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FIRST SUNDAY IN ADVENT
NOVEMBER 28, 2021



*First Sunday in
 Advent*

ST. MATTHEW NEWS

A NOTE TO OUR GUESTS AND VISITORS: Greetings in Christ!

Thank you for visiting with us today. We encourage you to continue to come back not only now, but in the weeks to come! If there's anything we can do for you, please don't hesitate to reach out to us. If you would like to join the St. Matthew Family please contact Pastor Larson or the Church Office. Our church website is at www.stmatthewmilan.org and our phone number at the church is (309) 787-4295, or you may contact Pastor Larson directly at (563) 505-2342. Thanks for joining us for worship!

PLEASE SPREAD THE WORD

To those who are unable to listen to services online, that we now offer the option to listen via a new toll free telephone number. St. Matthew's toll free number is (844) 700-9449. Give us a listen! The worship service will be recorded and available via this phone by late Sunday afternoon.

PASTOR IS AVAILABLE to bring you communion in your homes or in small groups at the church. Please call (563-505-2342) if you'd like to arrange a visit or wish to come to the church to receive.

BROTHERS AND SISTERS IN CHRIST

In accordance with the Illinois statewide mandate, please wear a mask to church activities for the present time, regardless of your vaccination status.

The pews on the east side of the sanctuary will continue to have every other pew blocked, in order to enhance social distancing. And the chairs will remain set up on each side of the sanctuary.

We will continue to broadcast the service to the parking lot on FM 89.7 for those of you who prefer to not enter the sanctuary at this time. We will continue to bring communion to all in the parking lot. In addition, the worship service will be available as a livestream on our Facebook page.

As always, if you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact one of the members of our Board of Lay Assistants.

THE BOARD FOR MISSION AND MINISTRY

To provide for and coordinate the enlistment, training and involvement of members in making disciples of all nations (evangelism, assimilation, education, stewardship) and to build growth, ministry, fellowship and support groups for persons of various ages, needs, and interests in the congregation and the community by discussing the congregation's mission and ministry, researching and making decisions about objectives, goals and strategies for carrying out that mission and ministry; drawing up plans.

THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE

The Nominating Committee shall present a slate of candidates for officers, board and committee members to the Church Council prior to the annual election. The slate shall consist of one name for each office. The election shall be by ballot. The officers and board members-elect shall be oriented to their duties and installed at a worship service prior to assuming their duties the first day in January.

MISSION SUPPORT

Our Missionary support is going to Rev. Dr. Edward & Monica Naumann. They are serving in South Asia in Sri Lanka. They have 5 children. More information will be coming soon on Bulletin Board E.

VOTER'S MEETING

There will be a voters meeting on December 11 & 12 following each worship service. This will be to vote on the nominations for the 2022 Boards & Committees. Any questions contact the church office.

ALTAR FLOWERS

If you would like to help beautify the altar with flowers, the sign up sheets are on bulletin board A. **Because of the increase in flower cost, the cost this year is \$20.00.**

Please put your payment with your name on it in the offering plate and note that it is for flowers on your envelope. Contact Vicki Lude at 309-592-3840 if you have any questions.





The stations that air the Lutheran Hour in your area are as follows:

<u>Station</u>	<u>City, State</u>	<u>Freq</u>	<u>Band</u>	<u>Day</u>	<u>Time</u>
WMT	Cedar Rapids, IA	600	AM	Sun	6:30 AM
WGN	Chicago, IL	720	AM	Sun	6:00 AM
WKEI	Kewanee, IL	104.3	FM	Sun	9:00 AM
WKEI	Kewanee, IL	1450	AM	Sun	9:00 AM

Also, you can listen to the Lutheran Hour on our website: www.lhm.org (click on "Listen to the Lutheran Hour Now." You can listen to the sermons 24/7.

