

THANK YOU

Our family would like to thank Pastor Larson for the beautiful dedication ceremony for the gazebo constructed with memorial funds in memory of my mother, Betty Tobin. Teaching Sunday School and VBS at St. Matthew was one of my mom's greatest joys. She started teaching Sunday School at St. Matthew the same year my sister Susan (and Amy Hunt) were in kindergarten, and she continued teaching the kindergarten class for 41 years during which time she also taught me and both her grandsons, Adam and Blake, along with hundreds of children from St. Matthew families. She loved teaching and working with her three very special assistants, Betty Anders, Alta Mandle, and Joan Aldrian. Special memories my mom had of her Sunday School teaching were how when she taught with Alta they agreed Alta would take charge of handling the boys while she would handle the girls since Alta had all boys at home and she had all girls. She also often talked about how students would continue to visit the kindergarten classroom even after they "graduated" to get the homemade goodies she and Joan Aldrian always made for their students.

Our family would like to thank two of her former kindergarten Sunday School students, Norm Mandle and Bruce Eberts, for making the gazebo a reality. Norm was the driving force in getting all the details worked out and overseeing the project from start to finish, including doing the staining. We greatly appreciate Norm's dedication. Bruce provided his expertise in constructing the gazebo, spending many days building the gazebo with his own special touches. The finished product is a beautiful addition to our church property.

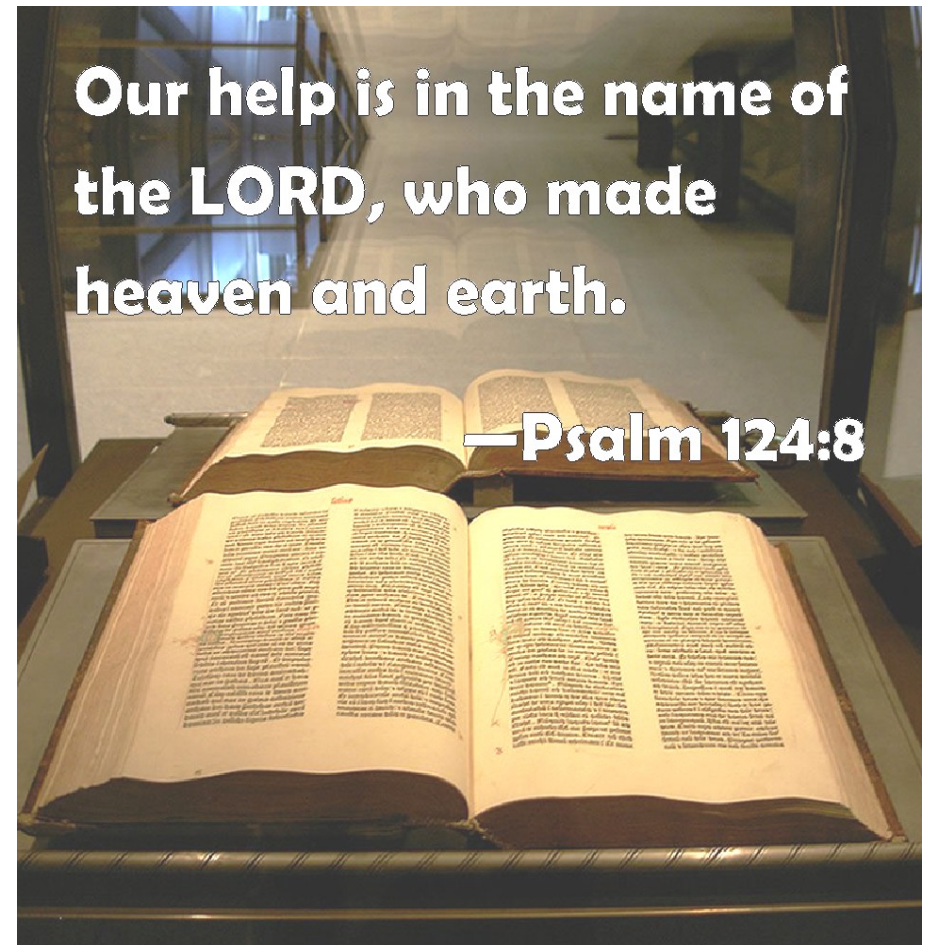
The St. Matthew congregation, Sunday School, and VBS were very important to mom. We are very excited to see the gazebo used for many years ahead for Christian instruction and fellowship by the Sunday School and VBS students, the youth, and the entire congregation.



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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 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.

LWML SAYS THANK YOU!

We would like to sincerely thank all who participated in preparations for the Rock Island Zone LWML Fall Rally. Thank you to Pastor Larson and all the Women in Mission of St Matthew who filled the committees, planned and served in all capacities. We would also like to thank those who helped "behind the scenes", moving furniture, technical support, providing music and much more.

Here is the short version of the "LWML Fall Rally Wrap Up" Rock Island Zone of the Lutheran Women's Missionary League (LWML) Central Illinois District held its fall rally on September 17th at St. Matthew Lutheran Church under the theme "It Is Time to Seek the Lord". Rally Co-Chairwomen, Sandy Young and Deb Toal, and their committee hosted Zone President Diane Quart, Zone Vice President, Joyce Dodge, District President, Cheryl Long, District Pastoral Counselor, Rev. Matt Schneider, 8 pastors, 1 deaconess 46 members and 3 guests.

The LWML is an auxiliary of the Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod. Its purpose is to "Serve the Lord with Gladness" by sharing the saving faith of Jesus Christ throughout the United States and the world. The featured speaker who assisted in carrying out this mission was Rev. Martin Eden who addressed the assembly on topic of missionary updates on the Seminary for the Lutheran Church of Uganda and the growth of the Lutheran schools in Uganda. He mentioned the pastors in Uganda that he had become Facebook friends with and fundraising in his community of Quincy to support their ministry and their communities' physical needs.

