

## ST. MATTHEW OFFICERS 2026

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**SEPTEMBER 12 & 13**  
**16th Sunday After Pentecost**

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***Tales From the Vineyard: A Tale of Amazing Grace***  
**Matthew 20:16**

## 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](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.

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**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.

## A NEW BIBLE STUDY COMING SOON!!

**Starting on Wednesday, September 16th—**

**7:00—8:15 p.m. and  
on Thursdays at  
11:00 a.m.**

**A Bible Study on the  
book of Romans  
led by Pastor**



**There is a sign up sheet in the entryway.**



**DINE  
TO  
DONATE!**

Support the  
Milan Food  
Pantry!!

**FUNDRAISING EVENT FROM TUESDAY,  
SEPTEMBER 15 TO THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 17**

From 3:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. each day. Texas Roadhouse will donate 10% of each night's profit to the Milan Food Pantry!

4005 E. 53rd Street, Davenport, Iowa

## FALL INTO CRAFTING: A Day of Creativity and Fellowship

### Ready for a little FALL FUN?

Come join us for “**Fall into Crafting**” on **Saturday, September 19** from 9:00 a.m. to Noon in the Church Gym!

We’ll spend the morning creating several fun autumn projects, enjoying delicious finger foods and drinks, and sharing good fellowship with friends.

No crafting experience is necessary—everyone is welcome! Feel free to invite a friend and enjoy the day together!

**Cost: \$20 per person.** All proceeds will go to the Pregnancy Resource Center and to Christian Care.

Sign up sheets and project examples are available on a table in the entry way.

Stop by, take a look at the projects, and sign up for a fun day of crafting, food and fellowship for a good cause!!

Any questions; please call Cindy Leonard at 309-738-7074



## ADULT BIBLE STUDY

You can attend our weekly Bible study in two ways:

- ♦ Sunday mornings—8:45 am 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 **October 6, 2026** 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 **October 10, 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 **October 17, 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.

## CHOIR IS STARTING UP FOR THIS YEAR!!

Choir rehearsals will be starting on **SEPTEMBER 15th**.

Rehearsals are Tuesdays from **6:15 to 7:15 p.m.**

All voice types and experience level welcome!



Contact Danielle Mueller if you have any questions



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| <b>Flowers</b>       | Given to the Glory of God by the Nordstroms |                                |
| <b>Lay Assistant</b> | 5:30 p.m.<br>Adam Schroeder                 | 10:00 a. m.<br>Gil Linenberger |
| <b>Altar</b>         | Chris Chapman and Linda Tobin               |                                |

**ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK:** 5:30 P.M. 46 10:00 A.M. 139

ADULT BIBLE CLASS: 30 SUNDAY SCHOOL: 18

|                                                                |                                                         |                                                                                                              |
|----------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Saturday, September 12                                         | 5:30 p.m.                                               | Worship Service                                                                                              |
| Sunday, September 13<br>16th Sunday After Pentecost            | 8:45 a.m.<br>8:45 a.m.<br>10:00 a.m.                    | Adult Bible Class<br>Sunday School Class<br>Worship Service                                                  |
| Monday, September 14                                           | 6:00 p.m.                                               | CFO & Youth Meeting                                                                                          |
| Tuesday, September 15                                          | 6:15 p.m.<br>3 to 10:00 p.m.                            | CHOIR Begins<br>Texas Roadhouse Fundraiser                                                                   |
| Wednesday, September 16                                        | 5:30-6:45<br>7:00—8:15<br>3 to 10:00p.m.                | CONFIRMATION BEGINS<br>Bible Study on Romans<br>Texas Roadhouse Fundraiser                                   |
| Thursday, September 17<br><br>Youth at Christian Care 5-7 p.m. | 11:00 a.m.<br>6:00 p.m.<br>6:00 p.m.<br>3 to 10:00 p.m. | Bible Study on Romans<br>Bible Study on Parables<br>Financial Peace University<br>Texas Roadhouse Fundraiser |
| Friday, September 18                                           | 9:00 a.m.                                               | Bulletin Assembly                                                                                            |
| Saturday, September 19                                         | 9:00 a.m.<br>1:00 p.m.<br>5:30 p.m.                     | "Fall Into Crafting"<br>Rental of Gym—E. & S. Stroup<br>Worship Service                                      |
| Sunday, September 20<br>17th Sunday After Pentecost            | 8:45 a.m.<br>8:45 a.m.<br>10:00 a.m.                    | Adult Bible Class<br>Sunday School<br>Worship Service                                                        |