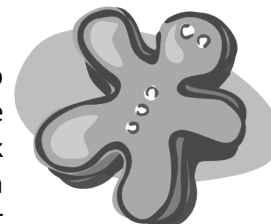
God's richest blessings as we work together to bring the Gospel message to millions of people at home and around the world.

ST. MATTHEW AT PRAYER
Serving in the Armed Forces
(Thank you for your service)

- *Lieutenant Zach Chapman (Utah National Guard)
- Senior Airman Collin Leonard (Fort Hood, TX)
- *Kyle Mandle (Stationed in Bahrain)
- Sgt. Patrick Mealey, extended family of Marcia Carter (Fort Bragg, NC)
- Major Joe Pauley, (Ft Carson, Colorado Springs, CO)
- *Krystin Pearson (Army National Reserves)
- Chris Ryan, son-in-law of Terri McGinnis (deployed to Afghanistan)
- PFC Janice Salazar, family of Marcia Carter (Deployed to Kuwait)
- Chaplain Scott Shields, son-in-law of Karen Edmund (Juneau Alaska)
- Staff Sgt. Fred Winkelman, grandson of Marlis Donner (Fort Irwin CA)
- *Adam Witmer (Iowa National Guard) * = Member

ST MATTHEW COOKIE WALK

The St. Matthew cookie walk committee is excited to bring back our annual **Cookie Walk**, which supports the **Milan Christian Food Pantry!** Our last Cookie Walk helped the pantry obtain 3 tons of food for the area needy. You can help by donating a batch of cookies or candies, and there's a sign-up sheet for this on entryway bulletin boards.



And be sure to mark your calendars for Saturday, December 4 to come shop for goodies from 9 a.m. till noon.

With appreciation, the St. Matthew Cookie Walk Committee: Vicki Lude, Dean & Sandy Young

REMINDER—DECEMBER 30, 2021

As we approach the end of 2021, you may consider extra donations to St. Matthew for tax purposes. All monies for 2021 must be in the office by **Noon on December 30, 2021.** We will be able to get the last deposit for 2021 in the bank by noon on December 31, 2021. After that date it will be counted for 2022. Any questions, call the church office. The office will be open December 24 from 9-12; Office is closed on December 27. December 28-31 from 9-12:00.

Flowers	Deb Snyder	Vicki Lude Celebrating Samantha's Birthday
Lay Assistant	5:30 PM Dennis Ziegler	10:00 AM Dean Young
Altar Duty	Vicki Lude Marcia Carter	
Cantor	5:30 PM Joel Chapman	10:00 AM Danielle Mueller

ATTENDANCE

Weekend, November 20 & 21

5:30pm 42 People inside 0 People outside Communed: 35
 10:00am 95 People inside 7 People outside Communed: 86
 On-Line: 15 +

Adult Bible Study 27 Adult

Sunday School 14 Children (3 yr. to High School) 6 Teachers

THIS WEEK THE LORD WILLING Office Hours 9:00am—12:00pm

Saturday, November 27	5:30 p.m.	Worship Hanging of the Greens with Pizza after Worship
November 28 First Sunday in Advent	8:45 a.m. 8:45 a.m. 10:00 a.m.	Sunday School Adult Bible Study Worship
Monday, November 29	2:30 p.m.	Women's Bible Study
Tuesday, November 30	6:15 p.m.	Choir
Wednesday, December 1	11:00 a.m. 12:00 p.m. 6:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	Advent Worship Advent Luncheon Advent Supper Advent Worship
Thursday, December 2	9:30 a.m.	LWML
Friday, December 3	9:00 a.m.	Pastor's Day Off Bulletin Assembled
Saturday, December 4	9am-12pm 5:30 p.m.	Cookie Walk Worship
December 5 Second Sunday in Advent	8:45 a.m. 8:45 a.m. 10:00 a.m.	Sunday School Adult Bible Study Worship

MILAN CHRISTIAN FOOD PANTRY UPDATED PANTRY MEAL BASKET GIVEAWAY



The Pantry is in the process of planning and purchasing food for our 50 Christmas complete meal baskets giveaway.

