

ST. MATTHEW OFFICERS 2026

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May 2 & 3 CONFIRMATION SUNDAY



Confirmation
Romans 12: 1 & 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

CONFIRMATION SUNDAY – MAY 3, 2026

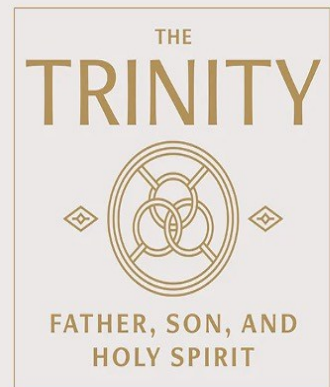
ST. MATTHEW LUTHERAN CHURCH



**HOW DO YOU SPELL
"CONFIRMATION?"**

ROMANS 12

**HOLY HOLY
HOLY**



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

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 5, 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 **May 9, 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.

YOU ARE INVITED TO A CIRCUIT MOVIE OUTING -

WHEN: THURSDAY, MAY 7 AT 3:00 P.M.

MOVIE: 'THE STORY OF EVERYTHING'

It is a cinematic exploration of the cosmos that reveals the hidden hand behind our universe. The film provides an evidence-based answer to the ultimate mystery of the universe: how did we get here? And it reveals a stunning conclusion: scientific evidence supports not just the existence of an intelligent designer of some kind—but the existence of a personal God. The scientific rediscovery of God provides hope of purpose and meaning to human existence, contrary to the claims of atheist scientists who assert that human life lacks any ultimate significance.

Tickets are \$8.00 and please RSVP to Holy Cross at: office@holycrossmoline-lcms.org or call 309-764-9720
There will be a theatre at VIP Moline reserved for the Circuit

Flowers	Sharon Heinze in memory of Kelly In Honor of St. Matthew Confirmands	
Lay Assistant	5:30 p.m. Ken Brown	10:00 a.m. Jim Barrows
Altar	Vicki Lude and Susan Witmer	

ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK:	5:30 P.M. 45	10:00 A.M. 146
ADULT BIBLE CLASS: 46	SUNDAY SCHOOL: 22	

Saturday, May 2	10:00 a.m.	Girlfriend's Coffee (Gym)
	5:30 p.m.	Worship
Sunday, May 3	8:45 a.m.	Sunday School
CONFIRMATION	8:45 a.m.	Bible Study
	10:00 a.m.	Worship
	11:45-4:00.	Hollyne Wagner (Rental)
Monday, May 4		
Tuesday, May 5	10:30 a.m.	Grief Support Group
Wednesday, May 6		
Thursday, May 7	9:30 a.m.	LWML Meeting
	6:00 p.m.	Council Meeting
Friday, May 8	9:00 a.m.	Bulletin Assembly
Saturday, May 9	8:00 a.m.	Men's Bible Breakfast
	5:30 p.m.	Worship
Sunday, May 10	8:45 a.m.	Adult Bible Class
MOTHER'S DAY	8:45 a.m.	Sunday School
	10:00 a.m.	Worship

LWML NEWS—

NEW KINGDOM TRAILRIDERS:

This Quad Cities organization is a non-profit Therapeutic Horseback Riding Facility located in Sherrard, IL. This equestrian facility offers therapeutic horseback rides for individuals with cognitive, physical, or emotional challenges. This mission, started in 1984, has been helping individuals of all ages and abilities to reach their full potential through equine assisted activities.

New Kingdom Trailriders is St Matthew's LWML mission project for April.

If you'd like to also donate to the Trailriders, you may place your gifts in the designated donation box at the Welcome Center table before

Monday, May 18.



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.

CONFIRMATION DAY -

Please Pray for our Six Confirmands becoming members of St. Matthew:

Isabel Kershaw
Annabel Mandle
Isaiah Schroeder
Augie Spengler
Jack Terry
Sawyer Van Kirk

Also join us for the LWML Confirmand Reception during the Adult Bible Class today.

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 :

Larry Bennett ; brother of Jim Bennett
Rick Bennett (back surgery); brother of Jim Bennett
Debbie Kershaw (undergoing surgery); mother of Travis Kershaw

Additional Illnesses/Requests:

Candy Carmack (pneumonia); daughter of Eileen Leonard
Janet Lang (stroke); sister of Judy Philips
Lauren Larson (health issues/recovering at home)
Lori McFate (undergoing treatment); sister of Jodi Kurtenbach
Heather Synder (Health Concerns)

Prayers of Thanksgiving:

Audrey Lane Dillon; (daughter of Billy & Holly Dillon); Pastor's great niece
65th Wedding Anniversary of Ron & Char Gress; requested by their daughter

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
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)
 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)

GIRLFRIENDS' COFFEE—

Before things get crazy with summer activities, St. Matthew is having a special **GIRLFRIENDS' COFFEE**. All ladies are invited on Saturday, May 2 at 10:00 a.m. This is being hosted by the St. Matthew LWML. There will be coffee (of course), but also treats, a special presentation by Joyce Dodge of Geneseo, info, prizes and lots of table fun. We are so hoping you will join us! You may let us know you're coming by signing up at church, or texting your name and intent to 309-737-9589.

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.



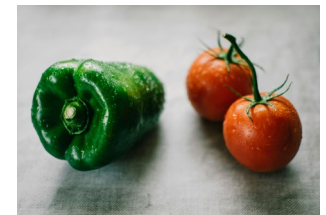
2026 VBS June 22-26

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