Newly elected zone secretary treasurer, Cheryl Snyder will be installed at a later date. Re-elected zone Vice-President /Christian Life, Joyce Dodge, were installed by the LWML Central Illinois District Counselor, Rev. Matt Schneider. Immanuel Lutheran Church of Rock Island, will host the rally in 2025.

SENIOR YOUTH UPDATE

Registration Forms for the 2025 Youth Gathering in New Orleans are available for you to pick up. Please see Greg to get yours.

CALENDARS

The 2025 Wheelan Pressly/St. Matthew calendars are here. They are on the counter in the hallway. Feel free to take one.

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:

Sippy Cups and Baby Bottles (high need)

Blanket, Stuffed Animal, Toothbrush, Toothpaste, Soap, Deodorant, Diapers (all sizes), Baby Wipes, feminine products

Any questions, contact Greg Mueller, DCE or someone in Mission and Ministry. **Please put items on the table in the hallway by the library.**

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

School supply sales are starting now so why not pick up a few extras for Operation Christmas Child. Items that are needed are: **colored pencils, pencils, erasers, bandana's, hair brushes, tooth brushes and school supplies** There is a box out in the hallway. Thanks again—Congregational Life and Outreach Committees.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS..

Plan on joining us for upcoming opportunities for food, fun, fellowship and service. Watch Bulletin & Bulletin Board of details. Have a suggestion for future activity, contact Greg Mueller or Angie Lindley.

2024 Upcoming Events

September	Take pictures after each service the whole month
October 27	Mission & Ministry Fair
October 31	5:30pm—7:00pm Trunk or Treat
November 2	Operation Christmas Child Packing Party
November 17	Friendsgiving
December 1	Hanging of the Greens
Advent Meals	December 4,11,18
December 7	9:00am –12:00pm Cookie Walk

ADULT BIBLE STUDY

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.

GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP

The Grief support Group will be meeting **Tuesday, October 1**, at 10:30 a.m. in the Gathering Room. If you have any questions, contact Pastor Larson.

MONDAY LADIES BIBLE STUDY

NO ladies Bible Study this week. We will resume on Monday October 7 at 1:00pm.

THE MEN'S NETWORK

Our next Men's Bible Breakfast will be **October 12** at 8:00 AM.

SATURDAY WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

Join us for a women's Bible study on the 3rd Saturday of every month. Our next Study will be on **October 19**. We are watching The Chosen. 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 Angie Lindley.

THANK YOU

To all who donated to the 2024 Baby Bottle Campaign for Pregnancy Resources. We were able to send \$675.96 to Pregnancy Resources for this event.

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.

Flowers	Linda Tobin Celebrating Lee's "90" Birthday	
Lay Assistant	5:30 p.m. Ken Brown	10:00 a.m. Jeff Martens
Altar	Chris Chapman & Linda Tobin	

ATTENDANCE			
Last Weeks Attendance	5:30 p.m.	34	Outside
Last Weeks Attendance	10:00 a.m.	109	Outside
Adult Bible Study	37	Sunday School	14 Children

THIS WEEK THE LORD WILLING

Office Hours

Monday—Thursday 7:00am — 2:00pm, Friday 7:00am—11:00pm

Saturday, September 28 Guest Preacher Pastor Hagen	5:30 p.m.	Worship—Pictures being taken after service
Sunday, September 29 <i>20TH Sunday after Pentecost</i> Guest Preacher Pastor Hagen	8:45 a.m. 8:45 a.m. 10:00 a.m.	Sunday School Adult Bible Study Worship - Pictures being taken after service
Monday, September 30		NO Ladies Bible Study
Tuesday, October 1	10:30 a.m. 6:15 p.m.	Grief Support Group Choir
Wednesday, October 2	5:30 p.m.	Confirmation
Thursday, October 3	9:30 a.m.	LWML
Friday October 4	9:00 a.m.	Bulletin Assembled
Saturday, October 5	5:30 p.m.	Worship
Sunday, October 6 <i>21TH Sunday after Pentecost</i>	8:45 a.m. 8:45 a.m. 10:00 a.m.	Sunday School Adult Bible Study Worship



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

Harry Anderson, cousin of Hazel Winters (broken back)
Jojo Laureano, friend of Al & Kerry Nordstrom (3 year old with brain tumor)

Those Who Mourn

Family & Friends of Julie Jackson

Those Hospitalized

Pam Whittington
Tom Krahl

Those Who Have Cancer

Kate Snyder, daughter-in-law of Deb Snyder
Shirley Teggatz, mother of Doug Teggatz
Jeff Thompson, brother-in-law of the Van Severen's

THOSE RECOVERING

Jim Akers, friend of Gil Linenberger
Margaret Brodale
Kitty Dornbier
Karen Edmund
Erica Fisher
Carol Greenwood
Linda Kurtenback
Santee Lusfer, friend of Angi Lindley
Dottie Slager, niece of Deb DeGrauwe

CONTINUING REQUESTS

Carole Appelquist
Kiki George, mother-in-law of Jennifer Crawford (hospice)
Ginny Stevens, sister of Kelly Stevens (guidance)
Mary Newswander (Health Issues)

SERVING IN THE ARMED FORCES—THANK YOU FOR YOUR SERVICE

Lieutenant Zach Chapman (Deployed to Djibouti)
Kyle Mandle (Stationed in Norfolk, VA)
Krystin Pearson (Army National Reserves)
Lieutenant Adam Witmer (Iowa National Guard)