

YOUTH MINISTRY (Grades 6-12)

Jr. and Sr. Youth – May 28, 9:15am The Youth and Education Committee wants to hear from you and would like to invite you to join us on Sunday, May 28 at 9:15am in the youth room. Donuts and juice will be served and a good time will be had by all!

VBS June 19-23 We can still use more classroom helpers. If interested contact Greg Mueller-DCE or Linda Tobin

2019 LCMS National Youth Gathering July 11-15 in Minneapolis MN
If you are in 6th grade this year and older you will be able to attend. This event usually will have 20,000 to 25,000 students from around the world. This is often called a “once in a life time” event. Questions talk to Greg.

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. 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	8:00-11:00pm	Garage Sale Note New Time
Saturday, June 10	11:00-2:30pm	Clean up

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.

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

ATTENDANCE LAST WEEKEND

Sat. 5:30 p.m.	43	Sunday School	12
Sun. 8:00 a.m.	56	Adult Bible Study	32
Sun. 10:30 a.m.	61		

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Sixth Sunday of Easter May 20 & 21 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

	10:30 a.m.
Lay Assistant	Dean Young
Ushers	Solomon Stroup Jim Bennett Chris McVay
Organist	Sue Michel
Greeters	Don & Nancy Mueller

Altar Guild: Audrey & Brandi Gale

Flowers: The Campbell Family Celebrating Eric's "17" Birthday
The Dodd Family Celebrating Hanna's "18" Birthday

THIS WEEK THE LORD WILLING

Saturday, May 20	12:00 p.m. NO 5:30 p.m.	Ladies Spring Luncheon NO Divine Service
Sunday, May 21 <i>6th Sunday of Easter</i> <i>Pastor's last Day</i>	NO 8:00 a.m. 9:15 a.m. 9:15 a.m. 10:30 a.m. 12:00 p.m.	NO Divine Service Sunday School Adult Bible Study Divine Service Pastor's Farewell Potluck
Monday, May 22		
Tuesday, May 23	9:00 a.m. 1:00 p.m.	Jon Laird tunes grand piano Ladies Bible Study
Wednesday, May 24		
Thursday, May 25	6:30 p.m.	Council
Friday, May 26	8:30 a.m.	Pastor's Day Off Bulletin Assembled
Saturday, May 27	5:30 p.m.	Worship—No Communion
Sunday, May 28 The Ascension of Our Lord (observed) <i>7th Sunday of Easter</i>	8:00 a.m. 9:15 a.m. 9:15 a.m. 9:15 a.m. 10:30 a.m. 1-6:00 p.m.	Worship—No Communion Sunday School Youth Planning Meeting Adult Bible Study Worship—No Communion Brandi Gale Gym

LIFE THOUGHT FROM THIS WEEK'S READINGS

Paul reasoned with his deceived neighbors rather than ridiculing them (Acts 17:17, 22ff.). They must have frustrated him, but he believed them just as much coveted creatures of God as himself. May our speaking truth give voice to Gospel hope, show divine gentleness, and share respect received from Jesus (1 Peter 3:15). *Lord Jesus, fill our words with Your own. Amen.*

LIFE QUOTE FOR THIS WEEK

“We cannot be uncreated, unforgiven, unaccepted, unreconciled, unbaptized, unjustified, or uncalled any more than Jesus can be unborn, uncrucified, or unresurrected. His rising again and ascending into heaven ensures that His cross atonement will align and assimilate everything, and sooner rather than later.” *Rev. Michael W. Salemink, executive director of Lutherans For Life – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • www.lutheransforlife.org*

OUR CHRISTIAN CALLING

“If you love me, you will keep my commandments.” Jesus is clear: our obedience to His Word comes from our love for Him. But where does that love come from? Jesus tells us that as well, “She was forgiven much, so she loved much” (Luke 7:47). Christ shows us His love and gives us the forgiveness of our sins – and this causes love to well up in us, which in turn causes us to keep the commandments of Jesus. For after all, the summary of the Law is “Love.”

DEFENDING THE FAITH, TEACHING THE TRUTH...

Issues, Etc. is a radio talk show hosted by LCMS Pastor Todd Wilken and produced by Lutheran Public Radio in Collinsville, IL. This weeks topics include: The Movie "The Guardians of the Galaxy Vol. 2," Responding to Roman Catholic Proof Texts, Martin Luther on Prayer, 4th Century Roman Emperor Constantine and more. You can listen to what you want when you want at www.issuesetc.org and on the Lutheran Public Radio mobile app.