## TEACHING LUTHERAN PASTORS IN WEST AFRICA Pastoral Education in Sierra Leone and Liberia

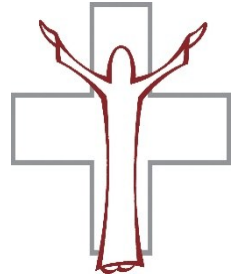
Pastors in West Africa are able to continue their Lutheran education through the PPEWA Project (*Continuing Education for Pastors in West Africa*). Domestic Pastors are invited to come to West Africa to conduct these classes, reinforcing students' understanding of Christ's teachings, provide additional resources, fellowship and encouragement.

This \$86,000 LWML mission grant will aid in sending LCMS pastors to Sierra Leone and Liberia. The grant covers travel, teaching and living accommodations for teachers and students, the physical and any medical resources needed for each two-week teaching session. It contributes toward bringing students selected by the African church bodies to their teachers, making effective use of time and resources.

The project plans to purchase Kindles and electronic books for the students, establish an electronic way to carry on teaching and provide assignments to enhance teaching over the time between sessions through a web portal. These funds will help establish that portal.

*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.*

*You then, my child, be strengthened by the grace that is in Christ Jesus, and what you have heard from me in the presence of many witnesses entrust to faithful men, who will be able to teach others also. (2 Timothy 2:1-2)*



## 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—

Thank you to all who helped on the Float and walked in the very HOT HEAT in the Milan Parade!!

SEPTEMBER 16th—Confirmation Starts at 5:30—6:45 p.m.

SEPTEMBER 17th— Youth at Christian Care from 5 to 7 p.m.



## ST. MATTHEW AT PRAYER



### Hospitalized :

### Additional Illnesses/Requests:

### Prayers of Thanksgiving:

For Steve Glider on a successful cancer surgery; nephew of Marie Symmonds  
For Lilian Stambaugh on a successful emergency surgery

### Those Who Mourn:

Family and Friends of Frank Bernal; friend of the Leonard Family

### Those who have Cancer:

Carol Bentsen (Pancreatic Cancer); friend of Lisa Martens  
Kelly Fuller (In Hospice with Cancer); friend & neighbor of Janet Meeks  
July Liles (diagnosed with Cancer); sister-in-law of Janet Meeks  
Marvin Monk (Cancer diagnosis); friend of Jennifer Crawford  
Marion Payne (Leukemia diagnosis); family of Jennifer Crawford  
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  
Randee Duncan (recent cancer diagnosis); sister of Rhonda Krah



**Sermon Series  
for September**

### Tales From the Vineyard

|                                 |                           |          |
|---------------------------------|---------------------------|----------|
| <b>Sep. 12-13</b>               | <b>The Last Hour</b>      |          |
| A Tale of Amazing Grace         |                           | Matt. 20 |
| <b>Sep. 19-20</b>               | <b>The Two Sons</b>       |          |
| A Tale About "Walking the Walk" |                           | Matt. 21 |
| <b>Sep. 26-27</b>               | <b>The Wicked Tenants</b> |          |
| A Tale of Mystery & Murder      |                           | Matt. 21 |



## PRAYERS CONTINUED



### Those Recovering

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 Nicolai (entering Hospice—stomach cancer) brother-in-law of Marianne Meyers  
 Donna Swift (recovering at home)  
 David Swift (recovering at home)

### 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)

**UPDATE ON OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD—** Thanks to all who helped assemble school supply kits last Sunday. Our next event will be **Sunday, September 27** right after church to get some toys ready for our boxes.

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

**New Financial Peace University Class  
 Begins Thursday, Sept. 17th**

DAVE RAMSEY'S  
**FINANCIAL** *Peace*  
 UNIVERSITY

**6:00 PM**  
**Sign Up at Church**  
**Or Email [office@stmatthewmilan.org](mailto:office@stmatthewmilan.org)**



**COMING SOON!**

2027 is the 120<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of CID and the first 5 Circuits (ours being the Peoria-Rock Island Circuit).

It is also the 70<sup>th</sup> year since the Rock Island Circuit branched off on its own.

The Rock Island Circuit office administrators are currently working on creating a beautiful wall calendar that will highlight the 12 churches in our Rock Island Circuit. This October, each of the 12 sister congregations will have a copy to view and begin taking orders. We are aiming for a delivery date of December 1. All additional proceeds will be given to our very own Cristo Rey Lutheran Church.