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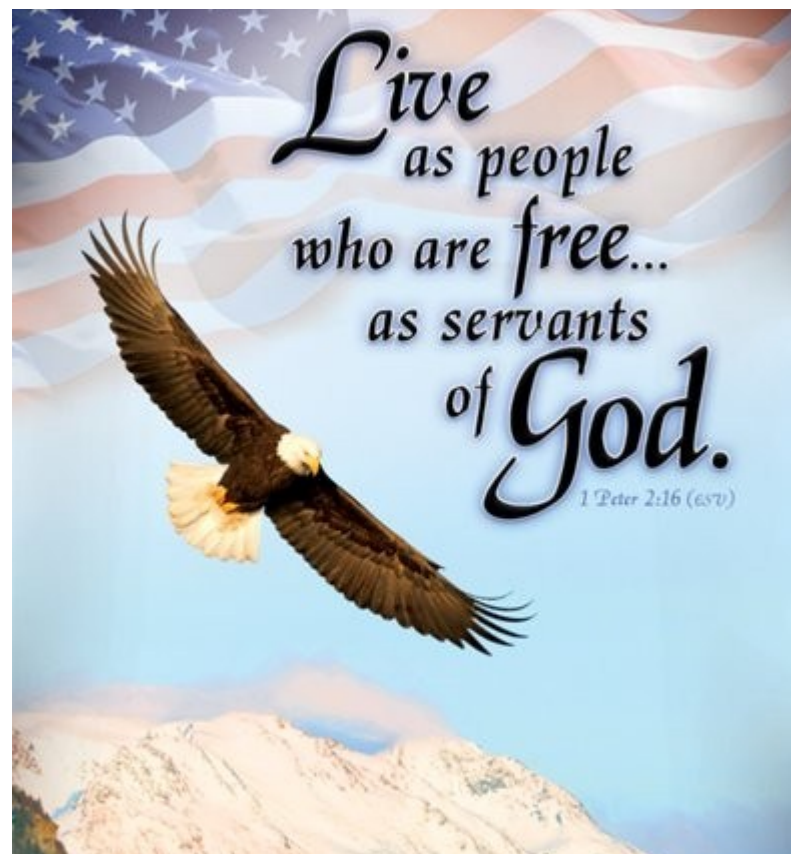
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July 18 & 19
8th Sunday After Pentecost



Freedom to Serve
1st Peter 2:16

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.

CAN YOU SPARE SOME TIME?

VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED AT THE MILAN CHRISTIAN FOOD PANTRY—

Come on Guys and Gals; once every 5 weeks on Mondays and Thursdays we are in need of help. Do one day or two and 2 or 3 hour shifts. For further details see: Al Nordstrom, Rexanne Garmoe, or Kitty Dornbier. This is an awesome way to help your community!!



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 **September 5, 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	The Tobin Family in Honor of God's Blessings	
Lay Assistant	5:30 p.m. Jeff Martens	10:00 a. m. Dean Young
Altar	Judy Phillips and Sandy Keller	

ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK: 5:30 P.M. 43 10:00 A.M. 126		
ADULT BIBLE CLASS:	39	SUNDAY SCHOOL: 15

Saturday, July 18	8:00—11:30	YARD SALE
	5:30 p.m.	Worship Service
Sunday, July 19 8th Sunday After Pentecost	8:45a.m. 8:45 a.m. 10:00a.m.	Sunday School Bible Study Worship
Monday, July 20	7:30 a.m. 6:00 p.m.	YOUTH to Adventureland Bible Journaling
Tuesday, July 21		
Wednesday, July 22	5:30 p.m.	Family Fun Night & Movie (Potluck)
Thursday, July 23	6:00 p.m.	Bible Study “Miracles”
Friday, July 24	9:00 a.m.	Bulletin Assembly
Saturday, July 25	9:00 a.m. 5:30 p.m.	Women’s Bible Study Worship Service
Sunday, July 26 9th Sunday After Pentecost	8:45a.m. 8:45a.m. 10:00a.m.	Adult Bible Class Sunday School Worship

ISRAEL – APPLE OF HIS EYE MINISTRIES
Sharing the Gospel in Israel

It is a unique time in Israel. There are six million Jewish people living in Israel today and there is an unprecedented openness by younger Jewish people to hear the Gospel.



