

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.



Palm Sunday / Passion of Our Lord April 12 & 13, 2025



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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.

The Triumphal Entry

The crowds that went ahead of him and those that followed shouted, "Hosanna to the Son of David!"
Matthew 21:9a (NIV)

The puzzle is based on Matthew 21:1-11 (NIV).



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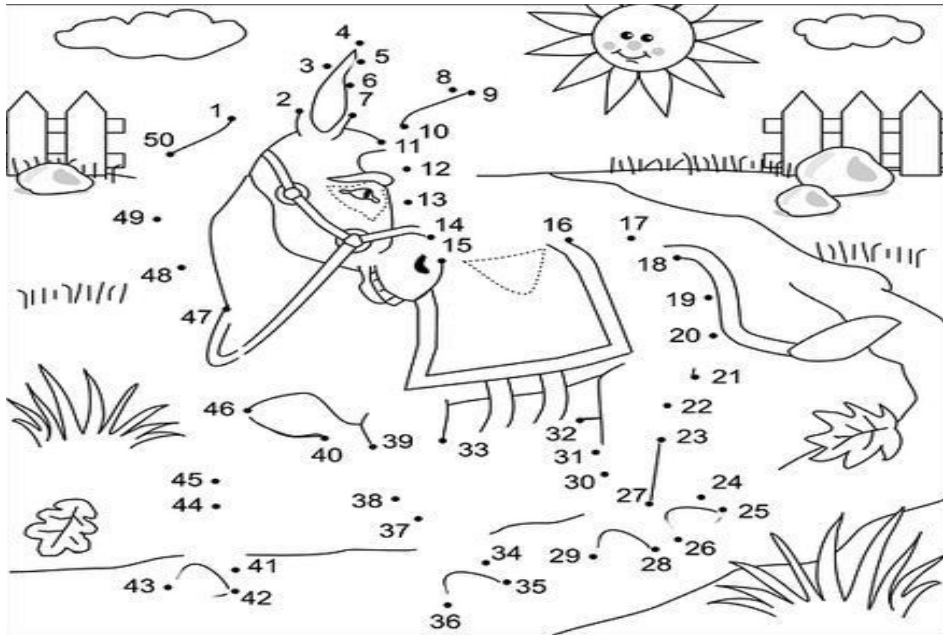
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The crowds that went ahead of him and those that followed shouted "_____ to the Son of David!" Matthew 21:9a (NIV)

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HERE ARE SOME CLUES IN CASE YOU NEED HELP!

1. A small animal similar to a horse that has long ears. Matthew 21:2(NIV)
2. A young male horse (or donkey). Matthew 21:2 (NIV)
3. To call out in a loud voice. Matthew 21:9 (NIV)
4. The opposite of behind. Matthew 21:9 (NIV)
5. A male ruler of a country. Matthew 21:5 (NIV)



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**, May 6, 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.

MOWERS NEEDED....

If you want to help mow the St. Matthew property, **please sign up on the sheet on the bulletin board C**. You will be responsible for a week at a time, from Monday to Sunday. You will be made aware if there are any funerals or weddings. If you have questions call Norm Mandle or Joel Chapman.



Lydia Raeann Lester

April 13, 2025 at the 10:00 Service

Daughter of Jacob & Audrey Lester

**Sponsors: Brylee Blanning
Ryan Ferkel**

Flowers	The Nordstroms	John & Cindy Leonard Celebrating "18th" Anniversary
Lay Assistant	5:30 p.m. Dennis Ziegler	10:00 a.m. Dean Young
Altar	Susan De Loose & Vicki Lude	

ATTENDANCE			
Last Weeks Attendance	5:30 p.m.	55	Outside
Last Weeks Attendance	10:00 a.m.	127	2 Outside
Bible Study 38	Sunday School	23 Children	

THIS WEEK THE LORD WILLING

Saturday, April 12	8:00 a.m. 5:30 p.m.	Men's Network Worship
Sunday, April 13 Palm Sunday	8:45 a.m. 8:45 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m.	Sunday School Adult Bible Study Worship w/ Baptism of Lydia Lester Brandi Gale (gym)
Monday, April 14	6:30 p.m.	Mission & Ministry (CFO)
Tuesday, April 15	6:15 p.m.	Choir
Wednesday, April 16		
Thursday, April 17	6:30 p.m. 7:30 p.m.	Worship w/Communion Youth Practice
Friday March April 18	9:00 a.m. 5:00 p.m. 6:30 p.m.	OFFICE CLOSSES AT 11:00 Bulletin Assembled Youth Pizza & Practice Tenebrae Service
Saturday, April 19	8:30 a.m.	Easter Breakfast Set-Up NO WORSHIP SERVICE
Sunday, April 20 Christ Is Risen! He Is Risen Indeed! Alleluia!!!	7:00 a.m. 8:00 a.m. 8:45 a.m. 10:00 a.m.	Sunrise Service Easter Breakfast Sunday School Easter Worship

YOUTH GROUP OPPORTUNITIES

Sundays 13, 8:45 we will be working on the Good Friday worship service.

