



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.

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 is open and we need to know who will be attending by Sept 29.** 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	54
Sunday 11:00	82*
Sunday School	23
Bible Study	21

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Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost September 15 and 16, 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		Al Nordstrom
Ushers	Ken Hoffman	Jim Huisman Tom Krahl Kelly & Nolan Stevens
Organist	Sally Brockway	Sally Brockway

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

Saturday, September 15	5:30 p.m.	Divine Service
Sunday, September 16 <i>17th Sunday after Pentecost</i>	9:45 a.m. 9:45 a.m. 11:00 a.m. 12:15 p.m.	Sunday School/High School Adult Bible Study Divine Service Family Event at Loud Thunder
Monday, September 17	9-11 a.m.	Mary in Office St. Matthew at Food Pantry
Tuesday, September 18	9:30 a.m. 6:15 p.m.	Mary in Office Pastor's Bible Study @ St. Matthew Choir
Wednesday, September 19	9:00 a.m. to Noon 6:00 p.m. 6:30-7:45 p.m.	Tammy in Office Pastor in Office Pastor's Bible Study/Immanuel Confirmation Class
Thursday, September 20	9:30 a.m. 3-6 p.m. 6:30 p.m.	Tammy in Office Crafters St. Matthew at Food Pantry Lay Assistants
Friday, September 21	8:30 a.m.	Mary in Office Bulletin Assembled
Saturday, September 22	5:30 p.m.	Divine Service
Sunday, September 23 <i>18th Sunday after Pentecost</i>	9:45 a.m. 9:45 a.m. 11:00 a.m. 4-6 p.m.	Sunday School/High School Adult Bible Study Divine Service Shoe Box Packing/Craft Event

LIFE THOUGHT FROM THIS WEEK'S READINGS

Ancient societies often avoided demon-possessed persons (Mark 9:17-18, 22). "It's your problem, not my business. Don't bother me, deal with it yourself." The modern mantra, "Your body, your choice," tells the same lie. When we keep silent and still on life issues, we only confirm this devilish deception. Christians get to speak with Christ's courage and reach out in God's compassion: "You matter. We'll help" (Isaiah 50:4). *O Lord, loose our tongues to declare Your mighty deeds. Amen.*

LIFE QUOTE FOR THIS WEEK

"Oh, how the believer in Christ needs to remember that Christ lives within. This is no longer my life, it is Christ's. Yes, you live in the midst of a battle between the culture of death and the culture of life. Stand firm in Christ, where the abundant life has always been and always will be!" *Rev. Lyndon Korhonen, president of the Association of Free Lutheran Congregations – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • www.lutheransforlife.org*

OUR CHRISTIAN CALLING

Mark 9:24 – Immediately the father of the child cried out and said, "I believe; help my unbelief!" Haven't we often felt like this! And notice that Jesus does not throw the man out because of his weakness of faith: He still has pity, He still blesses the man as His Lord. But neither does Jesus leave people in weakness of faith. He blesses us and calls us to a deeper faith – as He did to the disciples in the boat on the storm tossed sea. How does our faith grow? By hearing the Word of God. What does our faith lead to as it grows? A godly life lived in thanksgiving to our Lord.

ISSUES, ETC.

GRACE, FAITH, SCRIPTURE & CHRIST ALONE...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: The History of Celibacy & the Priesthood, Marriage Vows, Jesus the Catechist, The Book of Lamentations and more. You can listen live or on-demand at www.issuesetc.org and on the LPR mobile app.

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.

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!

NEIGHBORHOOD HOG ROAST—POSTPONED

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

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.

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.

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.

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).

SUNDAY SCHOOL AND ADULT BIBLE STUDY

Sunday School— Peter and John Heal the Lame Man

High School Bible Study—The Gospel of Mark

Adult Bible Study: The Gospel of Mark

****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.

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.

PARDON OUR CONSTRUCTION

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

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.



