

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.

${\rm CONFIRMED-HIGH\ SCHOOL,\ SUNDAY\ MORNING\ BIBLE\ CLASS\ -}$

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 5:3055Sunday 11:00105

Sunday School17Bible Study28

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Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost September 29 and 30, 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	Jim Barrows
Ushers	Ken Hoffman	Tom Krahl Randy & Jill Tharp
Organist	Shirley Smith	Shirley Smith

Altar Guild:Carole Hartley and Fern TuckerFlowers:The Nordstrom's

THIS WEEK THE LORD WILLING Office Hours Mon.—Fri, 9:00am-12:00pm

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Saturday, September 29	5:30 p.m.	Divine Service
Sunday, September 30 St. Michael and All Angels (Observed)		Sunday School/High School Adult Bible Study Divine Service
Monday, October 1		Mary in Office Pastor at CID Conference
Tuesday, October 2	6:15 p.m.	Mary in Office Choir Pastor at CID Conference
Wednesday, October 3	6:00 p.m. 6:30-7:45 p.m. 6:30 p.m.	Tammy in Office Pastor at CID Conference Pastor's Bible Study/Immanuel Confirmation Class Congregational Life/Outreach Committee Meeting
Thursday, October 4	6:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	Tammy in Office LWML Simple Supper/Meeting Youth & Education
Friday, October 5	8:30 a.m.	Mary in Office Bulletin Assembled Campbell/Teggatz Wedding Rehearsal Gym
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 20th Sunday after Pentecost LWML Sunday	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

"I can't carry this alone" (Numbers 11:14). Moses echoes the emotions of sudden pregnancy, chronic conditions, and advocating for life among communities that ignore. "You're not alone," says the Lord (Numbers 11:16, Mark 9:40, James 5:14). "Lean on my people." Jesus Christ goes with you. The communion of saints shares your joys and sorrows. Sometimes speaking up for life starts with approaching the lonely. *Lord of the Church, cause our fellowship to show Your love. Amen.*

LIFE QUOTE FOR THIS WEEK

"My hope and prayer and encouragement to each of you is to see people of all abilities as God sees them. Each of His children is beloved and valued. Each is uniquely gifted so that the work of God may be displayed—through every season of life." *Mona Fuerstenau, director of Lutheran Ministry Partnerships, Bethesda Lutheran Communities – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • www.lutheransforlife.org*

OUR CHRISTIAN CALLING

Mark 9:45 – "And if your foot causes you to sin, cut it off. It is better for you to enter life lame than with two feet to be thrown into hell." So what is causing us to sin? Lust? Greed? Fear? Better to cut it off! We need the Lord's help to do this – and you are in the right place this Lord's Day to receive that help through Word and Sacrament.

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.

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!

VOLUNTEER NEEDED—CHURCH IT ADMINISTRATOR

WE ARE LOOKING FOR A VOLUNTEER WITHIN THE CONGREGATION TO BE A Church 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.

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.

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.

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.

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 — Phillip and the Ethiopian

High School Bible Study—The Gospel of Mark

Adult Bible Study: The Gospel of Mark

****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.

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.

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.



ST. MATTHEW AT PRAYER



NEW/UPDATED requests this week

George Pauley, recovering broke ankle (Pekin Manor, Pekin, IL) Bob Crampton, former member, recovering from Lyme Disease Kahl Home, Davenport Praise God of the birth of a Baby Girl (9/25/18) to Hollyne and Michael Wagner Jeff Puck, friend of Michael, recovery from Hit & Run accident Dave Schumaker, recovering from eye surgery

Candy Carmack, recovering from surgery

Those Who Mourn

Family & Friends of Ken Williams Family & Friends of Randy Wolf (LERT program coordinator)

Other continuing request

Kerry Allen, Friend of the Tuckers (advanced cancer) Alyssa Anders, granddaughter of Jean Miles (Missionary work in Russia) Karen Britton (recovering from surgery) John Desherow, brother of Eileen Leonard (surgery on his throat) Chris Fiedler, Friend of Pat Miller (recovering at Heartland) Rick Fredericks, brother-in-law Pat & Dana Miller (recovering from surgery) Barb Harmon, undergoing cancer treatments Honey Huisman (recovering) Lynda Huisman, sister-in-law of Jim Huisman (under Hospice care) Eileen Leonard, recovering from broken bones Richard Leonard, Brother to Bill Leonard (recovering) Karen Leonard, Cousin to Bill Leonard (recovering from injuries sustained in a fall) Barb Miller, (recovering from medical procedure) Sally Riddell (recovering from surgery) Betty Tobin (continuing health problems) Randy Viager, son of Sally Riddell (major 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 <u>for 4 consecutive weeks</u>. 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.

CONCORDIA UNIVERSITY CHICAGO presents:

KAPELLE Charles P. Brown, Conductor

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 27 | 7:00 P.M.

TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH & SCHOOL 1122 CENTRAL PARK AVE. DAVENPORT, IA.

FREE AND OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

FOR MORE INFORMATION CALL 563-323-8001

A FREEWILL OFFERING IN SUPPORT OF THE MUSIC DEPARTMENT WILL BE RECEIVED.

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.
<u>COST</u>: \$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.

