

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 Sonny French & David Honerkamp
 Greeters
 Ushers Aaron Montemayor/Joshua Montemayor/Troy Lilley
 Counters Nancy Baeza
 Acolyte Isabel Vaz
 Altar Guild Marie Fischer & Vita Malloy

At St. Matthew, we encourage families to worship God together – it is a part of His plan. We love the sound of children. This shows a growing church. 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, you may take advantage of 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. Please do come back in the sanctuary to continue in the Divine Service.

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
 281-443-2304 or 281-443-8463

Appointments for counsel, home visits or hospital calls may be requested with Pastor by phone at any time.

Senior Pastor Rev. Dr. Ronald Bogs ~ 832-515-4830
 Associate Pastor of Hispanic Ministry Rev. Arturo Mendez ~ 832-883-1705
 Music John Lisius & Gayle Bogs
 Parish Secretary Amanda Hobbs

Board Chairpersons:

Elders Luke Tusing
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 Education
 Evangelism Lester Sentesi
 Stewardship Nicole Poppenhusen

Congregational Officers:

President Scott Christy
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 Secretary Becky Reyes
 Treasurer Oscar & Anna Hernandez
 Financial Secretary Nicole Poppenhusen

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.

Attendance for Last Week ~ 02/02/2025
 Adult Bible Class - 12 Galatians - 16
 Sun. Divine Service - 109 Offering - \$9139.00
 Wed. Morning Bible Class - 7 Wed. Evening Bible Classes - 14
For great is His steadfast love toward us, and the faithfulness of the Lord endures forever. Praise the Lord ~ Psalm 117:2

Life Thoughts

February 9 – Epiphany V – Both Isaiah (Isaiah 6:5) and Peter (Luke 5:8) believed their sinfulness unforgivable. Many mothers and fathers conclude the same about aborting their own children. Yet God's mercy overflows the altar (Isaiah 6:6-7) and even the temple (Luke 5:3) until Jesus preaches it in public abundance. And in both cases He commissions agents to continue announcing. Let us also extend His grace to hearts broken by abortion.

Church Choir

We are wanting to put together a choir and/or a handbell choir for Easter, Pastors retirement service & the rest of the Anniversary celebrations. YOU DO NOT NEED TO READ MUSIC! If you are interested there is a sign up sheet in the Narthex. We will need to practice either on Sunday after church or another week night so figure that into your decisions. See Lester with any questions.



Opportunities to Study God's Word

SUNDAY



SCHOOL

Sunday School for All Ages
Preschool - Elementary Classes begin at 8:45 am in Room #5. The children are learning Biblical accounts to go with Sunday's Readings from "God's Hand in Our Lives" series from the Church of the Lutheran Confessions.

Sunday Adult Bible Classes

All members and friends of St. Matthew Lutheran Church are invited for coffee and donuts every Sunday at 8:30 am. Then our Bible Classes begin at 8:45 am. The study of Epistles of Paul led by Pastor Bogs meets in Room #2 and First Thessalonians led by Larry Harvey meets in Room #4. Please join us and feel free to bring a friend!



Wednesday Mornings

The Wednesday morning Bible study group will be meeting at 10:00 am in Room #2. We invite everyone to join us to study God's Word. We are studying The Formula of Concord.

Wednesday Evenings

There are two Wednesday evening Bible classes. The study on The Lord's Supper led by Larry Harvey meets at 6:30 pm in Room #4. The study of How We Got the Bible led by Pastor Bogs meets at 7pm in Room #2.

Men's Breakfast Bible Study

Join us for the Men's Breakfast & Bible Study on the 2nd Saturday of every month at 8:00 am in the Fellowship Hall. Our next class is March 8th. The Board of Elders will meet immediately after at 10:00am.



March Newsletter Deadline

If you have anything that you would like to see and/or add to the March 2025 newsletter. Please submit them to office.smlcw@gmail.com by Monday, February 17th.



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. BOLD FONT indicates request is new or has been updated this Sunday.

Prayer of Thanksgiving

- ✘ Jay Segovia - has returned home from the hospital. Thank you for your prayers(friend of Marie Fischer)
- ✘ Tawnya Jackson - Thank you for your prayers (BJ Jacksons daughter)
- ✘ For Jarod & Elaina Christy on the birth of their son Grayson James on Monday 2/3. He weighed 5lbs 3 ounces and is 19.5 inches long

Prayer of Comfort

- ✘ For the family of Patricia Shumate who passed away on 1/27 (grandmother of Justin, Jessica & Jonathan LaShomb)

Strength & Healing

- ✘ Arlene Schultz - had a root canal of Thursday, 2/6
- ✘ Werner Hartl - has been diagnosed with cancer
- ✘ Jeffrey Otto - recovering from a stroke (Nancy Baezas brother)
- ✘ Larry Harvey - waiting for test results
- ✘ Angela Wilkins - ulcerative colitis (daughter of Frances Bell)
- ✘ Cindy Henderson - diagnosed with lymphoma (friend of Sharon Gace)
- ✘ Healing for Joe & Pam Hibler who were in a car accident (parents of a close friend of Amanda Goss)
- ✘ Kayden - tried to take her life due to being bullied at school (daughter of a friend of Nicole Poppenhusen)

