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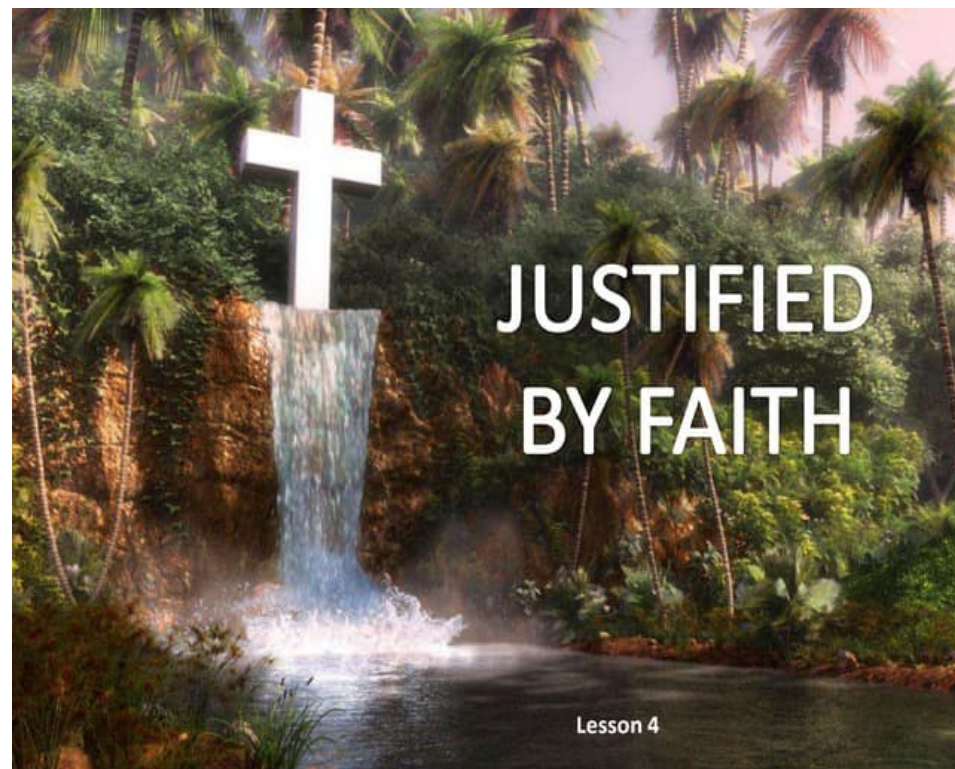
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OCTOBER 10 & 11
20th Sunday After Pentecost



Justified by Faith
Romans 4-6

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.

It's a SEW ALONG! You're invited to join Janet Meeks and Rhonda Krah on **Wednesday, October 21 at 9:30 a.m.** for a morning of sewing and fellowship. They'll be working on cutting quilt pieces, laying them out, and sewing them together. They'll also work on simple dresses for Operation Christmas Child. Sewing machines, cutting mats and scissors, and ironing boards will be available. Fabric and patterns will be provided. Questions? Contact Janet (309-798-9223) or Rhonda (309-235-2293).



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.

TAKING A CLOSER LOOK—In recent months we’ve taken a closer look at a few of the National mission projects funded through the LWML mite boxes. You may recall learning about the meals being provided through Haitian Lutheran Schools, New Testaments for LCMS church planters in Tel Aviv Israel, and the Arch children’s books being created in Spanish, Chinese, Telugu, Arabic, and Farsi languages. But did you know that our Central Illinois District LWML chooses additional projects to

receive mite grants? Below are listed the eleven additional District grant recipients for the 2026-2028 period. **More information can be found at <https://lwmlcid.org/missions/>.**

1. Student Aid for Church Workers—\$60,000
2. Christ Centered Crisis Pregnancy/Adoption—\$25,000
3. Sharing our Savior, 1 Meal at a Time—\$7,500
4. Hands that Serve, Hearts that See—\$12,000
5. Cancer Care Packages—Phil’s Friends—\$5,000
6. Children’s Books LHM State Fair Booth—\$10,000
7. Lutheran Books for Children—World—\$5,000
8. Set Apart to Serve—\$10,000
9. Gospel Access for Aging Adults in CID—\$13,000
10. Deaconess Kim Bueltmann in Germany—\$10,000
11. Family 4 Life—\$7,500

About the Mite Box: These little “Mite” boxes hold coins, dollars or checks that are collected for very specific purposes: to spread the saving Gospel message of Jesus’ redemptive work; show the love of Christ to others and encourage, strengthen and train workers and missionaries.



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 on Thursday, November 5, 2026 at 12:30** a.m. If you have any questions, contact Pastor Larson.

THE MEN’S NETWORK

Our next Men's Bible Breakfast will be **November 14, 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 **November 21, 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.

Circuit Bible, Brats and Beverages -

Please join us on Sunday, October 25th at 5:00 p.m. at St. John’s East Moline. Men—don’t miss this great opportunity to meet others in the circuit and study God’s Word.

Weather permitting, we will be meeting in our brand new courtyard!

