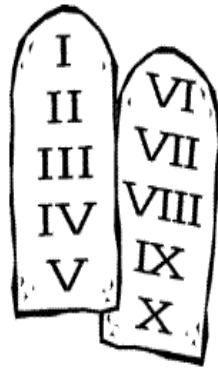


# The Ten Commandments

And God spoke all these words: "I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of Egypt, out of the land of slavery.  
"You shall have no other gods before me." Exodus 20:1-3

Based on Exodus 20:1-17 (NIV)



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## Third Sunday Of Easter Confirmation Sunday April 27, 2025



*Heath Bull*  
*John 8:12*

*Lucas Housby*  
*Ephesians 2:8-9*

*Lorali Mandlle*  
*Acts 16:31*

*Evan Wynn*  
*Matthew 6:33*

## 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](http://www.stmatthewmilan.org) and our phone number at the church is (309) 787-4295. Thanks for joining us for worship!

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### 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.

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**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.

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**If you need a large print bulletin or would like to use a hearing impaired device, please speak with an Usher or Lay Assistant.**

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### 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 23-27, 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](http://www.StMatthewMilan.org).

### 2025 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**

## RECEPTION FOR CONFIRMANDS—YOU ARE INVITED

Please come to a celebratory coffee and cake reception at 9 a.m. on Sunday May 4 being given to recognize our 2025 confirmands; Heath Bull, Lucas Housby, Lorali Mandle, and Evan Wynn. What a blessed occasion to celebrate! These Youth have diligently studied God's Word and the confessions of our church, and are being confirmed in their faith at the 10 a.m. worship service. Our reception will begin at 9 a.m. Sunday May 4 in the St. Matthew gym. Please come and celebrate with us. There will be NO Adult Bible Study that day.

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## 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.

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## T-SHIRT ROUNDUP.....

Hey Partners in mission....We're looking for cast-off TShirts. These shirts will be transformed into cool jump ropes for Operation Christmas Child boxes. That means we could use lots of old TShirts. Please leave TShirt donations in the little kitchen behind the piano in the back of the sanctuary. Thanks in advance Partners!

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## WANTED: MEN'S NECKTIES

Here's an opportunity to rid closets of out-of-fashion or unneeded ties. We will put them to good use. St. Matthew turns men's neckties into hair scrunchies and coin purses, and then packs them into the Operation Christmas Child boxes. If you've got ties you'd like to donate, please leave them in the little kitchen behind the piano in the back of the sanctuary. Thanks in advance!



## 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](http://stmatthewmilan.org). to get the link.
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## GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP

The Grief support Group will be meeting **Tuesday, May 6, 2025** at 10:30 a.m. If you have any questions, contact Pastor Larson.

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## THE MEN'S NETWORK

Our next Men's Bible Breakfast will be **May 10, 2025** at 8:00am.

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## SATURDAY WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

Join us for a women's Bible study on **May 17, 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.

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## 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.

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## THANK YOU, ST. MATTHEW CONGREGATION!

The Milan Christian Food Pantry extends our heartfelt thanks to the St. Matthew congregation for your generous support. Because of you, we were able to distribute food baskets to 150 local families during Thanksgiving, Christmas, and Easter. We're also grateful for your enthusiasm and appetite—your participation in our Pizza Ranch fundraiser on April 28th helped us raise over \$1,000! Your continued support—through donations, volunteering, and prayer—enables us to fulfill our mission of serving the needs of our neighbors.

**To God be the glory!**

<b>Flowers</b>	The Lindley Family, Honoring CJ's Birthday	
<b>Lay Assistant</b>	5:30 p.m. Jeff Martens	10:00 a.m. Jim Barrows
<b>Altar</b>	Susan De Loose & Vicki Lude	

ATTENDANCE		
<b>Last Weeks Attendance</b>	7:00 p.m. 149	Outside
<b>Last Weeks Attendance</b>	10:00 a.m. 159	2 Outside
<b>Bible Study</b> 40	<b>Sunday School</b> 27 Children	

