age is near (Luke 21:16). We rejoice that God has given limits to evil, and this will not linger forever. Our neighbors cannot afford for our tongues or talents to grow idle (2 Thessalonians 3:6). The Lord moves in surprise pregnancy and terminal diagnosis, turning hearts of parents and children to one another (Malachi 4:6). Let us also be about this the Father's business!

*Stewardship Every Sunday*

**Luke 21:6 – “As for these things that you see, the days will come when there will not be left here one stone upon another that will not be thrown down.”** Everything in this world is headed for the graveyard, but some things are also destined to rise from the grave. On that Day of Resurrection – as we look back on our earthly life – what will we see? What will have really mattered? This is a good question to ask ourselves in this season of the church year that focuses on The Last Things.



*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 ~ <u>11/06/2022</u>	
Adult Bible Class - 13	Galatians Class - 10
Sun. Divine Service - 79	
Offering - \$5884.00	
Wed. Morning Bible Class - 8	Wed. Evening Bible Class - 14
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 (TODAY IS THE LAST DAY)

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.



### 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.



### 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

- ✘ **For the Family of Mario Reyes - he passed away from surgical complications on Saturday, November 5<sup>th</sup>**
- ✘ **For the Family of Howard Jones - who passed away (John Tautenham brother-in-law)**

### Strength & Healing

- ✘ **Mariela Guerra - pray for healing (friend of Pastor Mendez)**
- ✘ Marilyn Kron - Has Covid
- ✘ 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)
- ✘ 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)
- ✘ 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 - sclerosis 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)
- ✠ Chrissy 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, & Arlene Schultz

#### General Prayer

- ✠ 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: Bradley Shipes (US Airforce) (former member), 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:** 11/13 Claire O'Garro, 11/15 Rose Goebel, 11/15 Holly Williamson & 11/19 Patsy Hodges  
**Baptism Anniversaries:** 11/15 Nadine Reed & 11/16 Kathleen Montemayor  
**Wedding Anniversaries:** Don & Jennifer Cornman ~ 29 Yrs.

#### Life Quotes

“Respect for God’s chain of authority holds true with the police, legislators, governors, presidents, and judges who have been placed over me. Some I may have chosen willingly, while others I may have voted against or had no say in. Still, we believe God has given them their authority. I may feel a responsibility to oppose their plans or how they perceive and execute justice, but even then, I owe them respect and honor.” Pastor Dan Guagenti, Holy Cross Lutheran Church, Shelbyville, Kentucky – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • [lutheransforlife.org](http://lutheransforlife.org)

#### Board Of Evangelism

The Board of Evangelism will once again be meeting starting in January 2023. We have some things planned and want to do more but we can't do it without your help. We aren't asking anyone to serve on the Committee, just help out. Anyone interested in helping out or if you have a Fellowship Activity you would like us to do see Lester Sentesi. We are looking forward to a year full of Fun & Fellowship.



#### KFUO Radio

KFUO Radio, the broadcast voice of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod, shares Christ for you anytime, anywhere on KFUO.org via worship services, Bible and theology studies, practical talk programs, and sacred music. Find programs on demand at [kfu.org](http://kfu.org) and wherever you get your podcasts! Find us on social: @KFUOradio on Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram.



CHRIST FOR YOU this week on KFUO.org: Study the 2nd Article of the Creed on Concord Matters (11/19 at 11:00 a.m. CT), study Exodus 5-9 on Thy Strong Word (weekdays at 11:00 a.m. CT), and hear conversations from around the Synod on The Coffee Hour (weekdays at 9:00 a.m. CT). Find your favorite programs on demand at [kfu.org](http://kfu.org) or the KFUO Radio app!

## 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.



## 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 26<sup>th</sup>. 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.