

YOUTH MINISTRY (Grades 6-12)

Jr. and Sr. Youth – check with Greg on future events. The Youth and Ed Committee would like your input.

Mark Your Calendars:

Garage Sale June 4-10

VBS June 19-23

YOUTH GROUP GARAGE SALE COMING

June 4 Starts the Drop Off.

This summer St. Matthew's youth group will be having a garage sale if people are interested in donating items. Let Greg know if the youth should plan on having one in June. Please start saving your treasures for this sale. Proceeds will go to help send people to the 2019 LCMS National Youth Gathering and other Youth ministry events. Here is the schedule:

Sunday, June 4	3:00-5:00pm	Drop Off
Monday, June 5	6:30-8:00pm	Drop Off and sorting
Tuesday, June 6	6:30-8:00pm	Sort items
Wednesday, June 7	6:30-8:00pm	If needed more sorting
Thursday, June 8	8:00-5:30pm	Garage Sale
Friday, June 9	8:00-5:30pm	Garage Sale
Saturday, June 10	8:00-12:00pm	Garage Sale
Saturday, June 10	11:00-2:30pm	Clean up

SAVE THE DATE FOR VBS

VBS is June 19-23 this year, from 9:00am—12:00pm. Please put it on your calendar. If you would like to be involved with VBS please let Greg Mueller know.

WELSER SCHOLARSHIP

We have a memorial fund known as the Welsler 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 June 1.** The money will be divided among all applicants. If you have any questions, please call the church office at 309-787-4295.

ATTENDANCE LAST WEEKEND

Sat. 5:30 p.m.	58	Sunday School	12
Sun. 8:00 a.m.	52	Adult Bible Study	28
Sun. 10:30 a.m.	36		

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Fourth Sunday of Easter

May 6 & 7 2017

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.
Lay Assistant	Jason Gorski	Al Nordstrom	Jeff Martens
Ushers	Terry Oetting	The Douglas Teggatz Family	Solomon Stroup Jim Bennett Chris McVay
Organist	Sue Michel	Sue Michel	Sue Michel
Greeters		Regina Hoffman	Don & Nancy Mueller

Altar Guild: Audrey & Brandi Gale

Flowers: Jerry & Mary Donegan Celebrating Ollie's "3" Birthday
Don & Nancy Mueller in Memory of Marty

THIS WEEK THE LORD WILLING

Saturday, May 6	5:30 p.m.	Divine Service
Sunday, May 7 <i>4th Sunday of Easter</i>	8:00 a.m. 9:15 a.m. 9:15 a.m. 10:30 a.m.	Divine Service Sunday School Confirmation Reception Divine Service with Confirmation
Monday, May 8		
Tuesday, May 9	1:00 p.m.	Ladies Bible Study
Wednesday, May 10		
Thursday, May 11	7:00 p.m.	Youth & Education
Friday, May 12	8:30 a.m.	Pastor's Day Off Bulletin Assembled
Saturday, May 13	5:30 p.m.	Divine Service
Sunday, May 14 <i>5th Sunday of Easter</i> <i>Happy Mother's Day!</i>	8:00 a.m. 9:15 a.m. 9:15 a.m. 10:30 a.m.	Divine Service Sunday School Adult Bible Study Divine Service

LIFE THOUGHT FROM THIS WEEK'S READINGS

Christ in the flesh ensures no sheep goes forth alone, not even the strays or stragglers (John 10:4). His Gospel gives company and community along with forgiveness and salvation (Acts 2:42-45). Having Father and family nearby can stave off sin and death. *Good Shepherd, let us bring care by being it. Amen.*

LIFE QUOTE FOR THIS WEEK

“What do we share with that unmarried, pregnant college freshman who is ashamed and afraid and sees only one way out? We share that she is loved and forgiven and not forsaken because she is created, redeemed, and called.” *Rev. Dr. James I. Lamb, former executive director of Lutherans For Life – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • www.lutheransforlife.org*

OUR CHRISTIAN CALLING

1 Peter 2:21 “For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, so that you might follow in his steps.” Our heavenly Father wants us to grow into the image of His Son, to follow in His steps. Jesus suffered for us not only to redeem us, but also to show us what love looks like – to leave us an example of self-giving, sacrificial generosity. “Let us ever walk with Jesus, follow His example pure.”

YOUR DAILY LUTHERAN BIBLE CLASS...

