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JUNE 20 & 21 Father's Day 4th Sunday After Pentecost



4th Sunday After Pentecost
Father's Day
1st John 3

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.

Large print Order of Service are available on the bulletin table in the entryway.

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.

A HUGE THANK YOU TO OUR CONGREGATIONAL PAINTER, GIL!!

The walls look awesome!



GOSPEL OUTREACH THRU THE DIGITAL MISSION FIELD



The world is increasingly shaped and connected by the internet today. People are connected through technology, and Lutheran Hour Ministries (LHM) is dedicated to finding more ways to share the Gospel in this digital way.

LHM's digital resources and social media platforms...websites, blogs, podcasts, and online communities... reach people from all

walks of life and all ages of people, including children and youth. Families and individuals are able to benefit from these resources. People receive hope, comfort, and guidance in the Gospel through the sharing of a Scripture reading or hearing an uplifting message.

Several media platforms can be utilized to share the Gospel include Thred, a digital media platform for Millennials and the Gen Z population, and also through Gospel Adventures, a free online mission curriculum and weekly radio show/podcast for children and youth.

Through these unique platforms, the Gospel connects with people to help them understand the message of Jesus Christ. LHM is embracing this exciting future of the digital mission field as a strong future-focused strategy that opens the door to new opportunities.

We pray that through the use of these online resources, many will be introduced to our Lord and Savior and that the number of saints will be expanded, bringing "Christ to the Nations®—and the Nations to the Church."

This \$100,000 grant is being funded through LWML mite boxes. *If you would like to help support this mission, pick up a mite box at church and drop coins or bills inside, and return it to the church's offering plate. Or simply designate a Mite Box donation in your regular envelope offering.*



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

SALE DATES ARE JULY 16TH 8—5

JULY 17TH 8—5

JULY 18TH 8—NOON

Drop Off dates will be Sunday, July 12 from 3:00 — 5:00 p.m.

Monday, July 13 from 6:00—8:00 p.m.

Tuesday, July 14 from 6:00—8:00 p.m.

NO DROP OFFs here at the church until after VBS, June 26th.

UPDATE ON OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD -

Thanks to all who assembled the hygiene kits for our boxes!!
We assembled 300 kits in 15 minutes!! Your donations of toothbrushes and washcloths, as well as donations toward bulk buys, allowed us to assemble nice hygiene kits.

In September, we will assemble school supply kits. To complete those kits, we need donations of **120 blue pens**, **60 red pens**, **140 boxes of crayons** and **100 pairs of blunt scissors**. Wait until you see the back-to-school sales to purchase these items. If you would like to donate toward a bulk buy from Amazon; you can put your donation in the offering plate and mark it for Operation Christmas Child.

Thanks,
Diane Mueller

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 **July 1**, 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 **July 11, 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 **July 25, 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.

ATTENTION MEN: St. John’s Lutheran Church, East Moline is inviting all men from the Circuit for “Brats, Bibles, & Beverages”: a once-a-month time of fellowship and Bible Study this summer. Each month will be a different topic, so come when you can. The first one will be held on **SUNDAY, JUNE 28th** at 5:00 p.m. at St. John’s 1450—30th Avenue, East Moline. Brats, hot dogs, buns, unsweetened iced tea, and water will be provided (feel free to bring your own beverage). Bring something to share such as chips, salads, casseroles, desserts. Weather permitting this will be an outdoor event; so bring a lawn chair. Please call Rod Hopkins, 920-217-1484 to RSVP by June 21st so we know how much food to purchase. This will be a great opportunity for fellowship with others in the Circuit.

Flowers	Susan Witmer in memory of her father Peter Robinson Lude, Leonard ,De Loose families in memory of Frank Lude, Jr.	
Lay Assistant	5:30 p.m. Adam Schroeder	10:00 a. m. Gil Linenberger
Altar	Sharon Heinze and Pat Miller	

ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK:	5:30 P.M. 39	10:00 A.M. 130
ADULT BIBLE CLASS:	38	SUNDAY SCHOOL: 16

