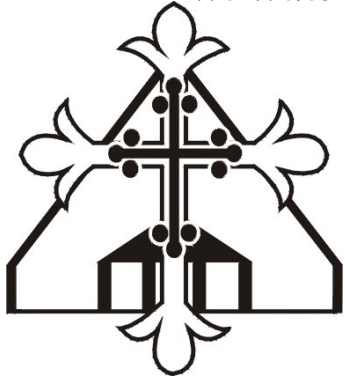


We Welcome You to St. Matthew!



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 David Honerkamp & Jarod Christy
 Greeters Dave & Tiffany Cowger
 Ushers Dillon Mosier & Noah Montemayor
 Counters Melissa Sindlinger
 Acolyte Isabella Vaz
 Altar Guild Marie Fischer & Nancy Baeza

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

Pastor..... Rev. Dr. Ronald Bogs	Assoc. Pastor of Hispanic Ministry
Organist..... Michael Held Rev. Arturo Mendez
Board Chairpersons:	Parish Secretary ... Amanda Hobbs
Elders..... Jason Christy	Congregational Officers:
Trustees..... Eugene Meyer	President..... Scott Christy
Education..... Vacant	Vice Pres. David Honerkamp
Evangelism..... Vacant	Secretary..... Christina Cross
Stewardship..... Vacant	Treasurer..... Dan Cross

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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.

Life Thoughts



March 20 – Lent III – No death, not even in physician-assisted suicide or embryo destruction, pleases the Lord God (Ezekiel 33:11). And these practices pose spiritual dangers as well as physical ones. So, He has commissioned each of us to warn our neighbors—and especially our brothers and sisters—against them (Ezekiel 33:7-8). We have not only the responsibility but the privilege of ushering them to a sacred escape (1 Corinthians 10:13)!

Stewardship Every Sunday

Luke 11:21-22 – “When a strong man, fully armed, guards his own palace, his goods are safe; but when one stronger than he attacks him and overcomes him, he takes away his armor in which he trusted and divides his spoil.” Jesus is stronger than Satan, and He disarms him for us. But Jesus has disarmed Satan in a most unusual way: He has disarmed him by allowing Satan to cast all his weapons into Jesus. Satan has nothing left to attack us with: he spent it all on Jesus. And now Jesus is our Stronger Man. He guards and keeps us and ours, and we have none to fear.



Christian stewardship is the free and joyous activity of the child of God and God’s family, the church, in managing all of life and life’s resources for God’s purposes.

ESL Classes

ESL classes are every Tuesday and Thursday at 7pm. Pray for this mission of St. Matthew that God will bless it to continue strongly in reaching out to our community not only teaching English but also sharing the Gospel of the Lord. Of you need more info, please see Pastor Mendez.

LED Light Improvement Fund

A fund for a gradual upgrade of all building lights to LEDs exists to help reduce our utility cost in the future. Any dedicated donations towards this fund please specify "LED Light Improvement Fund." Each light cost about \$80. Please consider "adopting" a light or two.

KFUO Radio



KFUO Radio, a media ministry extension of LCMS congregations, shares Christ for you anytime, anywhere on KFUO.org via worship services, Bible and theology studies, practical talk programs, and sacred music.

CHRIST FOR YOU this week on KFUO.org: Study "Augsburg Confession Article XI: Confession" on Concord Matters (3/26 at 10:00 a.m. CT), hear Luke 18-19 on Sharper Iron's "The Beloved Physician's Orderly Account" (weekdays at 8:00 a.m. CT), and study Matthew 24-25 on Thy Strong Word (weekdays at 11:00 a.m. CT). Find your favorite programs live and on demand at kfu.org or on the KFUO Radio app!

Life Quotes

"The Word became flesh and God made Himself man as an embryo. Jesus took the lowliest form of a servant to leave no human life out." Pastor Michael Salemin, Lutherans For Life – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • lutheransforlife.org

Attendance for Last Week (03/09 & 03/13)

Adult Bible Class - 16 Galatians Class - 11

Sun. Divine Service - 85/\$ 5901

Wed. Morning Bible Class - 9 Wed. Evening Bible Class - n/a

*For great is His steadfast love toward us,
and the faithfulness of the Lord endures forever.*

