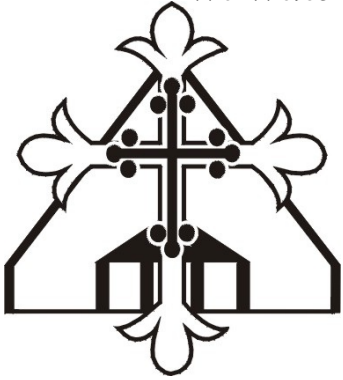


We Welcome You to St. Matthew!



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..... Ruby Montemayor
- 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

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 8 – Easter IV/Mother's Day – “Thy rod and thy staff, they comfort me” (Psalm 23:4). Boundaries do not restrict freedom but complete it by releasing from the dangers beyond. Moms—like God—discipline because they love. So let us heed His voice (John 10:27) and not shrink from declaring anything that is profitable, both in public and at home (Acts 20:20), including that abortion is sinful and every human life is precious.

Stewardship Every Sunday

1 Peter 2:11 – "Beloved, I urge you as sojourners and exiles to abstain from the passions of the flesh, which wage war against your soul." Passions of the flesh – that means the things our flesh desires. One way to sum up all the "passions of the flesh" is to call them greed: the desire to have more things to bring us comfort and peace of mind. But that shows us the real problem with greed. It wages war against our soul, and it urges us to place our trust in the things of this world and not in God. But St. Peter reminds us that we are sojourners and exiles. We belong to the Kingdom of God. We have been purchased by the blood of Christ and belong to Him. That knowledge frees us from greed, and it frees us for generosity.



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 Acts 6-8 on Sharper Iron's "To the End of the Earth" (weekdays at 8:00 a.m. CT), dig into 1 John 2-4 on Thy Strong Word (weekdays at 11:00 a.m. CT), and study Free Will in Article XVIII of the Augsburg Confession on Concord Matters (5/14 at 10:00 a.m. CT). Find these programs on demand at kfu.org or wherever you get your podcasts.

Life Quotes

"Remember, it is your INDISPENSABLE hands that gather up all the coins from baby bottles, the diapers from diaper drives, and the layettes and baby clothes that keep pregnancy resource center shelves stocked and able to provide much needed support for a pregnant mother and father to choose life!" Rev. Jeff Duncan, Lutherans For Life – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • lutheransforlife.org

Attendance for Last Week (05/01/2002)

Adult Bible Class - 18 Galatians Class - 10

Sun. Divine Service - 77/\$5537

Wed. Morning Bible Class - 6 Wed. Evening Bible Class - n/a

*For great is His steadfast love toward us,
and the faithfulness of the Lord endures forever.*



*Chancel Flowers are Given to the Glory of God
by the Bogs Family in honor of
Caleb Bogs Birthday today*



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

- ✘ **Marilyn Holland - Diagnosed with cancer (friend of Peg Munson)**
- ✘ 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
- ✘ Colin Brogan - Recovering from heart surgery (friend of Sonny French)
- ✘ Stephanie Nixdorf - diagnosed with stage 4 melanoma (friend of the Held family)

Cancer/Long Term Healing

- ✘ 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 Krons 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)
- ✘ 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: 5/9 Caleb Bogs, 5/9 Jennifer Widner & 5/13 Karen French

Baptism Anniversaries: 5/9 David Cowger, 5/14 Caleb Bogs, 5/14 Yair Mendez & 5/14 Barbara Newbould

Confirmation Anniversaries: 5/9 Mikaela Reese, 5/14 Melissa Sindlinger & 5/14 John Tautenhahn

Wedding Anniversaries: 5/9 Shawn & Amanda Goss ~ 8 Years & 5/11 David and Kathy Honerkamp ~ 30 Years

*St. Matthew Lutheran Church
 of Westfield
 122nd 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.

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 June 11th. 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 25th 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.



LifeLine Pregnancy Care Center

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.

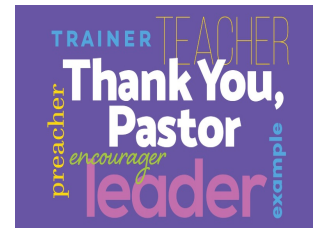
5 Fun Facts about Mother's Day

- ★ More calls are made on Mother's Day than any other day of the year
- ★ Mother's Day is the third highest selling holiday for flowers and plants only following Christmas and Hanukkah
- ★ The most popular gift for Mother's Day is the greeting card.
- ★ Carnations have special meaning on Mother's Day. A red carnation means that your Mother is still living and a white means that she has passed.
- ★ Mother's Day is one of the most popular churchgoing holidays. Since Mother's Day always falls on a Sunday, attending church services is a popular activity among families. In fact, in a LifeWay Research poll asking pastors about the highest attendance Sundays throughout the year, Mother's Day ranked third behind Easter and Christmas.



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.