

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 Scott Christy & BJ Jackson
 Greeters
 Ushers Joshua Montemayor & Yair Mendez
 Counters Jarod & Elaina Christy
 Acolyte Dalton Reed
 Altar Guild Carol Clark

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

Congregational Officers:

President Larry Harvey
 Vice Pres Scott Christy
 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.

Life Quotes

“Knowing that God is always near as our Help moves us to reflect the Savior’s love in helping others. ‘Carry each other’s burdens’ (Galatians 6:2).” Daily Devotion, Redeemer Lutheran Church, Sister Lakes, Michigan – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • lutheransforlife.org

Life Thoughts

April 27 – Easter II – “An angel of the Lord...brought them out and said, ‘Go...and speak to the people all the words of this Life’” (Acts 5:19-20). Life—immediate, abundant, ongoing from fertilization to forever—belongs to the heart of the Gospel and the very identity of our Savior Jesus Christ. And is there any clearer Scriptural invitation for the sanctity of life to occupy all our conversation?

Attendance for Last Week ~ 04/20/2025
 Adult Bible Class - N/A Thessalonians Class - 12
 Sun. Divine Service - 148
 Offering - \$N/A
 Wed. Morning Bible Class - 7 Wed. Evening Bible Class - 7
 For great is His steadfast love toward us, and the faithfulness of the Lord endures forever. Praise the Lord ~ Psalm 117:2

Budgeted Annual Income For 2025 \$308,012.00
 Weekly Offering Target \$5,923.31
 Previous Week's Offering \$5,625.00
 Previous Week's Shortfall -\$298.31
 Cumulative Shortfall March 2025 -\$12,449.20
 Previous Week's dedicated offerings \$845.00



Fellowship Hall AC Fund
The fund to repair the Fellowship Hall AC still needs \$12, 650. If you would to donate to the repair so that we may continue to use and hold events comfortably in the Fellowship Hall please make sure when you are donating to put "For Fellowship Hall AC Repair" on your check and/or envelope. Thank you so much!

St. Matthew Senior Group "Saved Silvers" TODAY

Last Sunday the Saved Seniors had their 1st monthly lunch and get together. We had 18 people there and PLENTY food. This will now be a monthly event, the 3rd Sunday each month so all those 50 and up mark your calendars. And remember your cards or dominoes. We are also looking for someone or a couple who would like to coordinate the group. Our next meeting is scheduled for Sunday, April 27th. If you would like to step up and serve see Lester.



125th Annual Picnic Donations & Volunteers

Volunteer and donation lists for our 125th Annual Picnic are in the Narthex. We are still in need of a Cooking Team Chair as well as a Kitchen Supervisor. Please contact Lester if you would like to lend a hand and fill either of these positions. Sign up for a shift to volunteer your time and/or donate. Let's make our picnic great again!



A Big Thank You

Thank you to everyone who helped with and donated for our Easter breakfast. Special thanks to Joshua Bogs for coordinating everything. We had 55 people attend and we raised \$155 towards the Youth Group trip to Higher Things in 2026.



125th Anniversary T-Shirts - LAST DAY

Last day to order your anniversary t-shirts. Please write your name, phone number, and what size(s) you would like and place your payment made to "St. Matthew Lutheran Church" in the envelope provided. Shirts are now \$12 each. Please add \$1 for every "X" in size. (XL=\$13, 2XL=\$14, etc. up to 5XL.)



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

- ✘ Edna Ehrhardt - diagnosed with ovarian cancer currently in Park Manor Cy Fair Rehabilitation Center
- ✘ Patricia LaShomb had jaw surgery February 2025. She is now going through extensive radiation treatments.
- ✘ Karen Mavus - recovering from a broken hip
- ✘ Shirley Kuhlman - moved to 230 Cofer Rd. Leonard, TX 75452
- ✘ Aurora Acevedo - unborn baby whose brain is not developing (the mother is a co-worker of Nicole Poppenhusen)
- ✘ Dan Ealson - speedy recovery from open heart surgery (father of Katie Ealson-Clark)
- ✘ Larry Harvey - cancer diagnosis
- ✘ Jo Marie Miller - recovering from knee surgery (daughter of Vita Malloy)
- ✘ Harold Hough - recovering from a stroke (friend of Nancy Baeza)
- ✘ Angela Wilkins - ulcerative colitis (daughter of Frances Bell)

Cancer/Long Term Healing

- ✘ Cindy Henderson - diagnosed with lymphoma (friend of Sharon Gace)
- ✘ Werner Hartl - diagnosed with cancer
- ✘ Shawn Mena - treatment for breast cancer (friend of David Honerkamp)
- ✘ Carolina Villareal - diagnosed with cancer (friend of Mendez Family)
- ✘ Renee Joyce - breast cancer diagnosis (family friend of Shawn & Amanda Goss)
- ✘ Aileen Mercer - failing eye sight
- ✘ Erica Caballero - 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 Christy)

- ✘ Rick Hamitt - diagnosed with ALS (son-in-law of the Staytons)
- ✘ 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/Poland (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

Confirmation Anniversaries: 4/30 David Christie, 5/1 Sharol Aikman, 5/1 Tess Clark, 5/1 Trent Clark, 5/1 Troy Lilley, 5/2 Chad Lilley, 5/2 Holly Williamson, 5/3 Jarrod Musgrove, 5/3 Lester Sentesi & 5/3 Megan Williamson
 Baptism Anniversaries: 4/27 Tess Clark, 4/27 Trent Clark & 5/3 Gary McCorquodale

June Newsletter Deadline

If you have anything that you would like to see and/or add to the June 2025 newsletter. Please submit it to office.smlcw@gmail.com by Tuesday, May 27th.



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 1 & 2 Timothy & Titus, especially studying the qualifications of a Pastor meets at 7pm in Room #2.

Men's Breakfast Bible Study

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

