

ST. MATTHEW OFFICERS 2026

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May 9 & 10
MOTHER'S DAY



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!

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.

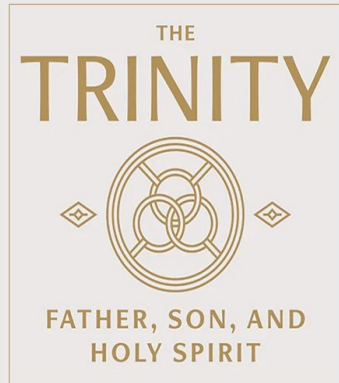
NURSERY NEWS:

We have Adults staffing the nursery during worship services. Please feel free to drop your kids off with the adult attendee. Located at the back of the church behind the organ.

We are looking to freshen up the nursery. Looking for suggestions that you might have. Any questions contact Greg Mueller, Summer Lindley or Kayla Holdsworth.

We have an abundance of yard mulch and would very much like to share. Anyone who would like some mulch is welcome to take it anytime now; as whatever is left will be leaving us by **JUNE 1st**

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SERMON SERIES FOR MAY

MAY 9-10	THE LOVE OF THE FATHER MOTHER'S DAY - 1 ST JOHN 3
MAY 16-17	THE GRACE OF THE SON ASCENSION SUNDAY - EPHESIANS 1
MAY 23-24	THE FELLOWSHIP OF THE SPIRIT PENTECOST - ACTS 2
MAY 30-31	HOLY HOLY HOLY TRINITY SUNDAY - MATTHEW 28

PLEASE PICK UP THE PORTALS OF PRAYERS DEVOTIONALS

THEY ARE ON THE TABLE IN THE HALLWAY ACROSS FROM THE LWML TABLE. WE HAVE THREE DIFFERENT SIZES FOR YOUR READING PLEASURE!

THESE ARE FROM APRIL—JUNE

COMING AGAIN IN JULY—ST. MATTHEW’S ANNUAL YARD SALE

START GATHERING ALL YOUR TREASURES TO DONATE!!

SALE DATES ARE JULY 16, 17, 18

Drop Off dates will be Sunday 12, Monday 13, Tuesday, 14 and Wednesday 15—times are TBD

NO DROP OFFs here at the church until after VBS in late June.

Financial Team Volunteer Needed

Are you looking for a volunteer opportunity that requires less than six hours per month? Are you detail oriented and conscientious? Consider becoming an assistant on the Financial Team!

Financial Assistants work with the Financial Secretary, or his/her delegate, to count contributions made by check or cash, following an established procedure. The new volunteer would rotate with other Financial Assistants, working for two to three hours, roughly once every two weeks.

Call Vicki Lude (309-592-3840), Karen Walters (309-738-5985), or Heather Schweneker (563-343-3590) to learn more and verify that the opportunity is a good match for you!

Meanwhile, the Financial Team asks that the congregation pray that suitable volunteers come forward. Thank you!

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

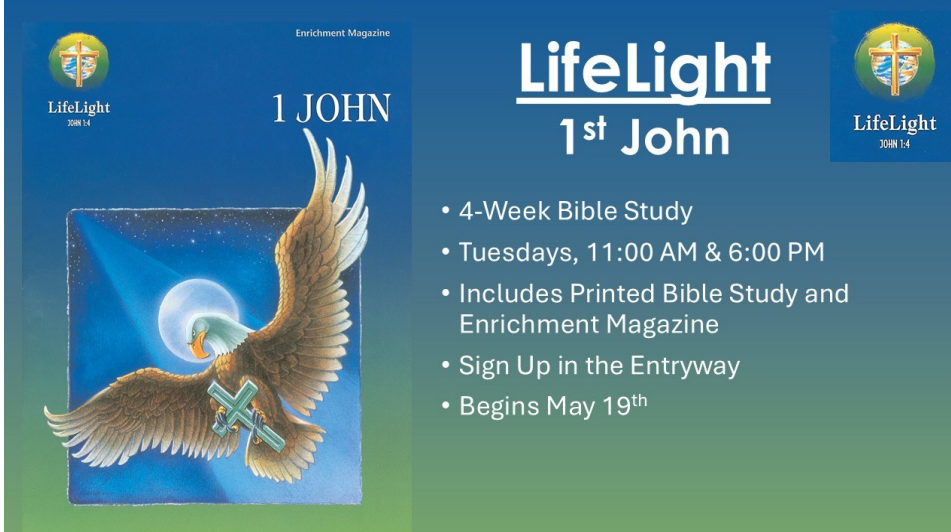
The Grief support Group will be meeting **May 12, 2026** at 10:30 a.m. If you have any questions, contact Pastor Larson.