Praise the Lord! ~Psalm 117:2

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

- ✘ **Craig Johnson - broken neck from a fall (father of Christina Cross)**
- ✘ **Jean Ogletree-receiving chemotherapy on her gall bladder(friend of Nancy Baeza)**
- ✘ Mauro Gonzalez-praying for a quick recovery from a collapsed lung(boyfriend of Hannah Bogs)
- ✘ Aileen Mercer-Failing Eye Sight(Marilyn Krons Sister)
- ✘ Susan-Being Treated for Cancer(co-worker of Amanda Goss)
- ✘ Erica Vogt-long term Covid complications (granddaughter of Michael & Jeanne Held)
- ✘ Carolina Villarreal-Cancer and surgery (friend of The Mendez Family)
- ✘ Jan Stayton-healing from back surgery
- ✘ Sue Wright-Cancer Diagnosis (Elaina Alvarez Aunt)
- ✘ Benny Alvarez - Cancer (Elaina's Brother)
- ✘ Brandon Pate-diagnosed with partial sclerosis of the liver(Friend of Nicole Poppenhusen)
- ✘ Dale Cowger-Recovering from Covid (father of Dave Cowger)
- ✘ Rosie Hildebrandt-shingles (sister of Curtis Gace)
- ✘ Karren Radcliff-paraplegic needing prayers for healing of wounds (college friend of Nancy Baeza)

Cancer/Long Term Healing

- ✘ Leon Lilley-Leukemia (father of Troy Lilley)
- ✘ Chris Pirk-receiving cancer treatment (friend of David & Mikaela Reese)
- ✘ Sherry Adams-radiation for cancer (co-worker of Lester Sentesi)
- ✘ Paul Kron-receiving cancer treatment
- ✘ Carmen Arnold-cancer returned (friend of Jarod Christy)
- ✘ Bill Pali-Alzheimers
- ✘ Anne McIlhany-heart failure,myasthenia gravis,systemic sclerosis
- ✘ Debbie Blanton - Health complications (Daughter of Shirley Coyle)
- ✘ Ceci-kidney issues (great niece of Jim Gibbs)

- ✘ Dave Nahrwold–bladder cancer (father of Elisabeth Held)
- ✘ Jeanie Cowger–cancer (step-family of Cowger family)
- ✘ Clarence Meal–lung cancer (friend of Bettye Carter)
- ✘ Phyllis Smith–cancer (cousin of Bryce Koslan)
- ✘ Kevin Clark–broken neck & back (brother of Korey Clark)
- ✘ Marian Piracci–compromised neuro system (niece of Langleys’ son-in-law)
- ✘ Vic Vaz–Lukemia (husband of Sheila Vaz)
- ✘ Chryssa Sharp–ovarian cancer (cousin of Karen Mavus)
- ✘ JoAnn Roberts–chronic Leukemia Stage 1 (wife of Steve Roberts)
- ✘ Miranda Rodriguez–bipolar disorder (friend of Shirley Coyle)
- ✘ Betty Carroll–cancer w/dementia (friend of Cathy Coyle’s aunt)
- ✘ Odet Mendez–possible breast cancer (sister of Arturo Mendez)
- ✘ Matthew Piserelle–no treatment (brother of Phillip Williamson)
- ✘ Charlie Garton–child w/ brain cancer (friend of Mark Johnson)
- ✘ David Saville–MS (nephew of Louie Pali)
- ✘ Christina Cross–multiple health issues (sister of Dan Cross)

Our Shut Ins

Louise Simmons, Richard & Karen Mavus, Bill Pali, Aileen Mercer, Mario Reyes, Marcia Carr, Dixie Garrett, Arlene Schultz & Gladys Brandt

General Prayer

- ✘ The family of Ali Lowitzer–strength & understanding during difficult times & for her safe return home (granddaughter of Mary Davis)
- ✘ For a safe and healthy pregnancy for Mikaela & David Reese (due in May)
- ✘ For the safety of those serving in the military: 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 (sons of Paul Menz); Steven & Robert Hailey - Marines (nephews of The Hailey Family)

Celebrations

Birthdays: 3/23 Bryce Koslan & 3/25 Barbara Newbould
Baptism Anniversaries: 3/20 Amanda Goss, 3/21 Nathan Cross, 3/22 Joyce French & 3/24 Brandy McCorquodale
Confirmation Anniversaries: 3/20 Jason Christy, 3/20 Kenneth Lilley, 3/21 Jean Hinz, 3/22 Curtis Gace, 3/22 Paul Nitz, 3/24 Chris Aikman, 3/24 Kelly Gentes, 3/24 Brandy McCorquodale & 3/26 Steve Nitz
Wedding Anniversaries: 3/23 Phillip & Holly Williamson ~ 20 years

