



## 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 ..... Jarod Christy & Scott Christy  
Greeters..... Sonny & Joyce French  
Ushers ..... Luke Tusing & Jordan Christy  
Counters ..... Barbara Newbould & Luke Tusing Jr.  
Acolyte..... Lily Williamson  
Altar Guild ..... Robert & Melissa Sindlinger

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



November 21–Pentecost (Proper 29B)– The sanctity of every human life involves far more than personal choices or political issues. We have the chance to snatch sisters and brothers from destruction (Jude 23) in the epic battle between good and evil. And the Lord's Words do not require our anger to prevail (Psalm 93:4), so let us engage every neighbor with mercy to untangle their confusion (Jude 22). Receive them as gifts and treat them as privileges just like our Father treasures us.

### Stewardship Every Sunday

Isaiah 51:6b - “... for the heavens vanish like smoke, the earth will wear out like a garment...”  
The things of this earth - the things that hold our attention, that cause us to worry, and that tempt us away for the Lord - are all passing away. They will vanish like garment. They are not for us to worry over. Rather, they are to be used for the Lord's purposes. The things of this world are not the ends, in and of themselves, but only the means to be used wisely by the children of the Kingdom that has no end.



*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 KFUO.org via worship services, Bible and theology studies, practical talk programs, and sacred music. You can find programs on demand at 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: Begin studying Song of Songs on Thy Strong Word (weekdays at 11:00 a.m. CT), study Ezekiel 44-46 on Sharper Iron's "The Faithful Watchman" (weekdays at 8:00 a.m. CT), and hear special guests during Midday Moments weekdays at 12:30 p.m. CT. Find your favorite programs on demand at kfu.org or on the KFUO Radio App!



### Life Quotes

“We pray for God’s light to shine on all of our decisions and that every aspect of our lives would be fulfilled within the boundaries of His Law and Gospel. We do not want our worry to guide our search for daily bread (Matthew 6:25-34). Rather, we rely on God’s Promise and receive what He has provided with thanksgiving. For we know that with Jesus we have daily bread that endures, even to everlasting life (John 6:28-29).” Rev. Justin A. Herman, University Lutheran Church, West Lafayette, Indiana – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • lutheransforlife.org

#### Attendance for Last Week (11/14)

Wed. Morning Bible Class - 8      Wed. Evening Bible Class -  
Sunday School -  
Adult Bible Class -      Galatians Class - 14  
Sun. Divine Service - 114 /\$6784

*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

✘ **For the family of Carol Ann Hauser - passed away 11/12 (sister-in-law of Luke Tusing Jr.)**

#### Strength & Healing

✘ **Jean Stayton-in the hospital for broken lumbar**

✘ **Linda Olsten-Covid**

✘ Alex Altaro-in the hospital (Friend of Pastor Mendez)

✘ Diann Newbould-Hawkins-involved in a car accident but not hurt (Barb Newbould)

✘ Javier Castillo-Hospitalized with covid (friend of Lester Sentesi)

#### Cancer/Long Term Healing

✘ Carmen Arnold-cancer returned (friend of Jarod Christy)

✘ Carl Holmes-Dementia (Former Member)

✘ Bill Pali - Alzheimers

✘ 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 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 Langleys' 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**

- ✘ For a safe and healthy pregnancy for Steven and Amanda Tusing
- ✘ For a safe and healthy pregnancy for Mikaela & David Reese
- ✘ 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:** 11/23 Nathan Cross, 11/26 Chad Lilley, & 11/27 John Lisius

**Baptism Anniversaries:** 11/24 Carol Gentes & 11/25 Caroline Christy

**Confirmation Anniversaries:** 11/23 Jeanne Langley

**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."



**Christmas Collection for Shut-Ins**

The youth group is collecting items to put in packages when they go caroling to our shut-ins. New items like small packages of tissues, lotions, snacks, puzzles, etc. Please place items in the designated box in the narthex until Dec. 12.

**CAM - Congregational Assembly Meeting**

11-21-2021

- Opening Prayer
- Approve minutes from 10-10-2021 CAM meeting
- Pastor's Reports
- Board Reports
- Treasurer's Report
- Old Business: N/A
- New Business:
  - Budget for fiscal year 2022
- Closing Prayer

Immediately following the Divine Service on Sunday, November 21<sup>st</sup> we will be having a CAM Meeting

## 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. **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 **Corinthians**.

### 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. Our next class is November 13. The Board of Elders will meet following study at 10:00am.

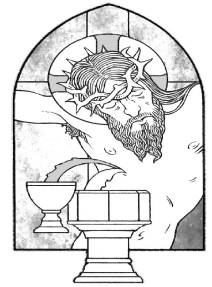
### PRISM – Precious Rubies In St Matthew

Ladies' PRISM meetings usually take place the **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 and watch here for more information.



## A HIGHER THINGS RETREAT

July 26-29, 2022  
Valparaiso, Indiana



Topic . . .

Six Letters. That's all you need. Six letters to explain the point of everything. Six letters to make crystal clear the entire Christian faith. What are those letters? FOR YOU.

When: July 26-29, 2022

Where: Valparaiso, Indiana

Cost: \$435 (not including transportation)

Contact: See Gayle Bogs if you want to go with the group from our church.

RSVP: Either tell Gayle or you may go online yourself and register at [www.higherthings.org/events/retreats](http://www.higherthings.org/events/retreats)

About this retreat . . .

Our S.M.A.R.T. youth group is planning for Higher Things in Valparaiso, Indiana (aka "Valpo"), and we're hoping to share the transportation cost with the youth group from Zion, Tomball. So we will want to get our registrations in asap. This will be July 26-29, 2022, most likely leaving the 24<sup>th</sup> and arriving home the 30<sup>th</sup>. If you want to go, get that week on your calendars now! Registration opens on November 1<sup>st</sup>. A \$150 deposit will lock in your spot. This deposit will be non-refundable unless you find someone to take your place. The total registration (not including travel) is \$435. The other \$285 is due January 31<sup>st</sup>. After that, the registration cost rises to \$460, the \$500. So, we want to start fundraising and saving early.

About Higher Things...

Higher Things is a Recognized Service Organization of The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod. The mission of Higher Things is to support the church in passing on the Faith by teaching the next generation the Gospel of Jesus Christ: that you are saved by grace alone, through faith alone, as revealed in Scripture alone. For more information about Higher Things, please visit [www.higherthings.org](http://www.higherthings.org) or email [info@higherthings.org](mailto:info@higherthings.org).