

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..... Kaitlyn Christie
- 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
- 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**



Easter VI – Will euthanasia “let the peoples praise you, O God”? Does embryo experimentation “let all the peoples praise you” (Psalm 67:3)? If the heavenly city’s structures have the brilliance of gemstones (Revelation 21), what inestimable value resides in the human bodies whom the Lamb has written into His book of life by creating, redeeming, and calling them each? Our witness to the sanctity of life may bring tribulation, but His grace alone has overcome it already (John 16:33).

**Stewardship Every Sunday**

**James 1:22 – “But be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves.”** Martin Luther said this about our faith: “Oh, it is a living, busy, active, mighty thing, this faith. And so it is impossible for it not to do good works incessantly.” The Word of God is not merely to be heard, but to be received and believed, and implemented. James reminds us of this, and he encourages us to examine our lives and come to repentance, where we can see that we are not living out our faith in sincerity.



*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 Genesis on Thy Strong Word (weekdays at 11:00 a.m. CT), dig into Augsburg Confession Article XVIII: Free Will on Concord Matters (5/28 at 10:00 a.m. CT), and study Acts 10-12 on Sharper Iron's "To the End of the Earth" (weekdays at 8:00 a.m. CT). Find your favorite programs on demand at kfu.org or the KFUO Radio app!

## Life Quotes

"Your ascended Jesus goes with you. When you have doubts and struggles, take them to Jesus. When you're conflicted and troubled by sin and guilt, take it to Jesus and the cross. Together we lift each other up and grow up in Jesus! You are gifted! You are equipped! Know you are serving Jesus! Now and to eternity." Rev. Darren Green, St. John Evangelical Lutheran Church, Redwood Falls, Minnesota – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • [lutheransforlife.org](http://lutheransforlife.org)

### Attendance for Last Week (05/15/2002)

Adult Bible Class - 17 Galatians Class - 11

Sun. Divine Service - 104/\$7561.77

Wed. Morning Bible Class - 8 Wed. Evening Bible Class - 7

*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

- ✘ Ernie Bernet - Diagnosed with bladder cancer (Seminary friend of Pastor Bogs)
- ✘ Marilyn Holland - Diagnosed with cancer (friend of Peg Munson)
- ✘ Michael Held - Healing from a dislocated elbow & other testing
- ✘ Robert & Jade - pray for peace during their time of struggles (neighbors of Shirley Coyle)
- ✘ Mary Davis - Fell and broke her wrist
- ✘ Curtis Gace - Health complications
- ✘ Colin Brogan - Recovering from heart surgery (friend of Sonny French)

### Cancer/Long Term Healing

- ✘ 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)
- ✘ Brandon Pate-diagnosed with partial scerosis of the liver (Friend of Nicole Poppenhusen)
- ✘ Rosie Hildebrandt-shingles (sister of Curtis Gace)
- ✘ Aileen Mercer-Failing Eye Sight (Marilyn Kron's Sister)
- ✘ Jan Stayton-healing from back surgery
- ✘ 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 Jason & Kim Christy (due in October) & Rebecca
- ✘ 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:** 5/22 Arturo Mendez, 5/25 Kenneth French, 5/26 Eugene Meyer & 5/28 Kelly Gentes

**Baptism Anniversaries:** 5/24 Barbara Ellis, 5/24 Dwayne Lilley & 5/25 Scott Gentes

**Confirmation Anniversaries:** 5/22 Rose Goebel, 5/22 Jennifer Widner, 5/25 Carolyn McCorquodale & 5/28 Sharon Gace

**Wedding Anniversaries:** 5/27 Ronald & Gayle Bogs ~ 33 Years

## 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. There is a second class that meets in Room #4 at 6:30pm

### Men's Breakfast Bible Study

Join us for the Men's Breakfast and Bible study on the **2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday** of the month at **8:00 am** in the Fellowship Hall. Our next class is June 11<sup>th</sup>. The Board of Elders will meet following study at 10:00am.



### PRISM - Precious Rubies In St Matthew

The next meeting for PRISM will be Saturday, June 25<sup>th</sup> at 10a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Ladies of all ages are invited to enjoy breakfast, fellowship, and Bible study. We hope to see you there and as always all ladies are welcome.



### Baby Bottle Fundraiser

As we did last year, so this year we have another opportunity to support a local Pregnancy Care Center. There are baby bottles in the narthex, please take one and fill it with your change and return it on **Father's Day, June 19**. Last year we were able to collect over \$600 to support this wonderful center who supplies pregnant mothers with free 3D ultrasound images, diapers, clothes, & educational resources.

### ~ You're Invited ~

Pastor & Gayle Bogs and Pastor & Angie Mendez announce the graduation of their daughters, Hannah Bogs & Rebecca Mendez. The baccalaureate service and graduation will be on **Saturday, May 28**, at 11:00 am here at St. Matthew. As the church family is an important part of a pastor's family, Becky and Hannah look forward to celebrating with you.



### PASTOR BOGS 20 -30 - 40 ANNIVERSARIES

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



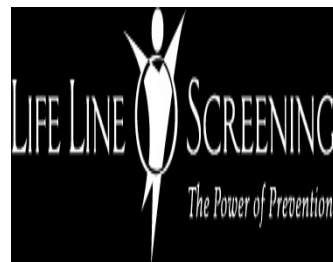
We are in the planning stages of celebrating these special milestones on **Sunday, July 24**,

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.

### Lifeline Needs

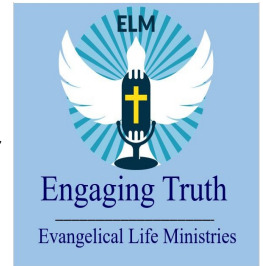
Some members have asked what needs Lifeline might have. This Amazon link has listed the needs of Lifeline as they help and serve pregnant mothers.

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### WOMEN IN MISSION

Traditionally, we set aside the month of May to honor our Mothers, those who care for our ill, heal our hurts, and nurture our faith through our childhood days.



Likewise, we here at Evangelical Life Ministries are devoting the month of May to highlighting the women of the church in our Engaging Truth interviews.

Of course, we'll continue with our traditional lineup of The Lutheran Hour in the 6:30 p.m. time-slot for our Sunday broadcasts on KKHT-FM 100.7, The Word, (kkht.com) and we'll continue bringing you the vibrant message of Rev. Dr. Gregory Seltz of the Lutheran Center for Religious Liberty via his Liberty Alert presentations at 7:30; but this month's 7 p.m. Engaging Truth time-slot will be filled with inspirational messages of women active in their congregational and ministerial lives. Join hosts Pastor David Schultz and John Cain as they welcome a variety of guests in the upcoming weeks.

May 22, 2022

7 p.m. - Keturah Richison - "Casas por Cristo"

7:30 p.m. - Rev. Dr. Gregory Seltz - "LIBERTY ALERT"

May 29, 2022

7 p.m. - Pro Life Advocate Cathie Humbarger - "REPROTECTION"

7:30 p.m. - Linda Kurtz - "MISSION WORK IN LIBERIA"

### Change in church email

The church will be changing over to a new email address. We will no longer be using [office@stmatthewlcms.com](mailto:office@stmatthewlcms.com). The new email will be [stmatthewwestfield@gmail.com](mailto:stmatthewwestfield@gmail.com). Starting immediately if you have anything that you are sending to the church and/or church office please start using the [stmatthewwestfield@gmail.com](mailto:stmatthewwestfield@gmail.com) email address. Thank you so much!