

SERMON SERIES  
FOR MAY

# THE CHURCH



MAY 4-5 STUDIES GOD'S WORD  
CONFIRMATION SUNDAY

MAY 11-12 GOD'S FAMILY  
ASCENSION/MOTHER'S DAY

MAY 18-19 EMPOWERED BY THE SPIRIT  
PENTECOST

MAY 25-26 WORSHIPS THE TRINITY  
TRINITY SUNDAY

**REMINDER...** When you enter the hospital, be sure to say you are a member of St. Matthew Lutheran Church, Milan, IL so that the hospital can inform the church. If you would like Pastor to know immediately, please have a family member or friend call the office and/or Pastor—otherwise we may not be aware of your hospitalization. The hospitals do not regularly call the churches as they once did.

## FLOWERBED ON THE SOUTH SIDE OF BUILDING...

The flowerbeds on the south side of the building need to be replanted. We have 10 available spots. Anyone who wants to plant them contact Joel Chapman or Doug Teggatz. If someone wants to donate flowers you need to contact Joel Chapman or Doug Teggatz.



## CONCORDIA LUTHERAN ACADEMY TEACHER SEARCH

**Teacher Search Continues** As we seek to grow our classrooms and grades next school year, we are on a teacher search. If you know of any teachers who would be interested in applying for a teaching position at our Lutheran Classical school, please send them, or their information, our way. Teachers do not need to be classically trained, but should be willing to learn the methods and curriculum. Send resumes or contact info to our church office.

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The Reve Kurt Larson Mr. Gregory Mueller, DCE  
Mr. Joel Chapman, RN, Parish Nurse

## The Day of Pentecost May 18 & 19, 2024

When the day of Pentecost arrived, they were all together in one place. <sup>2</sup> And suddenly there came from heaven a sound like a mighty rushing wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. <sup>3</sup> And divided tongues as of fire appeared to them and rested on each one of them. <sup>4</sup> 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](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.



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](http://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.

Child's T-Shirt Size \_\_\_\_\_

**Return this to Greg Mueller-DCE or place in the offering plate or put in the box in the hallway**

## 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.

## 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](http://stmatthewmilan.org). to get the link.

## THE MEN'S NETWORK

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

## SATURDAY LADIES BIBLE STUDY

Join us for a new women's Bible study on the 3rd Saturday of every month. Our next Study will be on June 15. 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, June 4, at 10:30 a.m. in the Gathering Room. If you have any questions, contact Pastor Larson.

## LADIES MONDAY 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

## WELCOME NEW MEMBER

We welcome into membership at the Sunday 10am service by Profession of Faith: **Carol Mueller**. We hope that her membership with us will be a source of mutual blessing.

<b>Flowers</b>	Members of St. Matthew	
<b>Lay Assistant</b>	5:30 p.m. Dennis Ziegler	10:00 a.m. Nick Bull
<b>Altar</b>	The Lindley & Holdsworth Families	

ATTENDANCE			
<b>Last Weeks Attendance</b>	7:00 a.m.	43	Outside 0
<b>Last Weeks Attendance</b>	10:00 a.m.	166	Outside 2

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

Saturday, May 18	9:00 a.m. 5:30 p.m.	Women’s Bible Study Worship
Sunday, May 19 <i>The Festival of Pentecost</i>	8:45 a.m. 10:00 a.m.	Sunday School Worship
Monday, May 20	1:00 p.m. 6:30 p.m.	Ladies Afternoon Bible Study Mission & Ministry
Tuesday, May 21		
Wednesday, May 22		
Thursday, May 23	5:30 p.m. 6:30 p.m.	Directory Meeting Council
Friday May 24	9:00 a.m.	Bulletins Assembled
Saturday, May 25	10:00a.m.—2:00 p.m. 5:30 p.m.	Gym reserved Worship
Sunday, May 26 <i>The Holy Trinity</i>	8:45 a.m. 10:00 a.m.	Sunday School Worship



**T-SHIRT ROUNDUP.....**

Hey Partners in mission....We’re looking for cast-off TShirts. These shirts will be transformed into cool jump ropes for Operation Christmas Child boxes. That means we could use lots of old TShirts, especially colored ones. Please leave TShirt donations in the little kitchen behind the piano in the back of the sanctuary. Jump ropes will be braided sometime in July, so watch for details coming soon. This project is being brought back by popular demand. Thanks in advance Partners!



