

## A REMINDER FROM PASTOR...

Please continue to let me know when you (or a family member) are hospitalized. I am more than glad to visit and share God's Word and pray with you. Most of the time the hospital informs us when a member is admitted. However sometimes this has not happened, and I have been completely unaware of a hospitalization. Please also let me know if you or someone you know desires for me to visit and bring the Lord's Supper. Please keep me informed of your circumstances, and I will be glad to minister to you in Christ's name.

– Pastor Michel

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**If you need a large print bulletin or would like to use a hearing impaired device, please speak with an Usher or Lay Assistant.**

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*In reverence to God and as a courtesy to other worshipers, please silence your cell phone during worship. Thank you!*

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## STEWARDSHIP REPORT... Managing what the Lord has given us

### General Fund (Property, Office, Worship, Mission & Ministry, Staff)

Received General Fund last week	\$3,400.00
Received Dedicated Funds last week	\$67.75
Received Building Fund last week	\$622.00

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## ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK

Saturday Worship 5:30 p.m.	44
Sunday Worship 8:00 a.m.	60
Sunday Worship 10:30 a.m.	56
<b>Total Weekend Attendance</b>	<b>160</b>

Sunday School	16
Adult Bible Study	27

**The Mission of St. Matthew Lutheran Church is to  
LEARN, LIVE, and SHARE  
the Gospel of Jesus Christ.**

## St. Matthew Lutheran Church

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## The Day of Pentecost May 14 & 15, 2016

### WELCOME TO THE LORD'S HOUSE

We pray that you are blessed through God's service today. We invite everyone to sign the Record of Fellowship in each pew. Our guests are also invited to sign the guest book on the Welcome Table in the entryway.

### TODAY WE CELEBRATE THE LORD'S SUPPER

At St. Matthew we believe that the Lord's Supper (Holy Communion) is a ministry of the Gospel of Jesus Christ and an expression of our unity in belief and teaching. Therefore, in Christian love we extend this ministry to baptized Christians who...

- ◆ Have been properly instructed and confess the teachings of the Bible as taught in The Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod (LCMS);
- ◆ Acknowledge their sins and repent of their sins;
- ◆ Confess Jesus Christ alone as Savior from all sin;
- ◆ Believe with us that Christ's body and blood are truly present in, with, and under the bread and wine;
- ◆ Intend, with the help of the Holy Spirit, to amend their sinful lives and forgive others as Christ has forgiven them.

Guests who do not hold membership in a congregation of the LCMS are respectfully asked to visit with the pastor before or after the worship service regarding their desire to commune.

**Martin Luther's "Christian Questions with Their Answers" on pages 329-330 in Lutheran Service Book is a good resource to use to prepare oneself to receive the Lord's Supper.**

### NOTES FOR COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION

- ◆ Receive the bread—the body of Christ—in your hand.
- ◆ You may receive the wine—the blood of Christ—with either the individual cup or the common cup. Please assist with the common cup.
- ◆ The individual cups in the center of the tray contain reduced alcohol wine for those that need to receive Christ's blood this way.
- ◆ Those not receiving the Sacrament but wish to receive a blessing (including non-confirmed children) are asked to take a wooden cross from the basket next to the baptismal font. Hold the cross in front of you as the communion elements are distributed. As you then return to your pew, please place the cross in the basket next to the collection tray for individual cups.

## SERVANTS IN THE LORD'S HOUSE

	5:30 p.m.	8:00 a.m.	10:30 a.m.
<b>Lay Assistant</b>	Jason Gorski	Dean Young	Mike Bickle
<b>Ushers</b>	Jerry Donegan Mary Donegan	Jonathan Michel Tom Parchert Nathan Parchert	Jim Bennett Don Mueller Nancy Mueller
<b>Organist</b>	Sue Michel	Sue Michel	Sue Michel
<b>Greeters</b>	Mark Nelsen	Marian Hoffman Sally Vetter	Jim Bennett Barb Miller

