

BUDDY BAGS



When children go into foster care they are removed from a home that has been deemed a risk. They often leave the home with no belongings. A blanket or stuffed animal can provide comfort for a child going to an unfamiliar home. It is something they can call their own.

These children also often do not have the basic necessities such as a toothbrush, comb or basic hygiene items. Babies often have few or no diapers.

A buddy Bag can help assist a child transition to a sometimes unfamiliar living arrangement.

NEEDS:

- Blanket
- Stuffed Animal
- Toothbrush
- Toothpaste
- Soap
- Deodorant]
- Diapers (all sizes)
- Baby Wipes.

Any questions, contact Greg Mueller, DCE or someone in Mission and Ministry

Please put items on the table in the hallway by the library.

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Fifth Sunday of Easter April 27 & 28, 2024



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

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 24-28, 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.

CAMP CILCA'S HOG ROAST

Sunday May 26, 2024

Sunday worship @ 10:30am Outdoor Chapel

Beach open 1-4pm on Saturday and Sunday

Camp@cilca.org

Adults: \$10 Children: \$8

Food 11:30 am—2:30pm

Tent/RV sites available all weekend

4124 Camp CILCA Road Cantrall, IL 62625



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.

ADULT BIBLE STUDY

Adult Bible Study on *FORGIVENESS*. 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.

THE MEN'S NETWORK

Our next Men's Bible Breakfast will be May 11 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 April 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, May 7, at 10:30 a.m. in the Gathering Room. If you have any questions, contact Pastor Larson.

LADIES AFTERNOON BIBLE STUDY

The Ladies Bible Study is Monday's at 1:00pm. We will be learning about the Upper Room conversations from John 13-16.

Looking forward to seeing you at 1:00pm every Monday. Ask a friend to join you! Questions, contact Karen Britton 309-787-4295

Flowers	Lee & Linda Tobin	
Lay Assistant	5:30 p.m. Jim Barrows	10:00 a.m. Dean Young
Altar Duty	Janet Meeks Sue Witmer	

VBS 2024
JUNE 24—28 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.

ATTENDANCE			
Last Weeks Attendance	7:00 a.m.	42	
Last Weeks Attendance	10:00 a.m.	141	2 Outside
Adult Bible Study	38		
Sunday School	19 Children (3 yr. to High School) 5Teachers		

THIS WEEK THE LORD WILLING

Office Hours

Monday—Thursday 7:00am—2:00pm

Friday 7:00am to 12:00pm

Saturday, April 27	5:30 p.m.	Worship
Sunday, April 28	8:45 a.m. 8:45 a.m. 10:00 a.m.	Sunday School Adult Bible Study Worship
Monday, April 29	9:00-11:00 a.m. 1:00 p.m.	St. Matthew at the Food Pantry Ladies Afternoon Bible Study
Tuesday, April 30	6:15 p.m.	Choir
Wednesday, May 1	4:00 p.m.	Confirmation
Thursday, May 2	9:30 a.m.	LWML
Friday May 3	9:00 a.m.	Bulletins Assembled
Saturday, May 4	6:00 p.m. 5:30 p.m.	Food Pantry Trivia Night Worship
Sunday, May 5	8:45 a.m. 9:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m.	Sunday School NO Adult Bible Study Reception for Youth Confirmands Worship w/ Youth Confirmation

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

- ___ Teacher, grade_____
- ___ Co-Director
- ___ Craft
- ___ Music
- ___ Refreshments/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.

**Ken Collinson Building
Milan Christian Food Pantry**

**Support Food Pantry
Trivia Night
Saturday Night May 4th**

St. Matthew Lutheran Church Gym
Doors Open 5:00 PM
Trivia Starts 6:00 PM

**Contact your church pantry board member
(Al Nordstrom or Kitty Dornbier) to book your table.**
\$10.00 a person Table of 8 maximum per table
Pay at the door night of the game

DOLLARS FOR MISSION: SUPPORTING PRISON MINISTRY

The current DFM project is to continue a project already begun. In 2023, DFM funds were raised to begin ministry in as many as four new prisons in central Illinois during 2024. With the funds gathered, Central Illinois District started to fund one in January, and hopes to start more before the end of this year. The current project is to ensure that funds are available so that such new ministries can be continued in 2025. The current target is \$10,000. See the video at <https://youtube/LwYgCqIXzqI>

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

Solomon Stroup, Jeffrey, Jena, Jordan
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Bettendorf, IA 52722



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

Larry Parchert (undergoing tests)

THOSE WHO HAVE CANCER

Marilyn Dean (entering hospice with cancer)
Cassie Himebauch, neighbor of the Wagners
David Klauer, brother-in-law of Mark Hilton
Roxanne Knaus, daughter of Carole Hartley
Robbie Nixon, Brother of Carole Hartley
Deanna Paulsen, sister-in-law of Sandy & Kelly Stevens
Kate Snyder, daughter-in-law of Deb Snyder
Shirley Teggatz, mother of Doug Teggatz
Jeff Thompson, brother-in-law of the VanSeveren's
Pam Whittington

THOSE RECOVERING

Carole Appelquist
Marlis Donner
Cindy Leonard
Eric Rhodes son-in-law of Dana & Pat Miller
Carolyn Seawrite, friend of Vicki Lude
Erica Fisher

CONTINUING REQUESTS

Mary Newswander (Health Issues)
Mary Welch, friend of the Nordstroms (health issues)

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

- May 5** Youth Confirmation
May 11 & 12 Mothers Day Photo Booth (after each service)
- June 2** Mini Golf & Happy Joes Coal Valley
June 12 Fellowship Potluck 6:00-8:00pm
June 14 River Bandits Baseball Game 6:30pm
June 24-28 VBS 9:00am—12:00pm
- July 14-18** Garage Sale Set-Up
July 18-20 Garage Sale
- August 3** Community Ice Cream Social 12:00-4:00pm
August 9 River Bandits Baseball Game 6:30pm
August 31 Labor Day Parade

YOUTH

- July 14-18** Garage Sale Set-Up
July 18-20 Garage Sale

IT'S THAT TIME AGAIN... LUTHERAN WITNESS

It's that time again to order your Lutheran Witness. The cost this year is \$20.65 for 11 issues. June/July are together. **If you would like to renew or start receiving a copy please let the church office know by April 28.** This subscription will start in June. Any questions, call the church office.

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

- ***Lieutenant Zach Chapman** (Deployed to Djibouti)
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

RECEPTION FOR CONFIRMANDS—YOU ARE INVITED

Please come to a celebratory coffee and cake reception at 9 a.m. on Sunday May 5 being given to recognize our 2024 confirmands: Lyra Khedoo, Eli Schroeder, Jordon Stroup, and Bostyn Toler . What a blessed occasion to celebrate! These Youth have diligently studied God's Word and the confessions of our church, and are being confirmed in their faith at the 10 a.m. worship service. Our reception will begin at 9 a.m. Sunday May 5 in the St. Matthew gym. Please come and celebrate with us. There will be NO Adult Bible Study that day.

SERMON SERIES FOR APRIL

NO OTHER NAME

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| APR. 6-7 | THE LIGHT | JOHN 8:12 |
| APR. 13-14 | THE VINE | JOHN 15:5 |
| APR. 20-21 | THE SHEPHERD | JOHN 10:11 |
| APR. 27-28 | THE WAY | JOHN 14:6 |