Flowers	Given by Ron & Nancy Miller for their 69th Wedding Anniversary	
Lay Assistant	5:30 p.m. Dennis Ziegler	10:00 a. m. Adam Schroeder
Altar	Kitty Dornbier and Carole Hartley	

ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK:	5:30 P.M. 43	10:00 A.M. 125
ADULT BIBLE CLASS:	39	SUNDAY SCHOOL: 10

Saturday, October 10	8:00 a.m. 5:30 p.m.	Men's Bible Breakfast Worship Service
Sunday, October 11 20th Sunday After Pentecost PASTOR APPRECIATION SUNDAY	8:45 a.m. 8:45 a.m. 10:00 a.m.	Adult Bible Class Sunday School Class Worship Service
Monday, October 12	6:00 P.M.	CFO & Youth Meeting
Tuesday, October 13	6:15 p.m.	CHOIR
Wednesday, October 14	5:30—6:45 7:00—8:15	CONFIRMATION Bible Study on Romans
Thursday, October 15	9:30 a.m. 11:00 a.m. 6:00 p.m.	Crafts & Conversation Bible Study on Romans Financial Peace University
Friday, October 16	9:00 a.m.	Bulletin Assembly
Saturday, October 17	9:00 a.m. 5:30 p.m. 5:30 p.m.	Ladies Bible Study LWML Bake Sale Worship Service
Sunday, October 18 21st Sunday After Pentecost LWML BAKE SALE	8:45 a.m. 8:45 a.m. 10:00 a.m. NOON	Adult Bible Class Sunday School Worship Service Rental of Gym—Pat Miller

THANK YOU -

The Milan Christian Food Pantry wishes to thank all the Hungry people who participated in the fund raiser at Texas Roadhouse in September. We hope you enjoyed your meal. We were able to raise \$585 from your participation. We may do this again sometime after the new Texas Roadhouse opens in Moline. It will be a bit more convenient there.

Rexanne, Kitty and Al

Octoberfest at Faith Lutheran Church in Kewanee
Join our sister congregation (and Pastor Weber) on Thursday, October 15th from 4:30—6:30 p.m. for their annual fundraiser for missions and seminarians. Cost is \$12 for a brat sandwich, sauerkraut, German potato salad, beverage and dessert. This is available for dine-in or carryout. Faith Lutheran—620 Hepner Drive, Kewanee

POP—UP BAKE SALE COMING

The LWML ladies are busy, busy, busy baking up goodies for a pop-up bake sale. Cookies, pies, cakes, breads? ... come and see what they've stirred up. Goodies available before and after services on Saturday and Sunday, October 17th and 18th. Proceeds will help our group financially assist a seminary student at Concordia seminary.



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—

OCTOBER 25—**REFORMATION SUNDAY**—**Wear Red** and enjoy some cake after the service to celebrate.

October 31—**Trunk or Treat from 4:00 to 7:00p.m.**
Can you please help with a candy donation;
all is appreciated!

SERMON SERIES FOR OCTOBER



ROMANS 1-8
**BY FAITH
ALONE**

OCT. 3-4	ALL HAVE SINNED ROMANS 1-3
OCT. 10-11	JUSTIFIED BY FAITH ROMANS 4-6
OCT. 17-18	HUMAN NATURE ROMANS 7
OCT. 24-25	NO CONDEMNATION ROMANS 8 REFORMATION SUNDAY



ST. MATTHEW AT PRAYER



Hospitalized :

John Hoffman (broken ribs & bones); brother of Kenny Hoffman
Clark Miner (Heart Surgery in Iowa City); friend of the Schroeder Family
Jerry Doriott (open heart surgery 10/14); nieces husband of Marie Symmonds

Additional Illnesses/Requests:

Tim Krah (Beginning Dialysis); son of Gary & Rhonda Krah
Ezra Venteicher (3 yr. old in need of a heart transplant); friend of Hollyne Wagner
Truman Symmonds (surgery on 10/23); brother of Marie Symmonds

Prayers of Thanksgiving:

Ron & Nancy Miller on their 69 years of Marriage this weekend

Those Who Mourn:

Those who have Cancer:

Carol Bentsen (Pancreatic Cancer); friend of Lisa Martens
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
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
Al Young (State 4 Colon Cancer); friend of Susan De Loose
Randee Duncan (recent cancer diagnosis); sister of Rhonda Krah



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
 Dennis Ziegler (recovering at home)

CONTINUING REQUESTS:

Wendy Grunwald, daughter of Janet Meeks
 Adam Hamerlinck (health issues); son-in-law of the Nordstroms
 Donna (in need of a heart transplant); friend of Heather Snyder
 Amy Hunt (preparing for surgery in a couple of weeks)
 Rheanna (had a seizure and now in a coma); friend of the Rausch family

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 FINAL event for 2026 is our **BIG PACKING PARTY FOR 300 SHOEBOXES!!** This will be on **November 8th following the Sunday Service.** A light lunch will be provided. We are still collecting the \$10 needed for shipping and Bible story materials.

Crafts & Conversation— Bring your own project, help tie quilts and blankets, or just join us for coffee, conversation, and fellowship. We'll be gathering on **Thursday, October 15th at 9:30 a.m.** See you there!!

**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.