



YOUTH MINISTRY (Grades 6-12)

CHRISTMAS BOX CRAFT/GIFT MAKING EVENT

A HUGE THANK YOU! For the 24 folks who helped work on gifts for the Operation Christmas Child shoe boxes!! Mark your calendars for the next day, Sunday Oct 21 we will be working on gifts from 4-6. Saturday Nov 3 is the packing party where we put the boxes together.

DINING TOUR COUPON BOOKS ARE HERE

St. Matthew Youth Ministry is selling Dining Tour Coupon books again this year. In the books are over 200, two-for-one coupons that can be used at local restaurants. The cost of the books are \$35.00 and the youth group gets to keep \$10.00. The books are good until November 2019.

STUDENT CONFIRMATION 2018-2019

Confirmation classes will be held on Wednesday nights at 6:30 p.m. If you have questions or would like more information contact Greg Mueller-DCE at 309-236-8826.

CONFIRMED—HIGH SCHOOL, SUNDAY MORNING BIBLE CLASS —Join us, in the Gathering Room for Sunday Bible class. We are working on a new class and we will keep you posted.

2019 LCMS NATIONAL YOUTH GATHERING

July 11-15 2019 in Minneapolis MN

If you are in 8th grade (2018-2019) this year and older you will be able to attend. This event usually will have 20,000—25,000 students from around the world. This is often called a “once in a life time” event. Questions, talk to Greg.

God’s Blessings,
Greg Mueller, DCE 309-236-8826 dcehog@derbyworks.net

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

Saturday 5:30 79
Sunday 11:00 None taken

Sunday School 13
Bible Study 24

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Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost October 6 and 7, 2018

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.	11:00 a.m.
Lay Assistant	Nick Bull	Adam Schroeder
Ushers	Mary Donegan Patty Miller	Carole Hartley Kitty Dornbier Evonne Kragness Nancy Mueller Jean Miles
Organist	Shirley Smith	Shirley Smith

Altar Guild: Carole Hartley and Fern Tucker

Flowers: Anna & Zach Campbell Celebrating their Marriage on 10/6

THIS WEEK THE LORD WILLING

Office Hours Mon.—Fri. 9:00am-12:00pm

Saturday, October 6	2:30 p.m. 5:00 p.m. 5:30 p.m.	Campbell/Teggatz wedding Financial Peace Univ @ Immanuel Divine Service
Sunday, October 7 <i>20th Sunday after Pentecost</i> <i>LWML Sunday</i>	9:45 a.m. 9:45 a.m. 11:00 a.m.	Sunday School/High School Adult Bible Study Divine Service
Monday, October 8		
Tuesday, October 9	9:30 a.m. 6:15 p.m.	Pastor's Bible Study Choir
Wednesday, October 10	6:00 p.m. 6:30-7:45 p.m.	Pastor's Bible Study/Immanuel Confirmation Class
Thursday, October 11		
Friday, October 12	8:30 a.m.	Bulletin Assembled
Saturday, October 13	5:00 p.m. 5:30 p.m.	Financial Peace Univ @ Immanuel Divine Service
Sunday, October 14 <i>21st Sunday after Pentecost</i>	9:45 a.m. 9:45 a.m. 11:00 a.m.	Sunday School/High School Adult Bible Study Divine Service

LIFE THOUGHT FROM THIS WEEK'S READINGS

Marriage and sexuality and procreation belong together: "the two shall become one flesh" (Mark 10:8a). God did not make us male and female for gratifying our own desires. He designed us to embody and delight in communion like He does. Dividing one gift from the others results in death. Receiving and respecting them as His sacred blessings can overcome the failings we bring into them. *Almighty Maker, cultivate in us a love that reflects Your own. Amen.*

LIFE QUOTE FOR THIS WEEK

"It is our faith that compels us to venerate life from its moment of conception. It is by faith that we treat life not as an entitlement or possession but as a steward for the Creator who gives life. Only by faith do we accept that life at its earliest possible moment has culpability for sin before the Divine Judge and benefits from the sacrifice of our Savior." *Rev. Robert Fleischmann, national director of Christian Life Resources – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • www.lutheransforlife.org*

OUR CHRISTIAN CALLING

Ephesians 4:24 – "Put on the new self, created after the likeness of God in true righteousness and holiness."

The battle between the old self in Adam and the new self in Christ is fought in the heart and mind of every Christian. Paul encourages us to put on the new man that is created in the image of God. Our sanctification, our growth in godliness, is a growth into God's image. We do this by keeping our eyes on Christ and imitating Him in everything: in love, in kindness, in self-giving generosity.

EDUCATION & EDIFICATION...ISSUES, ETC.

Issues, Etc. is a radio talk show and podcast hosted by LCMS Pastor Todd Wilken and produced by Lutheran Public Radio in Collinsville, IL. This week's teachings include: Responding to the Roman Catholic Case for a Celibate Priesthood, the Birth of Moses, Stealing, Bearing False Witness and more. You can listen live or on-demand at www.issuesetc.org and on the LPR mobile app.

