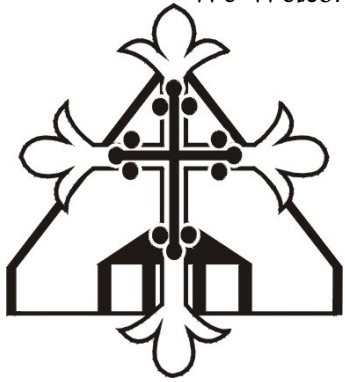


We Welcome You to St. Matthew!



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 Curtis Gace & Steve Roberts
 Greeters..... Patricia LaShomb & Shirley Kuhlman
 Ushers Robert Sindlinger & Nathan Cross
 Counters Nancy Baeza
 Acolyte..... Isabella Vaz
 Altar Guild Hannah Bogs & Becky Mendez

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:	
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

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



May 1 – Easter III – The Gospel of Jesus Christ reverses expectations. The Lamb once slain now reigns (Revelation 5). The persecutor gets converted (Acts 9). Empty nets bring abundance in (John 21). Dancing emerges from mourning (Psalm 30). Applied to life issues, this reveals what we call control – “my body, my choice” – as actually captivity, and God holds precious what we regard as paltry. Where we see only darkness and death, He has sown life and light!

Stewardship Every Sunday

John 10:16 – “And I have other sheep that are not of this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice.” On their own sheep are in great danger. They need a shepherd to guide them. The sheep know the Shepherd's voice, and we delight to go where He leads. Of course, the world, the devil, and our own sinful flesh want to pull us in another direction. Namely, they want to pull us in the direction of death. But following the Shepherd means life. So, no matter how difficult the path is, let us follow the Shepherd!



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.

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: Begin studying 1-3 John on Thy Strong Word (weekdays at 11:00 a.m. CT), continue studying Acts 3-5 on Sharper Iron (weekdays at 8:00 a.m. CT), and study Augsburg Confession Article XVII on Christ's Return for Judgment on Concord Matters (5/7 at 10:00 a.m. CT). Find your favorite programs on demand at kfu.org or on the KFUO Radio app!

Life Quotes

"Let's also recruit, instruct, and support more couples and families toward opening their homes to serve children in need. Multitudes—majorities, even—of foster families and adoptive parents confess Christ and consider themselves for-life. More foster parents—not fewer children—seems the most praiseworthy solution to foster care failures. And those who can recognize those failures may just be the most excellent candidates for the vocation!" Pastor Michael Salemink, Lutherans For Life – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • lutheransforlife.org

Attendance for Last Week (04/24/2002)

Adult Bible Class - 20 Galatians Class - 11

Sun. Divine Service - 85/\$2976

Wed. Morning Bible Class - 10 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.

Congratulations

✠ **David & Mikaela Reese - On the birth of Palmer Collins Thursday, April 21st**

Strength & Healing

- ✠ **Michael Held - Healing from a dislocated elbow**
- ✠ Robert & Jade - pray for peace during their time of struggles (neighbors of Shirley Coyle)
- ✠ 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)
- ✠ 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 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 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: 5/6 Naatah Mollel, 5/8 Janis Stayton & 5/8 Phillip Williamson

Baptism Anniversaries: 5/3 Gary McCorquodale

Confirmation Anniversaries: 5/1 Sharol Aikman, 5/1 Tess Clark, 5/1 Trent Clark, 5/1 Dale Haude, 5/1 Mark LaShomb, 5/1 Troy Lilley, 5/2 Chad Lilley, 5/2 Holly Williamson, 5/3 Trey Hodges, 5/3 Joel Musgrove, 5/3 Lester Sentesi, 5/4 Amanda Goss, 5/5 Marcia Clark, 5/6 Jess Clark, 5/6 Clay Lilley, 5/6 Kathleen Montemayor & 5/7 Scott Gentes



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 meets at **7pm in Room #2**. We are studying Psalms.

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

We are inviting all mothers, daughters, grandmas, nanas, step-moms to celebrate God's amazing grace with a Mother's Day Brunch and Tea on Saturday, May 7th. We will meet in the fellowship hall at 10 am. Invite a friend, bring a mom, but most importantly, bring your Bible to enjoy the richness God's Word has to offer! This will be the PRISM meeting for the month of May.



PASTOR BOGS 20 -30 - 40 ANNIVERSARIES

20 years serving at St. Matthew
30 years ordination
40 years in church ministry

We are in the planning stages of celebrating these special milestones on Sunday, July 24, 2022. I will be heading up a planning committee and am in need of congregation volunteers. If you are interested in serving on the committee please contact Scott Christy (833-428-4349) or David Honerkamp (713-702-5301). Let's make this a very special day for our Pastor.

Scott Christy
Congregation President