**Altar Guild:** Lynn Bickle, Nancy Mueller

**Flowers:** The Dodd Family Celebrating Hanna's "17" Birthday on 5/20

## THIS WEEK THE LORD WILLING

Saturday, May 14	12:00 p.m. 5:30 p.m.	Ladies Spring Luncheon Divine Service
Sunday, May 15 <i>The Day of Pentecost</i>	8:00 a.m. 9:15 a.m. 10:30 a.m.	Divine Service Sunday School & Adult Bible Study Divine Service
Monday, May 16		Pastor on vacation
Tuesday, May 17		Pastor on vacation NO Pastor's Bible Study
Wednesday, May 18	9:30 a.m.	Pastor on vacation Ladies Bible Study
Thursday, May 19	9:30 a.m.	Pastor on vacation Creative Crafters
Friday, May 20	8:30 a.m.	Pastor on vacation Bulletin Assembled
Saturday, May 21	5:30 p.m.	Pastor on vacation Service of the Word
Sunday, May 22 <i>The Holy Trinity</i>	8:00 a.m. 9:15 a.m. 10:30 a.m. 4:00 p.m. 5:30 p.m.	Pastor on vacation Service of the Word Sunday School & Adult Bible Study Service of the Word Bike Outing Al Nordstrom Mississippi Ride Presentation

## LIFE THOUGHT FROM THIS WEEK'S READINGS

When we fail to "understand one another's speech" (Genesis 11:7) because of selfish ambition and hunger for control, confusion and conflict result—even if our common cause is advocacy. Conversation filled with the Word of God's love and the gracious name of the Lord Jesus (Acts 2:17-21) brings peace to anxieties, hurts, regrets, and relationships (John 14:27). The Gospel proclaimed and performed imparts the uniting, enlivening Spirit of God Himself. Prayer: Heavenly Father, fill our minds and hearts with Your Holy Spirit that we may speak to troubled consciences the peace the world cannot give. Amen.

## LIFE QUOTE FOR THIS WEEK

"It is God's design that the marital union of man and woman become the nest for new life, the foundation for home and family. Sin has distorted God's perfect design, but even in disappointment and difficulty, a faithful marriage is the bedrock of a finely tuned and healthy society." *Linda Bartlett, former president of Lutherans For Life – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • www.lutheransforlife.org*

## OUR CHRISTIAN CALLING

**Acts 2:1** "When the day of Pentecost arrived, they were all together in one place." Notice that Pentecost is actually an Old Testament festival: it happens around the time when the wheat and oats are ready to be brought in. In the New Testament this becomes a picture and foreshadowing of the great harvest of humankind that God means to bring in through the preaching of His Word. God gives the seed, and God brings about the harvest – through the work of His Church.

## THEOLOGY FOR BLUE COLLAR, WHITE COLLAR AND CLERICAL COLLAR...

**Issues, Etc.** is a radio talk show produced Lutheran Public Radio in Collinsville, IL and hosted by LCMS Pastor Todd Wilken. This week's topics include: Responding to Liberal Proof Texts, The Augsburg Confession, Jesus Heals Ten Lepers, Christ in the Old Testament and more. You can listen to what you want when you want at [www.issuesetc.org](http://www.issuesetc.org) and on the Lutheran Public Radio mobile app. You can listen it live weekdays from 3-5pm, or whenever you want, at [www.issuesetc.org](http://www.issuesetc.org) and on the Lutheran Public Radio mobile app.

## NEED HELP? - Students Available

The students going to the National Youth Gathering or Higher Things are hoping to raise money by helping you with household chores. If you could use some help around your home, in the yard or wherever, let Greg Mueller-DCE know. He will pass on to you the names of students who are looking to earn money for their trip. If you have any questions or would like to line up some help, please contact Greg at [dcehog@derbyworks.net](mailto:dcehog@derbyworks.net) or 309-236-8826.

