



## YOUTH MINISTRY (Grades 6-12)

### 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.

### LOUD THUNDER OUTING FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY SEPTEMBER 16

We will meet after service (12:15), go to Loud Thunder, have lunch and then enjoy some trails. The plan is to order a sandwich(es) from Hungry Hobo. We should be back by 5:30. More details to follow.

### 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. **Registration opens the end of August.** 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 52

Sunday 11:00 91

Sunday School 13

Bible Study 27

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### Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost September 8 and 9, 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.

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#### 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.         |
|----------------------|----------------|--------------------|
| <b>Lay Assistant</b> | Dennis Ziegler |                    |
| <b>Ushers</b>        | Ken Hoffman    | Randy & Jill Tharp |
| <b>Organist</b>      |                | Ellen Schuster     |

**Altar Guild:** Carole Hartley and Fern Tucker

**Flowers:** Members of St. Matthew

### THIS WEEK THE LORD WILLING

**Office Hours Mon.—Fri. 9:00am-12:00pm**

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| Saturday, September 8                                      | 5:30 p.m.<br>6:30 p.m.  | Divine Service<br>Review of Pastors Info   |
| Sunday, September 9<br><i>16th Sunday after Pentecost</i>  | 9:45 a.m.<br>9:45 a.m.<br>9:45-10:45 a.m.<br>11:00 a.m.<br>12:15 p.m. | Sunday School/High School<br>Adult Bible Study<br>Review of Pastors Info<br>Divine Service<br>Voter/Call Meeting w/lunch |
| Monday, September 10                                       |   | Mary in Office   |
| Tuesday, September 11                                      | 9:30 a.m.   | Mary in Office<br>Pastor's Bible Study @ St. Matthew   |
| Wednesday, September 12                                    | 9:00 a.m. to Noon<br>6:00 p.m.<br>6:30-7:45 p.m.                      | Tammy in Office<br>Pastor in Office<br>Pastor's Bible Study/Immanuel<br>Confirmation Class                               |
| Thursday, September 13                                     |   | Tammy in Office  |
| Friday, September 14                                       | 8:30 a.m.   | Mary in Office<br>Bulletin Assembled   |
| Saturday, September 15                                     | 5:30 p.m.   | Divine Service   |
| Sunday, September 16<br><i>17th Sunday after Pentecost</i> | 9:45 a.m.<br>9:45 a.m.<br>11:00 a.m.<br>12:15 p.m.                    | Sunday School/High School<br>Adult Bible Study<br>Divine Service<br>Family Event at Loud Thunder                         |

## LIFE THOUGHT FROM THIS WEEK'S READINGS

Abortions, assisted suicides, and embryo-destroying experiments all discriminate. These actions assign value according to age, appearance, ability, environment, or history. The Gospel of Jesus Christ eagerly dispenses with such partiality (James 2:1, 5). The Word of His grace proclaims life to those in need and then performs it with and for them (James 2:17-18). How may we echo and imitate this miracle in our neighborhoods? *Humble Lord Jesus, teach us poverty of pride that we may obtain riches in relationships. Amen.*

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## LIFE QUOTE FOR THIS WEEK

“The culture of life respects human life at all its stages, recognizing that those who have lived long and well have much to offer those who are just beginning their journeys on this earth. Not only should the young respect the aging, but the elderly should also respect themselves with the honor God says is due them. If Grandpa is too weak to work, he is not too weak to pray. Let us cherish our parents and grandparents as they intercede on our behalf and pass down to their children’s children the wisdom of the Lord.” *Ryan C. MacPherson, Professor at Bethany Lutheran College, Mankato, Minnesota – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • www.lutheransforlife.org*

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## OUR CHRISTIAN CALLING

**James 2:2 – “For if a man wearing a gold ring and fine clothing comes into your assembly, and a poor man in shabby clothing also comes in.”** God shows no partiality: rich and poor alike are called into the Kingdom. And both rich and poor alike have something to contribute to the Kingdom in accordance with the callings God has given them in their lives. This is why both the Old and New Testaments talk about proportional giving – that is, giving a proportion of our income to the Lord’s work. This makes it possible for rich and poor alike to have the honor of supporting God’s work.

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## Hymn of the Month—September

Our Hymn of the Month is *Lord, Help Us Ever to Retain*. The hymn, written by Ludwig Helmbold (d. 1598), wrote this hymn for school use. The hymn expounds on the virtues of studying and retaining the teaching of the Catechism. As a result, the hymn is very appropriate for use at the beginning of the school year.