ST. MATTHEW AT PRAYER



NEW/UPDATED requests this week

Betty Tobin (continuing health problems)
Kerry Allen, Friend of the Tuckers (advanced cancer)
Chris Fiedler, Friend of Pat Miller (recovering at Heartland)

Those Who Mourn

Family & Friends of Craig Freiburg, friend of The Nordstroms

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
Lynda Huisman, sister-in-law of Jim Huisman (under Hospice care)
Barb Miller, recovering from medical procedure
Randy Viager, son of Sally Riddell (major health problems)
Harold Watson, Uncle of Cindy Leonard (Cancer)
Connell Watson, Uncle of Cindy Leonard (Cancer)



**The Camp CILCA
Lowdown
September, 2018**

217-487-7497 / camp@cilca.org / 4124 Camp Cilca Rd, Cantrall, IL 62625



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 217-466-1215

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.

WE NEED YOUR VOTE!

Camp CILCA has been nominated for the *Illinois Times* Best of Springfield competition in the Best Camp for Kids category. Voting will be online at www.illinoistimes.com between September 13 & 24 or in the September 13 and 20 print editions. Check the CILCA website or Facebook page for a direct link to the voting site beginning September 13. Thank you for your support!

Central Illinois Mission Story

Hortencia

When Pastor Pablo Dominguez began as a Central Illinois District missionary in Moline and East Moline during 2002, his son Pablo II would sometimes accompany him as they distributed Christian literature house to house. A little boy at one house recognized Pablo II. It turns out that they had been schoolmates in Monterrey, Mexico!

The lady of that house was Hortencia. Like many Hispanic people, she was raised in Roman Catholicism. But now she and her family found themselves in a new place. She was glad that her children knew the Dominguez children from school in Mexico.

Pastor Dominguez invited Hortencia to the new mission where he was serving. She and two of her children turned out to be the first family, besides the Dominguez family, to attend Spanish services and Sunday School at St. John Lutheran Church in East Moline.

At length, not only Hortencia but also her husband Jose Luis and all three of their children came to church activities and participated in ESL (English as a Second Language) classes. On August 10, 2008 Hortencia and her family were present when the mission, Cristo Rey (Christ the King) moved into its present facilities in East Moline. Eventually Hortencia and her daughter Yesenia received catechism instruction and joined the church. When Cristo Rey Lutheran Church became an official member congregation of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod and of the Central Illinois District on April 8, 2018, Hortencia signed the documents as Secretary of the congregation.

The Lord used your congregation's gifts to the Central Illinois District to put Cristo Rey Lutheran Church in place and maintain its ministry, for folks like Hortencia and her family. Thank you!
"I thank my God . . . because of your partnership in the gospel" (Phil. 1:3-5).

September 2018

LWML NEWS

ALL WOMEN OF ST. MATTHEW ARE INVITED to a Potluck at 6 p.m. on October 4th with a meeting to follow. The morning Bible Study has been canceled. More details to come.

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 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.

CARD SHOP OPEN

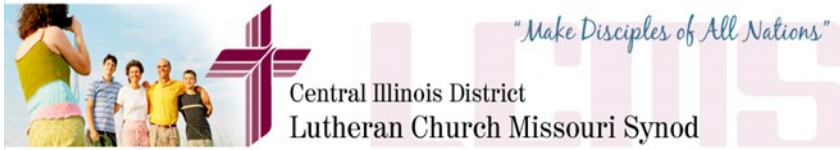
Creative Crafters has all kinds of cards available. Let us know if you need something we don't yet have available. The cards are located on the LWML table in the South hallway. Thank you for your support.

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.

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 29th 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!



Opening Thoughts: Summer is drawing to a close

Yes, it is that time of year, summer activities and schedules are coming to the end. Most of the school aged students are back into school. Our college students have returned to their campus dorm rooms. Soon the store will begin to display their fall holiday decorations.

