

# ST. MATTHEW OFFICERS 2026

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## Mission & Ministry

### Congregation Life/Outreach

Kayla Holdsworth, Summer Lindley, Aaron Peters,  
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### Youth & Education

Jennifer Crawford, Liz Funkhouser, Danielle Holdsworth,  
Angi Lindley, Krista Peters, Heather Snyder and Cindy Perkins

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## July 5th 6th Sunday After Pentecost HAPPY BIRTHDAY AMERICA



6th Sunday After Pentecost  
The Joy of Freedom  
Galatians 5

## 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](http://www.stmatthewmilan.org) and our phone number at the church is (309) 787-4295. Thanks for joining us for worship!

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**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.

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

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### 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.

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



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](mailto: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](http://stmatthewmilan.org). to get the link.

### GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP

The Grief support Group will be meeting **July 7**, 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.

Thanks to all who helped with the New Member Welcome!!



<b>Flowers</b>	Susan Witmer in Honor of Bob Smith's Birthday—July 5th	
<b>Lay Assistant</b>	5:30 p.m. No Service	10:00 a. m. Adam Schroeder
<b>Altar</b>	Judy Phillips and Sandy Keller	

<b>ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK:</b>	5:30 P.M. 39	10:00 A.M. 147
<b>ADULT BIBLE CLASS:</b>	34	<b>SUNDAY SCHOOL:</b> 17

<b>Saturday, July 4</b> <i>Happy Birthday America!!</i>		<b>NO WORSHIP SERVICE</b>
<b>Sunday, July 5</b> <i>6th Sunday After Pentecost</i>	8:45a.m. 8:45 a.m. 10:00a.m.	Sunday School Bible Study Worship
<b>Monday, July 6</b>		
<b>Tuesday, July 7</b>	10:30 a.m. 6:00 p.m.	Grief Support Group CFO & Youth Meeting
<b>Wednesday, July 8</b>		
<b>Thursday, July 9</b>	6:00 p.m. 6:00 p.m.	Council Meeting Bible Study "Miracles"
<b>Friday, July 10</b>	9:00 a.m.	Bulletin Assembly
<b>Saturday, July 11</b>	8:00 a.m.  5:30 p.m. 5:30 p.m.	Men's Bible Breakfast  Faith & Family at the Ballpark Worship Service
<b>Sunday, July 12</b> <i>7th Sunday After Pentecost</i>  <i>Yard Sale Drop-off 3—5 p.m.</i>	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  
Pat Carlson (blood clots in the lungs)

### Additional Illnesses/Requests:

Susan Gruenhagen (knee surgery)  
Ranee Duncan (recent cancer diagnosis); sister of Rhonda Krahl

### Prayers of Thanksgiving:

Landon Bull (successful Gallbladder surgery); son of Nick & Trisha Bull  
On the birth of their son; Maxwell Scott; Amber & Michael Jones

### Those Who Moun:

Family & Friends of Janet Lang; sister of Reed & Judy Phillips

### 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



## 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)

### 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

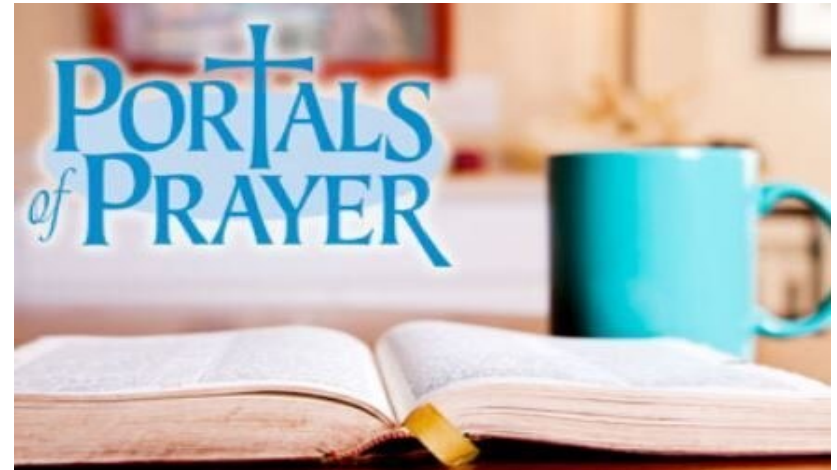
### SERVING IN THE ARMED FORCES—THANK YOU FOR YOUR SERVICE

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—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 <sup>ST</sup> PETER 2
JULY 25-26	LIVING IN FREEDOM JOHN 8