**Baby Bottles 2024**

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



You can help protect the sanctity of human life.

St. Matthew is again 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 16. Your gifts are transforming lives; Your gifts are saving lives. Learn more about this work at [www.qcpregnacypartners.org](http://www.qcpregnacypartners.org)

### Work in Haiti. LWML Mite Box Monies at Work

Ministry in Mission has been working in Haiti for 15 years with the leadership of the Evangelical Lutheran Church of Haiti to meet the needs of people as they respond to devastating hurricanes and political unrest.

An earthquake in 2021 destroyed many churches and work was begun to rebuild the churches. Currently the churches are open for worship as work continues. The necessary materials are in the country to finish floors, repair electrical work, install toilets, and complete furnishings.

LWML's \$85,000 mission grant will help purchase other needed supplies to finish the restoration work. Ministry in Mission and the Lutheran Church of Haiti also continue to care for the spiritual and physical needs of the people at the Center of Refuge Orphanage and The Jacamel Lutheran Home for the elderly.



### Feeding Haitian Children Through Gospel and Meals

The children are the future of Haiti. Students at Paul et Isabel Lutheran School have just a few years left in their education. Some of these students may become teachers or nurses, but the most important title they now have is "Redeemed Child of God, through the power of the Holy Spirit."

The key to long-term change in Haiti is Education and the Good News of the Gospel. 4.4 million Haitian people suffer from acute hunger and the cycle of poverty is almost never broken. Haitian children attending school have trouble learning with empty stomachs. Trinity HOPE daily feeds and shares the Gospel with children, teachers, and cooks in Christian schools throughout the country.

LWML's \$58,082 mission grant will be used to feed approximately 538 children, teachers, and cooks each school day for two academic years at Paul et Isabel Lutheran School in Hinche, Haiti. Children are taught to pray before they eat and when not hungry, are better prepared to participate in classroom activities. They are fed physically and spiritually every day they are in school and become missionaries to their families, bringing them out of the darkness of voodoo, a national religion, and into the light of Jesus.



*These two projects are being funded through monies received in LWML's mite boxes. You can help by dropping coins into a mite box (from the LWML table in the south entryway) and return to any Sunday's collection plate. You may also designate a Mite Box donation with your regular envelope offering.*



## 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.

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### NEW/UPDATED REQUESTS THIS WEEK

Margaret Brodale (recovering)  
Al Bestian, nephew of Fern Tucker  
Erica Fisher (hospitalized)

### THOSE WHO MOURN

Family & Friends Kathy Skamser, great aunt of Douglas, Amy, Lauren Larson

### THOSE WHO HAVE CANCER

Marilyn Dean (entering hospice with cancer)  
Cassie Himebauch, neighbor of the Wagners  
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  
John Desherow, brother of Eileen Leonard (recovering)  
Cindy Leonard  
Eileen Leonard (recovering)  
Eric Rhodes son-in-law of Dana & Pat Miller  
Carolyn Seawrite, friend of Vicki Lude

### CONTINUING REQUESTS

Mary Newswander (Health Issues)  
Larry Parchert (undergoing tests)  
Mary Welch, friend of the Nordstroms (health issues)  
Maureen Sinclair, Friend of Jarrod & Janice Leihnsing (health issues)

**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.

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:_____	
STAFF T-Shirt Size_____	

**Return this to Greg Mueller-DCE or place in the offering plate or put in the box in the hallway**

**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**

- 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

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**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