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## Fourth Sunday After the Epiphany January 27 & 28, 2024

### ST. MATTHEW OFFICERS 2024

**President:** Alex Barrows

**1<sup>st</sup> Vice President:** Kelly Stevens

**2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President:** Vacant

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### Mission & Ministry

#### Congregation Life/Outreach

Angi Lindley, Jennifer Crawford, Samantha Dolan, Jodi Kurtenbach,  
 Cassie Miller, Danielle Holdsworth

#### Youth & Education

Gil Linderburger, Summer Lindley, Jaynie Henry, Susan Witmer,  
 Mikayla Holdsworth, Rob VanSeveren



On the third day there was a wedding at Cana in Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. Jesus also was invited to the wedding with his disciples. When the wine ran out, the mother of Jesus said to him, "They have no wine." And Jesus said to her, "Woman, what does this have to do with me? My hour has not yet come." His mother said to the servants, "Do whatever he tells you." Now there were six stone water jars there for the Jewish rites of purification, each holding twenty or thirty gallons. Jesus said to the servants, "Fill the jars with water." And they filled them up to the brim. And he said to them, "Now draw some out and take it to the master of the feast." So they took it. When the master of the feast tasted the water now become wine, and did not know where it came from (though the servants who had drawn the water knew), the master of the feast called the bridegroom and said to him, "Everyone serves the good wine first, and when people have drunk freely, then the poor wine. But you have kept the good wine until now." This, the first of his signs, Jesus did at Cana in Galilee, and manifested his glory. And his disciples believed in him.

John 2: 1-12

## 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](http://www.stmatthewmilan.org) and our phone number at the church is (309) 787-4295. Thanks for joining us for worship!

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### 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.

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**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.

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

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### BROTHERS AND SISTERS IN CHRIST

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.

## MARK YOUR CALENDARS..

Plan on joining us for upcoming opportunities for food, fun, fellowship and service. Below are the upcoming dates and be sure to check the bulletin for event's details. Have a suggestion for future activity, contact Greg Mueller or Angie Lindley.

### 2024 Upcoming Events

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| <b>Feb 4</b>    | Soup & Chili Cook Off<br><b>Set up is at 3:00pm event is 4-5:30</b>                               |
| <b>Feb 14</b>   | Lent Begins<br><b>Evening Lenten supper will be held only on Feb 14—Feb 18—March 13 at 5:30pm</b> |
| <b>March 3</b>  | "Remember When..." party 11:00 right after service  |
| <b>March 17</b> | Coffee Fellowship after the 10:00 service   |
| <b>YOUTH</b>    |   |
| <b>Feb 18</b>   | Youth Event after church "Bowling" watch for details  |
| <b>April 7</b>  | Youth participating in Circuit's bible Bowl on the book of John                                   |

**VBS is June 24-28, 2024**

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***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)

**\*Krystin Pearson** (Army National Reserves)

**Chris Ryan**, son-in-law of Terri McGinnis (deployed to Afghanistan)

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

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

**\* = Member**



Lutheran Braille Workers -Mission Grant of \$100,000

### *The Light of Christ for the Blind and Visually Impaired*

Millions of people throughout the world are blind or visually impaired and are seeking to strengthen their faith while coping with isolation and dealing with physical, mental, and spiritual struggles. They have the desire to read the words of our Lord themselves, so that they can feel and learn about the love of God and the salvation of Jesus for them.

Lutheran Braille Workers (LBW) freely supply materials in specialized large print and braille to people who are visually impaired. This grant will help LBW format, produce, and distribute an additional fifty to one hundred new Scripture-based materials to meet spiritual and emotional needs of recipients with vision impairments around the world.

This project is being funded through coins and dollars received through LWML's mite boxes. If you'd like to support this project, pick up a mite box from the LWML table in the south entryway. Drop in some coins, then return it to the collection plates at any St. Matthew service. Or you may designate a Mite Box donation with your regular envelope offering. *The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who dwelt in a land of deep darkness, on them has light shone (Isaiah 9:2)*

## **SOPU & CHILI COOK OFF**

Mark your calendars for **Sunday, February 4, 2024** for the St. Matthew Chili and Soup Cook-Off. We are looking for people to share their chili and soup recipes and of course folks to come and sample. There is no cost, just a great time of fellowship and chili & soup tasting.

If you would like to share your favorite chili or soup, please sign up in the hallway. Don't forget, **Sunday, February 4, 4:00-5:30p.m. (set up at 3:00p.m.)**



## **ADULT BIBLE STUDY**

Adult Bible Study on *THAT WORLD MAY KNOW* 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](https://stmatthewmilan.org). to get the link.