Issues, Etc. is a radio talk show produced by Lutheran Public Radio in Collinsville, IL and hosted by LCMS Pastor Todd Wilken. This weeks subjects include: What Do I Pray For?, The Vocation of Mother, The Exclusive Claims of Jesus Christ, Jesus Appears in Galilee, The Old Testament Prophet Job and more. You can listen on-demand at www.issuesetc.org and on the Lutheran Public Radio mobile app.

CALL COMMITTEE UPDATE

The Call Committee and Lay Assistants met with Pastor Hagen (Circuit Visitor) this week and Pastor Hagen encouraged St. Matthew to start collecting names for our new Pastor. Please give any names you would like to suggest to Dave Schroeder or a Lay Assistant. Please write the name and if possible the congregation's name and town/state where they are serving. We would like all names by Sunday, May 21.

CAMP CILCA HOG ROAST

The Camp CILCA Hog Roast will take place on Sunday, May 28. The day begins with worship at 10:30am, the Rev Dr David Peter will preach. A lunch of pulled-pork sandwiches, baked beans, coleslaw, and desserts will be served from 11:30-2:30. Adults are \$8, children (4-12) are \$5. Come for a whole weekend filled with camping, swimming in the afternoons, games in the evenings, and campfire devotions at dusk. For information on lodging call the camp office at 217-487-7497 or visit cilca.org.

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*

SUNDAY MORNING ADULT BIBLE STUDY

Please join us Sunday morning at 9:15 as we continue exploring *A Man Named Martin: The Moment*. This video-based study produced by Lutheran Hour Ministries examines the interplay of personalities and events that led to the Protestant Reformation, a theological overhaul set in motion most notably by Martin Luther's nailing of the 95 Theses to the church door at Wittenberg.

All are invited to join us Sunday at 9:15 a.m. in the Gathering Room.

VBS 2017 JUNE 19-23 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 S. 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. Our key theme is "Mighty Fortress: In Jesus, the Victory is Won (1 Cor. 15:57). If you have craft ideas, music/song suggestions, activities or Bible study materials on any of these Bible accounts let Greg know.

LADIES BIBLE STUDY TUESDAY AFTERNOONS AT 1:00pm

We are studying a Faith on the edge series "Playing God, redesigning life". This series explores the ethics of "perfecting" humanity through DNA, cloning, stem cell, and more. Explore the relationship between science, technology, and faith—how this relationship affects our culture and how you can biblically respond. If you have any questions, contact Karen Britton at 309-787-4295

Come join us on Tuesdays at 1:00pm. Hope to see you then!

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

SUNDAY SCHOOL AND ADULT BIBLE STUDY

Sunday School— Jesus Appears to Thomas

High School Bible Study— Jesus' Last Days

Adult Bible Study—A Man Named Martin:

SUNDAY SCHOOL NOTES

This week in Sunday School, the children will study "Jesus Appears to Thomas" (John 20:19–31). We, like Thomas, doubt what we cannot see. Through His Spirit, God gives us eyes of faith that we might see Jesus in Word and Sacrament and believe in Him. Discuss with your family, "*When is it hard to trust and believe in the promises of God? Who is the source of our faith?*"

PASTOR MICHEL ACCEPTS CALL

Pastor Michel has accepted the call he received to serve as the pastor of Peace Lutheran Church in New Berlin, Wisconsin (suburban Milwaukee). His final Sunday at St. Matthew will be May 21. Note that on Sunday, May 21 there will be one Divine Service at 10:30 a.m. with a meal to follow. There will be no 8:00 a.m. service that day, and there will be no 5:30 p.m. service on Saturday, May 20.

Since several people have asked, Pastor Michel will begin preaching and leading Divine Services at Peace beginning Sunday, June 4, and he will be formally installed Sunday, June 11 at a 3:00 p.m. service.

RECEPTION FOR OUR 2017 CONFIRMANDS

This Sunday, May 7 (Confirmation Day) St. Matthew LWML will host a reception with goodies and coffee/juice between services outside the church sanctuary to help celebrate this year's youth confirmation class. Please plan to join us!

LWML SPRING LUNCHEON

Come join us at the LWML Spring Luncheon on May 20, 2017. Doors open at 11:00am and lunch starts at 12:00pm. Sign up starts today!

*I praise you for I am fearfully and wonderfully made
Psalm 139:14a*

Admission:

Monetary donation and/or items for Davenport Lutheran Home Residents. Personal care items (ie. Non-skid socks, costume jewelry, men's after shave, hand lotions) and snacks are appreciated. We will have a free will offering.

Bring ticket with you to enter into drawings.

