

St. Matthew Lutheran Church
of Westfield

Messenger

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Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

The month of August brings the beginning of the end and the beginning of the beginning. August brings the end of the Summer months especially as Summer is traditionally the time for vacations and for our children to have a respite from school. August brings the beginning of a new school year and thus the beginning of new programs and adventures.

Yet, for us in the church, our Church Year continues as we continue in the midst of our Pentecost season. The season of the Church Year is marked by the liturgical color of green, the color of growth reminding us that we are to daily and weekly grow in our Christian faith and life. We do this through our making regular and diligent use of the means of grace, the Word and Sacraments.

As you hear me say continually, we get it right when we point to Jesus. Indeed, our whole life is to be a life pointing to Jesus. Our week begins with Divine Service wherein we are lavished with the good gifts and blessings our Lord gives to us, again through Word and Sacrament. We need these gifts from God so that we may face the week that is ahead of us. And we need the constant reminder that our Divine Service is just that A Divine, a God service, first and foremost to us. Our Sunday morning service is not our coming together to do something for God. It is not our entertaining God nor our being entertained. Nothing gets in the way of the cross of Christ.

God is the prime mover. God gives, and we are given to. From the Divine Service we are moved to respond. Our response of faith is just that, a response. God gives. There is nothing that He needs from us. We are the ones who need from Him. God does not need our prayers, our praise, our offerings, our anything. We need to pray, not because God does not know what we need, but because He desires that we recognize and acknowledge our need. God does not need our praise, indeed, just as Jesus entered Jerusalem and “the very stones would have praised Him,” so our praise is simply a response of thanks. God does not need our offerings (although the earthly institution of the church does in order to operate), we need to bring our first fruits and tithes as a response of faith, a response of thanksgiving for what God first gives to us (through the gifts, talents, abilities, job and career He has given to us to be able to earn a living), and a response of faith that He will continue to bless us.

As we move forward especially into the Fall, our nomination committee will be seeking people to serve in our congregation. Please give thought to how you might serve. Has God given you certain gifts, talents and abilities which might serve well on any particular board (Elders, Education, Evangelism, Stewardship, Trustees)? I would ask that you prayerfully give thought to stepping up to serve. Remember, we serve God by serving others, especially in our vocations, but also in our congregation. If you are not sure where you might be able to serve best, talk to me, I am sure we can find a place where you might be able to respond to all that God has given in use of what He has given to you.

God’s richest blessings.
In His Service,

Pastor Bogs
1 Cor. 15:3-5

AUGUST 2022

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Those Serving the Lord this Month: Elders ~ Jason Christy & Curtis Gace Greeters ~ Curtis & Sharon Gace Ushers ~ Dillon Mosier & Robert Sindlinger Counter ~ Marie Fischer Altar Guild ~ Tiffany Cowger & Becky Reyes Acolytes ~						
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	Office Closed!		10am Bible Class 6:30pm & 7pm Evening Bible Class Happy Birthday Ray Reed!	10am Bulletin Deadline	Office Closed Happy Birthday Sylvia Christy!	
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
8:30am Fellowship 8:45am Sunday School 10am Divine Service Happy Birthday Gayle Bogs, Hannah Bogs, & Anne McIlhany!		Happy Birthday Lillian Hill!	10am Bible Class 6:30pm & 7pm Evening Bible Class Happy Birthday Karen Hartl & Jessica LaShomb!	10am Bulletin Deadline Happy Birthday George Nelson & Bill Pali!	Office Closed Happy Birthday Lorna Sentesi!	8am Men's Breakfast & Bible Study 10am Board of Elders Meeting
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
8:30am Fellowship 8:45am Sunday School 10am Divine Service Happy Birthday Angelica Mendez & David Reese!		ESL classes resume today @ 7pm	10am Bible Class 6:30pm & 7pm Evening Bible Class	10am Bulletin Deadline 7pm ESL Class	Office Closed Happy Birthday Rebecca Mendez!	
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
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28	29	30	31	Sept. 1	2	3
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Holy Days & Holidays in August

August 15th St. Mary, Mother of Our Lord
August 24th St. Bartholomew, Apostle
August 29th Martyrdom of St. John the Baptist

Happy Birthday to You!

August 3rd Ray Reed
August 5th Sylvia Christy
August 7th Gayle Bogs
August 7th Hannah Bogs
August 7th Anne McIlhany
August 9th Lillian Hill
August 10th Karen Hartl
August 10th Jessica LaShomb
August 11th George Nelson
August 11th Bill Pali
August 12th Lorna Sentesi
August 14th Angelica Mendez
August 14th David Reese
August 19th Rebecca Mendez
August 24th Kim Christy
August 31st Joshua Bogs

Baptismal Birthdays

August 3rd George Gentes
August 5th Brent Harvey
August 6th Carolyn McCorquodale
August 10th Hannah Bogs
August 11th David Reese
August 15th Jonathan LaShomb
August 15th Richard Maximus LaShomb
August 19th Richard LaShomb
August 20th Ean Cowger
August 24th Chris Aikman
August 25th Dale Haude
August 26th Dixie Garrett
August 27th Andy Montemayor
August 30th Gayle Bogs
August 31st William Gentes

Confirmation Anniversaries

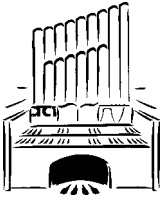
August 7th Jarod Christy
August 11th Elaina Albarez
August 11th David Reese
August 25th Don Cornman

Wedding Anniversaries

August 5th Dan & Carine Pierce ~ 23 Yrs
August 6th John & Mary Tautenhahn ~ 45 Yrs
August 13th Richard & Patricia LaShomb ~ 62 Yrs
August 17th Dalhardt & Rose Goebel ~ 37 Yrs
August 20th Carolyn & Gary McCorquodale ~ 45 Yrs
August 25th Curtis & Sharon Gace ~ 49 Yrs



St. Matthew News!



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.

Helping Hands Fund

Our Helping Hands Fund is designated to help members of St. Matthew Lutheran Church of Westfield and from time to time we do have members who have a need for some financial assistance. Because God reminds us that we help those in need when we are able so that others might help us when we are in need (2 Cor. 8:13-15), if you are so moved, the Helping Hands fund could use any donations you wish to give. Please mark your offering as "Helping Hands Fund."



Thank you members of St. Matthew for celebrating with me; 40 years of church service, 30 years of ordination; and 20 years here at St. Matthew. Thank you to all those who worked to make it such a special day. Thank you for your continued support and prayers and especially for your gift to attend Doxology. As I said Sunday, the best gift you can give any pastor is to be in Divine Service and Bible class every Sunday.

ESL classes are resuming on Tuesday, August 16th. Classes are held every Tuesday and Thursday at 7pm here at St. Matthew. Pray for this mission that God will bless it to continue strongly in reaching out to our community not only teaching English but also sharing the Gospel of the Lord. If you need more information, please see Pastor Mendez.

ENGLISH
as a
SECOND LANGUAGE



**Let Us
Know!**

If there is anything that you think you or your fellow parishioners would like to see in our monthly newsletter please email the church secretary at office.smlcw@gmail.com. Thank you!

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 **August 13**. The Board of Elders will meet following study at 10:00am.



PRISM – Precious Rubies In St Matthew

Due to set up for Pastor's Anniversary celebration, we will not be meeting in July. The next meeting for PRISM will be **Saturday, August 27 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.



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4. **Peripheral Arterial Disease Screening** - Evaluates for peripheral arterial disease (PAD) in the lower extremities, which increases the risk of cardiovascular disease.
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