

St. Matthew Lutheran Church  
of Westfield

# Messenger

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Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

I ask for your indulgence as I write this newsletter article for May of 2022 because this month and the next four hold numerous milestones for myself and my family.

May 27 marks one of the greatest milestones and events of my life, the 33<sup>rd</sup> anniversary of the marriage of Gayle and me. The second greatest event and milestone is the 27<sup>th</sup> birthday of our oldest son Caleb on May 9 (and subsequently my three other children, Joshua, Hannah and Aaron). And the next great milestone and event, not in any particular order, is the 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary of my installation here at St. Matthew Lutheran Church of Westfield. May 19, 2002, which we celebrated on the third Sunday in May, Picnic Sunday. This 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary brings my tenure at St. Matthew tied for the longest tenured pastor, Rev. Sander from 1938-58.

On July 26 I will be celebrating the milestone of the 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary of my ordination, and in August (and I am not sure of the exact date) I will be celebrating the 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary of my installation into church work, then as a teacher in one of our Lutheran Schools. With these anniversaries I give thanks and glory to God for all the earthly accomplishments He has seen gracious enough to bestow on me.

Over the last 40 years the Lord has also blessed me with five children already in heaven. He has seen fit to give me the opportunities to serve as a school teacher and coach, as a youth worker, and as a Director of Christian Education. He has given me the opportunity to earn my Master of Divinity Degree, as well as, my Doctor of Ministry Degree. He has given me the privilege of serving as the Theological Advisor for Cross Ties Ministries, the Program Chair and Chairman of the Texas Confessional Lutherans meeting in Brenham, the chaplain for my sons' Cub Scout pack, Boy Scout troop and Trail Life USA troop, as well as my daughter's American Heritage Girls troop, opportunities which afforded me the opportunity to share the good news of the Gospel with many people who may have never heard the good news. He has seen fit to allow my nomination as the President of our National Church Body (the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod), as well as, our District Church Body (the Texas District of the LCMS) and allowed me to serve as Circuit Visitor of our own circuit. He has allowed for me to serve as a delegate to our district conventions and our synod conventions. He has allowed for me to write several books, as well as, important articles, which I hope to have published in the near future, although many are on my blog for anyone to read.

Over the years the Lord has graciously given me the opportunity and allowed for me to meet and touch the lives of hundreds, may be even thousands of people, to share the joy of Jesus' forgiveness. I have been amazed at how the Lord has touched the lives of others through me especially considering the fact

that I would never know of such circumstances except for those who have shared them with me.

As I always encourage you, we know we get it right when we point to Jesus. Over the past forty years of church work and over the years of my life I rejoice in the great gifts and blessings with which our Lord has graciously bestowed on me, times of struggle, as well as, times of blessings. As I celebrate these many milestones and great events this year, I pray that you will celebrate with me by giving praise and glory to God alone. What is the greatest gift you can give to your pastor? Being in Divine Service and Bible Class where you are given the gifts of God which He gives him to give to you. I thank God for the privileges He has given me over these past forty, thirty and twenty years. And I thank you for indulging me this month to reminisce.

God's richest blessings.  
In His Service,

Pastor Bogs  
1 Cor. 15:3-5

Don't forget, if you miss a Sunday, you can read the sermon on my blog: <http://rabswritings.blogspot.com>



All Ladies are invited to a  
**Mother Daughter Tea Brunch**  
on Saturday, May 7 at 10:00 am  
in the Fellowship Hall

Hosted by the P.R.I.S.M. Ladies Group,  
this time together will offer fellowship and a Bible Study  
while enjoying tea & goodies. Bring your  
mother, daughter, sister, friend!

Sign up in  
the Narthex  
Today!



# May 2022

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<i>Those Serving the Lord this Month:</i> <b>Elders</b> ~ Curtis Gace & Steve Roberts <b>Greeters</b> ~ Patricia LaShomb & Shirley Kuhlman <b>Ushers</b> ~ Robert Sindlinger & Nathan Cross <b>Counter</b> ~ Nancy Baeza <b>Altar Guild</b> ~ Hannah Bogs & Becky Mendez <b>Acolytes</b> ~ Isabella Vaz, Ruby Montemayor, Alex Vaz, Kaitlyn Christie & Lily Williamson						
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8:30am Fellowship 8:45am Sunday School 10am Divine Service			10am Bible Class 7 pm Evening Bible Class	10am Bulletin Deadline	Office Closed Happy Birthday Naatah Molle!	8am Men's Breakfast & Bible Study 10am Board of Elders Meeting 10am PRISM - Mother/Daughter Tea
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# Holy Days & Holidays in May

May 8<sup>th</sup> Mother's Day  
May 26<sup>th</sup> The Ascension of the Lord  
May 30<sup>th</sup> Memorial Day  
May 31<sup>st</sup> The Visitation

## Happy Birthday to You!

May 6<sup>th</sup> Naatah Mollel  
May 8<sup>th</sup> Janis Stayton  
May 8<sup>th</sup> Phillip Williamson  
May 9<sup>th</sup> Caleb Bogs  
May 9<sup>th</sup> Jennifer Widner  
May 13<sup>th</sup> Karen French  
May 16<sup>th</sup> Melissa Sindlinger  
May 22<sup>nd</sup> Arturo Mendez  
May 25<sup>th</sup> Kenneth French  
May 26<sup>th</sup> Eugene Meyer  
May 28<sup>th</sup> Kelly Gentes  
May 29<sup>th</sup> Shawn Goss  
May 30<sup>th</sup> Larry Harvey  
May 30<sup>th</sup> Amina Lesso  
May 30<sup>th</sup> Paul Nitz  
May 31<sup>st</sup> Nicole Poppenhusen

