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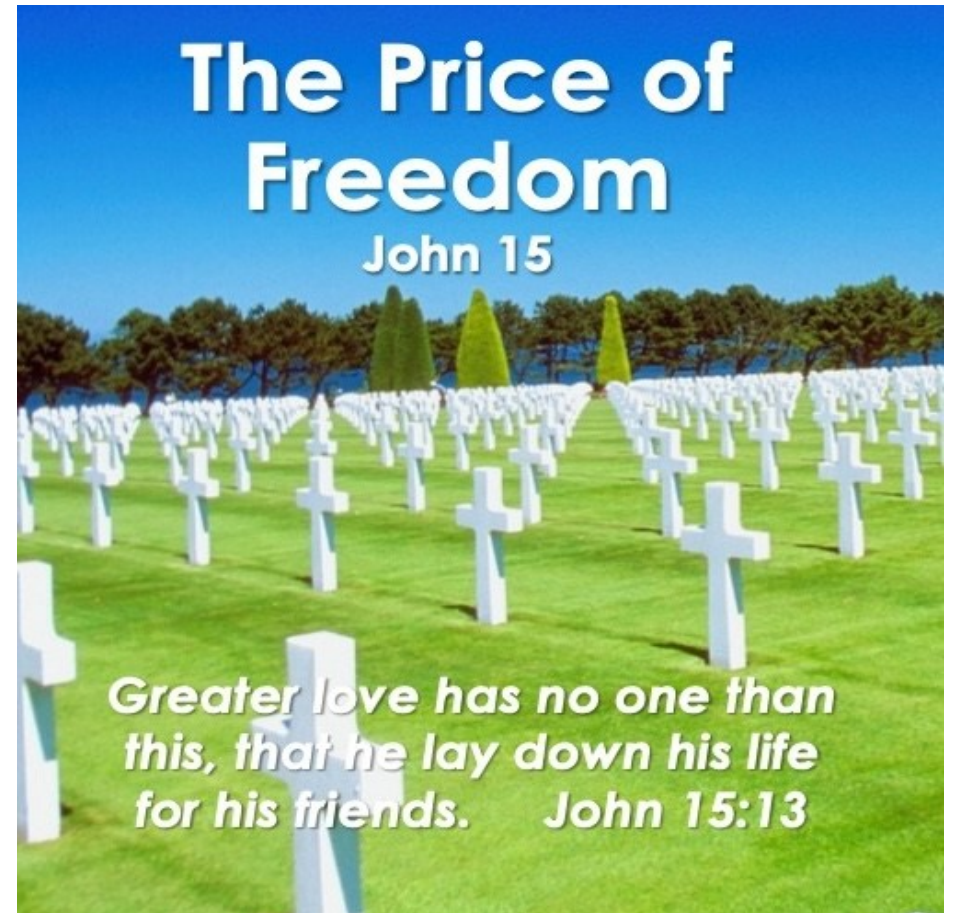
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Mr. Joel Chapman, RN, Parish Nurse

July 11 & 12

7th Sunday After Pentecost



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.

ATTENTION ST. MATTHEW— Subscribe to St. Matt's weekly email if you haven't already done so! This way you can be anywhere, connected to the internet and be apart of our worship service. Each week, we send an email notice that includes the worship service folder, bulletin announcements and sermon notes. To subscribe, go to <https://www.stmatthewmilan.org/e-memos/> and click the "Sign Up Now" button. You will need to then enter your email address and choose the email list(s) you'd like to receive.

All Rock Island Circuit Churches are invited to attend:

What: District Workshop "EXPLORING GOD'S MISSION HERE"

Where: St. John's Geneseo—8948 N. 1900th Avenue, Geneseo, IL

When: SATURDAY, AUGUST 8th

TIME: Coffee and Fellowship: 8:30—9:00

Workshop presentations: 9:00-3:00

A FREE lunch will be provided

Reservations are requested by July 30th by calling

St. John's at 815-989-2025 or email: churchoffice@stjohnsgeneseo.org

Mileage for two vehicles will be reimbursed.

