

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 ..... Lily Williamson  
 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.

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| Pastor..... Rev. Dr. Ronald Bogs | Assoc. Pastor of Hispanic Ministry |
| Organist..... Michael Held       | ..... Rev. Arturo Mendez           |
| <b>Board Chairpersons:</b>       | Parish Secretary ... Amanda Hobbs  |
| Elders..... Jason Christy        | <b>Congregational Officers:</b>    |
| 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



Easter VII – How good and pleasant it is when brothers, mothers and their babies, children and their elderly parents live together (Psalm 133:1) without putting one another to death! In this sanctity of every life, God has not just invited but commanded and accomplished blessing by the coming of His Son! And if He has wrought good from the casting of lots (Acts 1:26), may we not trust Him to wring even better from surprise pregnancy or terminal diagnosis?

### Stewardship Every Sunday

**Acts 1:16 – “Brothers, the Scripture had to be fulfilled, which the Holy Spirit spoke beforehand by the mouth of David concerning Judas, who became a guide to those who arrested Jesus.”**

Judas sold out our Lord for 30 pieces of silver. That is, he sold out his friend, Master, and teacher for the sake of greed. That is a sharp reminder for us to search our own hearts for greed and to pray that the Lord would help us to turn away from greed before it consumes us.



*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: Study Genesis 6-10 on Thy Strong Word (weekdays at 11:00 a.m. CT), worship with us in Daily Chapel at 10:00 a.m. CT, study Acts 12-15 on Sharper Iron (weekdays at 8:00 a.m. CT), and dig into The Cause of Sin in Augsburg Confession Article XIX on Concord Matters (6/4 at 10:00 a.m. CT). Find programs live and on demand at kfu.org and the KFUO Radio app!

## Life Quotes

“Every child is created by God, in His image, on purpose—for His purpose! This is the wonderful thing about human babies: ALL of us share this exact same thing in common—each of us is planned!” Barbara A. Geistfeld, D.V.M. Lutherans For Life assistant director of volunteer relations – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • lutheransforlife.org

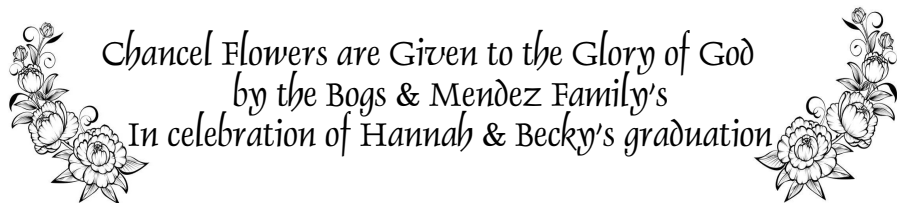
### Attendance for Last Week (05/22/2002)

Adult Bible Class - 13 Galatians Class - 8

Sun. Divine Service - 77/\$5889

Wed. Morning Bible Class - 10 Wed. Evening Bible Class - 4

*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 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 Corey Clark)
- ✘ Marian Piracci—compromised neuro system (niece of Langleys' son-in-law)
- ✘ Vic Vaz—Lukemia (husband of Sheila Vaz)
- ✘ Chrissa 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:** 5/29 Shawn Goss, 5/30 Larry Harvey, 5/30 Amina Lesso, 5/30 Paul Nitz, 5/31 Nicole Poppenhusen, 6/1 Lily Williamson, 6/2 Devon Cowger, 6/3 Kaitlyn Christie & 6/3 Dixie Garrett

**Baptism Anniversaries:** 5/29 Mary Garrett, 5/30 Melissa Sindlinger, 5/30 Jennifer Widner, 5/31 Karen French, 6/1 Marie Fischer, 6/1 April Harvey, 6/1 Leon Lilley & 6/3 Eda Nitz

**Confirmation Anniversaries:** 5/30 Frances Bell, 6/1 April Harvey, 6/1 Leon Lilley, 6/1 Andy Montemayor, 6/1 Becky Reyes, 6/2 Jami Gause, 6/2 Jim Gibbs & 6/3 Gayle Bogs

**Wedding Anniversaries:** 6/4 Jason & Kim Christy ~ 1 Year

## *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. **The Pentetuch** 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.

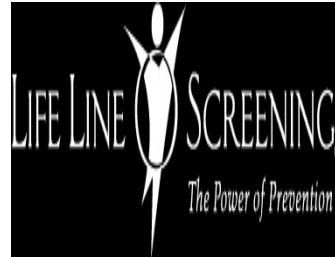


### Baby Bottle Fundraiser

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.

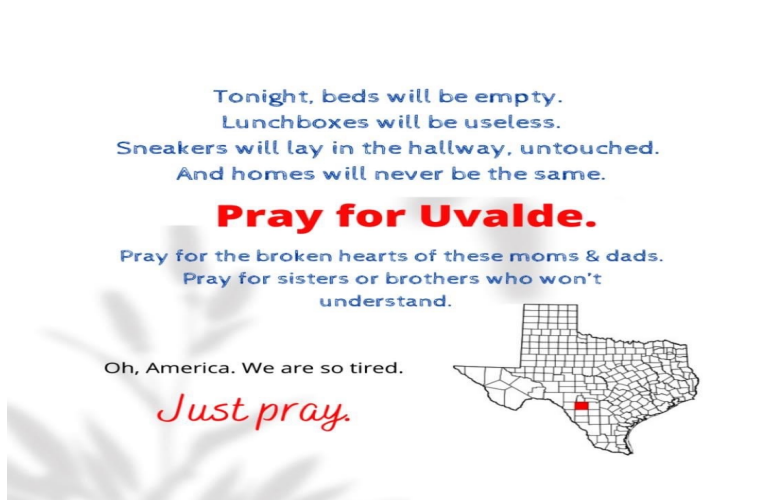
### Lifeline Needs

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. [https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/LEIGA6WGX4L6?ref\\_=wl\\_share](https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/LEIGA6WGX4L6?ref_=wl_share)



### Change to the Change in the 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 [office.smlcw@gmail.com](mailto:office.smlcw@gmail.com). Starting immediately if you have anything that you are sending to the church and/or church office please start using the [office.smlcw@gmail.com](mailto:office.smlcw@gmail.com) email address. In addition to the church office email change Pastor Bogs & Pastor Mendez have also changed their email addresses to [pastorbogs.smlcw@gmail.com](mailto:pastorbogs.smlcw@gmail.com) and [pastormendez.smlcw@gmail.com](mailto:pastormendez.smlcw@gmail.com). Please start using these emails immediately to contact the church and/or pastors.



### PASTOR BOGS 20 -30 - 40 ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

Date: July 24, 2022

Time: Immediately after Divine Service



The Planning Committee has it's first meeting on May 22, 2022 and below are tentative plans for the celebration luncheon with catered meal (fajitas).

- Guest Pastor Robert LeBlanc from Winnie, TX to preach
- We will have an Anniversary cake. But congregation members are encouraged to bring your favorite desserts, as well.
- Testimonials from past and current members, friends and pastors
- Slideshow of Pastors' life in the ministry
- Special program by the committee

The committee has set a budget of \$2,500 to cover all costs, including meal, decorations, gift from congregation, etc. If you would like to contribute please contact one of the committee members listed below...

- Scott Christy
- David Honerkamp
- Lester Sentesi
- Rose Jackson
- Nadine Reed
- Gayle Bogs

Individual gifts for Pastor are encouraged as well. A sign-up sheet will be posted in the narthex. If you are attending please list the number of people.