

# ST. MATTHEW OFFICERS 2026

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## Mission & Ministry

### Congregation Life/Outreach

Kayla Holdsworth, Summer Lindley, Aaron Peters,  
Rob Van Severen, Susan Witmer and Lynn Bickle

### Youth & Education

Jennifer Crawford, Liz Funkhouser, Danielle Holdsworth,  
Angi Lindley, Krista Peters, Heather Snyder and Cindy Perkins

### Lay Assistants

Jim Barrows	Jeff Martens
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Mr. Joel Chapman, RN, Parish Nurse

## May 16 & 17 Ascension Sunday



Ascension Sunday  
Luke 24: 44-53

## 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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**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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### NURSERY NEWS:

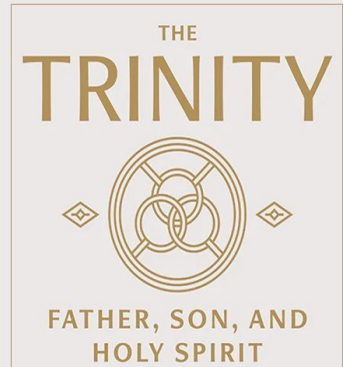
We have Adults staffing the nursery during worship services. Please feel free to drop your kids off with the adult attendee. Located at the back of the church behind the organ.

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.

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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**

HOLY HOLY  
HOLY



### SERMON SERIES FOR MAY

MAY 9-10	THE LOVE OF THE FATHER MOTHER'S DAY - 1 <sup>ST</sup> 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](http://stmatthewmilan.org). to get the link.

### GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP

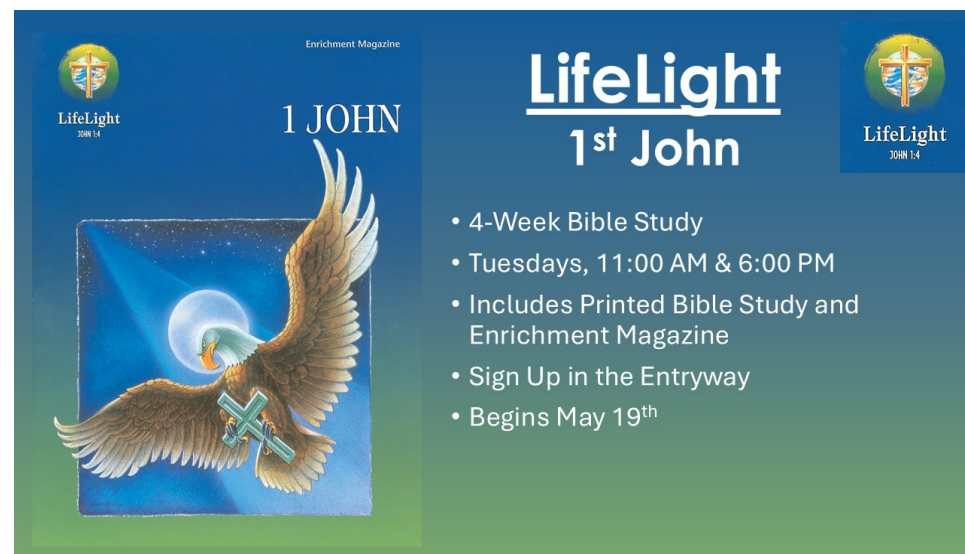
The Grief support Group will be meeting **June 3, 2026** at 10:30 a.m. If you have any questions, contact Pastor Larson.

### 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 **June 20, 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 central image of an eagle with its wings spread, holding a glowing cross in its talons. The background is a dark blue sky with a bright light source. The text is arranged around this image. At the top left, there is a small circular logo with a cross and the text 'LifeLight JOHN 14'. To the right of the eagle, the text '1 JOHN' is written in a large, white, serif font. At the top right, the text 'Enrichment Magazine' is written in a small, white, sans-serif font. Below the eagle, the text 'LifeLight 1st John' is written in a large, white, serif font. At the bottom right, there is a list of bullet points in a white, sans-serif font. The entire advertisement is set against a dark blue background with a green gradient at the bottom.

Enrichment Magazine

LifeLight  
JOHN 14

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LifeLight  
1st John

LifeLight  
JOHN 14

- 4-Week Bible Study
- Tuesdays, 11:00 AM & 6:00 PM
- Includes Printed Bible Study and Enrichment Magazine
- Sign Up in the Entryway
- Begins May 19<sup>th</sup>

<b>Flowers</b>	No Flowers this week	
<b>Lay Assistant</b>	5:30 p.m. Gil Linenberger	10:00 a.m. Doug Teggatz
<b>Altar</b>	Vicki Lude and Susan Witmer	

**ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK:** 5:30 P.M. 49 10:00 A.M. 164

ADULT BIBLE CLASS: 45 SUNDAY SCHOOL: 20

Saturday, May 16	9:00 a.m.	Ladies Bible Study
	5:30 p.m.	Worship
Sunday, May 17 <i>Ascension Sunday</i> <i>Adult Confirmation</i>	8:45 a.m.	Sunday School
	8:45 a.m.	Bible Study
	10:00 a.m.	Worship
Monday, May 18	6:00 p.m.	YOUTH
	8:30 p.m.	
	6:00 p.m.	Bible Journaling
Tuesday, May 19	11:00 a.m.	Pastor's NEW Bible Study
	6:00 p.m.	Pastor's NEW Bible Study
Wednesday, May 20		
Thursday, May 21	6:00 p.m.	LWML Paint Party—Gym
	6:00 p.m.	Lay Assistants Meeting
Friday, May 22	9:00 a.m.	Bulletin Assembly
Saturday, May 23	5:30 p.m.	Worship
Sunday, May 24 <i>Pentecost Sunday</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](http://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 & Krista Peters, Lynn Bickle, Liz Funkhouser and Cindy Perkins.

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### Mark your Calendar for May 27th Family Fun Night Starts at 5:30 p.m.

Hot dogs, Hamburgers and drinks 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/card games.

### NEXT MARK ON YOUR CALENDAR—FAMILY FUN DAY—SATURDAY, JUNE 13 FROM 11:00-2:00.

Hot dogs, Whiteys ice cream, cookies, and bounce house/water FUN. We will need some canopy tents to set up in the front yard; if you have any we could borrow; please let Greg know.

### 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 :

Chris Plohr—In ICU after a car accident; cousin of John Leonard  
Rick Pierson—Heart Surgery Friday; brother-in-law of Pastor Larson  
Violet Kiew—2 yr. old diagnosed with leukemia; friend of Rusch Family  
Cindy Leonard (at Trinity, Rock Island)

#### Additional Illnesses/Requests:

Heather Synder (Health Concerns)

#### Prayers of Thanksgiving:

Jason Wehr (heart surgery that was successful); son-in-law of Ross Mandle

#### Those Who Mourn:

#### Those who have Cancer

Carol Allen (recent diagnosis of pancreatic cancer); sister of Mary Donegan  
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)  
 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)  
 Debbie Kershaw (recovering from surgery); mother of Travis Kershaw  
 Al Nordstrom (recovering from Gallbladder surgery)

### 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.



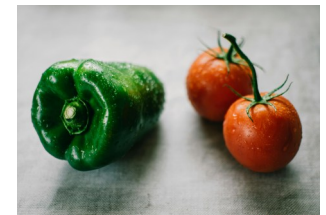
## 2026 VBS June 22-26

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