Each Basket will contain:

- Ham
- Canned Vegetables and Fruit
- Macaroni and Cheese
- Stuffing mix
- Mashed and sweet potatoes
- Gravy mix
- Brownie mix
- Eggs
- Butter
- Dinner rolls

We priced these items at Hy-Vee. Each basket will have approximately \$39.00 worth of food. If you would like to help give families a nourishing holiday dinner, you may donate money to purchase the meat and food. Put it in the church collection plates and indicate that it is for the pantry holiday baskets. You may also give directly to Al Nordstrom or Kitty Dornbier. We thank you all for supporting the Pantry. Blessings St. Matthew.

ADVENT MEALS

We will be preparing and serving three Advent hot lunches after each 11 a.m. Advent Service and Supper before the 7 p.m. Advent Service on December 1, 8, 15. Come for a hot meal and fellowship.

2021-2022 SNOW SHOVELING

It's that time of year again. If you can help with the snow removal for the Church sidewalks, please sign the sheet on the St. Matthew bulletin board. You would be responsible for a week period from Monday thru Sunday. The more people who sign up, the less times each person will have to shovel. You will be shoveling the sidewalks in front and back of church and the sidewalk. There is a sign up sheet on bulletin C. If you have any questions, please call Joel Chapman at 309-948-4652.

CHRISTIAN CARE—OUR CURRENT NEEDS:

- Coats (L, XL, XXL, XXXL)
- Hats
- Gloves
- New Underwear (all sizes BUT ESPECIALLY Medium size)
- Men's Undershirts (Sizes XL and larger)
- Men's Jeans (Sizes 30-38)
- Men's Tennis Shoes (Sizes 6-10)
- Sweat Shirts (All Sizes)
- Sweat Pants (All Sizes)

FOR OUR COMMUNITY MEAL SITE

- Large Cans of Vegetables
- Condiments
- Sugar
- Coffee Creamer
- Brown Sugar

SUPPLIES

- Personal Hygiene Products—ESPECIALLY DEODORANT but also toothpaste, & shave cream.
- NEW PILLOWS
- Paper Products—Toilet Paper & Paper Towels, Napkins
- Cleaning Products - Bathroom Cleaner, Window Cleaner, Toilet Bowl Cleaner, Aerosol Spray, Fabuloso, & Pine Sol.

Please bring all items to Christian Care (Monday through Saturday at 2209—3rd Avenue, Rock Island, IL 61201

POINSETTIA SIGN-UP SHEET

The Poinsettia sign-up sheet chart is now on the flower bulletin board. The cost this year is \$10.00. All orders must be turned in by December 19, 2021. Please note in memory of and do you want to pick them up after all the Christmas Services, Yes or No. Any questions, contact Vicki Lude.



ST. MATTHEW AT PRAYER



Please keep your fellow St. Matthew Members in prayer. Pray for each other; reach out to one another by phone, email, text, or social media. Particularly keep in prayer those who are hospitalized or shut-in and can't receive visitors.

NEW/UPDATED REQUESTS THIS WEEK

Ralph Appel (hospice)
John Ledwon, friend of Sandy Dutler (hospitalized with Covid)
Mandy Parchert, family of Pam Whittington (undergoing tests)

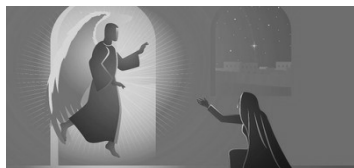
Those Who Mourn

Family & Friends of Rev. David Gieseckine, brother of Diane Mueller
Family & Friends of Troy Mader, Nephew of Regina Hoffman
Family & Friends of Krista Duytschaever, niece of Ken Brown

