

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

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

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

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

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

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| Received General Fund last week | \$6,200.78 |
| Received E-Corp Offering | \$1,280.00 |
| Received Dedicated Funds last week | \$21,406.11 |
| Received Building Fund last week | \$330.00 |

ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK

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| Saturday Worship | 5:30 p.m. | 35 |
| Sunday Worship | 8:00 a.m. | 59 |
| Sunday Worship | 10:30 a.m. | <u>57</u> |
| Total Weekend Attendance | | 151 |

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| Sunday School | 19 |
| Adult Bible Study | 14 |

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

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**Ninth Sunday after Pentecost
July 16 & 17, 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.

WE CELEBRATE THE LORD'S SUPPER NEXT WEEKEND

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. |
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| Lay Assistant | Jason Gorski | Douglas Teggatz | |
| Ushers | Ken Gorski | John Campbell Zach Whitmire Joshua Teggatz Jonathan Michel | Jamie Huisman Jeff Martens Tom Krahl |
| Organist | Sue Michel | Sue Michel | Sue Michel |
| Greeters | | Regina Hoffman | Tommy & Fern Tucker |

Altar Guild: Mary Donegan, Vicki Lude, Barb Miller

Flowers: The Dodd Family Celebrating Jakob's and Jordan's birthdays
Michael and Hollyne Wagner Celebrating their marriage on 7/16

THIS WEEK THE LORD WILLING

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| Saturday, July 16 | 1:00 p.m. 5:30 p.m. | Youth @ National Youth Gathering Wagner/Stroup Wedding Divine Service |
| Sunday, July 17 <i>Ninth Sunday after Pentecost</i> | 8:00 a.m. 9:15 a.m. 10:30 a.m. | Youth @ National Youth Gathering Divine Service Sunday School & Adult Bible Study Divine Service |
| Monday, July 18 | 6:30 p.m. | Youth @ National Youth Gathering Lay Assistants |
| Tuesday, July 19 | 6:00 p.m. | Youth @ National Youth Gathering Summer F's |
| Wednesday, July 20 | | Youth @ National Youth Gathering |
| Thursday, July 21 | 9:30 a.m. | Creative Crafters |
| Friday, July 22 | 8:30 a.m. | Pastor's Day Off Bulletin Assembled |
| Saturday, July 23 | 5:30 p.m. | Divine Service |
| Sunday, July 24 <i>Tenth Sunday after Pentecost</i> | 8:00 a.m. 9:15 a.m. 10:30 a.m. | Divine Service Sunday School & Adult Bible Study Divine Service Thrivent Day at the Bandits Game |

LIFE THOUGHT FROM THIS WEEK'S READINGS

The Almighty who made us wills life even in circumstances appearing impossible and otherwise hopeless (Genesis 18:9-14). Jesus miraculously invades our prideful boundaries and interrupts our other priorities with promises and relationship (Luke 10:38-42). Prayer: Holy Trinity, by Your Word bring Your communion life into my strangled selfishness. Amen.

LIFE QUOTE FOR THIS WEEK

“Christian fatherhood goes beyond merely ensuring that children are well cared for and provided for. A Christian father will also be actively engaged in the rearing of his children. The apostle Paul gives divine counsel both on how to—and how not to—go about this parental function, when he exhorts, ‘Fathers, do not exasperate your children; instead, bring them up in the training and instruction of the Lord’ (Ephesians 6:4, NIV).” *Rev. Mark Gullerud, pastor at Redeemer Lutheran Church, Bowdle, South Dakota – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • www.lutheransforlife.org*

OUR CHRISTIAN CALLING

Matthew 7:17 “So, every healthy tree bears good fruit.” As fruit follows from a good tree, so our good works flow from the cleansing the Lord has given us in Holy Baptism. In Baptism we have a new identity – we are the “new man in Christ” as St. Paul says. Of course, on this side of glory we still have the world, the devil, and the flesh to wrestle with. That means that our growth in sanctification is a struggle. So if it's sometimes a struggle for you to be generous – don't give up! Keep fighting the good fight of faith, trusting in your Lord and His provision.

DAILY EXERCISE FOR THE CHRISTIAN MIND...

