



# St. Matthew News & Notes

## A Warm Welcome to You!

We welcome you to St. Matthew! We are glad to share with you the blessings of God's holy Word. 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

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| Elders      | Paul Nitz & Steve Roberts     |
| Greeters    | Lester Sentesi                |
| Ushers      | Dillon Mosier & Jason Christy |
| Counters    | Nancy Baeza                   |
| Acolyte     | Nathan Cross                  |
| Altar Guild | Hannah Bogs & Becky Mendez    |



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 (entryway) or in the pews. These will be prayed for during "The Prayer of the Church."

### We're Here to Assist You

Church Office Hours: Monday–Thursday – 8:00 am–4:00 pm  
Appointments for counsel, home visits or hospital calls may be requested with Pastor by phone at any time.

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| Pastor               | Rev. Dr. Ronald Bogs | Congregation President      |
| Assoc. Pastor        | Rev. Arturo Mendez   | Vacant                      |
| Parish Secretary     | Cindy Doty           | Congregation Vice President |
| Organist             | Michael Held         | David Honerkamp             |
| Board of Elders      | Jason Christy        | Congregation Secretary      |
| Board of Trustees    | Eugene Meyer         | Christina Cross             |
| Board of Edu         |                      | Congregation Treasurer      |
| Board of Evangelism  | Sylvia Christy       | Dan Cross                   |
| Board of Stewardship |                      |                             |

## CHILDREN'S PROGRAM



Join us on Sunday on Dec. 13 at 4 pm for our Christmas Program, "From Heaven Above To Earth I Come". Going with the theme of hymns from the pastors' sermons during Advent, the youth will bring to light Martin Luther's beloved Christmas Hymn, "From Heaven Above To Earth I Come." Rehearsals are taking place during Sunday school.

## Advent Schedule

Advent Services: December 9, 16 & 23  
-12:00pm Worship for those who cannot attend the evening service, 7:15 pm Hymn Sing, & 7:30 pm Worship  
Christmas Eve: December 24 - 6:30 pm candlelight with The Lord's Supper  
Christmas Day: December 25 - 10:00 am with The Lord's Supper  
New Years Eve: December 31 - 6:30 pm with The Lord's Supper



\*\*Advent Meals: Due to the current COVID-19 pandemic we will not be having Advent meals this year.\*\*

## Poinsettias for Sale



It's time to order Poinsettias again! There is a sign up sheet in the narthex. This year they will be \$8 each. Be sure to write who you are buying them in memory of or in honor of on the sign up sheet. You

have until December 20<sup>th</sup> to get your orders in!

There will be a special Congregational assembly meeting immediately following our Divine Service on 12-20. The only agenda item is the election of church officers and board members for the 2021-2022 term

**St. Matthew Lutheran Church  
2021-2022**

**Officer and Board Member Nominees**

**President**

Scott Christy

**Vice President**

David Honerkamp

**Congregational Secretary**

Christina Cross

**Treasurer**

Dan Cross

**Board of Elders**

Jason Christy  
Curtis Gace  
Sonny French  
Scott Christy

B.J. Jackson  
David Honerkamp  
Jarod Christy

**Board of Education**

Marie Fischer  
Amanda Goss  
Melissa Sindlinger

**Board of Stewardship**

Steve Nitz  
Carolyn McCorquodale  
Nicole Poppenhusen

**Board of Trustees**

Eugene Meyer  
Troy Lilley  
Phillip Williamson  
Karen French

Elaina Albarez  
Luke Tusing

**Board of Evangelism**

N/A

*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*

- ✘ **The family of Margie Miller who passed away (Shirley Coyle's sister).**
- ✘ **The family of David Wayne Theis, who passed last Friday. (Nephew of Richard & Pat LaShomb)**

*Thanksgiving*

- ✘ **Pam- home from hospital & continuing to heal (Melissa Sindlinger's sister)**

*Strength & Healing*

- ✘ **David Nahrwold- hospitalized with COVID (Elizabeth Held's father)**
- ✘ **David Hillis- shingles & brain infection (Holly Williamson's uncle)**
- ✘ **Sheri Rich- COVID (friend of Holly Williamson)**
- ✘ **Sharol Aikman- COVID**
- ✘ **Debbie Blanton- in rehab after a stroke, doing well (Shirley Coyle's daughter)**

