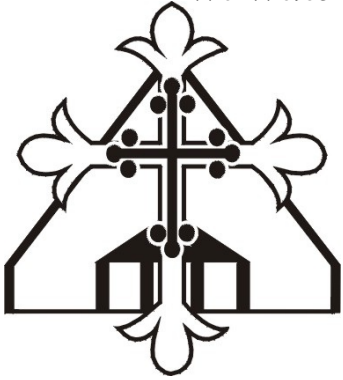


We Welcome You to St. Matthew!



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..... Lilly Williamson
- 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 17 – Resurrection of Our Lord – Christ is risen, in the body! This makes every other human body precious from fertilization to forever (Isaiah 65:20). Death belongs to the old things and the former ways (Isaiah 65:17) from which our God and Father has set us free (1 Corinthians 15:26). The grave lies empty and has nothing to offer, not even by means of physician-assisted suicide or abortions.

Neither we nor our neighbors need submit to it any longer!

Stewardship Every Sunday

Mark 16:6 – “And he said to them, ‘Do not be alarmed. You seek Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has risen; he is not here.’ ” Jesus is risen, but is that Good News? What if He is mad at us for betraying Him, for running away at Gethsemane, for not believing He would rise? The Good News is not just that Jesus is risen; the Good News is that He is risen to bless us. There is no need to be alarmed. He still calls us His friends and brothers and means to bring us through death to resurrection as well. The Lord is risen – He is risen indeed!



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 Easter! Christ is risen! Help us continue to share this message of our Risen Savior during Sharathon 2022, April 21-23. We rely on listener support, and you can learn how to join with us at kfuo.org/sharathon. Hear Christ for you at kfuo.org and on the KFUO Radio app!

Life Quotes

"So how's life? Are you stuck? Are you burdened? Are you troubled? Are you afraid? Do you think you've got nothing to live for? Stop acting like Jesus is dead because He's not. Look again at His life-giving hands. Jesus is alive! Let's act like it. Let's pray like it. Let's believe like it. Let's embrace His call, 'I am sending you' (John 20:21), and bring the Gospel to everyone, one soul at a time. Live life like there is no death because Easter means there is no death. Easter makes life really worth living." Rev. Peter Sulzle, St. John Evangelical Lutheran Church, Redwood Falls, Minnesota – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • lutheransforlife.org

Attendance for Last Week (04/10/2002)

Adult Bible Class - 17 Galatians Class - 11

Sun. Divine Service - 93/\$

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.*

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.

Thanksgiving

✘ **Ester Miller - Recovering from a heart attack (friend of the Bogs Family)**

Strength & Healing

✘ **Mary Davis - Fell and broke her wrist**

✘ **Curtis Gace - Tested positive for Covid and other health complications**

✘ **Paul & Tori - Pray for recovery from addiction (neighbors of Shirley Coyle)**

✘ 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 sclerosis 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 Alvarez Aunt)

✘ Benny Alvarez - Cancer (Elaina Alvarez 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: 4/19 Mary Davis, 4/19 Ashley Massuda, 4/23 David Christie & 4/23 Robert Sindlinger

Baptism Anniversaries: 4/18 Jack Christy, 4/19 Shirley Coyle, 4/21 Bryce Koslan & 4/22 Aurora Franks

Confirmation Anniversaries: 4/18 Devon Cowger & 4/18 Dixie Garrett

Wedding Anniversaries: 4/23 Robert & Melissa Sindlinger ~ 16 yrs., 4/24 Randy & Kathy Bogs ~ 34 yrs. & 4/24 Kenneth & Joyce French ~ 68 yrs.



Easter Lillies

Mentioned many times in the Bible, the white lily symbolizes purity, rebirth, new beginnings and hope and is most often associated with the resurrection of Jesus Christ as observed on Easter.

It's thought that Easter lilies came to symbolize Christ not only because they embody purity—the trumpet-shaped blooms recall the horns that heralded the resurrection of Christ. And the life cycle of Easter lilies, which grow from a bulb for several years beneath the earth before blossoming into magnificent flowers, recalls Jesus' death and resurrection.

Caring for Your Potted Easter Lilies

- The lily prefers a cool daytime temperature of 60° to 65° F. and nighttime temperatures 5 degrees cooler.
- To keep the flowers from wilting, avoid placing the potted plant in direct sunlight. Most plants will lean toward the sunlight.
- To keep the plant growing upright, turn the pot every two days.
- Keep the soil moist, but not soggy.
- Most Easter lilies are sold commercially in pots covered with decorative foil jackets. Remove the pot from the foil covering every time the plant is watered because no water should be left standing at the bottom of this covering. Once the water has soaked into the soil, return the pot to the foil covering.
- Also, to help your potted lily thriving, do not place the pot near a direct source of heat. Lilies thrive in a humid climate, more so than a dry one. To create natural humidity, fill a saucer with small pebbles and water and set beneath the potted lily.



Texas Confessional Lutherans

The next quarterly meeting of the Texas Confessional Lutherans is scheduled for Thursday, April 21, 2022 at Grace Lutheran in Brenham. Our speaker/topic(s): Jerome Tiech-Miller will be speaking about “What is unionism and syncretism and why does it matter?” Please plan on joining us and consider inviting a friend, or two. See you in Brenham!

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!

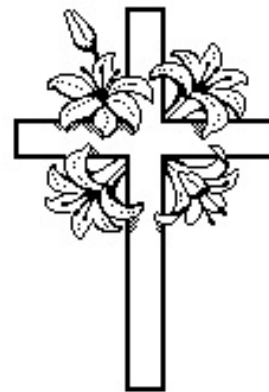
Men's Breakfast Bible Study

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 May 7th. 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.



The Easter Lilies beautifying the Chancel are given to the Glory of God by:

- † Sherry Betz in memory of Gerald Betz.
- † Bettye Carter in memory of Barbara Wilkins.
- † Dave & Tiffany Cowger to the Glory of God.
- † Shirley Coyle in loving memory of her husband Jerry Dan Coyle, her parents George & Ruth Franz, and other family.
- † Dan & Christina Cross in memory of her grandparents Shelby & Marie Cole and Ronald & Doris Sylvester.
- † Edna Ehrhardt in memory of her husband Clarence Ehrhardt and other loved ones.
- † Michael & Jeanne Held in memory of their parents, Alwin & Emma Held and Edward & Dorothy Burkholz.
- † B.J. & Rose Jackson to the Glory of God.
- † Shirley Kuhlman in memory of her parents Robert & Evelyn Burns.
- † Richard & Patricia LaShomb in memory of loved ones in Heaven.
- † Gary, Virginia, Chris & Sisilie Lawrence in memory of Henry G Lawrence and Henry & Evelyn Haude.
- † The Lilley Families and Eugene Meyer in memory of all loved ones passed, Joshua McGraw, Valeria Lilley, Dodie Lilley, C.F. Meyer, Evelyn Mittelstedt, Paul Meyer & Gloria Meyer and in honor of all loved ones still with us.
- † John Lisius to the Glory of God.
- † Joe & Shirley Michka in memory of their parents.
- † Gordon & Peg Munson in honor of our Risen Lord.
- † Eda Nitz in memory of her husband, Robert Nitz.
- † Mario & Becky Reyes to the Glory of God.
- † Lester Sentesi, Sandy & Rachael in memory of their wife and mom Cindy Sentesi.
- † Cathy Smith in memory of her husband Tommy Smith.