



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	James Pierce
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		

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

- ✘ **Katrina Marx- in ICU with COVID (Shirley Michka's niece)**
- ✘ **Debbie Blanton- returning home after a near foot amputation (Shirley Coyle's daughter)**
- ✘ Jane McElroy- hospitalized for testing
- ✘ Mauro Gonzalez- recovering from a collapsed lung (friend of Hannah Bogs)
- ✘ Jason Christy- hospitalized with pneumonia / COVID
- ✘ Kim Reynolds- COVID
- ✘ David Hillis- shingles & brain infection (Holly Williamson's uncle)

Cancer/Long Term Healing

- ✘ Nellie Vick- inoperable cancer (friend of Lester Sentesi)
- ✘ 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)
- ✘ Andrue Barnwell- bone cancer at MD Anderson (cousin of Gayle Bogs)
- ✘ Sherry Adams- stage 2 lung cancer (Lester Sentesi's co-worker)
- ✘ 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:** 12/29 Jim Gibbs; 01/02 John Stayton
- ✘ **Baptism Anniversaries:** 12/28 Sharol Aikman & Justin LaShomb; 01/01 Bob Langley, Jeanne Langley, Brenda Pali, Louise Simmons, & Luke Tusing, Jr.
- ✘ **Confirmation Anniversaries:** 12/30 Isabell Pali & Phillip Williamson; 01/01 Ricky Gause & James Musgrove
- ✘ **Wedding Anniversaries:** 12/29 Jim & Mary Gibbs (30 yrs); 12/31 Pastor & Angie Mendez (13 yrs)

“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



Luke 2:39 – “And when they had performed everything according to the Law of the Lord...” The Law of God is good. Of course, it always shows us our sins, but that is good, too! We need to be driven back to the forgiveness of Christ. And the Law also shows us the truly blessed way to live. As Mary and Joseph found their joy in a godly life, so should we see the Law as a guide for Christian living and the roadmap for saying thank you to the Lord for all His grace and mercy to us.

Thank You!

Thank you to everyone for your Christmas thoughts, words, cards, and gifts of encouragement especially during this Advent and Christmas season. Your care and concern for myself and my family are greatly appreciated. My the Lord continue to bless you as you continue to be a blessing to myself, my family and others.

~ Pastor Bogs and family.



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.