YOUR DAILY LUTHERAN BIBLE CLASS...

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FOOD PANTRY VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION DINNER

The Milan Christian Food Pantry Volunteer Worker Appreciation Supper is **Tuesday, October 16th** at the Camden Centre in Milan at 5:30 p.m. We appreciate all our hardworking volunteers and want to tell you so. Sign up on Bulletin Board C by **October 9th** so we know how much food to prepare. Questions, ask Al or Kitty. See you there!

VOLUNTEER NEEDED—CHURCH IT ADMINISTRATOR

We are looking for a volunteer within the congregation to be an IT administrator. A person to maintain our computers, website, and give technology support. For more details on this position, contact Norm Mandle or Solomon Stroup.

OCTOBER CALENDAR

The October Calendar and Birthday, Baptism Anniversary, and Wedding Anniversary list is on the table in the hallway. Pick yours up today.

FINANCIAL PEACE UNIVERSITY

Immanuel Lutheran Church in Rock Island is hosting a Financial Peace University class starting on Saturday, October 6, 2018 at 5:00 p.m. This nine week course teaches the principals of budgeting and finances to help you get out of debt, build wealth, and give generously. Class materials cost \$109.00; *however*, with bulk ordering and generous donations made by Immanuel members, it will be less. You can come to the first class for FREE, and see if you like it before purchasing the course materials. If you are interested, please contact Jim and Christine Boudro at Immanuel Lutheran Church.

REPORTS AVAILABLE

Copies of the monthly Congregational Financial reports as well as the recorded minutes from the Church Council meetings are available by request and may be obtained by contacting Karen in the church office (787-4295, or e-mail stmatkarenb@gmail.com).

PARDON OUR CONSTRUCTION

The repairs from the ice jam that we had earlier this year are continuing. Please excuse our dust!

SUNDAY SCHOOL AND ADULT BIBLE STUDY

Sunday School— The Conversion of Paul Acts 9:1-31

High School Bible Study—The Gospel of Mark

Adult Bible Study: The Gospel of Mark

Hymn of the Month—October LSB 863

Our Hymn of the Month is *Our Father, by Whose Name*.

THANK YOU

I wish to thank everyone for the cards and well wishes during my recovering. Thank you. *Karen Britton*

Bible Study Opportunities this Fall:

WEDNESDAY NIGHT BIBLE STUDY AT IMMANUEL AT 6:00 p.m. This study will review various topics of interest and concern for God's people, starting with Prayer: Why, What, and How. This class is for those of High School age and older. Child care will also be provided. Location: *Immanuel Lutheran Church Cafeteria*.

Resuming Mondays, **at 6:00 p.m.**, Book Club will continue with the discussion of C.S. Lewis' *Mere Christianity*. ***This study is held at Pastor Astrowski's home.***

Coming later this Fall (date to be determined), we will be invited to hear presentations on Human Trafficking, Domestic Violence, and Child Abuse from area experts.

****USHERS ARE NEEDED FOR NOVEMBER & DECEMBER****

The Lay Assistants would like to set up a **family ushering schedule** for the rest of the year for the Saturday and Sunday services. The following will be needed when you sign up to serve:

Family Name
Number of person serving
Dates you will serve
Phone number.

See signup sheets on Bulletin board.



ST. MATTHEW AT PRAYER



NEW/UPDATED requests this week

Mike Donner, hospitalized

Those Who Mourn

Family & Friends of Helen Mueller, mother of Tom Mueller

Other continuing request

Kerry Allen, Friend of the Tuckers

Alyssa Anders, granddaughter of Jean Miles (Missionary work in Russia)

Candy Carmack, recovering

Bob Crampton, former member, recovering

Chris Fiedler, Friend of Pat Miller, recovering

Rick Fredericks, brother-in-law Pat & Dana Miller, recovering

Honey Huisman recovering

Lynda Huisman, sister-in-law of Jim Huisman, under Hospice care

Eileen Leonard, recovering

Richard Leonard, Brother to Bill Leonard, recovering

Karen Leonard, Cousin to Bill Leonard, recovering

Barb Miller, recovering

George Pauley, recovering

Jeff Puck, friend of Michael, recovering

Sally Riddell, recovering from surgery

Dave Schumaker, recovering

Betty Tobin, continuing health problems

Randy Viager, son of Sally Riddell, health problems

PRAYER LIST GUIDELINES

Below are the prayer list guidelines that the Board of Lay Assistants adopted some time ago.

New entries for the prayer list in the weekly bulletin will appear in the bulletin and be mentioned in the Prayer of the Church in Divine Services for 4 consecutive weeks. Please inform 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.