*We also have sign up sheets for :
table hostess, making a salad to bring, and ticket sign up.*

ST. MATTHEW PRAYER LIST

NEW/UPDATED requests this week

Ron Dean (recovering from surgery)
 Joan Groene (hospitalized this week)
 Patti Pearson (hospitalized this week)

Those in Mourning

Family & Friends of Frank Koepfel

Other continuing request

Dixie Aguirre (recovering at Heartland, room 157B)
 Bill Allen, brother-in-law of Mary & Jerry Donegan (recovering from surgery)
 Carol Allen, sister of Mary Donegan (recovering)
 Roger Donner (recovering)
 Cathy Farber, mother of Brian Farber (recovering)
 Rick Fuller (undergoing treatment for stage 4 lung cancer)
 Gary Harmon, son of Barb Harmon (under palliative care)
 Deb Hardin, friend of Dave & Sandy Schumaker (pancreatic cancer)
 Lena Helms, family of Patsy Hartwich (cancer & broken leg)
 Amelia Karstens, friend of Stroups (recovering from open heart surgery)
 Connie Neumann (recovering at home from knee surgery)
 Ken Scherer (recovering at Generations Nursing Home Rock Island room 209)
 Phyllis Schierbecker, mother of Sue Michel (health)
 Anita Schroeder (hospitalized this past week; now at home)
 James Seaberry, friend of Bill & Eileen Leonard (Health issues)
 Darla Stroup, sister of Leon Stroup (cancer)
 James Vrana (recovering from fall)
 Sam Whittington (health issues & tests)
 Nick Whittington (sustained injury)

MAY FOOD PANTRY COLLECTION

Our St. Matthew May collection of personal care items is beginning. The personal care items are greatly needed and appreciated by our clients.

Please Donate:

- ✦ Deodorant
- ✦ Shampoo
- ✦ Toothpaste and brushes
- ✦ Dish soap
- ✦ Laundry soap (the \$1 containers from Dollar Tree are perfect)
- ✦ Feminine hygiene products

Your efforts do make a difference. At Nordstrom and Kitty Dornbier

He who is generous will be blessed, for he give to the poor Proverbs 22:9



Everyone's invited to Vacation Bible School at St. Matthew Lutheran Church. The five-day program will be held **June 19-23, 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.

2017 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 _____

Special Needs _____

(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.

2017 CONFIRMATION CLASS

Claire Olivia Henniges

Daughter of Brian & Melissa Henniges

Born: April 28, 2004

Baptized: July 25, 2004

Sponsors: Ben & Robin Henniges

Confirmation Verse: 1 Corinthians 16:13 - Be watchful, stand firm in the faith, be brave, be strong.

Jack Henry Henniges

Son of Brian & Melissa Henniges

Born: October 11, 2000

Baptized: November 25, 2000

Sponsors: Bruce & Cathy Henniges

Confirmation Verse: Psalm 23:1 - The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.

Madison Joy McVay

Daughter of Chris & Jennifer McVay

Born: November 18, 2003

Baptized: December 14, 2003

Sponsors: Larry & Rexann Garmoe

Confirmation Verse: Philippians 4:13 - I can do all things through Him who strengthens me.

Rebekah Jane Michel

Daughter of the Rev. Gregory & Susan Michel

Born: June 17, 2004

Baptized: July 11, 2004

Sponsors: Mark Michel, Dian Schlichtmann, and the Rev. Joel & Cathy Danner

Confirmation Verse: Revelation 2:10 - Jesus said, "Be faithful unto death, and I will give you the crown of life."

2017 CONFIRMATION CLASS

Emma Rose Slattery

Daughter of Mark & Jennifer Slattery

Born: November 28, 2003

Baptized: April 18, 2004

Sponsors: Chris & Kathy Slattery

Confirmation Verse: Joshua 1:9 - Be strong and courageous. Do not be frightened, and do not be dismayed, for the LORD your God is with you wherever you go.

Lauren Elizabeth Slattery

Daughter of Mark & Jennifer Slattery

Born: November 28, 2003

Baptized: April 18, 2004

Sponsors: Chris & Kathy Slattery

Confirmation Verse: Luke 11:28 - Jesus said, "Blessed are those who hear the word of God and keep it!"

Jayla Kay Upton

Daughter of Jason & Stephanie Upton

Born: October 27, 2003

Baptized: November 30, 2003

Sponsors: Ryan Tendick & Joel Upton

Confirmation Verse: Joshua 1:9 - Be strong and courageous. Do not be frightened, and do not be dismayed, for the LORD your God is with you wherever you go.