Issues, Etc. is a radio talk show hosted by LCMS Pastor Todd Wilken and produced by Lutheran Public Radio in Collinsville, IL. This week's topics include: The November Elections, The Lord's Prayer, Job, The Smalcald Articles, Give Us This Day Our Daily Bread and more. You can listen to what you want when you want at www.issuesetc.org and on the Lutheran Public Radio mobile app.

SIGN-UP TO RECEIVE OUR E-MEMOS

In place of the printed *Memo* we now have *E-Memos*, which will be distributed via email. You may begin receiving *E-Memos* by signing up for them through our congregation website. Even though the church office may have your email 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)
- ✦ Click on the box "Click here to sign up for our E-Memos"
- ✦ Follow the directions to sign up for the various email communications of your choice

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 to your email contact list.

CARD SHOP OPEN

Creative Crafters are making cards for various occasions. Let us know if you need something we don't yet have available. Thank you for your support.

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, August 21 2nd Annual Miniature Golf Event

Due to the Thrivent's River Bandits game we will be rescheduling the 2nd Annual Miniature Gold event. We will be playing behind Happy Joe's in Coal Valley. The plans are on golfing at 2:00 and enjoying some pizza around 5:00.

Sunday, September 25 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.

SUNDAY SCHOOL AND ADULT BIBLE STUDY

Sunday School— Jesus Is Our Savior: Jesus Suffers and Dies

High School Bible Study—Book of James

Adult Bible Study—Book of First Timothy

BAPTIZED

Sunday, July 17, at the 8:00am service

Chayton Ryan Ramsey

Son of David and Haley Ramsey

Sponsors:

Seth Mandle

Abbigail Lambert

*Here we bring a child of nature;
Home we take a newborn creature,
Now God's precious son or daughter,
Born again by Word and water.*

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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.

BIRDIES FOR CHARITIES

Youth Ministry at St. Matthew will be doing the Birdies for Charities connected with the John Deere Classic golf tournament. Forms are available. 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.

Questions, contact Greg Mueller or Al Nordstrom or Kitty Dornbier.

SUMMER F's

Come join us at St. Matthew Summer F's'meaning *Faith, Family, Friends, Food, Fellowship, and Fun.*

When & where: Tuesday, July 19, beginning at 6:00 p.m. (come and go as you need) in the church parking lot.

Food: Your own meat to grill as well as your own drinks (non-alcoholic, please). Bring also a side dish or dessert to share. Paper plates and plastic utensils will be provided. We will eat outside if it's nice, or move inside if it's too hot or raining.

What else to bring: A lawn chair and any games you would like. Also, please consider inviting and bringing a *friend*.

PAINTERS NEEDED

We will be painting the walls and the cabinets of the old kitchen and are looking for people to help. We will be painting the week of July 18. If you are interested please contact Mary Donegan at 781-2632.

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 you 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 or 309-236-8826.

LCMS NATIONAL YOUTH GATHERING IN NEW ORLEANS

11 students and 5 adults will be joining some 25,000 other Lutheran youths from around the world for 5 days of speakers, Bible studies, topical studies, service opportunities, concerts, worship and so much more. This truly is a once in a lifetime experience and we would like to thank St. Matthew congregation, along with the hard work of the students/parents and the rich blessing of God to make this all possible.

St Matthew's group is:

Eric Campbell, Hanna Dodd, Josh Eberts, Lilah Flickinger, Audrey Gale, Jordan Gale, Maddy Hunt, Andrew Henniges, Jack Henniges, Jacey Upton, and Sam Whittington. Adults: Karlene Campbell, Bruce Eberts, Brandi & Andy Gale, and Greg Mueller-DCE.

Please remember the group in your prayers asking God to bless our travel, servant event and our experience of the Gathering. Thanks again for your prayers and support that made this event possible.

THANK YOU

The family of Mark Amacher would like to thank Pastor Michel, Sue Michel, Joel Chapman, the ladies of the LWML and all those at St Matthew that offered prayers, cards, calls and food during the loss of our Loved One.

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.

Weekly High School Bible Study

Our weekly Bible study will not meet for the next 2 weeks. If you have questions, contact Greg or Josh Teggatz.

Sunday, July 24 Thrivent's River Bandit Game

This is a *free* opportunity—yes free. **BUT... you have to sign up for a ticket.** Talk to Greg or sign-up on the bulletin board.

