

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 & BJ Jackson
- Greeters..... Daniel & Christina Cross
- Ushers Joshua Montemayor & Cody Williamson
- Counters Robert & Melissa Sindlinger
- Acolyte..... Kaitlyn Christie
- Altar Guild BJ & Rose Jackson

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

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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



April 10 – Palm Sunday/Passion of Our Lord – Philippians 2 outlines how the humble love of our Lord Jesus involved Him in human nature and our life from embryo until His own flesh failed in crucifixion. Not only does this sanctify every member of our race whatever their circumstances, but it also rests the rights and responsibilities for deciding the manners of our lives and the timing of our deaths in His hands (Deuteronomy 32:39). Both now come as gifts for our good!

Stewardship Every Sunday

Matthew 21:3 – “If anyone says anything to you, you shall say, ‘The Lord needs them,’ and he will send them at once.” Did Jesus really *need* the donkey? If the man had refused to give the donkey would the work of salvation have been derailed? Of course not. But what an honor for the man who owned this donkey and foal! It is likewise with us. The Lord needs none of us, but what an honor it is for God to choose to use our generosity in the work of His Church.



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 \$100. 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: Blessed Holy Week! Hear special Good Friday programming on 4/15 including Tre Ore Service from Timothy Lutheran Church in St. Louis at 12:00 p.m. CT, study Luke 22-23 on Sharper Iron's "The Beloved Physician's Orderly Account" (weekdays at 8:00 a.m. CT), study Matthew 23-27 on Thy Strong Word (weekdays at 11:00 a.m. CT), and learn about Augsburg Confession Article XIV: Order in the Church on Concord Matters 4/16 at 10:00 a.m. CT. Tune in live or on demand at kfu.org or on the KFUO Radio app!

Life Quotes

"The temptation among Christians is to take the temperature of the chaotic and dysfunctional culture and to imbue ourselves with a sense of despair and discouragement. But despair and discouragement, we know from Scripture, is a sin because it negates the hope of Jesus Christ. We are not seeking an earthly victory; as Christians, we know that the most important victory of all of history has already been won by our Lord and Savior."

Attendance for Last Week (04/03 & 04/06)

Adult Bible Class - 20 Galatians Class - 13

Sun. Divine Service - 94/\$7988.00

Wed. Morning Bible Class - 4 Wed. Evening Bible Class - n/a

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

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

- ✘ **Ester Miller - Had a heart attack (friend of Bogs Family)**
- ✘ **Kristen McCorquodale - Recovering from emergency apendectomy (daughter of Carolyn McCorquodale)**
- ✘ **Rebecca - Pregnancy complications**
- ✘ Colin Brogan - Recovering from heart surgery (friend of Sonny French)
- ✘ Stephanie Nixdorf - diagnosed with stage 4 melanoma (friend of the Held family)
- ✘ Craig Johnson - broken neck from a fall (father of Christina Cross)
- ✘ Jean Ogletree-receiving chemotherapy on her gall bladder (friend of Nancy Baeza)
- ✘ Aileen Mercer-Failing Eye Sight (Marilyn Krons Sister)
- ✘ Jan Stayton-healing from back surgery
- ✘ Brandon Pate-diagnosed with partial scerosis of the liver (Friend of Nicole Poppenhusen)
- ✘ Rosie Hildebrandt-shingles (sister of Curtis Gace)

Cancer/Long Term Healing

- ✘ Erica Vogt-long term Covid complications (granddaughter of Michael & Jeanne Held)
- ✘ Carolina Villarreal-Cancer & surgery (friend of The Mendez Family)
- ✘ Sue Wright-Cancer Diagnosis (Elaina Albarez Aunt)
- ✘ Benny Albarez - Cancer (Elaina Albarez Brother)
- ✘ 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 - in the hospital (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 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) & **Jason & Kim Christy (due in October)**
- ✘ 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: 4/10 Barbara Ellis, 4/10 Mary Garrett & 4/16 Jonathan LaShomb

Baptism Anniversaries: 4/14 Kelly Gentes & 4/15 Peg Munson

Confirmation Anniversaries: 4/11 Larry Harvey, 4/14 Barbara Ellis, 4/14 Barbara Newbould, 4/14 Cody Williamson, 4/15 Ronald Bogs, 4/15 Mary Gibbs & 4/16 Gary McCorquodale

Wedding Anniversaries: 4/17 Andy & Kathleen Montemayor~ 23 Yrs.

Memory Bricks



ATTENTION MEMBERS THIS IS THE LAST SUNDAY, APRIL 10TH TO ORDER MEMORY BRICKS! 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.htm>

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! There is a sign up sheet in the narthex. Please make sure that you sign up so that we can get an accurate count of how many we need to prepare for.



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! **LAST DAY TO ORDER IS TODAY SUNDAY, APRIL 10TH.**

*Welcome to the Lord's Family
Through Holy Baptism*

Charlotte Kennedy French

*daughter of Kristopher & Tristian
French.*

Her Sponsors are David & Mikaela Reese.



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 "Giving An Answer."



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. **Giving An Answer** 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 **Our Divine Service**.



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 April 23rd at 10 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.



JOYFUL APRIL

In his famous poem "The Waste Land", T.S. Eliot tells us "April is the cruellest month", but to Christians around the world it's often the opposite. As is often the case, is 2022 April contains Easter, the celebration of the cruel death and miraculous resurrection of our Lord and Savior, Jesus the Christ.

Join us each Sunday evening from 6:30 to 8 p.m. on KKHT-FM 100.7, The Word, for ELM's lineup of "The Lutheran Hour" at 6:30, "Engaging Truth" at 7, and "The Liberty Alert", a weekly wrap-up of news from Dr. Greg Seltz of the Lutheran Center for Religious Liberty in Washington, D.C. at 7:30. All programs may also be live streamed via the KKHT website at KKHT.com.

Listed below is the schedule for April programming:

- April 10, 2022
7 p.m. - Rev. John Juedes - "Demonic Possession"
7:30 p.m. - Rev. Dr. Gregory Seltz - "Liberty Alert"
- April 17, 2022
7 p.m. - Rev. Michael Newman - "Easter"
7:30 p.m. - Rev. Dr. Gregory Seltz - "Liberty Alert"
- April 24, 2022
7 p.m. - Rev. Dan Potts - "Communication Crisis"
7:30 p.m. - Rev. Dr. Gregory Seltz - "Liberty Alert"

Lutheran Witness Subscription

There is a sign-up sheet in the narthex for subscription to the Lutheran Witness. If you already have a subscription and would like to cancel it simply mark a line through your information. If your address has changed please write the new one out to the right of your name. If you would like to sign-up for a new subscription please write in your name and address on the second page. The cost of this year's subscription is \$14.25 and you can leave a check in the offering plate with "Lutheran Witness" in the memo line or use the envelope provided to you in your box of tithing envelopes.

