



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..... Steve Roberts & Sonny French
Greeters..... Dave & Tiffany Cowger
Ushers Joshua & Noah Montemayor
Counters Carolyn McCorquodale
Acolyte..... AJ Parsalaw
Altar Guild..... Robert & Melissa Sindlinger

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



September 18 – Pentecost XV (Proper 20) – Financial concerns often serve as justifications for abortion and assisted suicide. The Word of the Lord elevates the value of a person far above that of any money or comfort (Luke 16:9; 1 Timothy 2:4). Does it even count as sacrifice if we must give up prosperity or property to gain and sustain a person in surprise pregnancy or terminal diagnosis? Aren't we always getting the better end of the exchange? The Gospel guarantees it!

Stewardship Every Sunday

Luke 16:8b – “For the sons of this world are more shrewd in dealing with their own generation than the sons of light.” The sons of this world know that they should use their wealth wisely to provide for their future. Shouldn't we, as “sons of light,” know that the wealth God has allowed us to manage should be managed for God's purposes in roles He has given us to play in Church, home, and society?

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 (09/11/2022)

Adult Bible Class - 14 Galatians Class - 12

Sun. Divine Service - 76

Offerings - \$8073.00

Wed. Morning Bible Class - 9 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

"To be authentic is to be vulnerable with others—and that may make us fearful. It might be messy, and that makes us uncomfortable. It takes time. Our reminder as we [the Church] seek to become a place of belonging is 1 Corinthians 12:18: 'But as it is, God arranged the members in the body, each one of them, as he chose.'" Mona Fuerstenau— A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • lutheransforlife.org



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."



ESL Classes Resume

ESL classes are resuming every Tuesday and Thursday at 7pm. Pray for this mission of St. Matthew 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.



Confirmation classes

Confirmation classes are being held every Wednesday at 5:30pm.



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

- ✘ Prayers for the Hooper family - on the passing of Chris (Joyce Bolingers Son)
- ✘ Prayers for the Holden Family - on the passing of Dawn (Melissa Sindlingers Cousin)

Strength & Healing

- ✘ Gladys Banewski - Diagnosed with Cancer (friend of Curtis & Sharon Gace)
- ✘ Michael Held - began chemotherapy on Monday, August 15th for pancreatic cancer
- ✘ Debbie Blanton - suffered a stroke (daughter of Shirley Coyle)
- ✘ Virginia Lawrence - Recovering from surgery for a detached retina
- ✘ Mario Reyes - suffered an aortic aneurysm
- ✘ Carol Gentes - has shingles
- ✘ Richard Mavus - In rehabilitation

Cancer/Long Term Healing

- ✘ 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 the Gace and 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)
- ✘ Brandon Pate - scerosis of the liver (friend of Nicole Poppenhusen)
- ✘ Aileen Mercer - failing eye sight
- ✘ Jan Stayton - healing from back surgery
- ✘ Erica Vogt - 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 - receiving cancer treatment (friend of The Reese Family)
- ✠ Sherry Adams - receiving radiation treatment 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
- ✠ Dave Nahrwold - bladder cancer (father of Elisabeth Held)
- ✠ Jeanie Cowger - cancer step-family of The Cowger Family)
- ✠ Clarence Meal - lung cancer (friend of Bettye Carter)
- ✠ Kevin Clark - broken neck & back (brother of Korey Clark)
- ✠ Marian Piracci - improving (niece of Langley's son-in-law)
- ✠ Vic Vaz - Leukemia (husband of Shelia 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)
- ✠ Odel Mendez - possible breast cancer (sister of Pastor 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 & healthy pregnancy for Kim & Jason 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 Haileys)

Celebrations

Birthdays: 9/18 Aaron Montemayor, 9/18 Ruby Montemayor, 9/20 Carol Gentes, 9/23 Virginia Lawrence & 9/24 Leon Lilley
Baptism Anniversaries: 9/18 Lillian Hill, 9/19 Aaron Lilley, 9/20 John Tautenhahn, 9/21 Aaron Montemayor & 9/21 Ruby Montemayor



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!

Request

Karen Mavus has asked if anyone would like to send a card to her husband Richard, his address is: Winchester Lodge - C/O Richard Mavus, 1112 Smith Dr., Room 101a, Alvin, TX 77511.



Texas Confessional Lutherans

Join us for our next quarterly meeting at Grace Lutheran Church, Brenham on Thursday, Oct. 20 at 10:30 am. Our speaker will be Rev. Carl Roth on the topic "That's Queer: LGBTQ Ideology as a Postmodern Religion." The topic concludes at 12:30 pm after which we dine at one of the local place and have our business meeting. We are usually concluded by 2 pm.

St. Matthew Messenger

The deadline date for our October 2022 newsletter is fast approaching, Wednesday, Sept. 21st. 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!





One Loaf

How Christ Keeps Us Together
When Everything is Falling Apart

September 23-24, 2022
Zion Lutheran Church
Tomball, TX

About this topic:

We are more connected today than ever before, and yet loneliness, isolation, and division define everything around us. The devil, the world, and our own sinful nature all work to separate us from God and from each other. How does Christ draw us back together when everything is splitting into a million pieces? Through the Scriptures and the story of Christ's Church,

Dr. Todd Peperkorn, a CTSFW professor and one of the founders of Higher Things, will lead us to understand who we are as the people of God, and why we are one loaf, not just a bunch of cracked kernels.

What is a Higher Things Retreat?

Picture the sanctuary filled with teenagers, eager for the organ to begin the opening lines of the liturgy or their favorite hymns, listening intently as they learn how their Lutheran faith applies to their lives and relationships, and laughing as they horse around playing games and getting to know other youth from the area. This Retreat will give youth and adults a glimpse of what happens at a Higher Things youth conference and what a typical conference day looks like!

\$50
Register Today!

www.higherthings.org

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.



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/wh-at-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 October 8th. The Board of Elders will meet following study at 10:00am.



PRISM – Precious Rubies In St Matthew

PRISM is going to meet on Saturday, September 24th at 9 a.m. Ladies of all ages are invited to enjoy breakfast, fellowship, and Bible study. We will be diving into "Living a Chocolate Life" by Deb Burma. "Living a Chocolate Life" invites women to savor God's rich and endless supply of grace in Christ.