Continuing requests

Stan Anderberg, brother of Bona Hilton (cancer)
Marge Attwood, Mother of Sherry Teggatz (hospitalized)
Judy Blomgren, friends of the Teggatz (recovering at home)
Kendric Bright, infant son of April Bright (Leukemia)
Samantha Dolan, (health issues)
Friend of Linda Tobin whose husband is in ICU with Covid
AJ Gale, grandson of Janet Meeks (health issues)
Jason Gorski
Steve Grouell, brother of Kerry Nordstrom (recovering)
Derek Grouell, nephew of Kerry & Al Nordstrom (health issues)
Debbie Henry, friend of Pat & Dana Miller
Jody Kerres, friend of the Nordstroms (injured in an Accident)
Karen Kissel, friend of Tom Krahl (hospitalized)
Tom Krahl
Jan Krahl, aunt of Tom Krahl (hospitalized)
Rick Mueller, brother of Merle Mueller (recovering from heart surgery)
Stan Mueller (hospitalized)
Mary Beth Myers, friend of Jeff & Lisa Martens (Brain Tumor)
Mark Nelsen, (undergoing treatment)
Pastor Ben & Marcie, Marcie undergoing treatment
David Pearson, brother of Jim Pearson (preparing for surgery)
Marci Stone, friend of Erica Fisher (stage 4 brain cancer)
Deb Stroup
Phillip Tisdale, Nephew of Sally Riddell (brain tumors)
Elizabeth Wood, sister of Jeff Wood

Holiday Worship Schedule



Midweek Advent Worship

Wednesday, December 1	Luke 1:5-25	Gabriel Visits Zechariah
Midday Service	11:00 am	
Light Lunch after Midday Service.....	12:00 pm	
Light Meal before Evening Service	6:00 pm	
Evening Prayer Service	7:00 pm	
Wednesday, December 8	Luke 1:26-38	Gabriel Visits Mary
Midday Service	11:00 am	
Light Lunch after Midday Service.....	12:00 pm	
Light Meal before Evening Service	6:00 pm	
Evening Prayer Service	7:00 pm	
Wednesday, December 15	Matthew 1:18-25	An Angel visits Joseph
Midday Service	11:00 am	
Light Lunch after Midday Service.....	12:00 pm	
Light Meal before Evening Service	6:00 pm	
Evening Prayer Service	7:00 pm	

Christmas Services

Sunday, December 19	"To Us a Child is Born"	
Children's Christmas Program	4:00 pm	
Friday, December 24	Luke 2:1-20	The Angels and the Shepherds
Christmas Eve Candlelight Services.....	4:00 & 7:00 pm	
Saturday, December 25	John 1:1-14	
Christmas Day Divine Service (Communion)	10:00 am	
No Saturday 5:30 Service		
Friday, December 31	Luke 2:21	
New Year's Eve Service	5:00 pm	
Saturday, January 1 No Saturday Service		
Sunday, January 2		
Regular Worship Service.....	10:00 pm	

If you need a large print bulletin or would like to use a hearing impaired device, please speak with an Usher or Lay Assistant.

NEEDED ... YOU!

We are in need Officers for St. Matthew. We are in need of people to serve on the Nominations committee. We could also use people for Congregation Life/Outreach and Youth Committee. If you are interested, please contact Jan Siebke at 309-230-8304, or the Church Office.

And I heard the voice of the Lord saying, "Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?" Then I said, "Here I am! Send me." Isaiah 6:8

DECEMBER LWML MEETING

December's LWML Meeting happens quickly once we turn the calendar page.....it's Thursday December 2 at 9:30. All ladies of St. Matthew are invited to join us that morning. Our mission project for this month is warm gifts of love for housebound clients of *Alternatives for Older Adults*. If you'd like to participate in this project, we will be collecting items through Sunday December 12.

FABULOUS GREETING CARDS AVAILABLE

Check out the beautiful handmade greeting cards made by the St. Matthew's craft group. These works of art are only \$2 each and proceeds support LWML's mission work. Cards are located on the LWML table in the south lobby area of the church.