Saturday, June 20	9:00 a.m.	Ladies Bible Study
	5:30 p.m.	Worship
Sunday, June 21 4th Sunday After Pentecost Father's Day VBS Installation of Workers	8:45a.m.	Sunday School
	8:45 a.m.	Bible Study
	10:00a.m.	Worship
Monday, June 22	9—Noon	Vacation Bible School
Tuesday, June 23	9 - Noon	Vacation Bible School
Wednesday, June 24	9—Noon	Vacation Bible School
Thursday, June 25	9—Noon	Vacation Bible School
	6:00 p.m.	Bible School Program
Friday, June 26	9:00 a.m.	Bulletin Assembly
	9—Noon	Vacation Bible School
Saturday, June 27	5:30 p.m.	Worship
Sunday, June 28 5th Sunday After Pentecost NEW MEMBER SUNDAY RECEPTION AFTER SERVICE	8:45a.m.	Adult Bible Class
	8:45a.m.	Sunday School
	10:00a.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 & Krista Peters, Lynn Bickle, Liz Funkhouser and Cindy Perkins.



ST. MATTHEW AT PRAYER



Hospitalized :

Additional Illnesses/Requests:

Janet Neece (COPD Issues); wife of Jerry Neece
Adam Hamerlinck (health issues); son-in-law of the Nordstroms
Alan Ratcliffe (ongoing health issues); friend of the Lude Family
Brenton Lude (ongoing health issues); son of Frank Lude

Prayers of Thanksgiving:

Joel & Chris Chapman on their 47th Wedding Anniversary (16th)
Jerry & Mary Donegan on their 59th Wedding Anniversary (16th)
Greg & Diane Mueller on their 44th Wedding Anniversary (19th)
Dave & Anita Schroeder on their 60th Wedding Anniversary (18th)
Trinity & Ryan on the birth of their baby girl

Those Who Moun:

Family & Friends of Carol Applequist; wife of Dave Applequist and mother of Patty Pearson
Family & Friends of Laurie Sloan; grandmother of Orion Stambaugh

Those who have Cancer

Nick Watson (Cancer has returned); cousin of the Leonard's, Ludes & De Loose families
Jim Akers (Cancer); friend of Gil Linenberger
Violet Kiew—3yr. Old with leukemia; friend of the Rusch Family
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)
Sloane Martens (Cancer & Chemotherapy); infant daughter of TJ & Hannah Martens
Al Nordstrom (Kidney Cancer)
Deanna Paulsen, sister in-law of Kelly & Sandy Stevens
Kate Snyder, daughter-in-law of Deb Snyder

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!!



Sign up on the sheet at our sign up table in the hallway!

JULY 22nd—Fellowship Night at St. Matthew 5:30 p.m. Potluck; bring your favorite dish and enjoy grilled meat and a movie.

MARK ON YOUR CALENDAR—August 30th Rally Day at Camden Park—outdoor service and a Potluck!!

AND.....

SUNDAY—AUGUST 2ND Play Mini-Golf at 2:30 and PIZZA AT 4:00 (More Information to follow)



PRAYERS CONTINUED



Those Recovering

Rick Bennett (recovering at home from back surgery); Jim Bennett's brother
 Karen Edmund (at home)
 AJ Gale (recovering at home)
 Jarod Leising (recovering at Celebrate)
 Fred Flickinger, Father of Dave Flickinger (recovering at home)
 Zach Glenn (recovering from a car accident); friend of Angi Lindley
 Josh Schaffer (recovering from a motorcycle accident); friend of Jarrod & Angi Lindley

CONTINUING REQUESTS:

Wendy Grunwald, daughter of Janet Meeks
 Pray for those who have fallen from the faith

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!
 These are from April—June

Last week—New ones coming out next week!

2026 VBS June 22-26 COMING NEXT WEEK

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. V.B.S. will be from 9:00 a.m. to noon.** If you are interested in helping at VBS contact Linda Tobin, Chris Chapman or Greg Mueller.

SERMON SERIES
FOR JUNE

1ST JOHN

THE POWER OF LOVE



JUNE 6-7	1 ST JOHN 1 THE BLAME GAME
JUNE 13-14	1 ST JOHN 2 WALKING IN THE LIGHT
JUNE 20-21	1 ST JOHN 3 CHILDREN OF GOD
JUNE 27-28	1 ST JOHN 4-5 THE POWER OF LOVE