Thursday 4/17 7:30pm We will have a quick practice for the Youth's parts in the Good Friday service. This should not take very long (30-45 minutes) and we will begin right after Maundy Thursday Service ends

Friday 4/18 Good Friday Service. Meet at 5pm or as soon as you can so we can run through the service before 6:30. We will provide pizza for supper. Please let Greg know what time you will be there so we can plan accordingly.

Saturday 4/19 Easter breakfast set-up. We are planning to start at 8:30am and we can use all the help we can get. Final set-up and food preparation needs to be completed. We usually finish between 11:00 and noon. Also talk to Greg about when you can help at Easter Breakfast.

Sunday 4/20 Easter Breakfast. Help is needed throughout the morning please consider when you and your family can help.

5:30-6:00am A couple of people are needed to help Greg get things started and put out.

7:00am more people are needed.

If you go to Sunrise Service plan on going into the gym after you leave communion.

8:00-9:?? Help serving the breakfast

9:?? Finish cleaning up. If you went to Sunrise service please plan on staying to help finish cleaning up so the people who came early can go to the 10:00 Worship service.

Questions contact Greg

ST MATTHEW'S COMMUNITY GARDEN

This year we have lots/space for gardens available on our land south of Eriksen's car lot. If you or a friend would like a garden spot contact Greg Mueller or Adam Schroeder. If you would like to help with this new opportunity contact Greg. We have one person who is willing to manage the gardens, but we would like to add additional people to help.

EASTER BREAKFAST DONATIONS.

We are still in need of a few more items for the youth's Easter breakfast. There is a sign up sheet located in the hallway. Questions, contact Greg Mueller

Please bring your food/paper donations by Friday April 18. We will be preparing for the breakfast Saturday morning. You can place your items on the kitchen's counter or in the refrigerator. It would be helpful if you could label your item. Cash donations can be put in the offering marked Youth Easter Breakfast. Thank you

FIRE VICTIMS DONATIONS.

Since the first of this year St Matthew has had two families who had their homes totally burned down. Plans are still being developed for possible future fundraising opportunities, yet we would like to begin by collecting gift cards and cash to help with their many expenses due to the fires. Gift cards to large home, gas, and grocery stores and cash are helpful at this time.

Donations can be made to the Fire Victim fund or given in care of the families. Mark your donation to Tami & Tony Newell, or Dalton Oak and Kendall - son of Lynn Bickle or to the Fire Victims Fund. Money donated to the fund will be divided between the two families.

If you have questions or would like to help with possible future fund raisers contact Angie Lindley or Greg Mueller.



ST. MATTHEW



NEW/UPDATED REQUESTS THIS WEEK

All local First Responders
Victims of Myanmar Earth Quake
Margaret Brodale (undergoing Chemo Therapy)
Virginia Garcia, friend of Susan De Loose (health problems)
Anthony Schooly, friend of Matt Miller (health problems)
Jordan Dodd (recovering)
Ruth Fowler, mother of James Fowler (hospitalized)
Jerry De Loose (hospitalized)

Those Hospitalized

Janet Neece

Those Who Mourn

Family & Friends of George Piersen, family member of Pastor Larson
Family & Friends of Mark, brother of Barbara Winchelt
Family & Friends of Mike Green, friend of Kerry & Al Nordstrom

Those Who Have Cancer

Danielle Holdsworth
Bob Smith
Kate Snyder, daughter-in-law of Deb Snyder
Pam Whittington
Sue Willems, friend of Cindy Nordstrom

THOSE RECOVERING

Lylah Koester
John Leonard

CONTINUING REQUESTS

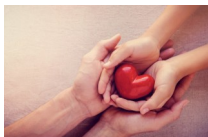
Wendy Grunwald, daughter of Janet Meeks (hospice)
Jean Miles (hospice)
Tami Newell Family (house burned down)
Dalton Oak & Kendall, son of Lynne Bickle (lost everything in fire)
Carolyn Seawright, friend of Vicki Lude (health problems)

SERVING IN THE ARMED FORCES—THANK YOU FOR YOUR SERVICE

Captain Zach Chapman (Utah National Guard)
Petty Officer 1st Class Kyle Mandle (Stationed in Diego Garcia Indian Ocean Territory)
Lieutenant Adam Witmer (Iowa National Guard)

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

May 4	Confirmation Sunday 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

EASTER LILIES

If you would like to help beautify the altar for Easter there is now an Easter Lily sign up sheet on bulletin board A. The cost this year is \$10.00. Please put your payment in the offering and please note "Easter Lilies" on your envelope. Contact Vicki Lude if you have any questions.



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

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.

CRAFTS & CONVERSATION

Ladies, let's get together for Crafts and Conversation on **May 15, 2025 at 9:30 a.m. and June 12, 2025 at 6:30 p.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.

IT'S THAT TIME AGAIN... LUTHERAN WITNESS

It's that time again to order your Lutheran Witness. The cost this year is \$20.65 for 11 issues. June/July are together. **If you would like to renew or start receiving a copy please let the church office know by April 21.** This subscription will start in June. Any questions, call the church office.