

ST. MATTHEW OFFICERS 2026

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JUNE 6 & 7
2nd Sunday After Pentecost



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1 John 1:9

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 bulletins 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.

Some upcoming news from LWML—

Coming up for the Craft and Conversation Group: They will be meeting on June 18th at 9:30 a.m. to make School Kits, Hair Ties, Draw String Bags and Cards. Please come and join in the fun!!

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

START GATHERING ALL YOUR TREASURES TO DONATE!!

**SALE DATES ARE JULY 16TH 8—5
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JULY 18TH 8—NOON**

Drop Off dates will be Sunday, July 12 from 6:00—8:00 p.m.
Monday, July 13 from 6:00—8:00 p.m.
Tuesday, July 14 from 6:00—8:00 p.m.

UPDATE ON OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD -

Thank you for your generous donations at the plant sale. We raised over \$500 dollars!! If you have the empty plant pots from my plants or other pots just sitting around; I can use them for next year.

Our next event will be putting together the hygiene kits for our boxes on June 14th right after church.

The next items to donate will be school supplies after the back-to-school sales begin. If anyone wants to submit a Thrivent Action Team application to help with Operation Christmas Child; please contact me. You only need to submit the application and be a volunteer; I'll do the rest of the work!

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 **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.



FIELD OF DREAMS

MEN'S BIBLE BREAKFAST

- Saturday, June 13
- 8:00 - 9:30 AM
- Topic – Fathers & Sons
- Join us For Breakfast, God's Word, and a Great Discussion!

The graphic includes a man in a brown jacket and blue jeans standing in a field with a large yellow sun behind him, and a group of baseball players in white uniforms standing in a field.

Flowers	Ken & Mary Gorski in honor of their 50th Wedding Anniversary Ken Brown in Memory of Kevin & Jackie	
Lay Assistant	5:30 p.m. Dennis Ziegler	10:00 a.m. Jim Barrows
Altar	Sharon Heinze and Pat Miller	

ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK: 5:30 P.M. 40 10:00 A.M. 142

ADULT BIBLE CLASS: 42 SUNDAY SCHOOL: 16

Saturday, June 6	5:30 p.m.	Worship
Sunday, June 7 2nd Sunday After Pentecost	8:45a.m. 8:45 a.m. 10:00a.m.	Sunday School Bible Study Worship
Monday, June 8	6:00 p.m.	CFO & Youth Meeting
Tuesday, June 9	11:00 a.m. 6:00 p.m.	Pastor's NEW Bible Study Pastor's NEW Bible Study
Wednesday, June 10		
Thursday, June 11	6:00 p.m.	Bible Study on "Miracles"
Friday, June 12	9:00 a.m.	Bulletin Assembly
Saturday, June 13	8:00 a.m. 11:00—2:00 5:30 p.m.	Men's Bible Breakfast Community Family Fun Day Worship
Sunday, June 14 3rd Sunday After Pentecost Packing Kits After Service (OPC)	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.

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!!

So mark your calendar and sign up on the sheet at our sign up table in the hallway!

MARK ON YOUR CALENDAR—OUR AFTERNOON OF MINI-GOLF!!

SUNDAY—AUGUST 2ND AT 2:30 and PIZZA AT 4:00
(More Information to follow)



ST. MATTHEW AT PRAYER



Hospitalized :

Violet Kiew—3yr. old with leukemia; Critical Condition in Iowa City;
Friend of the Rusch Family

Lisa Martens (Neck Surgery)

Sloane Martens (in Hospital and now home); daughter of TJ & Hannah Martens
Clint Guidebeck (Motorcycle Accident/ICU Iowa City); friend of John & Cindy Leonard
Nick Watson (Critical Health issues); cousin of the Leonards, Ludes and DeLoose families
Kelly Buchanan (Newborn with medical problems); great nephew of Kelly Stevens

Additional Illnesses/Requests:

Alan Ratcliffe (ongoing health issues); friend of the Lude Family

Brenton Lude (ongoing health issues); son of Frank Lude

Tom Hagloch (preparing for colon surgery); brother-in-law of Eileen Leonard

Anna Bryant (health issues); sister of Eileen Leonard

Prayers of Thanksgiving:

Darla Phelps (is in remission from Cancer); friend of Kurt & Lisa Jagers

The marriage of Ryan Parchert & Sydney Haas yesterday

Those Who Moun:

Family and Friends of Sharon Ballinger; friend of Ken Brown

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

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 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
 Jarod Leihsing (recovering at Encompass)

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!

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