## SUNDAY SCHOOL

In our sin, we are lost from God and doomed to die, but God, in His love, sought and found us and keeps us with Him forever. Today's Bible story is, "Jesus Seeks the Lost" as recorded by St. Luke (Luke 15). *Talk about, "How does God the Holy Spirit work through the Word and the Sacraments?"*

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## HELP IS NEEDED

We have a member who is in need of a reliable car. The person only has \$3000 dollars to spend. If you can help, please call the church office at 309-787-4295.

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## SIGN-UP TO RECEIVE OUR E-MEMOS

In place of the printed *Memo* we now have *E-Memos*, which will be distributed via e-mail. You may begin receiving *E-Memos* by signing up for them through our congregation website. Even though the church office may have your e-mail address, you will not automatically receive the *E-Memos*...***you must sign up through our website.*** To receive *E-Memos*....

- ✦ Go to the homepage of our congregation's website ([www.stmatthewmilan.org](http://www.stmatthewmilan.org))
  - ✦ Click on the box "Click here to sign up for our E-Memos"
  - ✦ Follow the directions to sign up for the various e-mail communications of your choice
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## NOT RECEIVING E-MEMOS IN YOUR EMAIL?

If you signed up to receive our *E-Memos*, particularly the one entitled "This Week at St. Matthew" and are not receiving them in your email inbox each Sunday evening, there is a chance that the messages are being routed into your junk/spam folder. To ensure that the *E-Memos* arrive in your email inbox and not in your junk/spam folder, you may wish to add our church email address [stmatthewmilan@gmail.com](mailto:stmatthewmilan@gmail.com) to your email contact list.

## SUNDAY SCHOOL AND ADULT BIBLE STUDY

**Sunday School**— Jesus Seeks the Lost

**High School Bible Study**—Book of James

**Adult Bible Study**—The Book of First Timothy

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## HELP NEEDED

We are looking for people to help clean and reset the kitchen on Thursday June 16. Please contact Vicki Lude at 309-738-3953 if you can help.

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## PASTOR OUT OF TOWN

Pastor Michel will be visiting his family in Colorado Monday, May 16 through Thursday, May 26. During this time our parish nurse, Joel Chapman, will be available for hospital calls (309-948-4652 cell). Pastor Robert Hagen (Trinity, Coal Valley) will be available for emergencies needing pastoral care (799-5650 office; 738-5007 cell).

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## ALTAR DUTY

We are looking for ladies to sign up for altar duty for the months of July, August, September. You can sign up for the whole month or just one week. You do not need to be a member of the LWML. There is a sign up sheet on the bulletin board. If you have questions, contact Vicki Lude at 309-738-3953 or Mary Donegan at 309-781-2632.

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## BANDITS GAME

The whole family is invited to join us for a River Bandits game on Sunday, May 29. Game starts at 1:15pm. Meet at the church at noon or at the game. Tickets will be between \$5-7, depending how many people join us and where we sit. See Greg or Brandi Gale for more info or sign up on the youth bulletin board by May 22nd. Hope to see you there!

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## WELSER SCHOLARSHIP

We have a memorial fund known as the Welser Scholarship. This is a scholarship given once a year to any student who applies for it and is going into the Education field. You need to write a letter to the Finance Committee requesting the scholarship, addressed to the attention of Judy Phillips c/o St. Matthew Lutheran Church 115 W. 12th Avenue, Milan, IL. 61264. You must have your request in by July 17. The money will be divided among all applicants. If you have any questions, please call the church office at 309-787-4295.

## CARD SHOP OPEN

Spring is coming to the card shop. Creative Crafters are making cards for Graduation, Mother's Day and Father's Day. Let us know if you need something we don't yet have available. Thank you for your support.

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## BIRDIES FOR CHARITIES

Youth Ministry at St. Matthew will be doing the Birdies for Charities connected with the John Deere Classic golf tournament. When the forms are available please sign up and make a pledge to help support Youth Ministry at St. Matthew. Funds will be used to help our Sr. Youth Group take part in LCMS National Youth Gathering. The Jr Youth Group will be raising money to help offset the cost of their annual retreats. Thanks again for all your support!