Requests for copies of the New Testament are at an all-time high. This makes the work of The Apple of His Eye Mission Society more important than it has ever been. They are meeting people where they are with lifesaving materials to share the Good News of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

The Apple of His Eye Mission Society exists to share the Good News of Jesus with the Jewish community. This is accomplished through partnering with the LCMS World Mission to plant Lutheran churches. They also develop resources for evangelism and for training new leaders for service in the church.

The Apple of His Eye Mission Society has distributed over one million Gospel tracts, and they rely on God to provide resources through churches and individuals to carry out their mission efforts.

This \$100,000 LWML mission grant will help progress plans to plant a new Lutheran Church in Tel Aviv, which is one of the most expensive cities in the world. The church will be led by an Israeli Jewish believer who is finishing his Master of Sacred Theology degree at Concordia Theological Seminary in Ft. Wayne, Indiana. Volunteers will have the opportunity to provide ongoing short-term mission support.

You can help support this mission through a mite box. Pick one up at the collection plate area at church. Return it to the church's offering plate anytime. Or you can simply designate a Mite Box donation in your regular envelope offering.



And he said to them, “Go into all the world and proclaim the gospel to the whole creation” (Mark 16:15).

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 :

Alan Ratcliffe (after a Fall); friend of Frank Lude
Walter Wermuth; friend of James Fowler

Additional Illnesses/Requests:

Jim Fowler (entering Hospice at home; kidney failure); father of James Fowler
Al Nordstrom (Kidney Infection)
Richard Nicolai (entering Hospice—stomach cancer) brother-in-law of Marianne Meyers

Prayers of Thanksgiving:

Those Who Mourn:

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
Ranee Duncan (recent cancer diagnosis); sister of Rhonda Krah



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 Krah1 (recovering at Hope Creek)
 Karen Henniges; (broken ankle after a Fall)

CONTINUING REQUESTS:

Wendy Grunwald, daughter of Janet Meeks
 Adam Hamerlinck (health issues); son-in-law of the Nordstroms

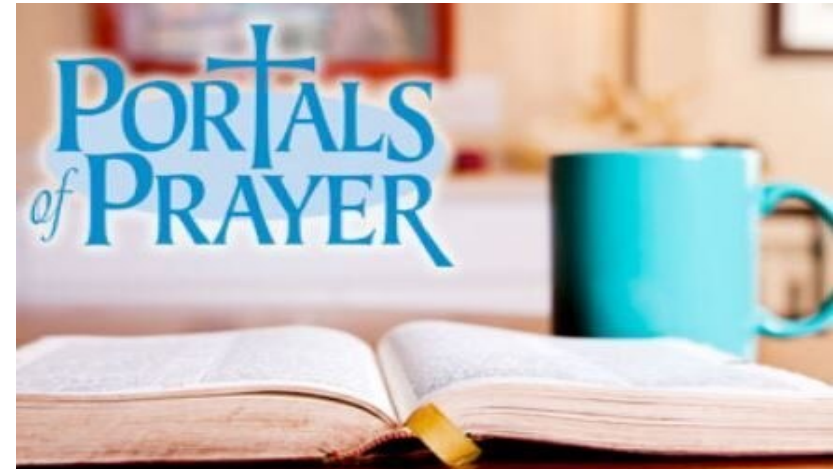
SERVING IN THE ARMED FORCES—THANK YOU FOR YOUR SERVICE

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)

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

1ST PETER 2

JULY 25-26

LIVING IN FREEDOM

JOHN 8