*Cancer/Long Term Healing*

- ✘ Michael Johnson- health issues (Shirley Coyle's son)
- ✘ Don Weidner- on hospice for colon cancer (friend of the Helds)
- ✘ Andrué Barnwell- bone cancer at MD Anderson (cousin of Gayle Bogs)
- ✘ Sherry Adams- stage 2 lung cancer (Lester Sentesi's co-worker)
- ✘ Emma Hodges- 101 yrs old in hospital with general health concerns (Shirley Coyle's aunt)
- ✘ Clarence Bourgeois- plaque on the brain & heart problems (father of Sean Bourgeois-Shirley Coyle's great grandson)
- ✘ Evelyn McWhorter- 99 year old patient at Regent Care Center on Gosling (Joyce Bolinger's mom)
- ✘ Ceci- treatments for abdominal cancer (Jim Gibbs' great niece)
- ✘ Marian Martins- cancer (Nadine Reed's mother)
- ✘ Isdell Birnbaum- colon cancer
- ✘ Eugene File- lung cancer (friend of B.J. & Rose Jackson)
- ✘ Brenda Pali- arthritis pain
- ✘ Verna Oltjen- cancer (member of Aikman/Baumgartner families)
- ✘ Marian Piracci- undergoing treatment for compromised neurological functions (niece of Langleys' son-in-law)
- ✘ Lani Henderson- cancer treatment (friend of Marie Fischer)
- ✘ Darlene Morrow- started chemo (coupon lady)
- ✘ Vic Vaz- leukemia (husband of Sheila Vaz)
- ✘ Rylie McKay- child in remission (friend of Aaron Lilley)

- ✘ Leon Lilley- Leukemia
- ✘ Chryssa Sharp-ovarian cancer (cousin of Karen Mavus)
- ✘ Paul Kron- cancer treatments (husband of Marilyn Kron)
- ✘ Kathy Glenn- chemo for breast cancer (friend of Pamela Lilley)
- ✘ JoAnn Roberts- chronic Leukemia Stage 1 (Steve Roberts' wife)
- ✘ Loraine Lambert-cancer (friend of Shirley Coyle)
- ✘ Miranda Rodriguez- bipolar disorder(Shirley Coyle's friend)
- ✘ Betty Carroll- cancer treatment with dementia(Cathy Coyle's aunt)
- ✘ George Cook- cancer (husband of Jenny Turner's friend)
- ✘ Josephina- breast cancer (co-worker & friend of Amanda Goss)
- ✘ Mary Ellen Zwahr–seizures (cousin of Brenda Pali)
- ✘ Lauryn Criswell–brain tumor (Jenny Turner's friend's daughter)
- ✘ Odet Mendez–possible breast cancer (sister of Arturo Mendez)
- ✘ Sharron Frank–breast cancer (neighbor of The Goss')
- ✘ Dan–immune disorder (neighbor of Steve Roberts)
- ✘ Aileen Mercer–macular degeneration, back pain, shingles
- ✘ Matthew Piserelle–no treatment (brother of Phillip Williamson)
- ✘ Charlie Garton–5 yr old w/ brain cancer (friend of Mark Johnson)
- ✘ David Saville–MS (nephew of Louie Pali)
- ✘ Janet Murray–lupus (friend of Curtis & Sharon Gace)
- ✘ Carolyn Nitche–lymphoma (aunt of Nicole Poppenhusen)

### *Our Shut Ins*

- ✘ Louise Simmons; Richard & Karen Mavus; Bill Pali; Aileen Mercer, Gloria Meyer, Jim Musgrove, Olivia Getschmann, Arthur Bolinger, Mario Reyes, Marcia Carr



### *General Prayer*

- ✘ Healthy pregnancy for Ashley Christy due in February
- ✘ Sean Bourgeois & Garrett Johnson– personal guidance
- ✘ The family of Ali Lowitzer for strength & understanding during difficult times and for her safe return home (granddaughter of Mary Davis).
- ✘ Georgiann & Ron Mallory & Barry Rosenberg–continued strength
- ✘ Guy Johnson- continued healing (Shirley Coyle's son)
- ✘ Dalton Courtright–growth (great grandson of Shirley Kuhlman)
- ✘ For the safety of those serving in the military:Greggrie O'Garro (Navy)-Bahrain (Claire O'Garro's son); Anthony Valles (Army)- Poland (Nancy Baeza's grandson), Brittney Herrington (Navy)–Belgium (daughter of Nicole Poppenhusen); Joel Berry-Bolen (Navy)–submarine in Pacific (son of Nicole Poppenhusen); Timothy & Benjamin Menz (sons of Paul Menz)

### *Celebrations*

- ✘ **Birthdays:** 12/6 Richard LaShomb & Gloria Meyer; 12/8 Rick Arimond & Jack Lutsch; 12/10 Jami Gause; 12/11 Christina Cross; 12/12 Pastor Bogs & Lester Sentesi
- ✘ **Baptism Anniversaries:** 12/9 Shirley Kuhlman & Shirley Michka; 12/10 John Lisius
- ✘ **Confirmation Anniversaries:** 12/6 Patsy Hodges
- ✘ **Wedding Anniversaries:** 12/10 David & Tiffany Cowger (17 yrs)

