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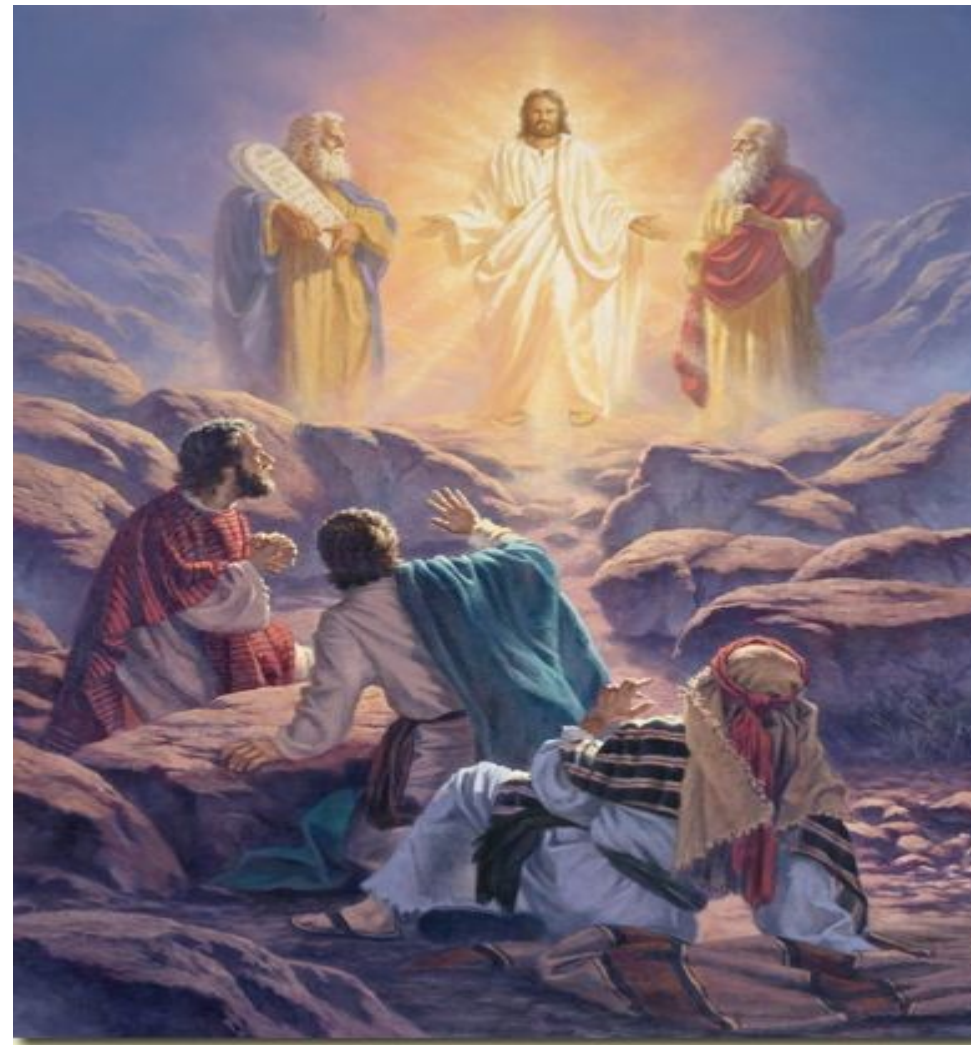
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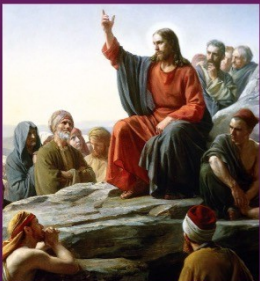
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The Transfiguration of Our Lord March 1 & 2, 2025



SERMON SERIES FOR MARCH

PARABLES OF JESUS



MAR. 8-9 PHARISEE & TAX COLLECTOR

LUKE 18

MAR. 15-16 THE GREAT BANQUET

LUKE 14

MAR. 22-23 THE GOOD SAMARITAN

LUKE 10

MAR. 29-30 THE SHREWD MANAGER

LUKE 16

APR. 5-6 THE PRODIGAL SON

LUKE 15

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.



GOD'S WORD FOR CENTRAL & SOUTH AMERICAN MISSIONS - LUTHERAN HERITAGE FOUNDATION



Spanish Lutheran Books Given Freely to Reach the Unsaved

Lutheran evangelism efforts are being intensified in countries like the Dominican Republic, Chile, and Uruguay. Worldwide more than 300 million people speak Spanish. The need for Spanish language Bibles, Luther's Small Catechism, children's materials, devotions, and other resources is continuous.

This \$100,000 LWML grant will provide for the translation and printing costs of approximately 25,000 books by Lutheran Heritage Foundation. LHF is a Recognized Service Organization of The Lutheran Church Missouri Synod (LCMS). LHF distributes printed books free of charge to people in Central and South America who live from week to week and have little to no savings.

Some of these books include the Bible with Luther's Small Catechism, A Child's Garden of Bible Stories, devotion booklets, as well as theological textbooks for our pastors and seminary students being trained to share the Good News. The gift of these written books brings many into the fellowship of believers.

Even though economic or political conditions may force missionaries to come and go in these countries, they leave behind the Lutheran books which continue to teach the Gospel message for generations.

To learn more and see a video on this project, visit <https://www.lwml.org/2023-2025-mission-grant-24>

This and other LWML mission grants are funded through monies received in LWML's 'mighty mite' boxes. You can help by dropping coins into a mite box and return to any Sunday's collection plate, or designate "Mite Box Donation" with your regular envelope offering.