FYI—FOOD PANTRY AND FOOD EXPIRATION DATES

We've all done it. Pulled something out of the cabinet, only to see it's expiration date on the package, and we've thrown it away. Why? Because it is past the "expiration date." **But here's the deal**—nothing expires on that date. There is no FDA or USDA standard for food product dating. Baby food is the only food with government mandated expiration dates. So confusion abounds—best by, sell by, use by, a date with no explanation. So then why the date?! The date is what the manufacturer determines is the very best quality. It is safe. So how long is it safe to eat past the date on the package? It varies on the type of food. It might be 2 weeks or 5 years.

So don't throw food away with past expiration dates. Donate them to the Milan Christian Food Pantry. We'll check them and if they are still safe to eat, people who don't have enough food to eat will be very happy to have it. There is enough food to feed everyone. We're just throwing it away.

To check any food yourself, go to riverbendfoodbank.org or stilltasty.com

Thank you for supporting the Milan Christian Food Pantry. You do make a difference!

THE FOOD PANTRY NEEDS GROCERY BAGS—PLEASE HELP.

DR. MAIER SEMINAR—ANYONE INTERESTED?

Bill Burt is interested in attending the special seminar by Dr. Maier in October (see info elsewhere in bulletin). He would like to team up with someone and or a group that is also interested in going. There is a sign up sheet on the Bulletin board if you are interested in teaming up with Bill

BIRTHDAY CARD SHOWER

Our member Bessie Harper will celebrate her 97th birthday on August 1. Her family is encouraging members of St. Matthew to shower her with birthday cards for her special day. Cards may be mailed to:

Bessie Harper
c/o Hillcrest Home
14688 IL Hwy. 82
Geneseo, IL 61254

PRAYER LIST GUIDELINES

The list of individuals for whom we are currently praying as a congregation appears on the weekly bulletin insert *St. Matthew at Prayer*. Below are the prayer list guidelines that Pastor Michel and the Board of Lay Assistants adopted some time ago. Beginning with the prayer list in the bulletin for Sunday, July 17 we will once again begin adhering to these guidelines.

- New entries for the prayer list in the weekly bulletin will appear in *St. Matthew at Prayer* and be mentioned in the Prayer of the Church in Divine Services for 4 consecutive weeks. Please inform Pastor or Karen if you wish to have a name appear for a shorter period of time. Also, some entries, by their nature (e.g. births, deaths, anniversaries, etc.), will appear for a shorter period of time (deaths for 2 weeks; births & anniversaries for 1 week).
- Please note that the first of these 4 weeks will be the week that the entry EITHER first appears in the bulletin OR is announced verbally by Pastor in the worship service.
- Existing entries may be placed in the weekly bulletin for up to an additional 4 weeks by contacting Pastor or Karen.
- Although prayer requests submitted during services are always welcomed, it is helpful, if possible, to have prayer requests to Pastor prior to the weekend's Divine Services. You may contact Karen in the church office, or call, text, email, or Facebook message Pastor with your prayer requests.

These guidelines have been put in place by Pastor Michel and the Board of Lay Assistants for Membership Care in an effort to keep our prayer list as current as possible. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Pastor.

LIFE LINE HEALTH SCREENING

Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church, 17628 Hubbard Road, Hampton is hosting a Life Line Health Screening on July 25, 2016. There is a fee for this event. To register for a wellness package, please call 1-888-653-6441 or visit www.lifelinescreening.com/ community-partners.

CAMP CILCA

CAMP CILCA is looking for donations to auction off at the 2016 Chicken Fry and Auction on Sunday, September 4. If you would like to donate an item for auction please contact the camp office at 217-487-7497. Thank you in advance for your continued support!

CAMP CILCA

Camp CILCA's annual Chicken Fry & Auction will take place on Sunday, September 4. A worship service will be held for those camping at 10:30am in the Indoor Chapel. A Fried Chicken lunch will be served from 11:30-2:30, and the live auction will begin at 1pm. For items that will be listed for auction you can visit the website at www.cilca.org.

Camp CILCA is seeking a part time assistant housekeeper to aid in the upkeep of the retreat facilities year round. Anyone interested in the position can call Pastor Joshua Theilen at 217-487-7497.