## **LADIES MONDAY BIBLE STUDY**

We meet on Monday's, at 1:00 p.m. We are studying Revival in Nehemiah – 6 studies on the second half of Nehemiah. The walls were rebuilt. Now it was time to rebuild a people who were down and distant from the Lord. Any questions contact Karen Britton. Hope too see you on Monday, at 1:00 p.m.

## **THE MEN'S NETWORK**

Our next Men's Bible Breakfast will be February 10 at 8:00 AM.

## **WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY**

Join us for a new women's Bible study on the 3rd Saturday of every month. Our next Study will be on January 20. ALL LADIES, ALL AGES ARE WELCOME. We meet from 9-11 in the Fellowship Room. Childcare and snacks will be provided. Any questions or concerns, please contact Angi Lindley or Cassie Miller.

## **GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP**

The Grief support Group will be meeting Tuesday, February 6, at 10:30 a.m. in the Gathering Room. If you have any questions, contact Pastor Larson.

## **DOLLARS FOR MISSIONS:**

We have launched our new Dollars for Missions project for the year! Please see the bulletin blurb below for you to announce and include as you see fit. Share the video link as well! 1. The current Dollar for Missions project is to provide mileage for Pastor David Dunlop of Zion, Chestnut and Christ, Clinton to travel every week to Lincoln for prison ministry. \$1,800 would cover the cost of reimbursements for a year, relieving Pastor Dunlop and/or his churches of this expense. For more on this project, see <https://youtu.be/tKDHSJqjHb8>



## 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.

<b>Flowers</b>	Members of St. Matthew	
<b>Lay Assistant</b>	5:30 p.m. Dean Young	10:00 a.m. Adam Schroeder
<b>Altar Duty</b>	Vicki Lude	Sue Witmer
<b>Cantor</b>	5:30 p.m. Alex Barrows	10:00 a.m. Danielle Mueller

ATTENDANCE			
<b>Last Weeks Attendance</b>	5:30 p.m.	27	
<b>Last Weeks Attendance</b>	10:00 a.m.	101	Outside 2
<b>Adult Bible Study</b>	34	Adult Bible Study	
<b>Sunday School</b>	18	Children (3 yr. to High School)	6 Teachers

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

Saturday, January 27	5:30 p.m.	Worship
Sunday, January 28 <i>4th Sunday after the Epiphany</i>	8:45 a.m. 8:45 a.m. 10:00 a.m.	Sunday School Adult Bible Study Worship
Monday, January 29	1:00 p.m.	Ladies Bible Study
Tuesday, January 30	6:15 p.m.	Choir
Wednesday, January 31	4:00 p.m.	Confirmation
Thursday, February 1	9:30 a.m.	Pastor On Vacation LWML
Friday, February 2	9:00 a.m.	Pastor on Vacation Bulletin Assembled
Saturday, February 3	5:30 p.m.	Pastor on Vacation Worship
Sunday, February 4 <i>5th Sunday after the Epiphany</i>	8:45 a.m. 8:45 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 3:00 p.m. 4:00-5:30p.m.	Pastor on Vacation Sunday School Adult Bible Study Worship Set-up for Cook Off Soup & Chili Cook Off

### NEW/UPDATED REQUESTS THIS WEEK

John Leonard, (recovering from surgery)

Gary Krah (recovering)

Mary Grey, friend of Jerry & Mary Donegan (Health Issues)

### THOSE WHO MOURN

Family & Friends of John Patrick

### THOSE WHO HAVE CANCER

Donna, friend of Pat M.

Jason Gibsin, friend of Susan De Loose

Gerry Issacson, Coworker Jennifer Crawford

Roxanne Knaus, daughter of Carole Hartley

Robbie Nixon, Brother of Carole Hartley

Deanna Paulsen, sister-in-law of Sandy & Kelly Stevens

Ray Sierra, friend of Linda Tobin

Kate Snyder, daughter-in-law of Deb Snyder

Krissy Talbot, friend of Deb Wollenburg

Shirley Tegatz, mother of Doug Tegatz

Pam Whittington

### THOSE WHO ARE HOSPITALIZED

Barb Burgess, friend of Eileen Leonard

Dave Glider, nephew of Marie Symmonds

Debra Henry, mother of Jaynie Henry

Wendy Klein, mother-in-law of Rebecca Bean

### THOSE RECOVERING

Zane DeMalfi, friend of Marianne Meyers

Garry Gruenhagen

Cindy Leonard recovering at home

Cindy Terrill, aunt of Angie Lindley

### CONTINUING REQUESTS

Norris Youngberg, brother-in-law of Regina Hoffman (health issues)

Wendy Grunwald, daughter of Janet Meeks (health issues)

Joyce VanSeveren, sister-in-law of Rob & Kim VanSeveren (health issues)