



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 Marie Fischer
 Acolyte Ruby 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 20 – Last Sunday after Pentecost (Proper 29) – Using death as a solution offers us dominion to spare ourselves from pain. But real kings and queens exercise majesty by saving their people instead (Luke 23:37-39). God's forgiveness and salvation have made us royalty so that we may do the same (Colossians 1:13). Lest our silence miscommunicate arrogance as blessedness, let us give voice to the sacred remembrance that He holds every human life as His own treasured possession (Malachi 3:15-17).

Stewardship Every Sunday

Colossians 1:18a – “**And he is the head of the body, the church.**” We are part of the Body of Christ; He is our Head. Where He goes, we follow. His thoughts direct our actions. This is how the people of God learn how to give and why they give. Because Jesus gives, indeed He gives all He has.



Attendance for Last Week ~ 11/13/2022

Adult Bible Class - 13 Galatians Class - 10

Sun. Divine Service -

Offering - \$7417.00

Wed. Morning Bible Class - 9 Wed. Evening Bible Class - 5

For great is His steadfast love toward us, and the faithfulness of the Lord endures forever.

Praise the Lord ~ Psalm 117:2

Life Quotes

"In the Christian calendar, secular time is swallowed up in Sacred Time, which is a foreshadowing of the eternal Day of the Lord, when all that we have foolishly sought after and worried about will vanish as will the night vanish on the dawning of the Lord's Day. Rejoice, the Lord is near." James M. Kushiner, executive director, Fellowship of St. James – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • lutheransforlife.org

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 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.



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.



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

✠ **Prayers for the family of Cheryl Cornman - who passed away on 11/15 (Mother of Don Cornman)**

Strength & Healing

- ✠ **Oakley Rose Simmons - Born 2 months premature on Nov. 11th weighing 2lbs. 11oz. (Randy & Kathy Bogs)**
- ✠ Mariela Guerra - pray for healing (friend of Pastor Mendez)
- ✠ 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
- ✠ 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 - 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 Albarez)
- ✱ Benny Albarez - cancer (brother of Elaina Albarez)
- ✱ 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, & 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: 11/21 Rose Jackson, 11/23 Nathan Cross, 11/26 Chad Lilley & 11/26 Sharon Schubert
Baptism Anniversaries: 11/21 Gary Lawrence, 11/24 Carol Gentes & 11/25 Caroline Christy
Confirmation Anniversaries: 11/21 Scott Christy, 11/21 Sylvia Christy, 11/21 Ashley Massuda, 11/23 Bob Langley & 11/23 Jeanne Langley



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

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CHRIST FOR YOU this week on KFUE.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 kfuo.org or the KFUE Radio app!

A Message from the family of Mario Reyes



To all who helped with the food and fellowship for Mario's Memorial Service, a heartfelt thank you!

When one part of the body suffers, we all suffer, and St. Matthew has been a source of comfort and strength.

~In Peace Becky Reyes & Family

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



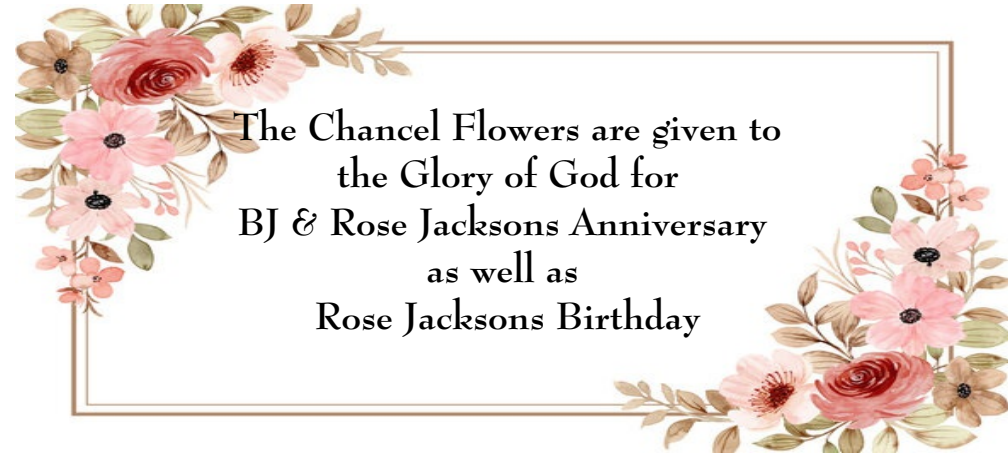
The Wednesday Morning Bible Study Group will be meeting at 10:00 am in Room #2. We invite everyone who is available to join us to study God's Word. We are studying the "What about" series. They can be downloaded at: <https://resources.lcms.org/reading-study/what-about-pamphlets/>

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



The Chancel Flowers are given to
the Glory of God for
BJ & Rose Jacksons Anniversary
as well as
Rose Jacksons Birthday

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.



Attention Members

Please check your mailboxes for a copy of the Schedule of Services Advent - Christmas 2022 and New Year's Eve