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August 8 & 9 11th Sunday After Pentecost



Jesus Walks on Water
Matthew 14

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 a part 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.



2026-2027 Season
Fall - Sept 14th, 2026
Winter - Dec 14th (Tentative)

QC LCMS Bowling League Informational Meeting Monday, August 17 at 6pm

Come join us Monday nights for fun and fellowship with our sister congregations from the Rock Island and Davenport Circuits.

Join a team or get a group and create your own.
Substitute bowlers are always needed as well.
All skill levels are welcome.

Informational Meeting

When: August 17th, 2026 @ 6 pm

Where: *Highland Park Bowl (the bar area), 4204 Ave of the Cities, Moline

*New location from last season



Questions? (Call or Text): Michael Wagner (309) 453-7206 or Jim Pearson (563) 293-6456

St. Matthew Fellowship Event Comedy Sportz Friday, Aug. 21. 7:00 PM

- Improv Comedy for All Ages
- Tickets - \$12.00
- Spotlight Theater, Moline
- Please Sign Up on the Sign-Up Sheet in the Entryway





Plan now for the 4th Annual
LCMS Lutheran Singles Retreat
Ages 21-41
Friday - Sunday, August 21-23
Camp Okoboji, Milford, Iowa
campokoboji.org
\$100 pays for everything
Register at faithwinterset.org
Questions?
Contact Dr. Keith Schweitzer
641/745-5143
keithlcms@gmail.com

Be There!

UPDATE ON OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD -

SUNDAY, AUGUST 16TH— Immediately following the service; we will be assembling school supply packs in the Gathering Room.

With your generous support, we can complete the purchase of shoebox “WOW” gifts.

We are still collecting monetary donations for shipping. The \$10 “shipping” for each box also includes the cost of Bible study materials the children receive with the shoebox and for the follow up discipleship course.

As always, keep a lookout for great clearance deals for our shoeboxes!!

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 **August 22, 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, August 30** at 5:00 p.m. at St. John’s Lutheran Church, East Moline (1450—30th Avenue). 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 St. John’s 309-792-0755 **to RSVP by August 23rd** so we know how much food to purchase. This is a great opportunity for fellowship with other men in our Circuit.

Flowers	No Flowers purchased this week	
Lay Assistant	5:30 p.m. Gil Linenberger	10:00 a. m. Doug Teggatz
Altar	Joyce Eberhart and Jan Siebke	

ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK:	5:30 P.M.	71	10:00 A.M.	130
ADULT BIBLE CLASS:	27	SUNDAY SCHOOL:	19	

Saturday, August 8	5:30 p.m.	Pastor on Vacation Worship Service Guest: Rev. Steve Anderson
Sunday, August 9 11th Sunday After Pentecost	8:45 a.m. 8:45 a.m. 10:00 a.m.	Pastor on Vacation Sunday School Bible Study Worship Guest: Rev. Steve Anderson
Monday, August 10	6:00 p.m.	CFO & Youth Meeting
Tuesday, August 11	10:30 a.m. 6:00 p.m.	Grief Support Group Technology Meeting
Wednesday, August 12		
Thursday, August 13		
Friday, August 14	9:00 a.m. 5:00 p.m.	Bulletin Assembly Wedding Rehearsal
Saturday, August 15	3:00 p.m. 5:30 p.m.	Allison Van Severen Wedding Worship Service
Sunday, August 16 12th Sunday After Pentecost OCC Packing Party—School Supplies; right after service	8:45a.m. 8:45a.m. 10:00 a.m.	Adult Bible Class Sunday School Worship

ARCH BOOKS FOR IMMIGRANT CHILDREN IN THE USA Concordia Gospel Outreach

In 1869, Concordia Publishing House (CPH) was founded as a small St. Louis printer with the mission of providing doctrinally sound materials for churches and individuals. Today, they offer more than 10,000 products and services that are faithful to the Scriptures and the Lutheran Confessions.