WE NEED YOUR HELP

We have ordered a new Nativity set for this Christmas Season and it is here. The Nativity we had, has worn out after many years of service. If you would like to donate monetarily to help offset the cost of the Nativity set, you can put the money in your offering envelope and mark on your offering envelope Nativity Set.

LWML – CHRISTMAS WARMTH

With colder weather looming and skyrocketing fuel costs, there is sure to be homebound elderly individuals who will be turning down their thermostats this winter. We'd like to show these elderly some Christmas love with items to help keep them warm. We will be collecting warmup items through Sunday December 12. These items will be given to our local *Alternative for Older Adults* for case workers to distribute during their visits. Some ideas for donations could be lap robes, gripper slipper socks, scarves, fingertip-less gloves, etc. You may leave items at the church through Sunday December 12.

Ladies of the LWML

MITE BOX MUSTER

On LWML Sunday back in October, many Mighty Mite Boxes went to live in new homes of St. Matthew members. What a joy to have the congregation embrace the Mite Box's work of spreading the Gospel and Christ's love throughout the world! If your Mite Box is getting heavy, you may bring it back to church and place it in the offering plate, then pick up an empty box if you wish.

We are currently focusing our District mites on a \$10,000 grant to the Ft. Wayne and St. Louis Seminary's Food Banks to help and encourage future LCMS pastors and DCEs. After a nearly 4 year vacancy at St. Matthew, we are very aware of the need for more pastors and teachers! Thanks for partnering with the LWML in the Mite Box mission field.

Are You Into Recycling?

Let the LWML help you. Drop donations in box under the LWML table in the South entryway We save...

**Cancelled stamps. If not too heavily cancelled, we can use them. They are sold through auctions to stamp dealers/collectors. Funds are used for LWML mission projects.

**Eyeglasses. Eyeglasses are refurbished and sent to missionary vision doctors who personally fit and provide to individuals in poor regions and countries.

**Bibles & Portals of Prayer. These items are taken to the "Love Packages" ministry, who forward them overseas. They report "We get testimonies from pastors and missionaries all over the world, asking for more bibles, as many as we can send, as fast as we can get them there."

NOTE: We no longer save used pill bottles.

ADULT BIBLE STUDY

Adult Bible Study on the Gospel of Mark. You can attend our weekly Bible study in two ways:

- ◆ Sunday mornings—8:45am in the Gathering Room
 - ◆ We are recording the Sunday Adult Bible Study and you can watch it on Face book live , or go to the webpage stmatthewmilan.org. to get the link.
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WOMANS BIBLE STUDY

Come join us for a Woman's Bible Study on Monday's at 2:30 pm, for a study on James and Jude.

Hope to see you there.

THANK YOU

A Special thanks to Marcia Carter, Mary Donegan, Evonne Kragness, Debbie Snyder, and Jill Tharp for making Chrismon Ornaments for the tree in the Gathering room. If anyone would like to cross stitch a new design, kits will be available on the LWML table. When you are finished, return them to the LWML table.

THE MEN'S NETWORK

Hey guys, "Bible Study and Breakfast". We meet The second Saturday of the month, so the next meeting will be December 11, from 8 to 9:30 am. We are doing a Study on Joseph Carpenter of Steel. If you have any questions, contact Pastor Larson at 309-787-4295 or cell—563-505-2342 or stmattpastorl@gmail.com.

RUN YOUR STOCKING IN

Yes it's time to finish filling your "Dimes-per-Month" stockings, and run them into the church. You can place your donation in the BIG stocking located on the LWML table in the front entryway, place it in the offer-ing plate, or give it to another LWML member. Monies collected are headed to our seminary student Josh Teggatz. What a Christmas he will have this year! Thanks to everyone who is participating in this project.



PS: All who would like to join in this Christmas gift can drop extra cash in that BIG stocking too! ...Sandy Young, LWML President