In addition, the Milan Christian Food Pantry is also participating in the Birdies for Charity program. All the money you pledge, plus an additional 5% bonus, will go to the charity you designate – either St. Matthew Youth or the Food Pantry.

See Greg Mueller or Al Nordstrom or Kitty Dornbier for available pledge sheets. Thanks again.

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## CONGREGATIONAL LIFE CALENDAR

St Matthew's Congregational Life Committee is planning events that are open to all ages of St Matthew members and their friends. Please check the dates out, mark your calendars and make plans to join us. If you have any suggestions, please feel free to contact our committee.

### **Sunday, May 22 Bike Outing**

Join us for an afternoon of biking and then return to church for walking tacos, dessert, and our very own Al Nordstrom will share about his bike trip all the way to New Orleans. Meet at the Subway parking lot in Milan at 4:00 p.m. and we will ride for about an hour. Then at 5:30 p.m. we will meet at church for walking tacos and to listen to Al share about his trip. You are free to join us for both parts or either one. This is for the whole family, we will be riding on the bike path at whatever speed you would like.

### **Sunday, July 24 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Miniature Golf Event**

If you missed the 1<sup>st</sup> Miniature Golf last year you will want to join us this year. We will be playing behind Happy Joe's in Coal Valley. We are planning on golfing at 2:00 p.m. and enjoying some pizza around 5:00 p.m.

### **Sunday, August 21 Frisbee Golf Outing and Fellowship**

We are going to Camden Park in Milan for an enjoyable afternoon in God's creation. If you never played Frisbee golf this would be a great opportunity to give it a try with some church friends. All you need is a Frisbee, and if you do not have one we can provide you with one. If you don't want to go Frisbee golfing, come anyway for we are planning a game we can do at a pavilion. Time: 3:00-5:00 p.m.

## UPDATE ON SUMMER F's COOKOUTS

Thanks to all who attended and assisted with the first of our Summer F's cookouts this past Tuesday. It was decided that our next one will take place sometime in June. The date and details will be announced in the coming weeks.

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## BIG THANK YOU

A special thank you to all who participated in our Thrivent Action Team Project. Thrivent provided us with \$25.00 for our project team to spring clean our lawn and flower beds. Fertilizer, weed and mole control and mulch were applied and some flowers planted. Those on our team were Jim and Sandy Keller, Reed Phillips, Chris Chapman, Mary Donegan, Ruth Hart, and some of our youth and their parents who cleaned the flower beds. Thank you for a job well done!

*Ruth Hart*

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## PASTOR'S TUESDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY

Pastor's Tuesday Bible study is taking a break during the month of May as he and the Michels visit family. Our study on "Numbers in Scripture" will resume on Tuesday, May 31.

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## LADIES WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY AT 9:30 am

We will be studying "Off The Edge: Faith, Science, and the Future."

Off the Edge explores the relationship between faith, science, and our future as a space-faring people. The study looks at Faith in the Age of Science, From Soup to Science (Cosmology), Origins of Life, Extraterrestrial Life, Contact? and Scientific Eschatology.

Come join us on Wednesday at 9:30 am as we look at the creation of the universe, the end of the universe, and the possibility of life on other planets.

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## GRADUATING?..

We would like to show "Our Pride" in the Class of 2016. Please provide a recent photo and complete the form available on Bulletin Board "C" and return to Chris Chapman (786-3269) or the church office.

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## YOUTH GROUP GARAGE SALE COMING...

This summer St. Matthew youth groups will be having a garage sale if people are interested in donating items. Please start saving your treasures for this sale. Proceeds will go help send people to the 2016 LCMS National Youth Gathering or Higher Things. Please note drop off is Sunday, June 5 and Monday, June 6. Other times by calling and scheduling. The sale is Thursday, June 9—Saturday, June 11.

