



Baby Bottles 2023

*"Little Ones to HIM belong;
They are weak but HE is Strong."*



You can help protect the sanctity of human life.

St. Matthew is participating in the QC Pregnancy Resources annual Baby Bottle fund raiser.

Pregnancy Resources is a life-affirming ministry whose mission is to impact and transform people with the love of Christ. Through the help of many volunteers, they compassionately serve women, men and families in unplanned pregnancies and offer them alternatives to abortion.

Pregnancy Resources meet a client's physical needs practically with ultrasounds, maternity and baby clothes, formula, and diapers as well as meeting their spiritual needs. They challenge teens with the message of sexual integrity, reminding them of their incredible value and worth as human beings. They encourage post-abortive women with the forgiveness and healing found in a relationship with Jesus Christ, and they offer parenting classes for both men and women.

You can support this ministry by picking up a baby bottle from the display in the entryway, insert your donation, and return the bottle by Father's Day, June 18. Your gifts are transforming lives; Your gifts are saving lives. Learn more about this work at www.qcpregnancypartners.org

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The Day of Pentecost May 27 & 28, 2023

When the day of Pentecost arrived, they were all together in one place. ² And suddenly there came from heaven a sound like a mighty rushing wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. ³ And divided tongues as of fire appeared to them and rested on each one of them. ⁴ And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit gave them utterance.
Acts 2:1-4



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. Thanks for joining us for worship!

PLEASE SPREAD THE WORD

To those who are unable to listen to services online, 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 (309-787-4295) if you'd like to arrange a visit or wish to come to the church to receive.

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

BROTHERS AND SISTERS IN CHRIST

In accordance with the Illinois statewide mandate, wearing a mask is optional for church activities at this present time. 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.



Everyone's invited to Vacation Bible School at St. Matthew Lutheran Church. The five-day program will be held **June 26-30, 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.** Children who are three years old through 8th grade graduates are invited along for the journey. Call Greg Mueller-DCE at 309-236-8826 or the church at 787-4295 with questions. You may register online at www.StMatthewMilan.org.

2023 VBS Registration

Student's name _____ Age _____

Age: ____ 3yrs ____ 4/5yrs **OR**

School grade completed K __, 1 __, 2 __, 3 __, 4 __, 5 __, 6 __, 7 __, 8 __

Allergies or other medical problems _____

Parents _____

Address _____ Zip code _____

Home telephone _____

Work telephone _____

Emergency telephone _____

Brothers and sisters (names and ages) _____

Family church _____

Special Needs _____

(Additional forms are available by the VBS Poster in the hallway)

Please initial: _____ you have my permission to use my child's picture on St. Matthew's Web page or Facebook page.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Mark your calendars and make plans to join us and don't forget to invite a friend to come too! Watch the bulletin for updated details, sign-up information and if you have any questions/suggestions contact Angie Lindley or Greg Mueller.

+ **Outdoor Worship Service - Sunday June 4, 10:00am**

Bring a lawn chair if you like (chairs will be available) and join us as we worship God outside in the parking lot. Enjoy God's outdoor creation and special fellowship (refreshments will be available after worship) as we gather to worship our loving God.

+ **Family Movie Night Wednesday June 14, 5:30**

We will meet at 5:30, eat and then watch a movie in the gym around 6:30. Movies planned are "American UnderDog" and for children "Inside Out". Roasted hot dogs and drinks will be provided, please bring a dish(es) to share. Bring a comfortable chair or pillows, chairs if you like.

+ **VBS June 26-30 9:00 am-12:00 - invite a neighbor or friend to join us!** If you would like to help please contact Greg Mueller.

+ **River Bandit Game - Friday June 30 6:30pm**

Plans are being made, cost will be around \$12.00. Tickets must be bought before the game and will be available at the "will call" window at the park. Watch for the sign up.

• **Garage Sale July 20-22**

Drop off and setup is Sunday 7/16 thru Tuesday 7/18, Setup only 7/19, and Sale Thursday 7/20-Saturday 7/22

FUNERAL PREPARATIONS

We have a form that can be filled out to help plan your funeral. You can pick out the songs you want sung, the scripture readings, the soloist etc. Filling this out will not only help Pastor put your order of service together but it will help your family to give you your final wishes. If you would like a form, contact the church office.

ADULT BIBLE STUDY

Adult Bible Study on *LUTHERANS 101* 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.

LADIES BIBLE STUDY

No Study on Monday May 29. We will resume on June 5.

