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Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany January 29 & 30, 2022



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.

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

Monday's at 2:30 pm.

Come Join Us! Hope to see you there.

**LIFE LIGHT SERIES ON
THE BOOKS OF JAMES &
JUDE**

THE MEN'S NETWORK

Hey guys, "Bible Study and Breakfast". We meet The second Saturday of the month, so the next meeting will be February 12, 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.

Undie Sunday – February 19 & 20

There are so many destitute people around the world without basic



necessities. Thousands of children in India, Latvia, Liberia, Nicaragua, and other countries do not have good underwear or socks. With only the shirt on their backs since the day of their destitution, it's difficult for them to obtain good clothes, not to mention: **Underwear!**

St. Matthew is holding an **UNDIE SUNDAY** on February 19 and 20 to gather NEW underwear and socks for these needy people. Men's, women's, boy's and girl's—all sizes are needed. Items will be presented to Orphan Grain Train, who provides refugee relief in these countries. What a love gift it would be for every St. Matthew family to pick up some items on their next shopping trip, and bring them to church on **UNDIE SUNDAY!** Make plans now to participate!

And just for fun, wear your silliest socks to church that day. Cameras will be snapping sock photos to capture the fanciest feet.

GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP

The Grief Support Group will be meeting the first and third Tuesdays of the month. The next meeting will be February 1 at 10:30 a.m. in the Gathering room. If you have questions, contact Pastor Larson.

CHILI & SOUP TASTING EVENT

Join us for a Chili & Soup tasting event on Sunday, February 6th from 4:00-6:00pm. If you can make a crockpot creation, set-up is at 3:30pm. You are encouraged to decorate your serving table. Prizes to be awarded to our cooks and table decorators.



Join us for our 1st fellowship event of 2022! Questions, contact anyone on the Congregation life committee.

MITE BOX MONIES SUPPORT THE CID PRISON MINISTRY

As many St. Matthew members have become mite box contributors, we thought you'd like to know more about where your coins and bills are being directed. This month we focus on Central Illinois' Prison Ministry initiative. This endeavor will receive \$10,000 of our mite donations in 2022 to expand our Gospel outreach to incarcerated men and women in Central Illinois prisons. The grant funds will provide printed gospel materials to inmates, and as well as develop, recruit, and train volunteers who reach out to these incarcerated men and women.



Please pray that God uses this project to bring hope and more souls to Him. Support this grant by donating to your church's LWML group mite fund. You can bring back mite boxes any time and leave them in the offering plate. And why not pick up and fill another! You can also designate 'LWML Mites' and amount on your regular church offering envelope.

CAMP CILCA NEWS

The Act Like Men Woodcutter's Retreat is coming up quickly on February 25-26. Men of all ages are welcome to bring axes, chainsaws, and log splitters to help remove dead trees, clear brush, and *grapple with what it means to "act like men!"* Overnight accommodations will be in the Christian Growth Center. The cost is \$25 per person. Sign up at www.cilca.org/act-like-men-woodcutters-retreat or email director@cilca.org.

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

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

*Lieutenant Zach Chapman (Utah National Guard)

Aidan Fowler, grandson of Jim & Sandy Keller (Iowa 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

MISSION SUPPORT

Our Missionary support is now going to Deaconess Kim Buelmann. She serves the Lord through the Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod (LCMS) as a missionary in Germany. She assists congregations in Leipzig and Chemnitz in providing outreach to refugees, who are primarily from Iran and Afghanistan. Kim is actively involved in worship planning and leading music for worship in the Farsi Language, and she works closely with Persian musicians in these congregations to develop more hymns and liturgy in farsi. In addition, she offers diaconal support and teaches the Bible and catechism to refugees and socioeconomically disadvantaged Germans. You can read more about Deaconess Buelmann on Bulletin Board E.

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.

Flowers	The Nordstrom's Celebrating Al's Birthday	
Lay Assistant	5:30 PM Dean Young	10:00 AM Nick Bull
Altar Duty	Vicki Lude Amy Hunt	
Cantor	5:30 AM Vicki Lude	10:00 AM Cassie Berzins

ATTENDANCE			
Weekend, January 15 & 16			
5:30pm	35 People inside	0 People outside	Communed: 34
10:00am	90 People inside	4 People outside	Communed: 76
On-Line: 20 +			
Adult Bible Study	28 Adult		
Sunday School	6 Children (3 yr. to High School)	5 Teachers	

THIS WEEK THE LORD WILLING

Saturday, January 29	9:00 a.m. 5:30 p.m.	Financial Review Worship
Sunday, January 30 4th Sunday after the Epiphany	8:45 a.m. 8:45 a.m. 10:00 a.m.	Sunday School Adult Bible Study Worship
Monday, January 31	2:30 p.m.	Ladies Bible Study
Tuesday, February 1	6:15 p.m.	Choir
Wednesday, February 2	4:00 p.m.	Confirmation
Thursday, February 3	9:30 a.m.	LWML Meeting
Friday, February 4	9:00 a.m.	Pastor's Day Off Bulletins Assembled
Saturday, February 5	5:30 p.m.	Worship
Sunday, February 6 5th Sunday after the Epiphany	8:45 a.m. 8:45 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 2:00 p.m. 3:30 p.m. 4:00-6:00 p.m.	Sunday School Adult Bible Study Worship Circuit Pastor's Forum Set-Up Chili/Soup Tasting Chili/Soup Tasting



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

Barb Mueller (recovering at home)
Doug Teggatz (recovering at home)
Roger Johnson, friend of Tom Krahl (hospice care)
Jim Bennett (Preparing for surgery Feb. 2)
Shelly Patino, friend of Tom Krahl (hospitalized)

Continuing requests

Carole & Bill Allen, sister & Brother-in-law of Mary Donegan (Covid)
Stan Anderberg, brother of Bona Hilton (cancer)
Chris Barrows (hospitalized at Iowa City)
Rev. Gregory Barth former Pastor of Marcia Carter (hospitalized with the flu)
Joani Bellinger, sister of Jaynie Henry (hospitalized)
Kendric Bright, infant son of April Bright (Leukemia)
Tonia Deargueta, friend of Marcia Carter (cancer)
John De Loose (hospitalized with covid)
Kennedy De Loose (hospitalized with covid)
Ron De Loose, uncle of John De Loose (cancer)
Samantha Dolan, (health issues)
Alyssa Donegan, granddaughter of Jerry & Mary Donegan (recovering from concussion)
AJ Gale, grandson of Janet Meeks (health issues)
Jason Gorski
Sophia Gust, friend of Madisen McGimpsey (recovering in Iowa City from car accident)
Tom Krahl
John Ledwon, friend of Sandy Dutler (hospitalized with Covid)
Stan Mueller
Mary Beth Myers, friend of Jeff & Lisa Martens (Brain Tumor)
Charlie Parchert infant boy, family of Tony & Pam Whittington (recovering)
David Pearson, brother of Jim Pearson (recovering from surgery)
Tom Pflasterer, friend of Jim Pearson (recovering)
Faith Rentfro, daughter of Barb Mueller (recovering from surgery)
Dave Schumaker (former member) (Hospitalized ICU with Covid)
Marci Stone, friend of Erica Fisher (stage 4 brain cancer)
Deb Stroup (hospitalized ICU with covid)
Bill Terrill Uncle of Angi Lindley, Danielle Holdsworth, Sarah McGimpsey (recovering)
Bev Westfall, Niece of Regina Hoffman (health issues)