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SEPTEMBER 19 & 20
17th Sunday After Pentecost



Tales From the Vineyard: The Tale of the Two Sons
Matthew 21

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.

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.

Employment Opportunities at Lutheran Family Service:

Lutheran Family Service is seeking a School-Based Mental Health Counselor/School Partnership Coordinator to provide Christ-centered counseling and support to Students and families in a partner school in Davenport, Iowa. This position combines counseling, classroom education, crisis response, and school partnership development in a faith-based setting. Candidates should hold a master's degree in a mental health-related field and have Iowa licensure or licensure eligibility. Part-time and full-time opportunities are available. To learn more or apply, send your resume to Cassie Beltz at cbeltz@lutheranfamilyservice.org. Also, a Part-Time Pregnancy Counselor & Adoption Caseworker serving Central Illinois is available. For more information or to apply, contact Kim Laube at klaube@lutheranfamilyservice.org.



LOCATION
Highland Park Bowl
 4204 Avenue of the Cities
 Moline, IL



START DATE / TIME
2026-2027 Season
 2 - 12 week sessions.
 Join in the fall, winter or both.
Monday nights
 6:15 pm for practice
 League Bowl starts at 6:30 pm



COST
\$12 per night



Team sizes of 3-4 people
(men and women)



CONTACT INFORMATION
 Michael Wagner
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Facebook Group Page:
<https://www.facebook.com/share/g/19VcJvH4T/>



The LCMS Bowling League has been in existence since 1962—what a legacy to our Circuit!!

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. 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

Flowers	No Flowers this week	
Lay Assistant	5:30 p.m. Ken Brown	10:00 a. m. Jim Barrows
Altar	Chris Chapman and Linda Tobin	

ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK: 5:30 P.M. 49 10:00 A.M. 109

ADULT BIBLE CLASS: 43

SUNDAY SCHOOL: 10

Saturday, September 19	9:00 a.m. 1:00 p.m. 5:30 p.m.	"Fall Into Crafting" Rental of Gym—E. & S. Stroup Worship Service
Sunday, September 20 17th Sunday After Pentecost	8:45 a.m. 8:45 a.m. 10:00 a.m.	Adult Bible Class Sunday School Class Worship Service
Monday, September 21	6:00 p.m. 6:00 p.m.	Lay Assistant Meeting Bible Journaling
Tuesday, September 22	6:15 p.m.	CHOIR
Wednesday, September 23	5:30-6:45 7:00—8:15	CONFIRMATION Bible Study on Romans
Thursday, September 24	11:00 a.m. 6:00 p.m.	Bible Study on Romans Financial Peace University
Friday, September 25	9:00 a.m.	Bulletin Assembly
Saturday, September 26	5:30 p.m.	Worship Service
Sunday, September 27 18th Sunday After Pentecost Operation Christmas Child Packing Toys After Service	8:45 a.m. 8:45 a.m. 10:00 a.m.	Adult Bible Class Sunday School Worship Service

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

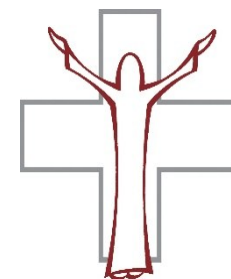
Pastors in West Africa are able to continue their Lutheran education through the PPEWA Project (*Continuing Education for Pastors in West Africa*). Domestic Pastors are invited to come to West Africa to conduct these classes, reinforcing students' understanding of Christ's teachings, provide additional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

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

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

October 31—Trunk or Treat from 4:00 to 7:00p.m.
We will be asking for Candy donations to help out.



**Sermon Series
for September**

Tales From the Vineyard

Sep. 12-13 The Last Hour
A Tale of Amazing Grace Matt. 20

Sep. 19-20 The Two Sons
A Tale About "Walking the Walk" Matt. 21

Sep. 26-27 The Wicked Tenants
A Tale of Mystery & Murder Matt. 21



ST. MATTHEW AT PRAYER



Hospitalized :

Dennis Ziegler (surgery this past Monday)

Additional Illnesses/Requests:

Prayers of Thanksgiving:

Those Who Mourn:

The Friends and Family of Kelly Fuller; Debra Fuller's daughter-in-law

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 Krahl

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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 KrahI (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)
 Mary Donegan (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— 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



COMING SOON!

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

It is also the 70th 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.