Cancer/Long Term Healing

- ✘ Carolina Villareal - diagnosed with cancer (friend of Pastor Mendez)
- ✘ Renee Joyce - breast cancer diagnosis (family friend of Shawn & Amanda Goss)
- ✘ Aileen Mercer - prayers for her failing eye sight
- ✘ Erica Caballero - has breast cancer (friend of Elizabeth & Yair Mendez)
- ✘ Wanda Wood - recovering from heart attack (friend of McCorquodales)
- ✘ Ronnie Ethridge - chronic lymphocytic leukemia(co worker of Yair Mendez)
- ✘ Brad Ratliff - inoperable brain tumor (friend of Lester Sentesi)
- ✘ Paul Kron - prayers for recovery from kidney failure & cancer treatments
- ✘ Robbie Barton - cancer (brother of Jennifer Hailey)

- ✠ Ruben Alvarez - health challenges (father of Elaina Alvarez Christy)
- ✠ Rick Hamitt - diagnosed with ALS (son-in-law of the Staytons)
- ✠ Patricia LaShomb - prayers during her treatment and healing from cancer
- ✠ Hunter Baty - Fhar's disease (friend of Marie Fischer)
- ✠ Denise Berry - diagnosed with ALS (cousin of Nicole Poppenhusen)
- ✠ Justin Street - facial tumor (friend of Shawn Goss)
- ✠ Toby Turley - cancer (niece of the Gaces)
- ✠ Carolyn Nitche - lymphoma, no treatment plan (aunt of Nicole Poppenhusen)
- ✠ Leon Lilley - leukemia
- ✠ Bill Pali - Alzheimers
- ✠ Anne McIlhany - heart failure, myasthenia gravis, systemic sclerosis
- ✠ Gladys Banewski - cancer (friend of Gaces)
- ✠ Brandon Pate - sclerosis of the liver (friend of Nicole Poppenhusen)
- ✠ Marian Piracci - neurological treatment (niece of the Langleys' son-in-law)
- ✠ Vic Vaz - leukemia (husband of Shelia Vaz)
- ✠ JoAnn Roberts - chronic Leukemia Stage 1 (wife of Steve Roberts)

Our Shut Ins

Gladys Brandt, Karen Mavus, Aileen Mercer, Bill Pali, Arlene Schultz, Sherry Betz, Jean Hinz, Shirley Coyle & Marilyn Kron

General Prayer

- ✠ Notre Dame GSC for a successful reunion on General Santos City. Philippines Feb. 12-15, 2025 (BJ & Rose Jackson)
- ✠ The family of Ali Lowitzer - for her safe return home (granddaughter of Mary Davis)
- ✠ For the safety of those serving in the military: Daemon Metcalf - Navy (friend of Hanah Hailey), Victor & Andrew Guinn - Airforce (sons of Paul Guinn), Greggrie O'Garro - Navy/Bahrain (son of Claire O'Garro), Anthony Valles Army/Japan (grandson of Nancy Baeza), Chris Crowley Navy/USS Roosevelt (son-in-law of Nicole Poppenhusen), Timothy & Benjamin Menz - Marines (sons of Paul Menz), Robert Hailey - Marines (nephew of the Haileys) & David Cowger - Basic Training for the Army in Georgia

Celebrations

Birthdays: 2/9 Yair Mendez & 2/13 Jess Clark
 Baptism Anniversaries: 2/11 Sandra Pedersen
 Wedding Anniversaries: 2/12 Gordon & Peg Munson ~ 70 Yrs. & 2/14 Korey & Carol Clark ~ 35 Yrs.

Picnic Committee ~ TODAY

The Picnic Committee will be having its initial meeting to start planning our 125th Picnic on February 9th immediately after Divine Service. We need lots of volunteers this year. We have a Chairman but we still need a Kitchen Supervisor and a Cooking Team Leader. If you would be interested in either of these positions or just want to help plan on being at this meeting. Any questions see Lester Sentesi, Picnic Chairman

Board of Evangelism

The Board of Evangelism will be meeting on February 16th immediately following Divine Service. We will be meeting regularly now on the 3rd Sunday of each month. We have a lot to discuss so please plan to be there. Any questions see Lester Sentesi

St. Matthew Senior Group

Our Senior Ministry will be having a carry in dinner and planning meeting on February 23rd immediately after Divine Service. We are asking everyone to bring a main dish and a side or dessert. We will be planning events for the rest of the year so bring your ideas and let's show the youngsters how it is done. If you are over 50 please join us.



Chancel Flowers are given to
 the Glory of God
 by The Munson Family
 in celebration for
 Gordon & Peg Munsons 70th
 Wedding Anniversary



2025 Special Service Lent Schedule

March 5 th Ash Wednesday	7:30pm w/Lord's Supper
March 12, 19, 26, April 2 & 9	Noon Service 7:15pm Hymn Sing 7:30pm Worship
April 13 th Palm Sunday /Confirmation	10am w/Lord's Supper
April 17 th Maundy Thursday	Noon Service 7:30pmw/Lord's Supper
April 18 th Good Friday	Noon Service 7:30pm/Cemetery
April 20 th Easter Sunday	7:00am no Lord's Supper 8:45am Sunday School 10:00am w/Lord's Supper