

ST. MATTHEW OFFICERS 2026

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May 23 & 24 Pentecost Sunday



Pentecost Sunday
Acts 2

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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THE
TRINITY



FATHER, SON, AND
HOLY SPIRIT

SERMON SERIES FOR MAY

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| 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 |

Introducing...

(Secretaries
and Administra-
tors in Lutheran
Fellowship)

The Rock Island Circuit has 12 churches, 10 of which have secretaries/administrators. The secretaries have begun a new partnership in our Circuit ministry; one that supports each other in their positions by sharing ideas, problem solving together, and praying for one another. They are also working together to provide opportunities for our Circuit churches to connect through fellowship, service events, and worship. Watch your bulletin for upcoming events and a special fundraiser that everyone can enjoy in 2027, all....year.....long!

First event—Faith & Family Night at the Ball Park

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,
(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

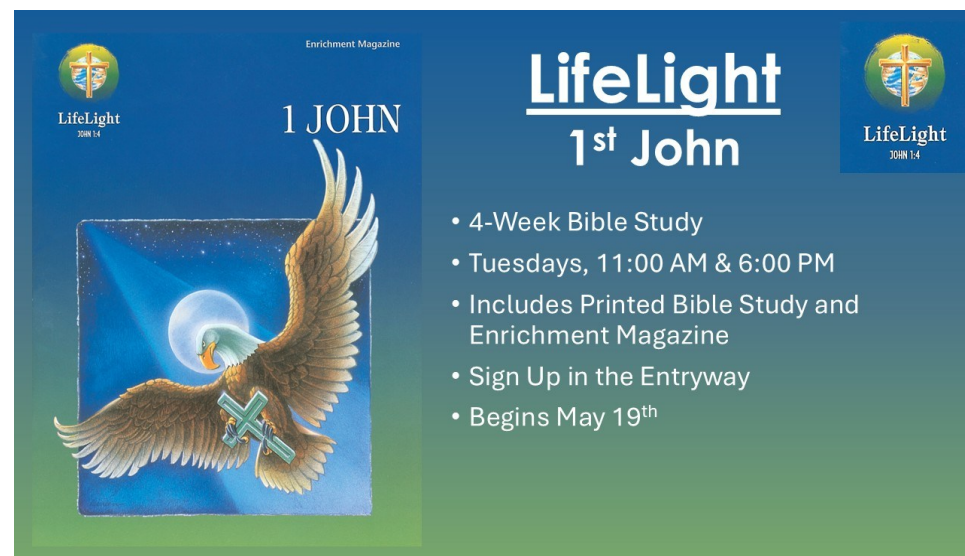
The Grief support Group will be meeting **June 3, 2026** at 10:30 a.m. If you have any questions, contact Pastor Larson.

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 blue background with a central image of an eagle with its wings spread, holding a cross in its talons. The eagle is set against a circular light effect. Text on the left includes 'Enrichment Magazine' at the top, 'LifeLight JOHN 14' in a small box, and '1 JOHN' in large white letters. On the right, 'LifeLight' is written in a large, white, serif font, with '1st John' below it in a smaller, white, sans-serif font. A list of details is provided on the right side.

- 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 19th

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| Flowers | No Flowers this week | |
| Lay Assistant | 5:30 p.m. Dean Young | 10:00 a.m. Adam Schroeder |
| Altar | Vicki Lude and Susan Witmer | |

ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK: 5:30 P.M. 47 10:00 A.M. 121

ADULT BIBLE CLASS: 38 SUNDAY SCHOOL: 15

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| Saturday, May 23 | 5:30 p.m. | Worship |
| Sunday, May 24 Pentecost Sunday | 8:45a.m. 8:5 a.m. 10:00a.m. | Sunday School Bible Study Worship |
| Monday, May 25 MEMORIAL DAY | | HOLIDAY Office will be closed |
| Tuesday, May 26 | 11:00 a.m. 6:00 p.m. | Pastor's NEW Bible Study Pastor's NEW Bible Study |
| Wednesday, May 27 | 5:30 p.m. | Family Fellowship Night (Potluck) |
| Thursday, May 28 | 6:00 p.m. | Bible Study On "Miracles" |
| Friday, May 29 | 9:00 a.m. | Bulletin Assembly |
| Saturday, May 30 | Noon—3:30 5:30 p.m. | Van Severen Rental of Gym Worship |
| Sunday, May 31 Holy Trinity Sunday | 8:45a.m. 8:45a.m. 10:00a.m. | Adult Bible Class Sunday School 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 & Krista 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, 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 13th 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.**

HEADS UP FOR OUR UPCOMING
FAITH AND FAMILY NIGHT AT
THE BALL PARK—SATURDAY
JULY 11TH AT 5:30 P.M. The cost is
only \$15.00—you get your ticket, a
ballpark hot dog, chips and a drink!!

**We are planning on including our
entire church circuit for a great time
at the ball park!! Sign up sheet to becoming out soon!**



ST. MATTHEW AT PRAYER



Hospitalized :

Violet Kiew—2 yr. old diagnosed with leukemia; friend of Rusch Family
Sharon Ballinger (Hospitalized); friend of Ken Brown

Additional Illnesses/Requests:

Heather Synder (Health Concerns)
Simeon Teggatz (recovering from surgery); son of Josh & Rachel Teggatz
Carol Allen (entered Hospice care); sister of Mary Donegan

Prayers of Thanksgiving:

Cindy Leonard (recovering at home)

Those Who Moun:

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

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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 at home)
 Karen Edmund (at home)
 AJ Gale (recovering at home from Surgery)
 Fred Flickinger, Father of Dave Flickinger (recovering at home)
 Walter Wermuth (recovering at Hope Creek); friend of James Fowler

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)

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!

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.

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
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