THE MEN’S NETWORK

Our next Men's Bible Breakfast will be **June 13,2026** at 8:00am. If you have any questions, contact Pastor Larson..

SATURDAY WOMEN’S BIBLE STUDY

Join us for a women’s Bible study on **May 16, 2026**. We are watching The Chosen. We meet from 9-11am in the Fellowship Room. Childcare and snacks will be provided. Any questions or concerns, please contact Angi Lindley.



The advertisement features a blue background with a central image of an eagle with its wings spread, holding a glowing cross. The text is white and yellow. On the left, it says 'Enrichment Magazine' and 'LifeLight JOHN 14'. In the center, it says '1 JOHN'. On the right, it says 'LifeLight 1st John'. Below the title, there is a list of details: '4-Week Bible Study', 'Tuesdays, 11:00 AM & 6:00 PM', 'Includes Printed Bible Study and Enrichment Magazine', 'Sign Up in the Entryway', and 'Begins May 19th'. There are also small LifeLight logos in the top corners.

Flowers	The Lindley Family In Memory of CJ's 22nd Birthday Vicki Lude in Memory of her mother Florence Lude	
Lay Assistant	5:30 p.m. Dennis Ziegler	10:00 a.m. Jeff Martens
Altar	Vicki Lude and Susan Witmer	

ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK:	5:30 P.M. 54	10:00 A.M. 156
ADULT BIBLE CLASS:	NONE	
SUNDAY SCHOOL:	20	

Saturday, May 9	8:00 a.m.	Men's Bible Breakfast
	5:30 p.m.	Worship
Sunday, May 10 <i>Mother's Day</i>	8:45 a.m.	Sunday School
	8:45	Bible Study
	10:00	Worship
Monday, May 11	6:00 p.m.	CFO & Youth Meeting
Tuesday, May 12	10:30 a.m.	Grief Support Group
Wednesday, May 13		
Thursday, May 14	6:00 p.m.	Bible Study—Miracles
Friday, May 15	9:00 a.m.	Bulletin Assembly
Saturday, May 16	9:00 a.m.	Women's Bible Study
	5:30 p.m.	Worship
Sunday, May 17 <i>Ascension Sunday</i> <i>Adult Confirmation</i>	8:45 a.m.	Adult Bible Class
	8:45 a.m.	Sunday School
	10:00 a.m.	Worship

LWML NEWS—

BABY BOTTLE DRIVE—PREGNANCY RESOURCES



QC Pregnancy Resources Baby Bottles 2026



*"Little Ones to HIM belong;
They are weak but HE is Strong."*

Please help protect the sanctity of human life.

St. Matthew is again participating in the QC Pregnancy Resources annual Baby Bottle fund raiser.

Please pick up a baby bottle from the display in the entryway, Insert your donation, then return the bottle by Father's Day, June 21..

Your gifts are transforming lives; Your gifts are saving lives.
Learn more about this work at www.qcpregnancypartners.org



UPCOMING EVENTS

Plan on joining us for upcoming opportunities for food, fun, fellowship and service. Have a suggestion for a future activity, contact one of the following: Greg Mueller; Angie Lindley, Susan Witmer, Danielle Holdsworth, Heather Snyder, Jennifer Crawford, Summer Lindley, Mikayla Holdsworth, Rob Van Severen, Aaron & Erica Peters, Lynn Bickle, Liz Funkhouser and Cindy Perkins.

Mark your Calendar for May 27th Family Fun Night

Starts at 5:30 p.m.

Hot dogs and Hamburgers provided; please bring a dish to share.

Outdoor games will be played, if the weather is good. You can also play basketball, pickleball and a variety of board games.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY: FOOD PANTRY AT THE 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 4 and Sunday, July 5. Shift times (3.5 hours each) - 7:00 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Volunteers will assist with handicap parking—a generally low traffic area.

