

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 Jarod Christy & BJ Jackson
- Greeters Sylvia Christy
- Ushers..... Jordan Christy & Cody Williamson
- Counters Robert & Melissa Sindlinger
- Acolyte Ruby Montemayor
- Altar Guild..... Rose & BJ Jackson

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 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.

- Senior Pastor Rev. Dr. Ronald Bogs
- Associate Pastor of Hispanic Ministry... Rev. Arturo Mendez
- Organist Michael Held
- Parish Secretary Amanda Hobbs

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| Board Chairpersons: | Congregational Officers: |
| Elders Jason Christy | President Scott Christy |
| Trustees Eugene Meyer | Vice Pres. ..David Honerkamp |
| Education..... Vacant | Secretary... Christina Cross |
| Evangelism..... Vacant | Treasurer..... Dan Cross |
| Stewardship..... Vacant | |

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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



July 3 – Pentecost IV (Proper 9) – Sometimes testifying to the sanctity of life means confronting uncomfortable truths. Jesus speaks with just such courage to three whole cities in this week’s Gospel lesson (Luke 10:13-15). And in our Epistle (Galatians 6:1), the Apostle Paul explains the ultimate purpose of warning against sin: to restore and redeem a treasured neighbor with faith and forgiveness even for abortion or assisted suicide.

Stewardship Every Sunday

Luke 15:10 – "Just so, I tell you, there is joy before the angels of God over one sinner who repents." Why does Jesus eat with sinners? Certainly not so that they will remain stuck in their sins! Jesus meets sinners where they are so that they will come to know His love and repent. To repent means to turn – turn away from sin and toward Jesus in faith. Whether the sin we struggle with is pride, greed, doubt, etc., the Lord calls us to turn to Him again in faith and away from our sin.



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.

Attendance for Last Week (06/26/2022)	
Adult Bible Class - 17	Galatians Class - 10
Sun. Divine Service - 96	
Offerings - \$3,666.25	
Wed. Morning Bible Class - 10	Wed. Evening Bible Classes - 5
For great is His steadfast love toward us, and the faithfulness of the Lord endures forever. Praise the Lord! ~Psalm 117:2	

Life Quotes

“Neither America, nor democracy, nor capitalism, nor socialism, nor military might, nor diplomacy can even come close to beginning to solve the problems that exist in this world. Even in America, without Christ, we are without hope. And really, what a wonderful message of joy that is. It is not man that will change the world, but Christ alone, for in the end, the world cannot be changed; it is fully and completely at enmity with God.” Daily Devotion, Redeemer Lutheran Church, Sister Lakes, Michigan

Organ Music Operators Needed

Due to the extended absence of Michael Held we are in need of volunteers to play the computerized program which is playing our organ during Divine Service. No special skills are needed, just plug and play. If you are interested, please see Dave Cowger or Gayle Bogs for further information.



Change of Church Emails



The church is changing over to a new email address. We will no longer be using office@stmatthewlcms.com. The new email is 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 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 and pastormendez.smlcw@gmail.com. Please start using these emails immediately to contact the church and/or pastors.

Youth Group Thanks You for Continued Support

Thank you so much to those who continue to support and encourage our Youth Group in their Higher Things endeavors. We have 11 youth and 4 adults attending at the end of July. This year the closest conference and the one we're going to is at Valparaiso University in Indiana which is 1091 miles one way. Due to the increase in gas, our transportation budget has increased even though we have dropped down to using one vehicle. If you are inclined to do so, we'd appreciate any extra financial support you can give at this time. Please mark donations "Higher Things" and place in the offering plate. Please remember, this is above and beyond the Penny Wars bucket donations which are our church's donations for the Higher Things organization. Again, thank you for your prayers and encouragement for the youth!



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.

Comfort

✘ Comfort for the Family of Libby Alexander - Anne McIlhany's Mother

Strength & Healing

- ✘ Jane McElroy - tested positive for Covid
- ✘ John Reith—recovering from successful knee surgery (friend of Pastor & Gayle Bogs)
- ✘ Joe & Shirley Michka - tested positive for Covid
- ✘ Carol Gentes—shingles
- ✘ Carl Holmes—VA hospital (former member)
- ✘ Betty Carol—having surgery (aunt of Shirley Coyle's daughter-in-law)
- ✘ Richard Mavus—hospitalized w/health complications
- ✘ Michael Held—healing from a dislocated elbow & other testing
- ✘ Mary Davis—fell and broke her wrist