<u>What to Bring</u>: Bible, Small Catechism, long pants, close-toed shoes for games and hiking, bedding & toiletries, water bottle, flashlight. <u>Register</u> at <u>www.cilca.org/catechetical-retreat</u>, call the camp office at **217-487-7497**, or email at <u>camp@cilca.org</u>

ISSUES, ETC. " MAKING THE CASE"

Reduced hotel rates for the Issues, Etc. "Making the Case" Conference expire in tow weeks on October 9. "Making the Case" is Friday, November 9 and Saturday, November 10 at Faith Lutheran Church in Plano, TX "Making the Case" is an opportunity for you to meet and hear Dr. Beverly Yahnke, Dr. Anthony Esolen, Dr. Mark Kalthoff, Dr. John Warwick Montgomery, Dr. Ryan Anderson and Rev. Chris Rosebrough. Attendance is limited to 400. Thanks to Wittenberg Academy, child care is free for children ages 1-12. If you have any questions, please send an email to conference@issuesetc.org or call (618) 223-8385. A Workshop on "Thank, Praise, Serve, and Obey – Recover the Joys of Piety" will be led by Rev. William C. Weedon, Director of Worship for the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod Saturday, October 13, 2018 at Christ Lutheran Church, Normal, IL.

Pastor Weedon will help clarify the difference between "piety" and "pietism". Genuine piety fights against the inward focus, turning our attention toward God and His promises, and toward our neighbor in love and care. Pastor Weedon will help us unpack and cultivate from his new book, eight godly habits that befit the household of God, the family of our heavenly Father, all helping us to live "outside ourselves".

Doors open at 9:00am for coffee and rolls. Tickets are \$10 per person, which includes lunch. You may reserve tickets by phoning the church at 309-452-5609, ext. 2 or by emailing at <u>clcms@frontier.com</u> by Friday, October 5. Payment for the tickets can be made with cash or check when you arrive.

TENTATIVE SCHEDULE

9:00-9:30	Registration with coffee, juice and rolls
9:30-10:15	Habits of Godliness, Part 1
10:15-10:30	Break
10:30-11:30	Habits of Godliness, Part 2
11:30-12:30	Lunch
12:30-1:30	Habits of Godliness, Part 3
1:30-2:30	Discussion Time

Invest with a Purpose! – Earn not only a return on your investment but the added blessing of providing resources for the growth of God's Kingdom! The Central Illinois District Church Extension Fund (CID-CEF) partners investors who wish to grow God's ministry with churches seeking to build or expand. Because our church obtained financing for its building project through the CID-CEF, the CID-CEF is offering a special interest rate of 1.5% for a 2-year investment certificate (\$500 minimum) to members of our congregation and our church and its organizations. Please contact Chris Anderson or Susan Short at the CID-CEF (phone: 217-793-1802, email: cef@cidlcms) or visit their website (cidlcms.org, see link in lower left corner) for this special interest rate or other investment options. Thank you for investing in the future of our LCMS!

MAKE YOUR MARRIAGE JUST LIKE NEW on a Lutheran Marriage Encounter Weekend. The next weekend is scheduled in Peoria, IL on October 12-14, 2018. Apply now at GodLovesMarriage.org or contact Norm and Deb Lopez at peorialmereg@gmail.com for more information. Preregistration is required—don't miss out. Registration deadline is September 13th. Registrations after that date will be on a space available basis. **LWML NEWS—LWML'S LUEPN!!!** All the ladies of St Matthew are invited to LWML's very first LUEPN! (Let Us Eat Pie Night!) **Please join us at 6pm on Thursday, Oct 4th** for a simple supper and Pie (of course!) Our special program will be a presentation by Sally Vetter on the book "Our Souls at Night" by Kent Haruf. Helen Vogel, a delegate from the 2017 LWML Convention will also share her convention experiences. October is LWML Month. We hope you will join us in celebrating the Lutheran Women's Missionary League 75 year history with a piece of pie!

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.

WELCOME NEW MEMBER!

At Saturday's 5:30 service we welcome into our congregation through Adult Confirmation **William John Vorva**. God's richest blessings in Christ to you, William and welcome to the St. Matthew family! We pray that you would be continually nourished by Word and Sacrament for Christian faith and life.

LERT TEAM

We just received word that Randy Wolf passed away peacefully on September 25, 2018. He was instrumental to the LERT program; building the idea from the ground up. He was appointed the Disaster Coordinator by the LCMS @ CID, and oversaw many disaster deployments. Additionally, out of 30 LERT trainings, he personally conducted 15 of those sessions. He will be greatly missed by all who knew him. Please keep his family in your prayers.



217-487-7497 / <u>camp@cilca.org</u> / 4124 Camp Cilca Rd, Cantrall, IL 62625 Friends, Join counselors, campers, parents, alumni, volunteers, and supporters at the 3rd annual Homecoming.

October 27: Homecoming

- 10am CILCA Run 5K (Registration from 8-10am)
- 11:00-2:00 Food trucks, vendor & craft fair, *live music*, "German beverages", and more.
- 12:00 Race awards given
- 12:15 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.



<u>CILCA Run 5K</u> October 27, 2018 @ 10:00am <u>\$30</u> per runner/walker. Children under 12 run for free! Race day registration will be available.

**Trails, creek beds, mud, steep hills, sand, stairs, and scenic views. You will get wet!

An alternate route will be available for anyone who does not wish to climb through the creek bed.

(Each race participant will receive a Camp CILCA backpack. Wooden medallions will be given to the top three finishers in each age category, and to the top male and female finishers will receive a CILCA hoodie.)

More to Come in FALL 2018

November 2-4: Women's Scrapbook Retreat

<u>November 9-10</u>: **NEW** Men's Target Shooting Retreat w/ presenter Rev Jonathan Fisk of KFUO's Sharper Iron

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 <u>www.cilca.org</u> Email <u>camp@cilca.org</u> Call 217-487-7497

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 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 Yovos 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

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:

PROHIBITED ITEMS:

Puzzles

PLEASE, NO LIQUIDS, GLASS, SNOW GLOBES, WAR THEMED ITEMS,GUNS, CAMMO, FOOD, CANDY, SNACKS, TOOTHPASTE Hats Gloves/mittens Socks t-shirts Ball caps

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