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OCTOBER 3 & 4
19th Sunday After Pentecost



All Have Sinned
Romans 1—3

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 **NOT be meeting on 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.

Thank you to all who participated in “The Fall Into Crafting” Event. It was a beautiful morning of crafting and fellowship. We were able to raise \$840.00 to benefit Christian Care and the Pregnancy Resource Center. Praise to God!

The LWML

Flowers	Given by Susan Witmer for her mother Marian's 90th Birthday Given in memory of Stan & Helen Mavis by Ed & Carol Mueller	
Lay Assistant	5:30 p.m. Ken Brown	10:00 a. m. Doug Tegatz
Altar	Kitty Dornbier and Carole Hartley	

ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK:	5:30 P.M. 32	10:00 A.M. 120
ADULT BIBLE CLASS:	31	SUNDAY SCHOOL: 12

Saturday, October 3	5:30 p.m.	Worship Service
Sunday, October 4 19th Sunday After Pentecost LWML SUNDAY "Bears & Pizza" after Service	8:45 a.m. 8:45 a.m. 10:00 a.m.	Adult Bible Class Sunday School Class Worship Service
Monday, October 5		CID Fall Pastor's Conference (Pastor in Pekin, IL)
Tuesday, October 6	6:15 p.m.	CHOIR
Wednesday, October 7	5:30—6:45 7:00—8:15	CONFIRMATION Bible Study on Romans
Thursday, October 8	11:00 a.m. 6:00 p.m.	Bible Study on Romans Financial Peace University
Friday, October 9	9:00 a.m.	Bulletin Assembly
Saturday, October 10	5:30 p.m.	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 Worship Service



EXPLORING THE BENEFITS OF THE HOMESCHOOL HYBRID SCHOOL MODEL

Join us for an informative community session

THE CLASSICAL CONSULTANTS

Kate Deddens & Leah Broman

Are you a homeschooling family that is looking for support? Encouragement? Direction? Community? This just might be your answer! Join us to learn more about the benefits of a homeschool hybrid and how it could be a fit for your family!

**SATURDAY
OCTOBER 3, 2026
RSVP: 309-944-3993
Refreshments served**

**6:00-7:30 PM
Concordia Lutheran Church,
316 S. Oakwood Ave,
Geneseo, IL**

For more information, email:
boe@geneseolutheranchurch.com

The Concordia Lutheran Academy Team has been exploring a possible homeschool hybrid with consulting assistance from the Classical Consultants. This is a collaborative, classical Lutheran education model that offers support, direction, and community for homeschool families. In this model, parents and trained educators work together to provide an education that combines aspects of traditional schooling with homeschooling. Come and listen to the presentation for more information!

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 4th—Youth Event; Bears & Pizza right after service

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.
We will be asking for Candy donations to help out.

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 :

Alan Ratcliffe; friend of Frank Lude

Additional Illnesses/Requests:

Al Young (Stage 4 Colon Cancer); friend of Susan De Loose
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

Prayers of Thanksgiving:

Those Who Mourn:

The Family & Friends of Debra Henry; mother of Jaynie Henry
The Family & Friends of Kelly Fuller; neighbor of the Leonard's and Janet Meeks
The Family & Friends of Jerry Gonse—a member; Funeral 11:00 on Tuesday, Oct. 6 at
Wheelen-Pressley in Milan

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
Ranee 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
 Donna Swift (recovering at home)
 David Swift (recovering at home)
 Mary Donegan (recovering at home)
 Dennis Ziegler (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— We are still collecting the \$10 needed for shipping. You can deposit that in the offering plate marked for Operation Christmas Child.

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.