Many of us will be getting back into “normal” schedules with work, other family responsibilities, and church activities. As summer traveling winds down we will also see more of our church families gathering weekly for worship, gathering together is an opportunity for us to share God’s Word and Sacraments. God’s plan is for us to come together as a community of believers to share in His blessings. We were designed to form communities, so that we can share our joys and sorrows.

Over time Satan has developed many ways of distracting us away from our Father. Just like the prodigal son we walk away from God because of our sinful nature. Just like him, we walk away from our Father, the one that has provided for us. Unfortunately, we sometimes believe that we know better how to control our life. But, just like the prodigal son, our Father is waiting for us to return to Him. There is much joy as we return to the loving arms of our Father. If your summer schedules have caused you to walk away from the Father, there is no better time to return to Him now.

“Worship the LORD with gladness; come before him with joyful songs.”
Ps. 100:2

Trip Rodgers- Assistant to the President-Education and Congregational Life

Pray For Our Central Illinois District Missions supported by your church’s Mission Dollars to the District.” Finally, brothers, pray for us, that the Word of the Lord may spread rapidly and be honored...”

As a new academic year starts, please remember in your prayers our CID campus ministry workers. They are there to serve students spiritually: Rev. Ken Hoover and Mr. Greg Witto of Immanuel Lutheran Church in Charleston; Rev. Rick Milas of University Lutheran Church in Champaign; Rev. Michael Burdick of Immanuel Lutheran Church & Student Center in Macomb; and Rev. William Jensen at Illinois State University in Normal.

MISSION STORIES

Each month we will be emailing each congregation mission stories from a number of our mission stations within our District. Read about the blessings of each of these mission stories. These stories will also be available on our [CID website](http://www.cidlcms.org).(www.cidlcms.org)

CATECHETICAL RETREAT AT CAMP CILCA

Friday Night & Saturday October 5-6, 2018

Jr. & Sr. High students (grades 5-12) will be immersed in the rhythm of worship, study, prayer, fellowship, play, and rest. This is an opportunity for teenagers to grow in the knowledge of Christ, make new friends, and see the Christian faith modeled in the lives of both adults and peers.

- Worship services and Bible/Catechetical study will be led by the pastors of the Central IL District. Activities will be led by camp staff.

- Drop off will be Friday at 6:30pm. Pick up will be Saturday at 7pm.
COST: \$40 per camper. Includes 3 meals, snacks, and lodging for the night. Campers will be staying in the CILCA Retreat Center and new air-conditioned cabins.

What to Bring: Bible, Small Catechism, long pants, close-toed shoes for games and hiking, bedding & toiletries, water bottle, flashlight.

Register at www.cilca.org/catechetical-retreat, call the camp office at 217-487-7497, or email at camp@cilca.org

Lutherans for Life National Conference will be at Immanuel Lutheran Church, Olivette, Missouri (St. Louis suburb), October 12-13. Illinois pastors may register for FREE. Register online at www.lutheransforlife.org/conference

College student contact information: Whether or not your congregation’s students are attending a college or university where CID does campus ministry (i.e., U. of Illinois, Illinois State, EIU, WIU, U of Illinois-Springfield or Lincoln Land Community College-Springfield) please help us in the District office to refer them to a nearby LCMS campus ministry. E-mail kschurb@cidlcms.org

Fall Gate Post (District e-newspaper) issue will have a new feature, companion audio. Watch for it! Also, please sign up to receive e-mail with each new *Gate Post* issue. (<http://www.cidlcms.org/gatepost.html>)

CID National Youth Gatherings Information

Adult leaders can email questions to cidnyg@gmail.com. Be sure to request to join our Facebook group “CID Lutheran Youth”. This page is a great resource to ask questions and communicate with other adult leaders in our area!

2018 OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD SHOE BOXES

GOAL IS 200 BOXES

**BIG 2 WEEK CHALLENGE (through September
30th)—TOYS**

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**