

# 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 . . . . . Jordan Christy & Steve Roberts  
Greeters . . . . .  
Ushers . . . . . Dillon Mosier/Noah Montemayor/Logan Reed & Heston Reed  
Counters . . . . .  
Acolyte . . . . . Alex Vaz  
Altar Guild . . . . . Rose & BJ Jackson

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  
Trustees . . . . . Craig Hooper  
Education . . . . .  
Evangelism . . . . . Lester Sentesi  
Stewardship . . . . . Nicole Poppenhusen

### Congregational Officers:

President . . . . . Scott Christy  
Vice Pres . . . . . David Honerkamp  
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.

## Stewardship Every Sunday

Luke 4:8 – “And Jesus answered him, ‘It is written ...’” Isn’t it interesting that Jesus does not defeat Satan with His power as God, but rather by His perfect obedience in His perfect humanity? Jesus defeats Satan not by miracles, but by quoting the Scriptures and living according to it. This should cause us great joy for two reasons. First, because we see Jesus win the victory for us. Second, because here Jesus shows us how to stand in that victory: on the Word of God alone. Let us build our lives on the sure rock of this Word!

## Life Thoughts

March 9 – Lent I – Abortion and assisted suicide enact idolatry by assessing life apart from the Word of the Lord (Luke 4:4, 8). Saving faith, on the other hand, receives both child and trials as riches from the loving hand of God. He who makes hills give milk and honey will no doubt bring forth even better blessings from the humblest human life!

Attendance for Last Week ~ 03/02/2025  
Adult Bible Class - 6 Galatians Class - 11  
Sun. Divine Service - 82  
Offering - \$N/A  
Wed. Morning Bible Class - 9 Wed. Evening Bible Class - 10  
For great is His steadfast love toward us, and the faithfulness of the Lord endures forever. Praise the Lord ~ Psalm 117:2

## St. Matthew Senior Group "Saved Silvers"

On Sunday, March 16<sup>th</sup>, The "Saved Silvers" (our newly re-formed 50+ senior group) will have a carry-in lunch and game day. If you're 50 or over bring a main dish and side or dessert and your favorite table top game and let's show the youngsters what fun can be had. See you there!!

### 2025 Special Service Lent Schedule

March 12, 19, 26, April 2 & 9	Noon Service 7:15pm Hymn Sing 7:30pm Worship
April 13th Palm Sunday April 17th Maundy Thursday	10am w/Lord's Supper Noon Service 7:30pm/Lord's Supper Noon Service
April 18th Good Friday	7:30pm/Cemetery
April 20th Easter Sunday	7:00am Sunrise 8:45am Sunday School 10:00am w/Lord's Supper

### 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.

### Adopt A Brisket

The 125<sup>th</sup> Picnic is coming up in May. Plus Pastor Bogs will be preaching his last sermon as Sr. Pastor here at St. Matthew. With the budget situation we are initiating an Adopt A Brisket campaign.

There is a sign up sheet in the Narthex. Please write your name, phone number and number of briskets you will provide. You can either purchase a brisket and donate it or you can donate money for the church to purchase the briskets. If you write a check or give cash you can put it in the offering plate in an envelope marked Anniversary Brisket. Let's "Make our Picnic Great Again!" Thanks so much!!

### Board of Evangelism

The Board of Evangelisms next will be on March 16<sup>th</sup> 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.

### VBS 2025

Plans are being discussed for bringing back Vacation Bible School this July. Volunteers will definitely be needed so if you would like to help in any way, please see Rose Jackson.

## 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.

### Strength & Healing

- ✘ Shirley Kuhlman - is in the hospital
- ✘ Jo Marie Miller - recovering from knee surgery (Vita Malloys daughter)
- ✘ Shawn Mena - treatment for breast cancer (friend of David Honerkamp)
- ✘ Harold Hough - recovering from a stroke (friend of Nancy Baeza)
- ✘ Aurora Acevedo -diagnosed with Trisomy 18 or Edwards Syndrome in the womb (the mother is a co-worker of Nicole Poppenhusen)
- ✘ Werner Hartl - has been diagnosed with cancer
- ✘ Jeffrey Otto - recovering from a stroke (Nancy Baezas brother)
- ✘ Angela Wilkins - ulcerative colitis (daughter of Frances Bell)
- ✘ Cindy Henderson - diagnosed with lymphoma (friend of Sharon Gace)

### Cancer/Long Term Healing

- ✘ Carolina Villareal - diagnosed with cancer (friend of Mendez Family)
- ✘ 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)

- ✘ 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

- ✘ 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)

#### *Celebrations*

Birthdays: 3/9 Arlene Schultz, 3/11 Shirley Coyle & 3/15 Marie Fischer  
 Confirmation Anniversaries: 3/12 Gary Lawrence & 3/13 Richard LaShomb  
 Baptism Anniversaries: 3/12 Curtis Gace & 3/14 Dillon Mosier  
 Wedding Anniversaries: 3/13 Scott & Kelly Gentes ~ 26 Yrs.

#### April Newsletter Deadline

If you have anything that you would like to see and/or add to the April 2025 newsletter. Please submit it to [office.smlcw@gmail.com](mailto:office.smlcw@gmail.com) by Monday, March 24<sup>th</sup>.

#### Witness Workshop

Saturday, March 29<sup>th</sup> from 8:30am to 2pm here at St. Matthew Lutheran Church of Westfield. Please register by calling the church office at 281-443-2304 or by email at [office.smlcw@gmail.com](mailto:office.smlcw@gmail.com). There is a \$10 cost per participant which includes printed materials & lunch. If you have any questions please feel free to contact Pastor Bogs or the church office and we hope to see you there.

## *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. Pastor Bogs will not be having his Wednesday evening class during Lent and will resume the Wednesday after Easter, 4/23.

### Men's Breakfast Bible Study

Join us for the Men's Breakfast & Bible Study on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday of every month at 8:00 am in the Fellowship Hall. Our next class is April 12<sup>th</sup>. The Board of Elders will meet immediately after at 10:00am.