Lay Assistants and people with financial knowledge of the church are highly encouraged to attend. Check with the church office for more information.

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

**SALE DATES ARE JULY 16TH 8—5
JULY 17TH 8—5
JULY 18TH 8—11:30**

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.

UPDATE ON OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD -

With your generous support, we’ve already reached our 2026 school supply goal!! Our final need is [monetary donations](#) to purchase “WOW” items like soccer balls for the oldest boy’s boxes (to add to what we expect to get from Thrivent), and to cover shipping.

We expect to have two events; one in September and one in October to assemble school supply kits and to complete some toy prep, leading up to our major packing party in November.

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 for your overwhelming support for our Operation Christmas Child ministry!

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 **August 11**, 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 **August 1, 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 CIRCUIT MEN—The next “Brats, Bibles, & Beverages” will be held on Sunday, July 26 at 5:00 p.m. at St. John’s Lutheran Church, East Moline (1450—30th Avenue). The first BBB had members from 4 different circuit churches present; let’s double that in July! Each time we meet, the Bible Study will be a different topic, so come when you can. 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. If it rains we will move indoors. Please call Rod Hopkins, 920-217-1484 **to RSVP by July 19th** so we know how much food to purchase. This is a great opportunity for fellowship with other men in our Circuit.

Flowers	Ken and Mary Gorski in Memory of Jason	
Lay Assistant	5:30 p.m. Dennis Ziegler	10:00 a. m. Gil Linenberger
Altar	Judy Phillips and Sandy Keller	

ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK: 5:30 P.M. NO SERVICE 10:00 A.M. 117
 ADULT BIBLE CLASS: 39 SUNDAY SCHOOL: 17

Saturday, July 11	8:00 a.m. 5:30 p.m. 5:30 p.m.	Men's Bible Breakfast River Bandits Ball Game Worship Service
Sunday, July 12 7th Sunday After Pentecost Yard Sale Drop Off 3—5 p.m.	8:45a.m. 8:45 a.m. 10:00a.m.	Sunday School Bible Study Worship
Monday, July 13	6:00—8:00	Yard Sale Drop Off
Tuesday, July 14	6:00-8:00	Yard Sale Drop Off
Wednesday, July 15	6:00-8:00	Yard Sale Set-Up
Thursday, July 16	8:00-5:00 9:30 a.m. 6:00 p.m.	YARD SALE Crafts & Conversation Lay Assistants Meeting
Friday, July 17	8:00—5:00 9:00 a.m.	YARD SALE Bulletin Assembly
Saturday, July 18	8:00 to 11:30 5:30 p.m.	YARD SALE Worship Service
Sunday, July 19 8th Sunday After Pentecost	8:45a.m. 8:45a.m. 10:00a.m.	Adult Bible Class Sunday School Worship

LWML NEWS— SHOWING LOVE TO HAITIAN CHILDREN



Fear is a constant for the children of Haiti, fear for their safety and wondering where their next meal will come from. Haiti is the poorest country in the Western hemisphere and voodoo is recognized as the national religion. Two out of three Haitians live on less than \$2 a day.

Trinity HOPE is helping by providing children with nourishment for body and soul. They partner with Christian schools in the country to provide healthy meals for children at school. Providing lunch has allowed students to stay engaged in school and retain their lessons.

Trinity HOPE partners with Lutheran schools in Haiti by supporting Lutheran pastors and teachers. They also make sure the schools have what they need to share the Gospel and along with having these meals.

Trinity HOPE's feeding program contributes to the Haitian economy through local food purchases, thus helping break through cycles of generational poverty.

This \$61,782 LWML mission grant will fund 160,472 meals served to 425 children and teachers in the rural school of Paul et Isabel, Haiti for over two years. Please help this mission by putting your coins in a mite box or designating a donation on your regular envelope.



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 ON YOUR CALENDARS—

**JULY 22nd—Fellowship Night
at St. Matthew**



**5:30 p.m. Potluck; bring your
favorite dish and enjoy grilled meat and a movie.**

AND.....