## NEIGHBORHOOD HOG ROAST

PLEASE NOTE—the neighborhood hog roast that was scheduled for September 30th has been put on hold. Please watch for further updates.

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## OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD SHOE BOX UPDATE

Come join us on Sunday, **September 23rd** as we get together to make craft products/gifts for the Shoe Boxes. We will meet at the church from 4 to 6 p.m. If you have any questions, please contact Greg Mueller or Erin Schroeder.

P.S.—Mark your calendars for another craft event on Sunday, October 21st—time and place to be announced.

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## PARDON OUR CONSTRUCTION

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

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## ICE CREAM SOCIAL

The East Side Mission in Davenport, IA invites you the Mission's 30th Anniversary. They are planning an Ice Cream Social from 1:00-3:00 p.m. on Saturday, September 22, 2018. Please join us for fun, fellowship and cold treats.

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## UPDATE ON COINS FOR CHRIST

For 2018 the loose change (Coins for Christ) in the offering plate will be divided between The Milan Christmas Food Pantry and Operation Christmas Child. The funds for the Pantry will be used to buy food at a discounted price. The funds for Operation Christmas Child will be used to help with shipping costs.

Thank You for all your support.

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## 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 [stmattkarenb@gmail.com](mailto:stmattkarenb@gmail.com)).

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## UPDATE ON ST. MATTHEW'S MISSION SUPPORT

We are giving our Mission support to Rev. Ryan and Emily McDermott serving in West and Central Africa, based in Togo working in deaf ministry. They have four children. See the updated information on him and his family on Bulletin Board.

## SUNDAY SCHOOL AND ADULT BIBLE STUDY

**Sunday School**— God Sends the Holy Spirit

**High School Bible Study**—The Gospel of Mark

**Adult Bible Study:** The Gospel of Mark

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### **\*\*USHERS ARE NEEDED FOR SEPTEMBER—DECEMBER\*\***

The Lay Assistants would like to set up a **family ushering schedule** for the rest of the year starting in (September thru December) 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.

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### **REMINDER**

#### **SUNDAY, SEPT. 9TH VOTER'S MEETING TO ISSUE A CALL**

We will gather after worship and will have a light lunch. There will be a brief discussion followed by a voting process to issue a Call to a Pastor.

The Pastors information can be reviewed after Saturday evening's service or on Sunday morning the 9th from 9:45 to 10:45.

Please remember the Calling process in your prayers, asking God to guide our efforts and to seek His will in all we do.

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### **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 Monday, **September 10, 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.



## ST. MATTHEW AT PRAYER



### NEW/UPDATED requests this week

James and Honey Huisman, safe travels out of town for Jim's sister's funeral  
Lynda Huisman, sister-in-law of Jim Huisman (under Hospice care)

### Those Who Mourn

Family & Friends of Robert Carroll (friend of James Huisman)  
Family & Friends of Rhoda McNab (sister of James Huisman)  
Family & Friends of Dan Romero (cousin of Tammy Robinson)

### Other continuing request

Alyssa Anders, granddaughter of Jean Miles (Missionary work in Russia)  
Carole Appelquist, recovering from AFib  
Karen Britton (recovering from surgery)  
John Desherow, brother of Eileen Leonard (surgery on his throat)  
Rick Fredericks, brother-in-law Pat & Dana Miller (recovering from surgery)  
Barb Harmon, undergoing cancer treatments  
Christy Koepke, friend of Pat Miller (strokes)  
Melinda, friend of Jill Tharp (longtime severe headaches)  
Mark Mueller, friend of Jill Tharp (ongoing medical issues)  
Randy Viager, son of Sally Riddell (major health problems)  
Harold Watson, Uncle of Cindy Leonard (Cancer)  
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### 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.

**REMINDER—The Rock Island Circuit** of the Central Illinois District a seminar for Pastors and for laity featuring Rev. Harold Ristau on Demons and the Ministry of Deliverance on **Monday, September 17, 2018**. The presentation for clergy will be at St. John's Lutheran Church in East Moline from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm. The cost of the seminar for clergy is \$40.00. This includes all materials, two meals, coffee and snacks during breaks. A **free** presentation for interested laity will be held in the evening from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. For more information, please contact Rev. Robert Hagen at Phone: 309-738-5007.

