

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..... Luke Tusing & BJ Jackson
 Greeters.....
 Ushers..... Aaron Montemayor & Jared Christy
 Counters..... Carolyn McCorquodale
 Acolyte..... Isabel Vaz
 Altar Guild..... Sylvia Christy & Becky Reyes

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..... Rev. Arturo Mendez ~ 832-883-1705
 Music..... John Lisius & Jeanne Held
 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 Thoughts

May 11 – Easter IV/Mother’s Day – With motherly tenacity and tenderness, Jesus insists none of His little ones perish (John 10:28). Each one comes from the Heavenly Father’s own almighty hand (John 10:29), no matter size or skills or circumstances (Revelation 7:9). He desires the whole human community to share His delight in caring for them all (Acts 10:28), even in surprise pregnancy or terminal diagnosis.

Life Quotes

“As Christians, we know that God’s commitment to upholding life started long ago—before photos—before the beginning of time even. From His ordered creation of the world to His ordered creation of you in your mother’s womb, God’s work has always been life-affirming. Grafted into His family through Baptism, we have become children of God and inheritors of eternal life.” Michelle Bauman, Y4Life – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • lutheransforlife.org

Attendance for Last Week ~ 05/04/2025
 Adult Bible Class - N/A Thessalonians Class - 14
 Sun. Divine Service - 68
 Offering - \$3680.00
 Wed. Morning Bible Class - 9 Wed. Evening Bible Class - 17
 For great is His steadfast love toward us, and the faithfulness of the Lord endures forever. Praise the Lord ~ Psalm 117:2

****ATTENTION** St. Matthew Picnic Update**



The Picnic Committee met last week to finalize and discuss certain issues with the picnic. Unfortunately due to difficulties with the AC in the Fellowship Hall and the fact that no one has volunteered to chair the cooking team, kitchen and several other issues we are having to postpone the picnic. More information will be coming in the near future.

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.



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"

We had 7 people stay for the Saved Silvers lunch last Sunday. An amazing time was had. Saved Silvers May gathering may be cancelled due to scheduling conflicts with Pastor Bogs Retirement celebration and Memorial Day. Please be sure to keep any eye out in the weekly bulletins for further information.



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.

Celebrations

Baptism: 5/14 Caleb Bogs, 5/14 Yair Mendez, 5/14 Barbara Newbould & 5/15 Don Cornman
Confirmation Anniversaries: 5/14 John Tautenhahn, 5/15 Marie Fischer, 5/15 Luke Tusing, 5/16 Sandra Pedersen, 5/16 John Stayton & 5/17 Virginia Lawrence
Wedding Anniversaries: 5/11 David & Kathy Honerkamp ~ 33 Yrs. & 5/12 Jarrod & Maria Musgrove ~ 13 Yrs.

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.

Prayer of Thanksgiving

✘ Thanksgiving for 11 years of marriage & blessing for Shawn & Amanda Goss

Strength & Healing

- ✘ Sonny French - diagnosed with bladder cancer
- ✘ Twyla Otto - undiagnosed debilitating leg pain (Nancy Baezas sister-in-law)
- ✘ 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)

Cancer/Long Term Healing

- ✘ Dan Ealson - speedy recovery from open heart surgery (father of Katie Ealson-Clark)
- ✘ 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)
- ✘ Larry Harvey - cancer diagnosis
- ✘ 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

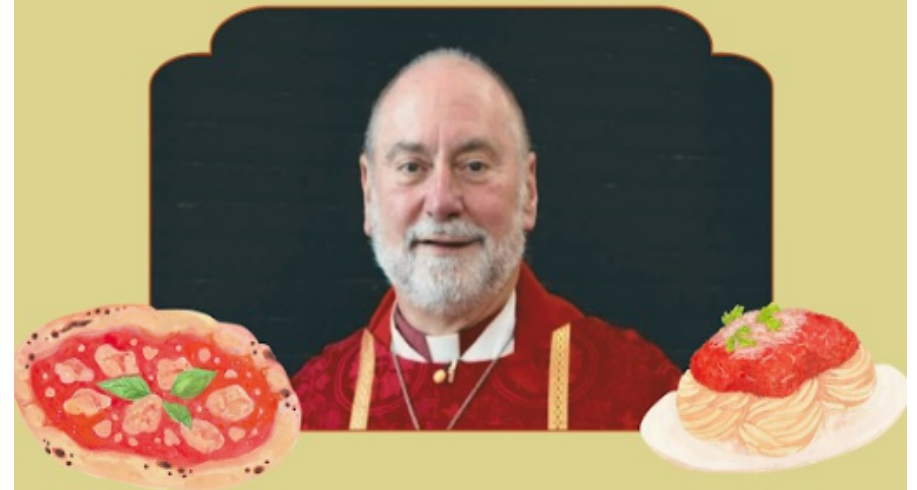
Gladys Brandt, Karen Mavus, Aileen Mercer, Bill Pali, Arlene Schultz, Sherry Betz, Jean Hinz, Shirley Coyle & Marilyn Kron

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)

PIZZA & PASTA WITH PASTOR BOGS

TIME FOR A *Retirement* CELEBRATION



Let's celebrate Pastor Bog's

43 YEARS IN CHURCH WORK

Sunday, May 18th after his last sermon

Please bring a pizza, pasta dish or a dessert.

Dish sign-up will be in the Narthex.

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!

Join our
**BIBLE
 STUDY**



WE **love** WEDNESDAY

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 June 14th. The Board of Elders will meet immediately after at



Chancel Flowers are given to
 the Glory of God
 by The Bogs Family
 in thankfulness for
 Caleb's 30th Birthday



A Mother's Day Prayer
 Thinking of you on Mother's Day
 and saying a special prayer
 that God, who knows how dear you are
 will keep you in His care
 that He will bless your daily life
 with joys of every kind
 with perfect health and happiness
 and peace of heart and mind

Lifeline ~ Baby Bottle Boomerang

It's Baby Bottle Boomerang Season Again!!!

Lifeline is gearing up for our 5th ANNUAL BABY BOTTLE BOOMERANG. Mother's Day is Sunday, May 11th and we will have Bottle Banks available for you to pick up, take home and fill with your loose change and cash. Bottle Bank collection day will be on Father's Day Sunday, June 15th. Want to know more about Lifeline? Check out their webpage: <https://www.lifelinepcc.net/>



Budget

Budgeted Annual Income For 2025	\$308,012.00
Weekly Offering Target	\$5,923.31
Previous Week's Offering	\$3,680.00
Previous Week's Shortfall	-\$2,243.31
Cumulative Shortfall March 2025	-\$12,449.20
Previous Week's dedicated offerings	\$5,625.00