### THIS WEEK THE LORD WILLING

Saturday, May 3	5:30 p.m.	Worship Service
Sunday, May 4 <i>Youth Confirmation</i>	8:45 a.m. 8:45 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m.	Sunday School Adult Bible Study Worship Service Fellowship after Service
Monday, May 5	5:30 p.m.	Sr. Youth
Tuesday, May 6	10:30 a.m.	Grief Support Group
Wednesday, May 7		
Thursday, May 8		
Friday March May 9	9:00 a.m.	Bulletin Assembled
Saturday, May 10	8:00 a.m. 5:30 p.m.	Men's Network Worship Service
Sunday, May 11 <i>Third Sunday of Easter Mothers Day</i>	8:45 a.m. 8:45 a.m. 10:00 a.m.	Sunday School Adult Bible Study Worship Service

## VBS 2025 JUNE 23—27 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.

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

\_\_\_ 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**



## **St. Matthew Lutheran Church of Milan** **Youth Confirmation Class of 2025**

### **Heath Conroy Bull**

Son of Nick and Trisha Bull

*Born:* May 12, 2012

*Baptized:* June 17, 2012

*Confirmation Verse: When Jesus spoke again to the people, he said, "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life." John 8:12*

### **Lucas James Housby**

Son of Tim and Jessica Housby

*Born:* June 30, 2012

*Baptized:* September 30, 2012

*Confirmation Verse: For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God— not by works, so that no one can boast. Ephesians 2:8-9*

### **Lorali Elizabeth Mandle**

Daughter of Ryan and Catherine Mandle

*Born:* March 21, 2012

*Baptized:* May 27, 2012

*Confirmation Verse: They replied, "Believe in the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved—you and your household." Acts 16:12*

### **Evan Andrew Wynn**

Son of Eric and Valerie Wynn

*Born:* October 25, 2011

*Baptized:* April 21, 2013

*Confirmation Verse: Seek first His Kingdom and His righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well. Matthew 6:33*



## **ST. MATTHEW**



### **NEW/UPDATED REQUESTS THIS WEEK**

Sharon Heinze (recovering)

Danielle Holdsworth (preparing for surgery)

Johnny Tingle (hospitalized this week)

### **Prayer of Thanksgiving**

Birth of Baby Girl to TJ & Hannah Martens

### **Those Who Mourn**

Family & Friends of Neil Dahl, Nephew of Anita Schroeder

### **Those Who are Hospitalized**

Neil Dahl, cousin of Adam Schroeder

Sandy Schumaker, mother of Katie Cober

Marian Robinson, mother of Susan Witmer

### **Those Who Have Cancer**

Margaret Brodale

Bob Smith

Kate Snyder, daughter-in-law of Deb Snyder

Fred Spencer, brother of Sandy Dutler

Pam Whittington

Sue Willems, friend of Cindy Nordstrom

### **THOSE RECOVERING**

Lynn Bickle

Carla, sister in law of Pam Ziegler

Jerry De Loose

Jordan Dodd

Harper Kershaw

Lee Tobin

### **CONTINUING REQUESTS**

Virginia Garcia, friend of Susan De Loose (health problems)

Wendy Grunwald, daughter of Janet Meeks (hospice)

### **SERVING IN THE ARMED FORCES—THANK YOU FOR YOUR SERVICE**

Captain Zach Chapman (Utah National Guard)

Petty Officer 1st Class Kyle Mandle (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

**July 10,11,12** Garage Sale

### Youth

**July 6-9** Garage Sale Set-Up

**July 10,11,12** Garage Sale

**Thursday: 8:00 am to 5:30 pm**

**Friday: 8:00 am to 5:30 pm**

**Saturday: 8:00 am to 11:00 pm**

**Saturday Clean up: 11:15am**

**July 19-22** National Youth Gathering

## VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY:

### FOOD PANTRY AT JOHN DEERE CLASSIC




The **Milan Christian Food Pantry** is once again providing volunteers to help with **parking** at the **John Deere Classic golf tournament**. We still need volunteers for **Saturday, July 5** and **Sunday, July 6**.

#### Shift times (3.5 hours each):

- 7:00 AM
- 10:30 AM
- 2:00 PM

Volunteers will assist with **handicap parking**—a generally low-traffic area.

#### Volunteer Perks:

-  Free pass to the tournament
-  Voucher for one round of golf at TPC Deere Run
-  Free ticket to “Concerts on the Course”
  - o Saturday: **Dierks Bentley**
  - o Sunday: **Zac Brown Band**

If you'd like to help, please contact:



Al Nordstrom – 309-798-8609



[NordstromAlanW@gmail.com](mailto:NordstromAlanW@gmail.com)

## CRAFTS & CONVERSATION

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