### LWML NEWS

The next Bible Study will be held at 9:30, October 4th. Meeting with election of officers to follow at 11:00 a.m.

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### 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.

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### CRAFTERS

The Crafters will meet on Thursday, September 20th starting at 9:30 a.m. We will be making cards. 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.

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### 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.

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### LWML FALL RALLY

The Rock Island Zone LWML fall meeting will be held on **September 25, 2018** at St. John's Lutheran Church East Moline, IL. The theme is "Women in Mission". Gifts from the Heart-Ingathering will be for Pregnancy Resources of the Quad Cities. Registration fee is \$10.00 and includes lunch. Our speaker this year is Elizabeth Gehle from Davenport who took a mission trip to Migori, Kenya. Registration/Fellowship and Coffee is from 8:30 to 9:00 a.m. The Programs begins at 9:00 a.m. in the sanctuary.

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### OUR SAVIOR'S LUTHERAN CHURCH WOMEN'S RETREAT—SEPTEMBER 29TH

The public is invited to attend the one-day women's retreat being held at Our Savior's Lutheran Church, Springfield, IL on Saturday, September 29<sup>th</sup> from 8:30 to 3:15. Brochures containing registration forms can be picked up in the church office. Conference fee is \$35.00 and includes lunch. Please contact Kim Meyer at 217-546-4531. Completed forms can be brought or mailed to Our Savior's Lutheran Church at. Don't forget to bring a friend!



**The Camp CILCA  
Lowdown  
September, 2018**

217-487-7497 / [camp@cilca.org](mailto:camp@cilca.org) / 4124 Camp Cilca Rd, Cantrall, IL 62625

Friends in Christ, Camp CILCA has two great events coming up quick at the end of September and beginning of October. Check them out below!



**Whippoorwill Golf Outing:**

**September 28**, sponsored by the Lutheran Legacy Foundation.

**\*\*New Location\*\*** at

Hickory Point in Forsyth, IL While \$60 will cover your basic cost, you are free to give more with the knowledge that it will go for the betterment of Camp CILCA. Proceeds go into the Camp CILCA Endowment

Fund. Check-in & warm-up will begin at **11:30am** with shotgun start at **1:00pm** (Lunch is on your own). Supper with awards will follow. To register contact:

Rev. Daniel Smith at [pastordan@grics.net](mailto:pastordan@grics.net) 217-466-1215

**\*\*NEW\*\* Jr & Sr High Catechetical Retreat: October 5-6**

Jr & Sr High students will experience the rhythm of worship, study, prayer, fellowship, play, and rest. Worship services and Bible/Catechetical study will be led by the pastors of the Central IL District. Activities will be led by camp staff. This year's study will focus on the 10 Commandments.

**Registration fee is \$40 per camper.** (Includes 3 meals, snacks, and lodging for the night.) To register visit [cilca.org](http://cilca.org), call 217-487-7497, or email at [camp@cilca.org](mailto:camp@cilca.org). There is still plenty of room!

**More to Come in FALL 2018**

**October 27: Homecoming**

- 11:00-2:00 Food trucks, vendor & craft fair, live music, "German beverages", and more.
- 12:00 Race awards given
- 12:30 **Square Dance**, Camp CILCA style!
- 1:00 Prayer Walk
- Fun, Games, Wagon Rides, & Face Painting all afternoon.
- 2:00 Bonfire and closing chapel with a songbook sing along.

**November 2-4: Women's Scrapbook Retreat**

**November 9-10: \*\*NEW\*\* Men's Target Shooting Retreat**

**January 27, 2019: Annual Banquet @ Our Savior's-Springfield**

Special Guest Speaker **Dr Anthony Esolen**  
(Tickets can be purchased by contacting the camp office.)

**Register for these and other events on-line at**

[www.cilca.org](http://www.cilca.org)

Email [camp@cilca.org](mailto:camp@cilca.org)

Call 217-487-7497

**THANK YOU** to everyone who attended the **Chicken Fry and Auction!** With your support Camp CILCA was able to raise over **\$10,000.** **Your generosity and support are a great gift from the Lord!**

Camp CILCA exists to foster and strengthen faith in Jesus Christ and relationships with others in a unique outdoor setting.

# 2018 OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD SHOE BOXES

**GOAL IS 200 BOXES**

**BIG 2 WEEK CHALLENGE (through September 16th)—TRADES ITEMS**

THINGS THAT CAN BE USED TO MAKE ITEMS TO SELL, 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