## HEY GUYS... JOIN US FOR BREAKFAST MAY 21!

The St. Matthew Men's Network invites all men of the congregation to breakfast **Saturday, May 21 at 7:00 am.** As we enjoy a hot breakfast we will continue discussing our current topic: *"A Man Named Martin."* This study looks at the life of Martin Luther—a monk whose Spirit-inspired grasp of God's justification of sinners through faith in the Savior was the cornerstone of the Reformation.

We meet from 7:00 to 8:15 a.m. at the church. ***ALL GUYS, including youth who have been confirmed, are invited!***

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## VBS 2016 JUNE 20-25 9:00am—12:00pm

Has God put on your heart the desire to help with VBS this summer? If so, then give Greg Mueller-DCE a call (309-236-8826) and let him know that you would like to join the great staff and be part of this exciting ministry at St. Matthew. Please start praying about this important opportunity we have to share the Good News of Jesus with so many young people and then ask God if He wants you to join the staff. Keep these dates open on your children's schedule, bring a friend and invite your neighbors. VBS is a great opportunity to grow in your understanding of God's love, and to share His love with others!

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## YOUTH MINISTRY

### Connect II

Plans are being made to start up CONNECT, so watch for details and/or talk to Greg if you have any suggestions or interest.

### Up Coming Youth Events.....(more to come..)

#### Sunday, May 22 Biking

Meet at the parking lot by Subway in Milan at 4:00 p.m. We will ride for a little over an hour. Then at 5:30 p.m. we will have walking tacos at church.

#### Bandits Game

The whole family is invited to join us for a River Bandits game on Sunday, May 29. Game starts at 1:15pm. Meet at the church at noon or at the game. Tickets will be between \$5-7, depending how many people join us and where we sit. See Greg or Brandi Gale for more info or sign up on the youth bulletin board by May 22nd. Hope to see you there!

#### Garage Sale:

Mark your calendars for the following times: Sunday June 5, 3:00 p.m., Monday – Wed (6/6-8) 6:00-8:30, Thursday – Friday 8:00-5:30 p.m., Saturday 8:00-12:00p.m. and clean-up 11:00 till 2:30 p.m. We need your help!

#### VBS June 20-24

#### Sunday, July 24 Miniature Golf.

Join us for our 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Miniature Golf tournament at Happy Joe's in Coal Valley. We will start golfing at 2:00p.m. with pizza to follow.



Everyone's invited to Vacation Bible School at St. Matthew Lutheran Church. The five-day program will be held **June 20-24, 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.** Children who are three years old through 8th grade graduates are invited along for the journey. Call Greg Mueller at 795-9812 or the church at 787-4295 with questions. You may register online at [www.StMatthewMilan.org](http://www.StMatthewMilan.org).

## 2016 VBS Registration

Student's name \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_

Age: \_\_\_3yrs \_\_\_4/5yrs **OR**

School grade completed K\_\_\_, 1\_\_\_, 2\_\_\_, 3\_\_\_, 4\_\_\_, 5\_\_\_, 6\_\_\_, 7\_\_\_, 8\_\_\_

Allergies or other medical problems \_\_\_\_\_

Parents \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

code \_\_\_\_\_

Home telephone \_\_\_\_\_

Work telephone \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency telephone \_\_\_\_\_

Brothers and sisters (names and ages) \_\_\_\_\_

Family church \_\_\_\_\_

SpecialNeeds \_\_\_\_\_

(Additional forms are available by the VBS Poster in the hallway)

Please initial: \_\_\_\_\_ you have my permission to use my child's picture on St. Matthew's Web page or Facebook page.



**GRADUATING?..**

If you are or if you know of a member who is graduating from High School or from College, please let us know. We would like to show "Our Pride" in the Class of 2016. Please provide a recent photo and complete the form available and return to Chris Chapman (786-3269) or the church office.

**Name** \_\_\_\_\_

**School Graduating from.** \_\_\_\_\_

**When are you graduating?**  
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