LWML NEWS

LWML is planning a bazaar table for early December, and we are asking for handmade crafts to help with this event. Your donations can be left in the "old kitchen". Proceeds from the bazaar are used for mission projects. We appreciate your support.

CRAFTERS

The Crafters will meet on the third Thursday of each month (October 18th at 9:30 a.m. is our next meet date.) Please feel free to bring a craft project to work on if you want or a Christmas item to work on for our December bazaar. Watch the calendar for more updates.

CARD SHOP OPEN

Creative Crafters has all kinds of cards available. Let us know if you need something we don't yet have available. The cards are located on the LWML table in the South hallway. Thank you for your support.

ST. MATTHEW'S 7th ANNUAL



Join the excitement and joy of this year's Trunk & Treat. We are calling on members of our church to help with this community outreach event. We need lots of volunteers to line up their vehicles in the Church parking lot. You can dress in costume and/or decorate your trunk. We will have the children proceed from trunk to trunk to receive treats.

When: Tuesday, October 31st from 5:30p.m. to 7:00p.m. (tentative)

Where: St. Matthew Parking Lot & Front Lawn

Watch for further details. Questions contact Greg Mueller.

TRUNK OR TREAT

Congregation Life and Outreach Committee's need your help for Trunk or Treat which will be on Tuesday, October 31st between 5:30p.m. – 7:00 p.m. (tentative). We need volunteers to help make and bag popcorn, kitchen prep and clean-up, serving food, and candy donations. Please sign up on the bulletin board. Question's contact Greg Mueller. Set-up is at 4:00 p.m.

2018 OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD SHOE BOXES

GOAL IS 200 BOXES

BIG 2 WEEK CHALLENGE (through October 21st)— CLOTHING ITEMS—HATS, GLOVES, SOCKS, ETC.

COLORING BOOKS, COLORED PENCILS/CRAYONS, SMALL DOLLS, JUMP ROPES, SMALL BALLS, ETC— OR PLACE A SPECIAL OFFERING AND MARK IT “SHOE BOX”. (Please note that half of the loose coins in the collection plates will be used towards SHIPPING ONLY).

**WATCH FUTURE BULLETINS FOR THE NEXT “2 WEEK
CHALLENGE” ITEMS!**

*See back side for list of acceptable items—we will take any item at any time.

If you have any questions, please contact Erin Schroeder at 563-210-4313

A child receives one shoe box in their lifetime. Even though you may pick a younger child, it is recommended to include items geared toward an older child. Some items become used for other needs, i.e. a stocking cap serves as a pillow, a washcloth used as a bath towel (for several people), a plastic cup or water bottle may be the only cup of fresh water the child will get to drink in a day as they need a vessel to bring back purified water from the purification station. Mittens/gloves serve as pot holders so their hands aren't burned when taking out hot bread/food from ovens. A small stuffed animal/doll is a deterrent against human traffickers (as they use such toys as lures). Toothbrushes help prevent spread of diseases. A box with even a few sheets of lined school paper and a pencil will allow a child to be able to attend school, possibly for the first time in their life as they cannot attend school until they have their own supplies. Erasers are highly recommended as they will erase their paper several times over until it is paper thin.

2018 OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD SHOE BOXES—SHOPPING LIST

School Supplies:

Journals
Crayons
Colored pencils
Markers
Rulers
Erasers
Pencils
Pencil sharpeners small
Pens
Scissors
Memo pads
Small notebooks
Glue sticks
Solar calculators
(or extra batteries for regular calculators)
Stationary
Note cards
Stickers
Solar flashlights or extra batteries for regular ones

Toys:

Coloring books
Colored pencils/crayons
Balls, sm. Footballs
Rubber band balls
Tennis balls
Small bouncy balls (balls should fit in shoeboxes)
Matchbox cars
Small cars & trucks
Yoyos
Rubiks cubes
Jump ropes
Jacks
Marbles
Small dolls
Polly pockets
Barbies
Small stuffed animals
Beanies
Small Frisbees
Kaleidoscopes
McDonald's toys
Other assorted small toys
Puzzles

Personal Needs:

Small Kleenex packs
Plastic drinking glasses
Water bottles
Sunglasses
Soap (motel, little scent)
Washcloths
Small towels
Toothbrushes
Dental floss
Comb/brush
Lip gloss
Head bands
Pony tail bands
Barrettes
Nail clippers

Trades Items:

Small hammers/nails
Tape measure
Small screwdrivers
Paint brushes
Fishing line & hooks
Small gardening tools
Sewing kits
Crochet hooks/yarn
Small scissors

Clothes:

Hats
Gloves/mittens
Socks
t-shirts
Ball caps

String bags (back packs)
Tote bags, purses for girls

PROHIBITED ITEMS:

**PLEASE, NO LIQUIDS, GLASS, SNOW
GLOBES, WAR THEMED ITEMS, GUNS,
CAMMO, FOOD, CANDY, SNACKS,
TOOTHPASTE**