Volunteer Perks:

Free Pass to the tournament

Free ticket to “concerts on the course”

Saturday—Carrie Underwood

Sunday—Old Dominion

Contact: Al Nordstrom

at 309-798-8609 or

NordstromAlanW@gmail.com



ST. MATTHEW AT PRAYER



Hospitalized :

Cindy Leonard (at Trinity, Rock Island)

Janelle Finke (surgery on her neck); friend of Teresa Rusch

Additional Illnesses/Requests:

Jim Le Claire (hip surgery) Uncle to Lisa Martens, Tom Parchert, Sara Kershaw

Larry Bennett (now with a virus); brother of Jim Bennett

Carol Allen (recent diagnosis of pancreatic cancer); sister of Mary Donegan

Debbie Kershaw (recovering from surgery); mother of Travis Kershaw

Al Nordstrom (recovering from Gallbladder surgery)

Janet Lang (stroke); sister of Judy Philips

Lori McFate (undergoing treatment); sister of Jodi Kurtenbach

Heather Snyder (Health Concerns)

Prayers of Thanksgiving:

Those Who Moun:

Family and Friends of Shirley Teggatz; mother of Doug Teggatz

Family and Friends of Cydney Brasher; future daughter-in-law of Julie Beck

Those who have Cancer

Susan Brown (recent cancer diagnosis); daughter-in-law of Ken Brown

Bethany (Cancer Diagnosis); friend of Heather Synder

Judy Dunning, cousin of Carole Hartley

Becky Erhart (undergoing cancer treatment); friend of Deb Wollenburg

Janelle Fink (Spinal Tumor); friend of Teresa Rusch

Michael Grouell, nephew of Al & Kerry Nordstrom (Lung Cancer)

Cassie Himebauch, friend of Hollyne Wagner & Family (Breast Cancer)

Jan Johnson, sister of Linda Kurtenbach

Debbie Kershaw, mother of Travis Kershaw (Bladder Cancer)

Sharon Knipe, Sister of Mary Newswander (Stage 4 Cancer)

Debbie Krieger (undergoing cancer treatment); sister of Pastor Larson

Al Nordstrom (Kidney Cancer)

Deanna Paulsen, sister-in-law of Kelly & Sandy Stevens

Darla Phelps, friend of Kurt & Lisa Jagers (fighting cancer)

Kate Snyder, daughter-in-law of Deb Snyder



PRAYERS CONTINUED



Those Recovering

Carol Applequist (at Silvis Center)
 Rick Bennett (recovering at home from back surgery); Jim Bennett's brother
 Sloane Martens (beginning Chemotherapy and home)
 Joel Chapman (successful surgery and recovering at home))
 Karen Edmund (at home)
 AJ Gale (recovering at home from Surgery)
 Fred Flickinger, Father of Dave Flickinger (recovering at home)
 Barb Mueller (at home)
 Cindi Terrell (at home)
 Dennis Tenney; husband of Kelly Tenney (at home)
 Walter Wermuth (recovering at Hope Creek); friend of James Fowler
 Nancy Williams (recovering at Friendship Village, Waterloo)

CONTINUING REQUESTS:

Wendy Grunwald, daughter of Janet Meeks

SERVING IN THE ARMED FORCES—THANK YOU FOR YOUR SERVICE

Avery Carter, USS Tripoli (Deployed to the Middle East)
 Captain Zach Chapman (Deployed to Italy)
 Petty Officer 1st Class Kyle Mandle (Diego Garcia Indian Ocean Territory)
 Lieutenant Adam Witmer (Now home—Iowa National Guard)

CRAFTS AND CONVERSATION INVITE YOU TO A SPECIAL EVENT THIS MONTH:

On May 21st at 6:00 p.m. Jennifer Crawford will be helping us paint a fun Spring picture. This is open to all adults. Bring friends. We must have an accurate count by **Sunday, May 17th**. A sign up sheet and further details are on the sign up table in the hallway.



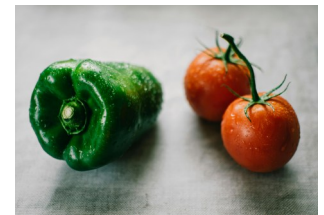
2026 VBS June 22-26

Mark your calendars and join us for a “Tropical Trek” where we will learn how Jesus came to seek and save the lost. This is a great week of fun, singing, crafts, refreshments and learning. Friends are always welcome to join us. We pray your child will join us June 22-26. If you are interested in helping at VBS contact Linda Tobin, Chris Chapman or Greg Mueller.

Operation Christmas Child Update:

Do you need tomato or pepper plants for your garden?

OCC will have tomato and pepper plant starts available after services on May 16 & 17 in the Gathering Room. The cost is a donation to the Operation Christmas Child fund to help purchase items and to cover the shipping cost. Thanks for all of the donations of socks and toothbrushes!!



The next items we'll collect are school supplies after the back-to-school sales begin.

Diane Mueller