

Holy Week Schedule 2025



Palm Sunday - Divine Service with Communion
Saturday, April 12, 5:30 p.m.
Sunday, April 13, 10:00 a.m.

Maundy Thursday - Thursday, April 17
Divine Service with Communion - 6:30 p.m.



Good Friday - Friday, April 18
Tenebrae Service (Service of Darkness) - 6:30 p.m.

No Saturday Evening Service

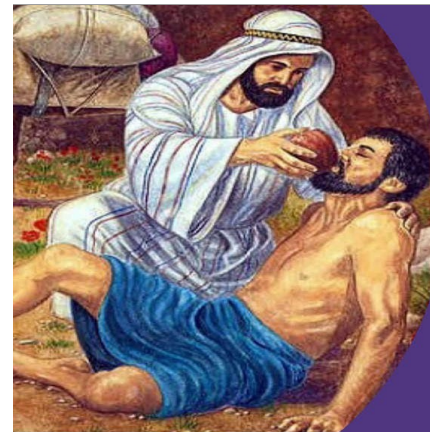
Easter Day - Sunday, April 20
Sunrise Divine Service with Communion - 7:00 a.m.
Easter Breakfast—8:00 a.m.
8:45 a.m. Sunday School
Divine Easter Service with Communion - 10:00 a.m.



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*Third Sunday in Lent
March 22 & 23, 2025*



parable of the
**GOOD
SAMARITAN**

Luke 10:25-37

And behold, a lawyer stood up to put him to the test, saying, "Teacher, what shall I do to inherit eternal life?" He said to him, "What is written in the Law? How do you read it?" And he answered, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind, and your neighbor as yourself." And he said to him, "You have answered correctly; do this, and you will live." But he, desiring to justify himself, said to Jesus, "And who is my neighbor?" Jesus replied, "A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and he fell among robbers, who stripped him and beat him and departed, leaving him half dead. Now by chance a priest was going down that road, and when he saw him he passed by on the other side. So likewise a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. But a Samaritan, as he journeyed, came to where he was, and when he saw him, he had compassion. He went to him and bound up his wounds, pouring on oil and wine. Then he set him on his own animal and brought him to an inn and took care of him. And the next day he took out two denarii and gave them to the innkeeper, saying, 'Take care of him, and whatever more you spend, I will repay you when I come back.' Which of these three, do you think, proved to be a neighbor to the man who fell among the robbers?" He said, "The one who showed him mercy." And Jesus said to him, "You go, and do likewise."

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.

MARCH MISSION

The LWML is collecting monetary gifts for the East Side Mission in Davenport. The proceeds are to assist them in purchasing needed Baptism items. If you would like to donate, please put money in the box on the table in the hallway. We will be collecting the entire month of March. Questions? Contact Deb Toal.

MILAN CHRISTIAN FOOD PANTRY

The Milan Christian Food Pantry, in partnership with First Presbyterian Church, offers a helpful service to those who can't travel to the pantry themselves. If you or someone you know from the Milan area needs food assistance and is unable to get to the pantry, they can arrange a delivery.

To take advantage of this service:

1. Call the First Presbyterian Church office at 309-787-4661 to set up a delivery.
 2. Deliveries occur on the first and last Thursday of each month.
 3. You can receive a delivery once a month
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MILAN CHRISTIAN FOOD PANTRY

Easter Meal Giveaway

The Pantry is once again giving away 50 complete meal baskets for Easter. We will draw 50 names from our client list. Because of increases in food costs, we are asking the 5 churches to contribute food items before April 6th. St. Matthew is being asked to donate 100 15 ounce cans of corn. A table for collection will be set up in the hallway.

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.

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

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 **April 12, 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 **April 19, 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 Angi Lindley.

SERMON SERIES FOR MAERCH

PARABLES OF



MAR. 22-23 THE GOOD SAMARITAN
LUKE 10

MAR . 29-30 THE SHREWD MANAGER
LUKE 16

APRIL 5-6 THE PRODIGAL SON
LUKE 16

Flowers	Cherryl Mueller	Amy Hunt
Lay Assistant	5:30 p.m. Al Nordstrom	10:00 a.m. Doug Teggatz
Altar	Sue Witmer & Amy Hunt	

ATTENDANCE			
Last Weeks Attendance	5:30 p.m.	45	Outside
Last Weeks Attendance	10:00 a.m.	130	2 Outside
Bible Study 30	Sunday School	20 Children	

THIS WEEK THE LORD WILLING

Saturday, March 22	9:00 a.m. 5:30 p.m.	Women's Bible Study Worship
Sunday, March 23	8:45 a.m. 8:45 a.m. 10:00 a.m.	Sunday School Adult Bible Study Worship w/ Baptism of Callieann Flickinger Melanie Flickinger gym
Monday, March 24		
Tuesday, March 25	6:15 p.m.	Choir
Wednesday, March 26	11:00 a.m. 11:45 a.m. 5:30 p.m. 5:30 p.m. 6:30 p.m.	Lenten Service Lenten lunch Confirmation Lenten Supper Lenten Service
Thursday, March 27	6:30 p.m.	Council
Friday March 28	9:00 a.m. 7:10 p.m.	Bulletin Assembled Storm Game
Saturday, March 29	5:30 p.m.	Worship
Sunday, March 30	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

Janet Neece (hospitalized)
Melba Grosneu, friend of Holdsworth & Lindley family (hospitalized)
Mry Sand, Aunt of Sherry Teggatz (hospitalized)
Randy Tharp (knee problems)
Sue Willems, friend of Cindy Nordstrom (Cancer)
Terry, friend of Jill Tharp (Holy Spirit Work faith in him)
Dalton Oak & Kendall, son of Lynne Bickle (lost everything in fire)

Those Who Mourn

Family & Friends of Aspen Carothers, friend of the Holdsworth & Lindley Family
Family & Friends of Bev Dorsey, sister of Ron Gress

Those Who Have Cancer

Nancy Alnuth, sister of Billie Terrill
Danielle Holdsworth Adam Kershaw, brother of Travis Kershaw
Reggie Larson, boss & friend of Anni Stevens
Jean Rhone, neighbor of the Stevens Family
Bob Smith
Kate Snyder, daughter-in-law of Deb Snyder
Pam Whittington

THOSE RECOVERING

Larry Garmoe Jesse Kieger, nephew of Pastor Larson
Lylah Koester John Leonard
Lisa Martens
Allen Phillips, friend of the Peter's Family

CONTINUING REQUESTS

Candy Carmack (health Problems)
Wendy Gurnwald, daughter of Janet Meeks (hospice)
Jean Miles (hospice)
Tami Newell Family (house burned down)
Carolyn Seawright, friend of Vicki Lude (health problems)
Ruthie Wilfong, friend of Eileen Leonard (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)