“This Christmas, let us continue to pray for mothers who are afraid and aren't sure where to turn when they discover they are unexpectedly pregnant. Let us pray that, like Mary, they may find the courage to bring life into the world.” Right to Life of Michigan – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • www.lutheransforlife.org



### Stewardship Every Sunday



2 Peter 3:11 – “Since all these things are thus to be dissolved, what sort of people ought you to be in lives of holiness and godliness ...” All the things of earth have an expiration date: “Good Until the Last Day.” On that Day, all these things will be dissolved. The things that seem so important now will simply cease to be. Peter issues this to us as a challenge. Since this is so, what kind of life should we be living? What should your priorities be? On things? Or on the things of God?

### Mailbox Clean Out

It's that time of year again...time to do a little cleaning! Please check you mailboxes in the Ushers room, just off the narthex, and take home any important papers. I will be clearing the boxes the week of December 30<sup>th</sup>. If you don't want to lose it, please take it with you.



### Offering Envelopes



As we approach the end of the 2020 calendar year, please note that any contributions you wish to have included on your 2020 financial statement **must be received** by December 31, 2020. The computer program we now use for recording contributions automatically rolls over and will not allow me to make new entries for 2020 after the December 31st entry. Furthermore, it is a violation of the law to receive credit on your 2020 statement for any contributions you make in 2021. Finally, I would like to suggest that you discard any unused 2020 envelopes **after the New Year's Eve service**. Almost everyone's envelope number changes each year, and the accidental using of the previous year's envelopes could possibly prevent your receiving proper credit on your financial statement.

- Carolyn McCorquodale

## The Lutheran Hour - Radio

KHCB 105.7 FM Sun 12:30 PM

KKHT 100.7 FM Sun 6:30 PM

KSEV 700 AM Sun 6:30 AM



### December 6

"Seek My Face"

Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler

We sometimes hear the voice before we see the face that goes with it. Seek God's face where you hear God's Word.

(Daniel 9)

### December 13

"The Prophet's Paradox "

Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler

The prophet Daniel illustrates how to face the facts while never losing faith in how the story ends.

(Daniel: 10, 11 and 12)

### December 20

"Experience God "

Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler

We will never fully grasp the idea of God, but that doesn't keep us from experiencing God's love for us in Christ.

(John 1:1-18)

### December 27

"Welcome to the Family!"

Guest Speaker: Rev. Dr. Anthony (Tony) Cook

The book of Galatians gives us a glimpse inside the family of God. It describes the Christian family as one that stands firm in Christ's freedom, walks united in the Spirit, and bears one another's burdens in love.

(Galatians 4:4-7)

## Opportunities to Study the Word



### Sunday School for All Ages

Classes begin at 8:45 am. Sunday School Guests, please enroll your children for Sunday School in the Sunday School Office. They will be directed to their class and teacher.

### Sunday Adult Bible Classes

All members and friends of St. Matthew Lutheran Church are invited to attend the **Adult Bible Class** taught by **Pastor Bogs** in the **Fellowship Hall (gym)** or the **Galatians Class** taught by **Larry Harvey** in **Room #4** each **Sunday at 8:45 am**. Please join us. Bring a family member. Bring a neighbor. Bring a friend!

### Wednesday Mornings

The Wednesday Morning Bible Study Group meets **Wednesdays at 10:00 am in Room #2**. We invite everyone who is available to join us to study God's Word. We will be studying *Revelations*.

### Wednesday Evenings

Wednesday evening Bible Class meets **Wednesdays at 7 pm in Room #2**. Please join us when we return **January 6<sup>th</sup>**.

### 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, **January 12<sup>th</sup>** at 8:00 am in the fellowship hall. **The Board of Elders meet following Bible study at 10:00am.**

### PRISM – Precious Rubies In St Matthew

Ladies, due to the holidays PRISM meetings have been postponed until **January 23<sup>rd</sup>** starting at 9am

### SMART - St. Matthew's Absolved & Redeemed

#### Teens

Teens, please join us for meetings the 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of every month after Divine Service.



St. Matthew Lutheran Church of Westfield is a congregation of Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod. Visit the LCMS website at [www.lcms.org](http://www.lcms.org). We are joined with another 2.3 million Christians in over 6,100 churches which maintain mission stations, educational institutions, and welfare agencies in over thirty countries of the world. We also sponsor *The Lutheran Hour* on radio (Sundays on KSEV (700 AM) at 6:30 am, KHCB (105.7 FM) at 12:30 pm, and KKHT (100.7 FM) at 6:30 pm).



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