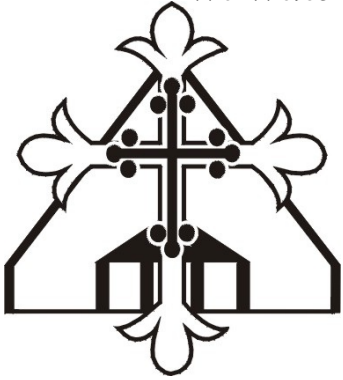


We Welcome You to St. Matthew!



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..... Aaron Montemayor
 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	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

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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 28 –Advent 1 – A human being’s dignity doesn’t come from her age, her appearance, or her abilities. Rather, “the Lord is our righteousness” (Jeremiah 33:16), as He creates, redeems, and calls worth and purpose into every life from fertilization to forever. Even those who have undergone abortions may know His salvation because He remembers not the sins of our youth (Psalm 25:3) for Jesus’ sake. Trusting Him, nobody has to feel ashamed about surprise pregnancy or terminal diagnosis (Psalm 25:3).

Stewardship Every Sunday

Luke 19:31 - “If anyone asks you, ‘Why are you untying it?’ you shall say this: ‘The Lord has need of it.’” Consider the faithfulness of that man who owned the donkey and colt. All he needed to hear was, “The Lord has need of it.” Then he gave willingly. The Lord has given each of us various callings in life - in our homes, in the Church, and in the communities in which we live. In each calling we have good work to do which comes from the Lord’s hand. The Lord has need of us in each calling. How is He calling you to generous giving in each of your vocations?



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.

ESL Classes

ESL classes are 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 info, please see Pastor Mendez.



Christmas Around the World

Carry-In Dinner

Right after Divine Service on December 12, bring your favorite “Christmas” food from around the world to share. We will eat and do crafts and play games celebrating Christ’s birth from other countries.

Christmas Program

Then at 1:00 pm that same day, we will go back to the sanctuary where we will have our annual Christmas program singing hymns from other countries, sharing scripture, and enjoy watching the children act out the Christmas account.

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.

KFUO Radio

KFUO Radio, a media ministry extension of LCMS congregations, shares Christ for you anytime, anywhere on KFUE.org via worship services, Bible and theology studies, practical talk programs, and sacred music. You can find programs on demand at kfuo.org and wherever you get your podcasts! Find us on social: @KFUORadio on Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram.

CHRIST FOR YOU this week on KFUE.org: Hear sacred music for Advent beginning this week, hear Advent midweek service from Village Lutheran in Ladue, MO, on 12/1 at 12:00 p.m. CT, begin “Advent with the Apostles” on 12/1 on Sharper Iron (weekdays at 8:00 a.m. CT), and continue in Song of Solomon on Thy Strong Word (weekdays at 11:00 a.m. CT). Find your favorite programs at kfuo.org and the KFUE Radio app.

Life Quotes

“Creation is preaching a message about its Creator. He is wise. Kind. Brilliant. Powerful. Limitless. Combine those qualities with His reckless love for us found on the cross, and you have a God who can strengthen trembling hearts and weak knees. You have a Creator worth worshipping.”
Rev. Mike Novotny, Time of Grace – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • lutheransforlife.org



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.”

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

- ✘ **Lisa Vogt–hip injury (daughter of Michael & Jeanne Held)**
- ✘ Jan Stayton–hospitalized for broken lumbar
- ✘ Linda Olsteen–Covid
- ✘ Alex Altaro–hospitalized (friend of Pastor Mendez)
- ✘ Diann Newbould-Hawkins–involved in a car accident but not hurt
- ✘ 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–heart failure, myasthenia gravis, 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–kidney issues (great niece of Jim Gibbs)
- ✘ Dave Nahrwold–bladder cancer (father of Elisabeth Held)
- ✘ Jeanie Cowger–cancer (step-family of Cowger family)
- ✘ Clarence Meal–lung cancer (friend of Bettye Carter)
- ✘ Sandra Randolph–chronic fatigue syndrome (cousin of Sharon Gace)
- ✘ Rev. David Oberdieck–kidney cancer (classmate of Pastor Bogs)
- ✘ **Andrue Barnwell–terminal osteosarcoma (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 Langleys’ son-in-law)
- ✘ Vic Vaz–Lukemia (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), Amanda Tusing (due in February), Mikaela & David Reese (due in May)
- ✠ 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: 11/30 Jane McElroy, 11/26 Chad Lilley, & 11/27 John Lisius

Baptism Anniversaries: 11/29 Patsy Hodges, 12/1 Jami Gause, 12/1 Joe Michka & 12/3 Nancy Baeza

Wedding Anniversaries: 11/29 Werner & Karen Hartl & 12/2 David & Kristyn Christie

Attendance for Last Week (11/21)

Sunday School - 0

Adult Bible Class - 5 Galatians Class - 10

Sun. Divine Service - 98 / \$no report

Wed. Morning Bible Class - 0 Wed. Evening Bible Class - n/a

*For great is His steadfast love toward us,
and the faithfulness of the Lord endures forever.
Praise the Lord! ~Psalm 117:2*

KIDS IN THE
DIVINE SERVICE



What is Advent?

Advent marks the beginning of the Church Year. Advent is made up of the four Sundays that come right before Christmas. In other words, the deeper into Advent you go, the closer you get to Christmas Day. For Christians, the First Sunday in Advent is kind of like the “New Year’s Day” of the Church Year calendar.

Why do we celebrate Advent?

The word Advent means “coming.” During Advent, we prepare for the coming of the One who was born that first Christmas in a stable. We prepare for the One who saved us from sin, death and the power of the devil: our Lord Jesus Christ! What a wonderful and exciting time of preparation!



At home, in order to help your children better prepare for the birth of Jesus, try using an Advent devotional booklet provided by the church for family devotions.



24 DAYS in SCRIPTURE

ADVENT READING PLAN

*"For unto you is born this day
in the city of David a Savior, who
is Christ the Lord." Luke 2:11*

WEEK 1: THE CREATION, THE FALL, AND THE PROMISE OF JESUS

December 1	Genesis 1-2:3
December 2	Genesis 2:4-24
December 3	Genesis 3
December 4	Genesis 6-7:5
December 5	Genesis 8; 9:8-19
December 6	Genesis 11:10-26
December 7	Matthew 1:1-17

WEEK 2: OUR NEED FOR JESUS

December 8	Romans 3:9-4:8
December 9	Psalms 106
December 10	Titus 3:3-7
December 11	Ephesians 2:1-10
December 12	Romans 6
December 13	Psalms 73
December 14	Romans 8

WEEK 3: THE MAJESTY OF JESUS

December 15	Mark 1:1-8
December 16	Isaiah 44
December 17	Psalms 8
December 18	Matthew 21:1-11
December 19	Psalms 93
December 20	Psalms 118
December 21	Revelation 22

WEEK 4: THE BIRTH OF JESUS

December 22	Luke 1:1-25
December 23	Luke 1:26-56
December 24	Matthew 1:18-25

MERRY CHRISTMAS!

December 25	Luke 2
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And/Or

Beginning on December 1,
read one chapter of the Gospel of Luke each day.

There are 24 chapters.

On Christmas Eve, you will have read an entire account of Jesus' life and wake up Christmas morning knowing more of Who He is and Why we celebrate Him!

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. **Revelation** 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 **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.

Visit our website
www.stmatthewlcms.com