

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

St Matthew News & Notes

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 6 –Lent I – The fruits of the ground belong to the Lord (Deuteronomy 26:10); how much more the fruit of the womb! Children aren’t ours to do with as we wish. We must treat them even before birth as the Father Almighty wills. He holds every human life precious enough (Romans 10:12) to meet the needs of all our bodies (Psalm 91:5-6, 12). It’s an invitation for us to do the same.

Stewardship Every Sunday

Matthew 4:7 – 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!



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."

KFUO Radio

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



CHRIST FOR YOU this week on KFUE.org: Study Baptism in the Augsburg Confession Article IX on Concord Matters (3/12 at 10:00 a.m. CT), hear Lenten Midweek Recital and Worship Service 3/9 at 11:00 a.m. CT, and study Luke 13-15 on Sharper Iron's "The Beloved Physician's Orderly Account" (weekdays at 8:00 a.m. CT). Find your favorite programs on demand at kfue.org or on the KFUE Radio app.

Life Quotes

"Just as God personally created your body, so too He continually designs His body, the Church, bringing together people from all walks of life, all nations, and all abilities, in service to the world. And while it may be true that the world does not appreciate the gifts you have to offer, the body of Christ most certainly needs you." Michelle Bauman, director of Y4Life – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • lutheransforlife.org

Attendance for Last Week (02/27)

Adult Bible Class - 19 Galatians Class - 9

Sun. Divine Service - 95 /\$5357

Wed. Morning Bible Class - 8 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.

Comfort

- ✘ **Eugene File -passed away of lung cancer on Sunday 2/27(friend of BJ & Rose Jackson)Thank you for all the prayers**
- ✘ **Jim McKay-passed away (brother of Carol Clark)**
- ✘ **Elizabeth Posey-passed away Wednesday, 3/2 (mother of Sharon Gace)**

Strength & Healing

- ✘ **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)
- ✘ Rosemary McElroy-has been moved to a care facility in Victoria, TX (sister-in-law of Janie McElroy)
- ✘ 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)

Celebrations

Birthdays: 3/10 Justin Parsalaw & 3/11 Shirley Coyle

Baptism Anniversaries: 3/12 Curtis Gace

Confirmation Anniversaries: 3/7 Kim Christy, 3/12 Gary Lawrence & 3/13 Richard LaShomb

Wedding Anniversaries: 3/13 Scott & Kelly Gentes ~ 23 Years

Memory Bricks



We are taking orders for new Memory Garden bricks in the Narthex now. The Memory Garden outside of the sanctuary leading to the bell tower was built as an American Heritage Girls' Stars & Stripes project in 2021 for a place of fellowship after services, as well as, to remember and respect life from the unborn to the elderly. Engraved bricks with names of loved ones who have gone to see Christ in heaven were donated for the project. Since the project was completed, 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 (since it's not a project fundraiser), 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 the information for each brick separately on the form 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.

Congregational Assembly Meeting

Agenda

March 6, 2022

Opening Prayer

Approve CAM minutes from 11-21-2021

Pastor's Reports

Board Reports

Treasurer's Report

Old Business N/A

Closing Prayer

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 March 12th. 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!

- Saturday, March 19, 7 p.m. Immanuel Lutheran Church, Broken Arrow, Okla.
 - 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.

Listed below is the schedule for March:

- March 6, 2022
7 p.m. - Mr. Steve Moore - "Suicide Prevention"
7:30 p.m. - Rev. Dr. Gregory Seltz - "Liberty Alert"
- March 13, 2022
7 p.m. - Dr. Marie Yvette Seltz - "Forgiveness is a Process and a Choice"
7:30 p.m. - Rev. Dr. Gregory Seltz - "Liberty Alert"
- March 20, 2022
7 p.m. - Mr. Kelvin Cochran - Author of "Facing the Fire"
7:30 p.m. - Rev. Dr. Gregory Seltz - "Liberty Alert"
- March 27, 2022
7 p.m. - Dr. John Tolson - Author of "Take a Knee" and "The Four Priorities"
7:30 p.m. - Rev. Dr. Gregory Seltz - "Liberty Alert"