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

Join us for a new women's Bible study on the 3rd Saturday of every month - beginning May June 17. We meet from 9-11 in the Fellowship Room. Childcare and snacks will be provided. Our first study will be on The Chosen series. Any questions or concerns, please contact Angi Lindley or Cassie Berzins.

THE MEN'S NETWORK

We will be meeting on June 10, 2023 at 8:00 a.m.

GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP

The Grief support Group will be meeting the second Tuesday of every month. The next meeting will be Tuesday, June 13, at 10:30 a.m. in the Gathering room. If you have any questions, contact Pastor Larson.

LIBRARY UPDATE

Work continues in our library! We're cleaning up and organizing the book collection; and this fall, we will be adding some new materials from CPH! Stay tuned as these titles become available and as we announce the official "reopening." We also will start accepting donations upon reopening. Thank you for your patience! -- Sherry Teggatz

Flowers	The Tobin Family	In Memory of Betty
Lay Assistant	5:30 p.m. Dennis Ziegler	10:00 a.m. Al Nordstrom
Altar Duty	Sandy Keller	Judy Phillips
Cantor	5:30 p.m. Joel Chapman	10:00 a.m. Danielle Mueller

ATTENDANCE

Last Weeks Attendance 5:30 p.m. 60
Last Weeks Attendance 10:00 a.m. 130 2 Outside
Adult Bible Study 40
Sunday School 15 Children (3 yr. to High School) 4 Teachers

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

Saturday, May 27 Guest Preacher: Rev. Merle Warnsholz	9:00 a.m. 5:30 p.m.	Pastor Out of Town Worship
Sunday, May 28 <i>The Festival of Pentecost</i> Guest Preacher: Rev. Merle Warnsholz	8:45 a.m. 8:45 a.m. 10:00 a.m.	Pastor Out of Town Sunday School Adult Bible Study Worship
Monday, May 29 Memorial Day		OFFICE CLOSED No ladies Bible Study
Tuesday, May 30		
Wednesday, May 31		
Thursday, June 1	9:30 a.m.	LWML
Friday, June 2	9:00 a.m.	Bulletin Assembled
Saturday, June 3	9:00 a.m. 5:30 p.m.	Pastor Out of Town Worship
Sunday, June 4 <i>The Holy Trinity</i>	8:45 a.m. 8:45 a.m. 10:00 a.m.	Sunday School Adult Bible Study Worship—In the Parking Lot

YOUTH YARD SALE...START SAVING YOUR ITEMS...JULY 20-22

This is the Youth Groups “largest” fund raiser of the year.

Sunday, July 16 - 3:00 to 5:00pm Drop Off.

Monday, July 17 - Drop Off 6:30-8:30pm.

Tuesday, July 18 - **Last Day to Drop Off** 6:30-8:30pm.

Wednesday, July 19 - **Set Up Only** 6:30-8:30pm.

Thursday, July 20 - SALE 7:30-6:00pm.

Friday July 21 - SALE 7:30-6:00pm.

Saturday, July 22 - SALE 7:30-11:00am

KITCHEN COORDINATOR NEEDED — INTERESTED?

St. Matthew is looking for someone to oversee our kitchen area. The “Kitchen Coordinator” keeps an eye on supplies, cleanliness of the kitchen, would arrange calling for food donations and helpers for various functions. A list of willing helpers, callers and donators is already available, but we are looking for a willing gent and/or lady to oversee this area. Please consider and call the church office at 309-787-4295.

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 if you have any questions.



2023 OFFERING ENVELOPES

The 2023 Offering envelopes are on the table in the hallway. **If you are a new member or have asked for envelopes, they are on the table in the hallway.**

If you are a member and did not find envelopes for you and would like to receive envelopes please sign the sheet on the table and we will get you envelopes. Any questions, contact Karen Walters.

GOLF TICKETS FOR TPC DEERE RUN

Would you like free round of golf at TPC Deere Run? This year, the Milan Christian Food Pantry (MCFP) accepted an opportunity from the John Deere Classic Golf Tournament. In exchange for supplying people to man one of the parking lots at the tourney, the MCFP will receive approximately \$1850. Each volunteer will get a pass to play one free round of golf at TPC Deere Run. That's a pretty good deal for you golfers out there! There is a total of 39 shifts to cover between the five churches that support the MCFP.

Anyone can volunteer for more than one shift if they desire. The volunteers will be needed from Wednesday, July 5th through Sunday, July 9th. Each shift of work lasts 3.5 hours (7:00 to 10:30; 10:30 to 2:00, 2:00 to 5:00). Please read the document at this URL to get the details of what is involved for the volunteers. <https://www.stmatthewmilan.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/04/JDC-Handicapped-Lot-Details2022.pdf>. If you have more questions, or want to volunteer, please contact Kitty Dornbier (309-738-5986) or Al Nordstrom (309-798-8609).



