



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..... Jason Christy & Curtis Gace
Greeters..... Curtis & Sharon Gace
Ushers Dillon Mosier & Robert Sindlinger
Counters Marie Fischer
Acolyte..... Aaron Montemayor
Altar Guild Tiffany Cowger & Becky Reyes

At St. Matthew, we encourage families to worship God together – it is a part of His plan. We love the sound of children. This shows a growing church. 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, you may 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. Please do come back in the sanctuary to continue in the Divine Service.

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

Board Chairpersons:

Elders..... Jason Christy
Trustees..... Eugene Meyer
Education..... Vacant
Evangelism..... Vacant
Stewardship..... Vacant

Congregational Officers:

President Scott Christy
Vice Pres David Honerkamp
Secretary Christina Cross
Treasurer Dan Cross

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



August 7 – Pentecost IX (Proper 14): Surprise pregnancy and terminal diagnosis can inflict real anxiety about material necessities. But abortion and assisted suicide will only leave its victims lacking even more. Our Heavenly Father, on the other hand, gets giddy to furnish sufferers with not just what we need but all the assets, land, and families He has (Luke 12:31-32).

Death, even when we wield it, leaves us empty, but faith never fails to fill hands and hearts.

Stewardship Every Sunday

Luke 12:24 – “Consider the ravens: they neither sow nor reap, they have neither storehouse nor barn, and yet God feeds them.” God feeds the birds of the air – this we know, it’s just that, as one wit put it: God sometimes feeds the birds...to the cats! Yes, crosses and hardships will always come, Christ said that no disciple is above his Master. But through it all, the Lord cares for us and He calls upon us to entrust ourselves to that care. He really is our Father, and He really will guard and keep us through whatever this life has to throw at us. And in the end, we shall receive the gift of eternal life.



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 (07/31/2022)	
Adult Bible Class - 14	Galatians Class - 11
Sun. Divine Service - 95	
Offerings - \$4464.00	
Wed. Morning Bible Class - 7	Wed. Evening Bible Classes - 7
<i>For great is His steadfast love toward us, and the faithfulness of the Lord endures forever. Praise the Lord! ~Psalm 117:2</i>	

Life Quotes

"God's Son began His life weak and helpless, laid in a feeding trough. He began His ministry weak and tempted, vulnerable in the desert. In a weakened state from the scourging, Jesus died on the cross, making you right with God, filling you with His strength. And when God supplies your strength, you are strong, indeed." Marie MacPherson, author

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."

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



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.

Prayer of Thanksgiving

✠ Austin Lloyd Paulsel born Wednesday, July 27th to Rebecca Paulsel

Strength & Healing

- ✠ Carroll Smith - hospitalized with Covid (cousin in-law of Bryce Koslan)
- ✠ Pastor Black - hospitalized with Covid complications (Trinity downtown)
- ✠ Debbie Blanton - Had a stroke (Shirley Coyles daughter)
- ✠ Virginia Lawrence - Surgery for detached retina
- ✠ Mario Reyes - suffered an aortic aneurysm
- ✠ Carol Gentes-shingles
- ✠ Carl Holmes-VA hospital (former member)
- ✠ Richard Mavus-In rehabilitation
- ✠ Mary Davis-fell and broke her wrist

Cancer/Long Term Healing

- ✠ Michael Held-pancreatic cancer
- ✠ Jake Fodderie - brain tumor has returned (nephew of Christina Cross)
- ✠ Samantha Brown -being treated for cancer (daughter of Eda Nitz niece)
- ✠ Stephanie Favreau - Breast Cancer (friend of Gace & Goss families)
- ✠ Marilyn Holland-cancer (former member)
- ✠ 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)
- ✠ 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 Alvarez)
- ✠ Benny Alvarez-cancer (brother of Elaina Alvarez)
- ✠ 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)
- ✘ Kevin Clark–broken neck back (brother of Korey Clark)
- ✘ Marian Piracci–improving (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)
- ✘ 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: 8/7 Gayle Bogs, 8/7 Hannah Bogs, 8/7 Anne McIlhany, 8/9 Lillian Hill, 8/10 Karen Hartl, 8/10 Jessica LaShomb, 8/11 George Nelson, 8/11 Bill Pali, 8/12 Lorna Sentesi, 8/14 Angelica Mendez & 8/14 David Reese
 Baptism Anniversaries: 8/10 Hannah Bogs & 8/11 David Reese
 Confirmed Anniversaries: 8/7 Jarod Christy, 8/11 Elaina Alvarez & 8/11 David Reese
 Wedding Anniversaries: 8/13 Richard & Patricia LaShomb ~ 62 Yrs.



LifeLine Screening will be here at St. Matthew on Tuesday, September 6th. They will be performing advanced ultrasound to detect peripheral arterial disease and other vascular conditions. You can find information provided by Lifeline in the Narthex. Pre-registration is required so please call 1-800-772-8260 or register online at www.lifelinescreening.com/communitycircle.

KFUO Radio

Lutherans For Life has partnered with historic LCMS broadcast service Worldwide KFUO Radio. LFL's Executive Director of Mission and Ministry, Pastor Michael Salemink, serves as the voice of KFUO's daily Morning Prayer and Evening Prayer segments, based on the outstanding Treasury of Daily Prayer, leading listeners in Scripture readings and liturgical responses.



And, in addition to publicizing periodic LFL events, KFUO promotes the Gospel-motivated voice of Lutherans For Life in the weekly short-form program LifeMoments, bringing our Life Thoughts in the Church Year lectionary reflections to the airwaves. LifeMoments listens to each week's appointed lectionary readings with life ears and applies God's Word to life hurts. Thanks be to God for a delightful fellowship!

Questions for reflection:

Read Psalm 136

What goodness of God stands out to you in these verses?

What goodness of God do you see in your life and in your church?

Prayer starter: Tell God what you're thankful for, using the refrain "His love endures forever."

Amateur Filmmakers

Are you an aspiring filmmaker or know someone who is? Make plans now to participate in Concordia Seminary, St. Louis' new short film competition as part of its annual Faith and Film Festival being held Jan. 26-28, 2023.



Amateur filmmakers at least 18 years of age are invited to submit their films to the contest starting June 30. The submission deadline is Oct. 15 and finalists will be notified by Dec. 15. The submission fee is \$25 per entry.

Films should be based on the theme of "Faith" and run 10 minutes or less. Entries may be of any genre or style, such as narrative, experimental, animation or documentary. Full competition details are available online. Faithandfilm@csl.edu

Four films will be selected as finalists and will be screened during the festival. A jury of film critics, producers, scholars and professors will select the top films based on technique, storytelling and representation of the theme. One film festival pass will be awarded to each of the four finalists.

IMPORTANT DATES:

- Short Film Competition opening date: June 30, 2022
- Submission deadline: Oct. 15, 2022
- Notification date: Dec. 15, 2022
- Event date: Jan. 26-28, 2023

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.



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!

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.