CPH publishes Arch Books which have been used for generations by families, educators, and pastors to teach important truths of the Bible. Each book takes a portion of Scripture and sets its story in rhyme, capturing the imagination of children and bringing the stories of God's Word to life.

If you remember the first time you learned about the story of creation, it was likely at Sunday school or reading a book at home in your parents' laps. For many immigrant and refugee children in the United States, access to books in their native language, especially books that share the love of Christ, is not guaranteed.

The United States is home to nearly one-fifth of the world's international immigrants. This grant will provide funding for the Arch Books to be created in Spanish, Chinese, Telugu, Arabic, and Farsi. These books equip LCMS entities to serve immigrant and refugee populations with Arch books, free of charge, in the heart language of children and families

Supporting this mission is easy. Donate through a mite box found near the collection plate area at St. Matthew. Return it to the offering plate anytime. Or designate a Mite Box donation on your regular envelope offering.

And how from childhood you have been acquainted with the sacred writings, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus (2 Timothy 3:15)



Personal note: Did you or your children have a favorite Arch Book? My kids especially loved “Donkey Daniel”....a rhyming story of the little donkey who carried Mary to the stable and witnessed Jesus birth. The rhyming texts really do capture the children, making the story especially fun and memorable!

Sandy Young

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—

SUNDAY—August 30th **Sunday School Rally Day**
at Camden Park -

Outdoor service and a Potluck!! Don't forget the lawn chair!

AND.....

SEPTEMBER 5th—**Milan Labor Day Parade**—Come help work on our float for the parade!! Look for float making times to be coming soon.



ST. MATTHEW AT PRAYER



Hospitalized :

Additional Illnesses/Requests:

Bob Strickland (stroke); friend of Cindy & David Vanlandegen
Deb Henry (Kidney Failure); mother of Jaynie Henry
Tammy Robinson (health problems); former member
Marvin Monk (health problems); friend of Jennifer Crawford

Prayers of Thanksgiving:

On the marriage of Solomon and Liz Stroup, August 8th

Those Who Mourn:

The Family and Friends of Jim Fowler; father of James Fowler
The Family and Friends of Angie Grouell; niece of the Nordstroms
The Family and Friends of Paul Jays; friend of Katie Cobert
The Family and Friends of Matthew "Scott" Fiedler; friend of Pat Miller
The Family and Friends of Nancy McCombs; friend of Brian and Deb Farber
The Family and Friends of Rick Masterson; friend of Carlton Waterman

Those who have Cancer

Marion Payne (Leukemia diagnosis); family of Jennifer Crawford
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
Janelle Fink (Spinal Tumor); friend of Teresa Rusch
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 Hope Creek)
 Fred Flickinger, Father of Dave Flickinger (recovering at home)
 Tom Krah (recovering at Hope Creek)
 Walter Wermuth (recovering at Hope Creek); friend of James Fowler
 Richard Nicolar (entering Hospice—stomach cancer) brother-in-law of Marianne Meyers

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 Japan)
 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)

HOLY CROSS LUTHERAN CHURCH'S ART SHOW - Highlighting 75 years of Creating and Displaying Art in God's House.

The Circuit is invited to attend our up coming Art Show and Ice Cream Social on **Sunday, August 16, from 2-4 p.m.** You will be able to take a self-guided tour of the church artwork created by past and present members and commissioned by others in memory of a loved one. Each station will have a description of the art and who created it, or who it was in memory of. Follow up your tour with an ice cream social. A free will offering will be going to LWML missions.

What Does the Bible Say About:

Money
 Work
 Wealth
 Debt
 Stress
 Generosity
 Investing
PEACE

Financial
PEACE!

**New Video Bible Study
 Begins August 16th
 8:45 AM
 In the Gathering Room**

CRAFTS AND CONVERSATIONS—

Please come on **Thursday, August 20th at 9:30 a.m.** to join in on painting rocks and making cards!!

Even if you don't know how to do either of these crafts; come and learn!!