## Baptismal Birthdays

May 3rd Gary McCorquodale  
May 9th David Cowger  
May 14th Caleb Bogs  
May 4th Yair Mendez  
May 14th Barbara Newbould  
May 15th Don Cornman  
May 19th Mark LaShomb  
May 21<sup>st</sup> Justin Parsalaw  
May 24<sup>th</sup> Barbara Ellis  
May 24<sup>th</sup> Dwayne Lilley  
May 25<sup>th</sup> Scott Gentes  
May 29<sup>th</sup> Mary Garrett  
May 30<sup>th</sup> Melissa Sindlinger  
May 30<sup>th</sup> Jennifer Widner  
May 31<sup>st</sup> Karen French

## Confirmation Anniversaries

May 1<sup>st</sup> Sharol Aikman  
May 1<sup>st</sup> Tess Clark  
May 1<sup>st</sup> Trent Clark  
May 1<sup>st</sup> Dale Haude  
May 1<sup>st</sup> Mark La Shomb  
May 1<sup>st</sup> Troy Lilley  
May 2<sup>nd</sup> Chad Lilley  
May 2<sup>nd</sup> Holly Williamson  
May 3<sup>rd</sup> Trey Hodges  
May 3<sup>rd</sup> Joel Musgrove  
May 3<sup>rd</sup> Lester Sentesi  
May 4<sup>th</sup> Amanda Goss  
May 5<sup>th</sup> Marcia Carr  
May 6<sup>th</sup> Jess Clark  
May 6<sup>th</sup> Clay Lilley  
May 6<sup>th</sup> Kathleen Montemayor  
May 7<sup>th</sup> Scott Gentes  
May 9<sup>th</sup> Mikaela Reese  
May 14<sup>th</sup> Melissa Sindlinger  
May 14<sup>th</sup> John Tautenhahn  
May 15<sup>th</sup> Marie Fischer  
May 15<sup>th</sup> Luke Tusing  
May 16<sup>th</sup> Sandra Pedersen  
May 16<sup>th</sup> John Stayton  
May 17<sup>th</sup> Virginia Lawrence  
May 18<sup>th</sup> Jennifer Cornman  
May 20<sup>th</sup> Anne McIlhany  
May 21<sup>st</sup> Kristyn Christie  
May 21<sup>st</sup> Brent Harvey  
May 21<sup>st</sup> John Lisius  
May 21<sup>st</sup> Eugene Meyer  
May 22<sup>nd</sup> Rose Goebel  
May 22<sup>nd</sup> Jennifer Widner  
May 25<sup>th</sup> Carolyn McCorquodale  
May 28<sup>th</sup> Sharon Gace  
May 29<sup>th</sup> Carol Gentes  
May 29<sup>th</sup> George Gentes

## May 30<sup>th</sup> Frances Bell Wedding Anniversaries

May 9<sup>th</sup> Shawn & Amanda Goss ~ 8 Yrs.  
May 11<sup>th</sup> David & Kathy Honerkamp ~ 30 Yrs.  
May 15<sup>th</sup> Mario & Becky Reyes ~ 12 Yrs.  
May 21<sup>st</sup> Brandy & Kent McCorquodale ~ 40 Yrs.  
May 27<sup>th</sup> Ronald & Gayle Bogs ~ 33 Yrs.





# 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 "Revelation".



## 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. **Revelation** 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 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 on April 20<sup>th</sup> at **7 pm** in **Room #2**. We are studying the **Psalms**. Bring a friend for an enjoyable evening!

## 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 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.

## S.M.A.R.T. Youth Group Thanks You

Thank you to all who came to the Easter Breakfast and supported us on our raising funds to go to Higher Things at Valparaiso University in Indiana this summer. We also appreciate the donations of food so that we had more funds available for our trip. Please keep us in your prayers as we make our preparations for our trip at the end of July.



## PASTOR BOGS 20 -30 - 40 ANNIVERSARIES

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

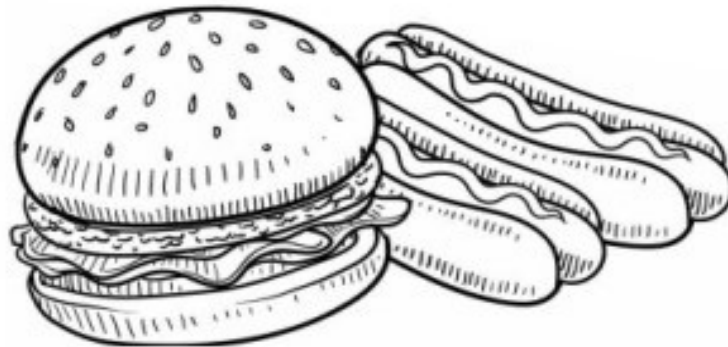


We are in the planning stages of celebrating these special milestones on Sunday, July 24, 2022. I will be heading up a planning committee and am in need of congregation volunteers. If you are interested in serving on the committee please contact Scott Christy (833-428-4349) or David Honerkamp (713-702-5301).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

Scott Christy  
Congregation President

St. Matthew Lutheran Church  
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122<sup>nd</sup> Annual  
Picnic Sunday  
May 15, 2022



Bring your favorite side dish and/or dessert to share.

We will have hamburgers & hot dogs  
and lots of fun & fellowship!

Sign up in the Narthex today!

A freewill offering will available to support our S.M.A.R.T. Youth Group.