



## 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..... Joshua 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  
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 7 –Pentecost XXIV (Proper 27B) – We need neither trust in princes nor fear public opinion (Psalm 146:3-4), as all these things operate and end under our Heavenly Father's authority. When we cannot care for a child or keep ourselves alive (1 Kings 17:12), we don't have to surrender to pressures, politics, verdicts, or laws. Instead, we entrust ourselves to Him whose abundance even our afflictions cannot exhaust (1 Kings 17:14-16)—and we invite our neighbors to do the same.

### Stewardship Every Sunday

“With angels, archangels, and with all the company of heaven...” (Service of the Sacraments, Proper Preface). When we gather around the altar of the Lord in His House, we pray and praise God with “all the company of heaven.” Those we have lost in the Lord are not truly lost to us - they have simply entered their rest with the Lord. As we gather to worship our Lord, we gather along with them. On the Last Day, everything that God has given into the care of our stewardship will fade away - everything except our brothers and sisters in Christ. Caring for one another in love and grace is our highest calling.



*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.*



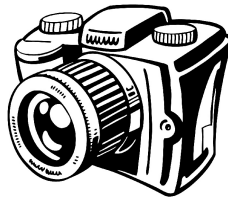
### KFUO Radio

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: Hear a mental health topic on The Coffee Hour (11/8 at 9:00 a.m. CT), study Ezekiel 36-39 on Sharper Iron's "The Faithful Watchman" (weekdays at 8:00 a.m. CT), and study Ecclesiastes on Thy Strong Word (weekdays at 11:00 a.m. CT). Hear your favorite programs on demand at kfu.org or on the KFUO Radio App!

### Church Directory/Picture Day!

Mark your calendars St. Matthew is having picture day! We would like for all current members to participate by having their picture taken for the directory whether you are purchasing photos or not. Please look for sign up sheets in the Narthex as well as order forms.



We are also updating member information to print a new pictorial directory. There will be a list of all current members and the information that we have available. Please find your name and review, if anything is incorrect or needs to be updated please fill out the directory information on the picture package order form. If you have any questions please don't hesitate to ask Pastor Mendez, Pastor Bogs or the secretary of the church.

### Attendance for Last Week (10/31)

Wed. Morning Bible Class - 8      Wed. Evening Bible Class -  
Sunday School - 7  
Adult Bible Class -      Galatians Class - 10  
Sun. Divine Service - 105/\$3576

*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

- ✘ **Family of Romeo Matta-passed away 11/3 (Sylvia Christy's Uncle)**
- ✘ **Family of Moreena Tusing Phillips-passed away 10/31 (Sister of Luke Tusing, Jr.)**

### Strength & Healing

- ✘ **Jeanne Held-outpatient back procedure 11/9**
- ✘ Eunice Metz-Under Hospice Care (Friend of Pastor Bogs)
- ✘ 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:** 11/10 Kate McIlhany, 11/11 Don Cornman, 11/11 Carine Pierce & 11/13 Claire O'Garro

**Baptism Anniversaries:** 11/11 Mackenzie Gentes

**Wedding Anniversaries:** 11/13 Don and Jennifer Cornman



#### **A Special Fall Fest Thank You**

Thank you to everyone who participated in the fall fest! Whether you brought food, ate food, helped plan, set-up, served, entertained, and/or cleaned up, it was very much appreciated!

#### **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."

#### **CAM - Congregational Assembly Meeting**

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

#### **Life Quotes**



"Abortion isn't somebody else's issue. It's your business, it's my business, and it's our business. It's our issue as Christians, it's our issue as citizens, and it's our issue as human beings. Abortion and the sanctity of every human life matter very much for elections—more so than anything else. And it matters for much more than elections. It's a whole life issue!" Pastor Michael Salemink, Lutherans For Life • [lutheransforlife.org](http://lutheransforlife.org)



## 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.



The Rev. Dr. & Mrs. Ronald Bogs and  
American Heritage Girls Troop TX0355  
invite you to the Stars & Stripes Court of Honor for

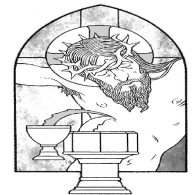
*Hannah Gayle Bogs*

Saturday, November 13, 2021 at 11:00 am  
in St. Matthew Fellowship Hall

A Dinner Reception will follow the Ceremony.  
Please RSVP by November 7. Sign up in the Narthex today!

## 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.