2025 ENVELOPES

The 2025 Offering envelopes are on the table in the hallway. If you are a member and did not find envelopes for you and would like to receive envelopes please sign the sheet on the table and we will get you envelopes. Any questions, contact Vicki Lude or Karen Walters.

CRAFTS & CONVERSATION

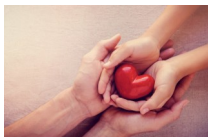
Ladies, let's get together for Crafts and Conversation on **March 20, 2025 at 9:30 a.m.** We'll be working on quilts for Lutheran World Relief. Quilts not your thing? Bring your own project!. Or just come to chat. Join us for fellowship and fun while we Serve The Lord with Gladness.

For more information contact Rhonda Krahl at 309-235-2293 or Janet Meeks at 309-787-8336.



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.



THANK YOU FOR YOUR OVERWHELMING SUPPORT.

NEEDS: Blankets (All Sizes, infant to Teens) Deodorant, Diapers (all sizes)
Please watch this list, as we will be updating it as needed.

Any questions, contact Greg Mueller, DCE or someone in Mission and Ministry.
Please put items in the shopping cart North Hallway.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS..

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

2025 Upcoming Events

March 5 Lent Begins 11:00 a.m. & 6:30 p.m. Ash Wednesday

March 5,12,19,26 Lent midweek services with lunch at 11:45a.m. & supper at 5:30p.m.

March 16 Fellowship after Service

March 28 Storm Game Tickets are \$20. If we get a group to go the cost goes down. More people means lower price. Sign up to join us

April 2,9 Lent midweek services with lunch at 11:45a.m. & supper at 5:30p.m.

May 4 Fellowship after Service with tacos and game time

June 21 Ice Cream Social

June 23-27 2025 VBS

Youth

February 16 Jr. & Sr. Youth Bowling right after church

April 6 Youth Bible Bowl

July 19-22 National Youth Gathering

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**, April 1, 2025 at 10:30 a.m. in the Gathering Room. If you have any questions, contact Pastor Larson.

THE MEN'S NETWORK

Our next Men's Bible Breakfast will be **March 8, 2025** at 8:00am.

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 **March 15, 2025**. We are watching The Chosen. ALL LADIES, ALL AGES ARE WELCOME. We meet from 9-11am in the Fellowship Room. Childcare and snacks will be provided. Any questions or concerns, please contact Angie Lindley.

HAPPINESS IS WARM FEET

THANK YOU!

St. Matthew really came through again in supporting Christian Care's Martha's house for homeless women and their children. Thank you for helping the LWML by donating warm boots to those in need. This was a rather urgent need and it was greatly appreciated that donations of boots and bath linens came in quickly before the bitter winter weather really set in.



Flowers	Gary & Rhonda Krahl Celebrating their "52" Anniversary	
Lay Assistant	5:30 p.m. Dennis Ziegler	10:00 a.m. Adam Schroeder
Altar	Sue Witmer & Amy Hunt	

ATTENDANCE			
Last Weeks Attendance	5:30 p.m.	42	Outside
Last Weeks Attendance	10:00 a.m.	125	2 Outside
Bible Study	35	Sunday School	16 Children

THIS WEEK THE LORD WILLING

Saturday, March 1 Pastor on Vacation	5:30 p.m.	Worship
Sunday, March 2 <i>Guest Preacher Pastor Hagen</i> Pastor on Vacation	8:45 a.m. 8:45 a.m. 10:00 a.m.	Sunday School Adult Bible Study Worship
Monday, March 3 Pastor on Vacation		
Tuesday, March 4 Pastor on Vacation	6:15 p.m.	Choir
Wednesday, March 5 Ash Wednesday	11:00 a.m. 11:45 a.m. 5:30 p.m. 5:30 p.m. 6:30 p.m.	Ash Wednesday Service Lenten lunch Confirmation Lenten Supper Ash Wednesday Service
Thursday, March 6	9:30 a.m.	LWML
Friday March 7	9:00 a.m.	Bulletin Assembled
Saturday, March 8	8:00 a.m. 5:30 p.m.	Men's Network Worship
Sunday, March 9	8:45 a.m. 8:45 a.m. 10:00 a.m.	Sunday School Adult Bible Study Worship



ST. MATTHEW AT PRAYER



NEW/UPDATED REQUESTS THIS WEEK

Bob Smith (Cancer)
Lylah Koester (Recovering)

Those Hospitalized

Don Timmermann, friend of Angi Lindley
Lincoln Wright, great nephew of Carole Hartley

Those Who Have Cancer

Nancy Alnuth, sister of Billie Terrill
Adam Kershaw, brother of Travis Kershaw
Reggie Larson, boss & friend of Anni Stevens
Kate Snyder, daughter-in-law of Deb Snyder
Pam Whittington

THOSE RECOVERING

Jerry De Loose
Jesse Kieger, nephew of Pastor Larson
John Leonard
Lisa Martens
Donna Potter, friend of Eileen Leonard
John Tingle
Lee Tobin

CONTINUING REQUESTS

Candy Carmack (health Problems)
Ashley Shaffer & unborn baby, friends of the Lindley's (pregnancy complications)
Wendy Gurnwald, daughter of Janet Meeks (hospice)
Jean Miles (hospice)
Tami Newell Family (house burned down)
Carolyn Seawright, friend of Vicki Lude (health problems)

SERVING IN THE ARMED FORCES—THANK YOU FOR YOUR SERVICE

Lieutenant Zach Chapman
Kyle Mandle (Stationed in Norfolk, VA)
Lieutenant Adam Witmer (Iowa National Guard)