OUR AFTERNOON OF MINI-GOLF

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

AND.....

**August 30th Rally Day at Camden Park—outdoor service and
a Potluck!!**



ST. MATTHEW AT PRAYER



Hospitalized :

Brenton Lude; son of Frank Lude
Alan Ratcliffe (after a Fall); friend of Frank Lude

Additional Illnesses/Requests:

Karen Henniges; (broken ankle after a Fall)

Prayers of Thanksgiving:

Those Who Moun:

The family and friends of Ann Versluis; (retired Rock Island teacher); friend of Sue Witmer

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

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

Randee Duncan (recent cancer diagnosis); sister of Rhonda Krahl



PRAYERS CONTINUED



Those Recovering

Karen Edmund (at home)
 AJ Gale (recovering at home)
 Jarod Leising (recovering at Celebrate)
 Fred Flickinger, Father of Dave Flickinger (recovering at home)
 Pat Carlson (blood clots in the lungs; now at home)
 Tom Krahl (recovering at Hope Creek)

CONTINUING REQUESTS:

Wendy Grunwald, daughter of Janet Meeks
 Pray for those who have fallen from the faith
 Adam Hamerlinck (health issues); son-in-law of the Nordstroms

SERVING IN THE ARMED FORCES—THANK YOU FOR YOUR SERVICE

BM 3 Avery Carter, USS Tripoli (Deployed to the Middle East)
 Captain Zach Chapman (Deployed to Italy)
 Petty Officer 1st Class Kyle Mandle (Deployed to Diego Garcia Indian Ocean Territory)
 1st Lieutenant Adam Witmer (Now home from Iraq —Iowa National Guard)

DON'T FORGET THIS WEEK THE CRAFTS AND CONVERSATION GROUP WILL BE MEETING

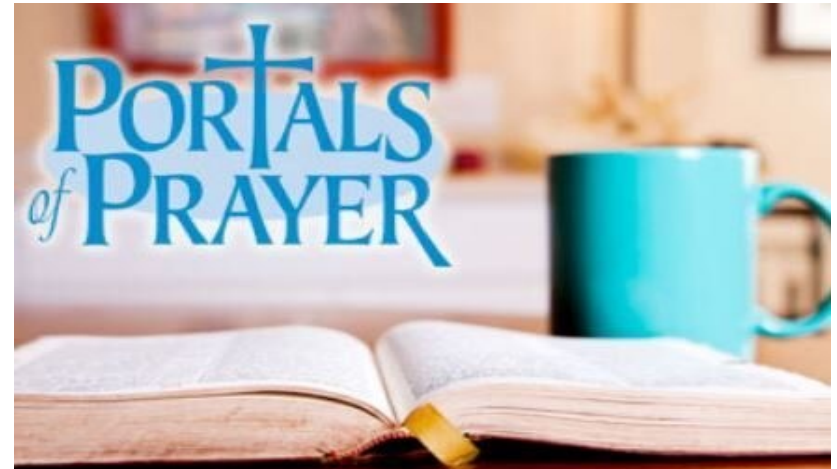
On Thursday, July 16th at 9:30 a.m. the ladies will be making Jump Ropes and working on Quilts. All ladies are welcome! Work a little; converse a little!!

When you are finished; browse through the Yard Sale for those treasures that you won't want to miss!

PLEASE PICK UP THE PORTALS OF PRAYERS—They are FREE Devotionals for you to have!

THEY ARE ON THE TABLE IN THE HALLWAY ACROSS FROM THE LWML TABLE. WE HAVE THREE DIFFERENT SIZES FOR YOUR READING PLEASURE!

NEW ONES ARE OUT JULY—SEPT.



FREEDOM



It is for freedom that Christ has set us free! Gal. 5:1

SERMON SERIES FOR JULY

JULY 5	THE JOY OF FREEDOM GALATIANS 5
JULY 11-12	THE PRICE OF FREEDOM JOHN 15
JULY 18-19	THE CHOICE OF FREEDOM 1 ST PETER 2
JULY 25-26	LIVING IN FREEDOM JOHN 8