



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

Elders	Paul Nitz & Steve Roberts
Greeters	Lester Sentesi
Ushers	Dillon Mosier & Jason Christy
Counters	Nancy Baeza
Acolyte	Cody Williamson
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.

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 Today, 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 23rd -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



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 **TODAY** to get your orders in!

There will be a special Congregational assembly meeting immediately following our Divine Service TODAY. 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
Nicole Poppenhusen
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
David Reese

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 Terry Wilson who passed away last Saturday night (friend of Marie Fischer)**

Strength & Healing

- ✠ **Jane McElroy- hospitalized with testing**
- ✠ **Mauro Gonzalez- recovering from a collapsed lung (friend of Hannah Bogs)**
- ✠ **Jason Christy- hospitalized with pneumonia**
- ✠ Nellie Vick- inoperable cancer (friend of Lester Sentesi)
- ✠ Kim Reynolds- COVID
- ✠ Debbie Blanton- finally returned home after stroke (Shirley Coyle's daughter)
- ✠ 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)

Cancer/Long Term Healing

- ✠ **Eugene File- lung cancer, at home with chemo (friend of B.J. & Rose Jackson)**
- ✠ Don Weidner- on hospice for colon cancer (friend of the Helds)
- ✠ Andru 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
- ✠ 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)
- ✘ 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 (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)
- ✘ Mary Ellen Zwahr–seizures (cousin of Brenda Pali)
- ✘ 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–5 yr old w/ brain cancer (friend of Mark Johnson)
- ✘ David Saville–MS (nephew of Louie Pali)
- ✘ 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
- ✘ Michael & Guy Johnson- continued healing (Shirley Coyle's sons)
- ✘ 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:** 12/20 Marcia Carr & Sharon Gace; 12/21 Louise Simmons; 12/26 Luke Tusing, Jr.
- ✘ **Baptism Anniversaries:** 12/20 Marcia Carr; 12/22 Ashley Christy; 12/24 Chad Lilley & Jane McElroy; 12/25 Pastor Bogs, Becky Mendez, & Lester Sentesi
- ✘ **Confirmation Anniversaries:** 12/22 Rick Arimond, Charles Baumgartner, & Jessica LaShomb; 12/23 Bob Langley

“The slaughter of the innocents continues in our time ... done not out of anger, but because the arrival of these little ones is deemed inconvenient or too expensive or sometimes simply because they are not the ‘right’ sex. We, like Rachel, weep over our lost children. But mourning their loss does not mean that we do not fight to end this assault on the sanctity of life. The holy birth of our Savior Jesus Christ, which has transformed the world for the good in so many ways, gives us hope that abortion, too, can be ended.” Steven Mosher, Population Research Institute – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • www.lutheransforlife.org



Stewardship Every Sunday

2 Samuel 7:4 – “But that same night the word of the LORD came to Nathan. . .” Nathan thought David’s idea was great, so he blessed it with the Lord’s name. But, later that night, the Word of the Lord set him straight. The Word of the Lord must be the basis for what we think, say, and do in God’s Kingdom – not our own desires or whims.

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 30th. 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 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)



2021 Flower Chart

Sign up to provide flowers to beautify our sanctuary for 2021. Please only use the dry erase pen to choose your day. Also, please remember to **call or email the office the week of your flowers** to let us know what you would like written in the bulletin.

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 6th**.

Men's Breakfast Bible Study



Join us for the Men's Breakfast and Bible study on the 2nd Saturday of the month, **January 12th** 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 23rd** starting at 9am

SMART - St. Matthew's Absolved & Redeemed

Teens

Teens, please join us for meetings the 1st 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. 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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