

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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Sixth Sunday of Easter
Confirmation Sunday
May 4 & 5, 2024

Lyraphina Marie Khedoo
1 Peter 5:7

Eli Adam Schroeder
Ephesians 2:10

Jordan Joshua Stroup
Isaiah 41:10

Bostyn Ava Toler
Revelation 3:20



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.

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

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.



St. Matthew Lutheran Church of Milan Youth Confirmation Class of 2024

Lyraphina Marie Khedoo

Born: September 12, 2010

Baptized: November 1, 2015

Confirmation Verse: Cast all your anxieties on Him, because He cares for you. 1 Peter 5:7

Eli Adam Schroeder

Born: July 19, 2011

Baptized: August 21, 2011

Confirmation Verse: For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them. Ephesians 2:10

Jordan Joshua Stroup

Born: March 3, 2011

Baptized: May 1, 2011

Confirmation Verse: Fear not, for I am with you; be not dismayed, for I am your God; I will strengthen you, I will help you, I will uphold you with my righteous right hand. Isaiah 41:10

Bostyn Ava Toler

Born: April 9, 2011

Baptized: June 25, 2011

Confirmation Verse: Behold, I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears my voice and opens the door, I will come in to him and eat with him, and he with me. Revelation 3:20

Flowers	Sue Witmer Celebrating Adam's Birthday	
Lay Assistant	5:30 p.m.	10:00 a.m.
	Douglas Teggatz	Jeff Martens

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.	54	
Last Weeks Attendance	10:00 a.m.	126	Outside
Adult Bible Study	38		
Sunday School	23 Children (3 yr. to High School)	5 Teachers	

THIS WEEK THE LORD WILLING

Office Hours

Monday—Thursday 7:00am—2:00pm

Friday 7:00am to 12:00pm

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
Monday, May 6	9-11 a.m. 1:00 p.m.	St. Matthew at the Food Pantry Ladies Afternoon Bible Study
Tuesday, May 7	10:30 a.m.	Grief Support Group
Wednesday, May 8	4:00 p.m.	Confirmation
Thursday, May 9		
Friday May 10	9:00 a.m.	Bulletins Assembled
Saturday, May 11	5:30 p.m.	Worship Mother's Day Photo booth after Service
Sunday, May 12	8:45 a.m. 10:00 a.m.	Sunday School Worship Mother's Day Photo booth after Service

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

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|---|---|
| ___ 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

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.

NEW/UPDATED REQUESTS THIS WEEK

Eileen Leonard (recovering)
John Desherow, brother of Eileen Leonard (recovering)
Maureen Sinclair, Friend of Jarrod & Janice Leihsing (health issues)

THOSE WHO MOURN

Family and Friends of David Klauer, brother-in-law of Mark Hilton
Family and Friends of John Lee, friend of John Leonard

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
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)
Larry Parchert (undergoing tests)
Mary Welch, friend of the Nordstroms (health issues)

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 May 18. 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

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.



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

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July 18-20 Garage Sale

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