MAY FOOD PANTRY COLLECTION HELP!!!!!!!!!!

Our St. Matthew May collection of personal care items is will be over at the end of May and **we are not meeting our goal**. 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. Al Nordstrom and Kitty Dornbier

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

MESSAGE FROM THE MICHELS

To our family at St. Matthew:

A good friend of ours once told us when he and his family moved away, “This is not ‘Goodbye’; this is ‘See you later.’” As you know Pastor Michel has accepted the call to serve as pastor at Peace Lutheran Church in New Berlin, Wisconsin. In more ways than we can count God has richly blessed us during our time at St. Matthew, and we thank our gracious Lord for the many opportunities we had to serve Him here. We will always treasure our nearly 12 years in the Quad Cities.

We love you all very much, and we will miss you. But we know that God has His way of leading people back together again even though distance separates them. And if that doesn’t happen in this life, we are guaranteed that, through our Lord Jesus, He will do it in the life to come. So in this way we don’t say “Goodbye,” but instead we say “See you later!”

God’s richest blessings in Christ to you all!
Pastor Greg, Sue, Jonathan, & Rebekah Michel

“We know that for those who love God *all* things work together for good, for those who are called according to his purpose.” – *Romans 8:28*

P.S. We will provide our mailing address once we close on our house, scheduled for June 14.

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GRADUATING?..

We would like to show “Our Pride” in the Class of 2017. 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.

SUNDAY SCHOOL AND ADULT BIBLE STUDY

Sunday School— Jesus Ascends into Heaven

High School Bible Study— Peter

Adult Bible Study

SUNDAY SCHOOL NOTES

Today’s Sunday School lesson taught the children “Jesus Ascends into Heaven” to prepare a place for us there with Him (Acts 1:1–11; Luke 24:44–53). Ask the children to tell you about Jesus’ ascension and what it means for them.

VACANCY INFORMATION

Starting June 1st, Pastor Leonard Astrowski of Immanuel Lutheran in Rock Island has agreed to serve as our vacancy pastor until we call a new pastor. Pastor Astrowski will be able to preach at our Saturday evening services. However, because he needs to conduct Immanuel's 9:00 Sunday morning service, we will need to change our Sunday morning worship schedule. **Starting June 4th, we will have one Sunday morning service at 11:00 A.M. Sunday School and Adult Bible Study will be held from 9:30 to 10:30.** Greg Mueller will lead the Adult Bible Study. Greg will also lead the three worship services for the last weekend in May - the 27th & 28th - which will be held at our current times. There will be no communion on that weekend.

The Lay Assistants will have a meeting with Pastor Astrowski in the next week or so to determine other pastoral duties during the vacancy such as meeting schedules, office hours, hospital visits, shut in visits, etc. More information will be published when more details are known. Please be cognizant that we will be sharing his time with his main congregation. St. Matthew will need to be flexible and accommodating during this vacancy. Please keep praying for God to send us a new pastor soon. Dean Young is serving as the contact person for questions related to the vacancy.

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.

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.



ST. MATTHEW PRAYER



NEW/UPDATED requests this week

Debbie McCaw, friend of Kerry & Al Nordstrom (Recovering)
 Marriage of Jennifer Lude & Dakota Brandom on May 27, 2017
 Evelyn, 1 year old friend of Jill Tharp (undergoing cancer treatment)
 Annie Inmann, friend of Brandi Gale (recovering)
 Taylor, friend of Jill Tharp (cancer)

Other continuing request

Dixie Aguirre (recovering at Heartland)
 Bill Allen, brother-in-law of Mary & Jerry Donegan (recovering)
 Ron Dean (recovering)
 Rick Fuller (undergoing treatment for stage 4 lung cancer)
 Joan Groene
 Gary Harmon, son of Barb Harmon (under palliative care)
 Amelia Karstens, friend of Stroups (recovering)
 Evelyn Kline, friend of the McVays (diagnosed with cancer)
 Connie Neumann (recovering)
 Patti Pearson
 LaVonne Prochaska , friend of Joyce Eberhart (health issues)
 Ken Scherer (recovering at Generations Nursing Home Rock Island)
 Phyllis Schierbecker, mother of Sue Michel (health)
 Dave Schumaker (recovering)
 James Seaberry, friend of Bill & Eileen Leonard (Health issues)
 Darla Stroup, sister of Leon Stroup (cancer)
 Tony Taylor, father of Toni Chisholm (recovering)
 James Vrana (recovering)
 Sam Whittington (health issues & tests)
 Nick Whittington (recovering)

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!



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.