HELP IS NEEDED

We have a member who is in need of a reliable car. The person only has \$3,000 dollars to spend. If you can help, please call the church office at 309-787-4295.



Central Illinois District
Lutheran Church Missouri Synod

"Make Disciples of All Nations"

July, 2016

Opening Thoughts:

If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. 1 John 1:8-9

It was driving test time for the 73-year-old lady in Ontario. The instructor was totally prepared to take a nervous golden-ager through the routine. It was something he had done many times before. Yes, he was more than ready to deal with the anxious, uneasy, maybe even panicky candidate. But he was not prepared to test a lady who appeared to be far younger than 73.

Though he couldn't be absolutely sure, it looked to him like the lady was wearing a wig that made her appear older. Suspicious, the instructor told his supervisor and the supervisor called the police.

It didn't take much of an investigation to find out the woman was the 39-year-old daughter of the woman who was supposed to be taking the test. When asked for an explanation, the woman said her mother was "too nervous to take the test."

She did wrong, trying to do something right.

How many times have we been caught with our hand in sin's cookie jar and had our excuse(s) all ready to go? The truth is, we often commit our sins because we think it is best, or advantageous, or might be of help, or make things easier.

Still, no matter how we justify and rationalize things the Lord says, "No matter the good intentions, setting your will above Mine is a bad thing." To give us hope is why the Heavenly Father sent His Son. Through His work we have not only hope, but forgiveness and eternal life.

Glenn Goeres, retired CID executive

Pray For Our Central Illinois District Missions supported by your church's Mission Dollars... *"Finally brothers, pray for us, that the Word of the Lord may spread rapidly and be honored..." (2Thes. 3:1)...* Please Pray for the Illinois State University, Campus Ministry, Normal (Rev. Wm. Jensen).

2016 LERT (Lutheran Emergency Response Training)

Saturday, September 10, 2016, Trinity, Urbana 8 am – 4:30 pm
(Sessions begin at 8:30 am)

Registration forms available at www.cidlcms.org or call CID office 217/793-1802.

150 Year Anniversary: St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Strasburg, IL will continue its "150 Years of Faith in God's Grace" with its second celebration to be held on Sunday, July 31 at 9 a.m. fellowship time and church history topics followed by 10 a.m. Divine Service featuring Rev. Chad Lueck as liturgist and Rev. Dwanye Lueck as preacher. Following the service will be an old-time picnic lunch, Kids' games, and at 1:30 p.m. Gospel quartet featuring "Eagle's Wings". Please RSVP if you will be joining us for the picnic at 217-644-2661 or stpaullicms@consolidated.net. Check out our website stpaul-strasburg.com for more information.

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An Evangelism Conference is to be held at Our Shepherd Lutheran Church in Avon, IN on Friday and Saturday, September 9 and 10. Pastors, leaders and congregational members of the Central IL District are invited to attend. with the theme of "Confessing Christ in a Contrary Culture." Rev. Dr. Lawrence R. Rast, Jr., President of Concordia Theological Seminary, will be the keynote speaker. Rev. Hesham Shehab from Chicago will be one of the plenary speakers talking on "Reaching Out to the Muslims" and Chaplain Paul Lepley will be another plenary speaker talking about "Reaching out to the Military Families." Some of the breakout sessions will focus on:

- Confessing Christ to Veterans
- Confessing Christ to Immigrants
- Confessing Christ through the Best Use of Your Financials
- Confessing Christ to Millenials
- Confessing Christ in the Neighborhood
- Confessing Christ to Muslims
- Confessing Christ through Social Media

Two tracks of breakout sessions will be offered. In the first track you will be able to pick four different breakout sessions. You will stay on the Our Shepherd Lutheran Church and School's campus the whole time. In the second track you will have the opportunity to actually participate in canvassing the community around Our Shepherd Lutheran Church. If you would like to have this hands-on training, please register for all the breakout sessions that Rev. David Mommens is teaching.

The cost per person will be \$45.00 which will include a dinner on Friday Night and Lunch on Saturday. After August 26, 2016 registration costs will be \$55.00 per person. We will take registrations up to and through the day of the event.

The Indiana District web page has information highlights about this conference: <http://in.lcms.org/event/confessing-christ-in-a-contrary-culture-evangelism-conference/>