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

Debbie McCaw, friend of Al & Kerry Nordstrom (health issues)

THOSE WHO ARE SICK

Nathaniel Bestian, Newborn of the Tucker Family (health problems)
AJ Gale, grandson of Janet Meeks (hospitalized with RSV)
Jean Jackson, friend of Marianne Meyers (undergoing treatment)
Simon Madsen (infant with health problems)

THOSE WHO HAVE CANCER

Kendric Bright, grandson of Jan Siebke (Leukemia)
Dr. Dwayne Capper, relative of Sandy & Kelly Stevens (cancer)
Vivian Coeur, Sister of Pat Carlson (Cancer)
Ron Einspahr, Brother of Evonne Kragness (hospice)
Robbie Nixon, Brother of Carole Hartley (cancer)
Kurt Voigts, father of Heather Snyder (no longer in Remission)

Those Recovering

Allyson Braun (recovering)
Dee Dee Buchanan sister of Kelly Stevens (recovering)
Gary Gruenhagen (recovering)
Marvin Kershaw, Uncle of Travis Kershaw (recovering)
Liam Rohde, Infant friend of Kelly & Sandy Stevens (recovering)

Continuing requests

Tom Krah
Jon Grunwald, Son-in-law of Janet Meeks (preparing for heart surgery)
Marie Symmonds (preparing for surgery June 7)
Eileen Leonard (preparing for surgery June 7)
Erica Fisher

LWML HEADS UP

June 2, 2023 Faith Lutheran Women of Faith , Kewanee, IL at 2:00 p.m. is hosting a LWML Prayer Service. This is a song and prayer service and you should have had received from President Mary Hahn and invitation to this already.

June 13, 2023 The Rev Jonathan Clausing, LCMS missionary in Tanzania will be back in the USA. St. John's Geneseo will be hosting a desserts and program for him. Doors open at 12:30 p.m. for desserts and 1:00 p.m. the program will start. There will be a Free Will Offering to help support his ministry. SEE ATTACHED FLYER RSVP To St. John's by Monday June 5, 2023 at 309-949-2516.

June 22-25, 2023 The LWML National Convention in Milwaukee. There is still time to register. All on line LWML National Convention

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

This year we are starting early. We would like to collect one or two different items each month **For**

the month of May we are collecting small toys. Start

bringing your items in and there is a box out in the North hallway. Our

goal this year is to put together 300 boxes. Let's start now and see

what God and St. Matthew's can accomplish for the kids this year!

Think of all the lives that were changed because of the shoe boxes!

This exciting ministry is possible because of God's blessings and your involvement.

Thanks again—Congregational Life and Outreach Committees.



WE ARE BRINGING BACK SNAIL MAIL!

New Selection of **Graduation** (and many other occasion) cards now available at the LWML Card Shop! These cards are lovingly made by the ladies of St. Matthew and support the activities and missions of the St. Matthew

LWML. All cards are only \$2. Make your selections. Place your payment in the special envelopes on the Card Shop Table in the narthex and put the envelope in the collection plate. Brighten someone's day the old fashion way with a card in their mailbox!



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 Norfolk, VA)

Sgt. Patrick Mealey, extended family of Marcia Carter (Fort Bragg, NC)

***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)

Staff Sgt. Fred Winkelman, grandson of Marlis Donner (Fort Irwin CA)

***Lieutenant Adam Witmer** (Iowa National Guard)

* = Member

VBS 2023 JUNE 26—30 9:00am-12:00pm

SAVE THE DATE!!!

Do you have the dates on your calendar yet?? Why not go over to the calendar and write them it? Then give Greg Mueller-DCE a call and let him know that you would like to join the great staff and be part of this exciting ministry at St. Matthew. If you have any questions give Greg a call at 309-236-8826 or greg.mueller15@gmail.com. Please start praying about this important opportunity we get to share the Good News of Jesus with so many young people and asking God if He wants you to join the staff.

I would like to help this year at VBS...

___ Teacher, grade_____

___ Co-Director

___ Craft

___ Music

___ Refreshment/Helper

___ Classroom helper,
grade:_____

___ Office support

___ Child care

___ Work on materials/crafts before VBS to get them ready for the Students

___ Donate cookies/food

___ Donate money
for Craft Materials

___ Pray for VBS asking God to send the students and bless the teachers in sharing the Gospel

Name_____

Phone:_____

Return this to Greg Mueller-DCE or place in the offering plate.