Memory Bricks



We are taking orders for new Memory Garden bricks in the Narthex now. The Memory Garden is outside of the sanctuary leading to the bell tower. Engraved bricks with names of loved ones who have gone to see Christ in heaven have been donated. The Memory Garden project was completed but some have requested new bricks of their loved ones who have gone to their eternal home. Once we have at least

ten bricks ordered, we will make a church order. Bricks are now \$20 each and there is a \$5 extra charge to add a symbol to your brick. The symbols available are next to the order form in the Narthex. 21 characters (including spaces) are allowed per line. Only 18 characters per line for those bricks with symbols. Please fill out a separate form for each brick in the Narthex. You may combine your payment if ordering multiple bricks. Make checks payable to St. Matthew. If paying by credit card, go to <https://www.stmatthewlcms.com/giving.html> and click on the “donate” button. If using a credit card, please add \$1 per brick to cover Paypal fees. If you have any questions, please contact the church office.

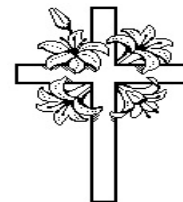
Easter Breakfast

This year's breakfast will be by the S.M.A.R.T. Youth Group as they ask for your support for their Higher Things Youth Gathering trip this summer to Valparaiso, Indiana. We appreciate any donations you can make for them while enjoying great food and fellowship! Thank you!



Easter Lilies

The Easter Lily Sign-Up sheet is in the narthex. Lilies are \$9 a plant. Please make your checks payable to St. Matthew and state if you would like them in honor or in memory of someone. Thank you!



Opportunities to Study God's Word

Sunday School for All Ages

Preschool - Elementary Classes begin at 8:45 am in **Room #2**. They children are learning Biblical accounts from the Growing in Christ series. **The Sr. & Jr. High School class** is led by Pastor Mendez in **Room #3** which is now studying "Revelation."



Sunday Adult Bible Classes

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

Wednesday Mornings

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



Wednesday Evenings

Wednesday evening Bible Class will **resume meeting on April 20th**. Bring a friend for an enjoyable evening!

Men's Breakfast Bible Study

Join us for the Men's Breakfast and Bible study on the **2nd Saturday** of the month at **8:00 am** in the Fellowship Hall. Our next class is April 9th. The Board of Elders will meet following study at 10:00am.



PRISM - Precious Rubies In St Matthew

PRISM is going to meet on March 26 at 9 a.m. Ladies of all ages are invited to enjoy breakfast, fellowship, and Bible study. We will be diving into "Living a Chocolate Life" by Deb Burma. "Living a Chocolate Life" invites women to savor God's rich and endless supply of grace in Christ. This study reminds readers that the Holy Spirit fills them with sweet faith in the Savior and it is only He who can truly satisfy. Please let Tiffany Cowger (call or text 815-719-1435) if you will be in attendance, so she can order enough books and food!

Join us for a Laudamus concert this spring!



Laudamus is a select choir of seminarians preparing for full-time service as pastors in The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod (LCMS). Under the direction of Dr. James Marriott, the Seminary's director of musical arts, the choir delights in proclaiming the Gospel of Jesus Christ through music. Each year, the choir schedules tours throughout the country, one in the fall and another in the spring. Concordia Seminary's choir of seminarians, Laudamus, will tour Oklahoma and Texas before holding a homecoming performance in St. Louis. Please join us at a performance close to you!

- Sunday, March 20, 8 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. Grace Lutheran Church, Tulsa, Okla.
 - Sunday, March 20, 3 p.m. Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, Edmond, Okla.
 - Monday, March 21, 7 p.m. Lamb of God Lutheran Church, Flower Mound, Texas
 - Wednesday, March 23, 7 p.m. Trinity Lutheran Church, Klein, Texas
 - Sunday, April 3, 4 p.m. Hope Lutheran Church, St. Louis, Mo.
- All of the concerts are free and open to the public.

American Heritage Girls

AHG is a scout-like organization dedicated to the mission of building women of integrity through service to God, family, community, and country. Since 1995, AHG's vision has been to become the premier national character development organization for young women that provides a Christian program which embraces time honored moral standards while encouraging each member to grow in their faith in God, personal integrity, citizenship and community service. We have been blessed to have a troop in our area for over 10 years. Three of our St. Matthew girls are in AHG Troop TX0355 at St. James Catholic Church on Aldine Westfield, and we would like to invite all girls in Kindergarten through 18 years of age to come to St. James and check us out. Pass the word to your daughters, granddaughters, nieces, friends! For more information on the meetings, please contact Gayle Bogs. For more information on American Heritage Girls, go online to americanheritagegirls.org.

