

**St. Matthew Lutheran Church  
of Westfield**

# Messenger

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Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Although July is a Summer month and many people go on vacation during the Summer, July is still a busy month. On Sunday, July 24 we will celebrate the thirtieth year of my ordination, thanks be to God alone. The week of July 25-30 the youth group will be traveling to Valparaiso, Indiana for the "For You" youth gathering. Please keep our youth and adults that will be traveling in your prayers.

The Texas Confessional Lutherans continue to gather although we now gather quarterly. If you are interested, we will be meeting at Grace Lutheran Church in Brenham on July 21. Pastor Jerome Teichmiller will be speaking on the topic "What Is Unionism and Syncretism and Why Does It Matter?"

And speaking of the Texas Confessional Lutherans, our Free Conference will be September 9-10, again at Grace Lutheran Church in Brenham. Our speaker will be Dr. Detlev Schulz, and the topic for the conference is "Church Planting, the Confessional Lutheran Way." There are flyers in the narthex and in the school hallway with more information. With so many new churches being planted even in our own backyard, this conference should be helpful in distinguishing the planting of a Lutheran Church, versus simply planting a church. I would most certainly recommend attending if you can.

As I have done in the past, so I will encourage you this year as well. If and when you travel for vacation, and if you are away on the weekend, please bring a bulletin from the church you attended. If you need help finding a sister Lutheran church where you will be traveling, you can use the lcms.org webpage under the locator menu, or if you need more help, send me an email or give me a call.

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>.

# JULY 2022

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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Those Serving the Lord this Month: <b>Elders</b> ~ Jarod Christy & BJ Jackson <b>Greeters</b> ~ Sylvia Christy & Jean Hinz <b>Ushers</b> ~ Jordan Christy & Cody Williamson <b>Counter</b> ~ Robert & Melissa Sindlinger <b>Altar Guild</b> ~ BJ & Rose Jackson <b>Acolytes</b> ~ Ruby Montemayor, Lily Williamson, Isabella Vaz, Aaron Montemayor & Alex Vaz					Office Closed Happy Birthday Jessica Nelson!	
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
8:30am Fellowship 8:45am Sunday School 10am Divine Service Happy Birthday Shirley Kuhlman!	Office Closed! Happy 4 <sup>th</sup> of July!		10am Bible Class 6:30pm & 7pm Evening Bible Class	10am Bulletin Deadline	Office Closed	8am Men's Breakfast & Bible Study 10am Board of Elders Meeting Happy Birthday Caroline Christy!
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## *Holy Days & Holidays in July*

July 4<sup>th</sup> Independence Day  
July 22<sup>nd</sup> St. Mary Magdalene  
July 25<sup>th</sup> St. James the Elder, Apostle

### *Happy Birthday to You!*

July 1<sup>st</sup> Jessica Nelson  
July 3<sup>rd</sup> Shirley Kuhlman  
July 9<sup>th</sup> Caroline Christy  
July 11<sup>th</sup> Andy Montemayor  
July 15<sup>th</sup> Jason Christy  
July 15<sup>th</sup> Jennifer Cornman  
July 16<sup>th</sup> Carolyn McCorquodale  
July 24<sup>th</sup> Jordan Christy  
July 24<sup>th</sup> Mikaela Reese  
July 27<sup>th</sup> Randy Bogs  
July 27<sup>th</sup> Ean Cowger  
July 28<sup>th</sup> Addison Christy  
July 28<sup>th</sup> Dale Haude  
July 30<sup>th</sup> William Gentes  
July 30<sup>th</sup> Aaron Lilley

### *Baptismal Birthdays*

July 3<sup>rd</sup> Devon Cowger  
July 5<sup>th</sup> Kaitlyn Christy  
July 8<sup>th</sup> Paul Nitz  
July 14<sup>th</sup> Clay Lilley  
July 19<sup>th</sup> Jessica Nelson  
July 25<sup>th</sup> Arrip Parsalaw  
July 30<sup>th</sup> Trey Hodges

### *Confirmation Anniversaries*

July 1<sup>st</sup> Brenda Pali  
July 5<sup>th</sup> Ean Cowger

### *Wedding Anniversaries*

July 2<sup>nd</sup> Steve & JoAnn Roberts ~ 51 Years  
July 5<sup>th</sup> Marc & Anne McIlhany ~ 26 Years  
July 12<sup>th</sup> Sandra & Aaron Pedersen ~ 11 Years  
July 21<sup>st</sup> Scott & Sylvia Christy ~ 43 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 "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. **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 meet at **10:00 am** in **Room #2**. We invite everyone who is available to join us to study God's Word. We are studying **Giving An Answer**.

## Wednesday Evenings

Wednesday evening Bible Class at **7 pm** in **Room #2**. We are studying the **Psalms**. Bring a friend for an enjoyable evening! 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 July 9th. 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 23<sup>rd</sup> at 9a.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.

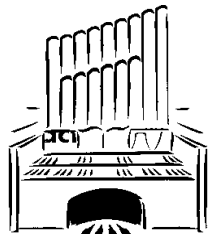
## Change in church email



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 [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.

## 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.



# 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.

## ***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!