Cancer/Long Term Healing

- ✘ Marilyn Holland—cancer (former member)
- ✘ Curtis Gace—recovering at home from health complications
- ✘ Ernie Bernet—bladder cancer (seminary friend of Pastor Bogs)
- ✘ Colin Brogan—recovering from heart surgery (friend of Sonny French)
- ✘ Stephanie Nixdorf—stage 4 melanoma (friend of the Helds)
- ✘ Craig Johnson—broken neck from a fall (father of Christina Cross)
- ✘ Jean Ogletree—chemotherapy on gall bladder (friend of Nancy Baeza)
- ✘ Brandon Pate—sclerosis of the liver (friend of Nicole Poppenhusen)
- ✘ Rosie Hildebrandt—shingles (sister of Curtis Gace)
- ✘ Aileen Mercer—failing eye sight
- ✘ Jan Stayton—healing from back surgery
- ✘ Erica Vogt—long term Covid complications (granddaughter of the Helds)
- ✘ Carolina Villarreal—cancer & surgery (friend of the Mendez family)
- ✘ Sue Wright—cancer (aunt of Elaina Albarez)
- ✘ Benny Albarez—cancer (brother of Elaina Albarez)
- ✘ Leon Lilley—leukemia
- ✘ Chris Pirk—cancer treatment (friend of David & Mikaela Reese)
- ✘ Sherry Adams—radiation for cancer (co-worker of Lester Sentesi)

- ✠ Paul Kron—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

Gladys Barton, Marcia Carr, Dixie Garrett, Richard & Karen Mavus, Aileen Mercer, Bill Pali, Mario Reyes, Arlene Schultz

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 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 Haileys)

Celebrations

Birthdays: 7/3 Shirley Kuhlman & 7/9 Caroline Christy

Baptism Anniversaries: 7/3 Devon Cowger, 7/5 Kaitlyn Christie & 7/8 Paul Nitz

Confirmation Anniversaries: 7/5 Ean Cowger

Wedding Anniversaries: 7/5 Marc & Anne McIlhany ~ 26 Yrs.

KFUO Radio

KFUO Radio, a media ministry extension of LCMS congregations, shares Christ for you anytime, anywhere on KFUE.org via worship services, Bible and theology studies, practical talk programs, and sacred music.



CHRIST FOR YOU this week on KFUE.org: Study "The Mass" in Augsburg Confession Article XXIV on Concord Matters (7/9 at 10:00 a.m. CT), complete the study of Acts on Sharper Iron's "To the End of the Earth" (weekdays at 8:00 a.m. CT), study Genesis 26-29 on Thy Strong Word (weekdays at 11:00 a.m. CT), and worship with us in Daily Chapel at 10:00 a.m. CT. Find your favorite programs on demand at kfue.org or the KFUE Radio app!

CPH Reads is live for 2022!

From May 31 through August 12, kids can report their reading and earn points to have a chance to win CPH Prizes. This summer, we don't want more screen time. Reading is a well-documented and studied way to benefit yourself and your children. It can help connect to one another and grow together. When we spend time together learning about Christ, we find hope, joy, and peace no matter the circumstances.



Join CPH Reads, a program that will reward your family for reading together about the Good News of Jesus Christ. Register your readers at cph.org/reads and get started!

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.

Rejoice always, pray without ceasing,

IN EVERYTHING give thanks;

FOR THIS IS GOD'S WILL FOR YOU IN Christ Jesus.

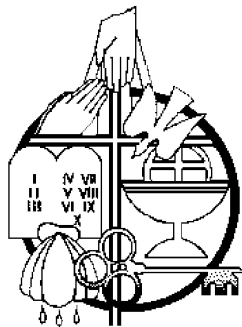
— 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18

Pastor Bogs'

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Anniversary Celebration

This year, Pastor Bogs is celebrating 20 years here as Pastor of St. Matthew, 30 years of Ordination in the Holy Ministry, and 40 years as a church worker in the Lutheran Church–Missouri Synod. This monumental event is cause for our congregation to celebrate so we are planning to do so two days before his actual Ordination Anniversary.



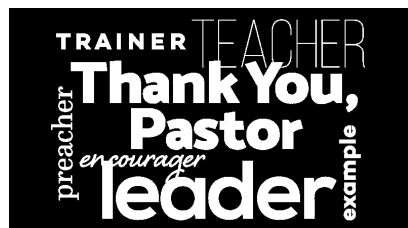
Date: July 24, 2022
Time: Immediately after Divine Service

The Planning Committee had its first meeting on May 22, 2022 and meets today after church. Below are tentative plans for the celebration luncheon with catered meal (fajitas). Don't forget to RSVP in the Narthex.

- guest pastor The Rev. Robert LeBlanc from Winnie, TX (grade school classmate of Pastor Bogs) 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
- Karen French



Individual gifts for Pastor are encouraged as well. A sign-up sheet for the dinner will be posted in the narthex. If you are attending, please list the number of people and share with your family and friends.

Opportunities to Study God's Word

Sunday School for All Ages

Preschool - Elementary Classes begin at 8:45 am in Room #5. The 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 "For You" to prepare for their trip to Higher Things Youth Gathering.



Sunday Adult Bible Classes

All members and friends of St. Matthew Lutheran Church are invited for coffee and donuts at 8:30 am each Sunday at 8:30 am. Then our Bible Classes begin at 8:45 am. The Pentetuch led by Pastor Bogs meets in the Room #2. 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 the "What about" series. They can be downloaded at: <https://resources.lcms.org/reading-study/what-about-pamphlets/>



Wednesday Evenings

There are two Wednesday evening Bible Classes. The study on Word & Sacrament led by Larry Harvey meets at 6:30 pm in Room #4. The study on Psalms led by Pastor meets at 7:00 pm in Room #2.

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 July 9. 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, July 23rd at 9 a.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.