



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.

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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.

TUESDAY OCT 31 TRUNK OR TREAT

Come and help lead a game or help in other ways.

FRI-SAT NOV 9-10 CID JR HIGH LOCK-IN

Jr Youth 6-8 graders - Meet at church around 6:30 go to Washington IL and join 300+ students from central Illinois area for recreation and a speaker. I need to know if you are interested by Wednesday Oct 17. Questions let me know. Greg

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,

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Twenty Second Sunday after Pentecost October 20 and 21, 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	Dennis Ziegler	Al Nordstrom
Ushers	Dana Miller Pat Miller	Carole Hartley Kitty Dornbier Evonne Kragness
Organist	Sally Brockway	Sally Brockway

Altar Guild: Deb Wollenburg, Nancy Miller, Chris Chapman

Flowers: John & Karlene Campbell Celebrating their "20" Anniversary 10/10
LWML—Remembering Members who have passed

THIS WEEK THE LORD WILLING

Office Hours Mon.—Fri. 9:00am-12:00pm

Saturday, October 20	5:00 p.m. 5:30 p.m.	Financial Peace Univ @ Immanuel Divine Service
Sunday, October 21 <i>22nd Sunday after Pentecost</i>	9:45 a.m. 9:45 a.m. 11:00 a.m. 12:45 p.m.	Sunday School/High School Adult Bible Study Divine Service Voter's Meeting
Monday, October 22		
Tuesday, October 23	9:30 a.m. 6:15 p.m.	Pastor's Bible Study @ St. Matthew Choir
Wednesday, October 24	9:00-12:00 p.m. 6:00 p.m. 6:30 p.m.	Pastor in Office Pastor's Bible Study/Immanuel Confirmation Class
Thursday, October 25	6:30 p.m.	Council/Budget Meeting
Friday, October 26	8:30 a.m.	Bulletin Assembled
Saturday, October 27	5:00 p.m. 5:30 p.m.	Financial Peace Univ @ Immanuel Divine Service
Sunday, October 28 <i>Reformation Day (Observed)</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

Our rights can't acquire heaven. Our choices won't achieve any salvation for us. "With man it is impossible, but not with God. For all things are possible with God" (Mark 10:27). If our Savior's words can gather us into the everlasting kingdom, how will His ways not also resolve and redeem all our hopeless circumstances, like terminal diagnoses or surprise pregnancies? *Heavenly Father, give us faith that seeks life wherever You have sown it. Amen.*

LIFE QUOTE FOR THIS WEEK

"So, let us say yes to the opportunities before us that God has prepared for us to do! To say 'Here We Stand' ... in defense and protection of the precious and vulnerable human lives that are the handiwork of God from the moment of conception to natural death." *Lynette Auch, president of Lutherans For Life – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • www.lutheransforlife.org*

OUR CHRISTIAN CALLING

Genesis 1:1 – "In the beginning God created ..." Many studies report atheism is on the rise in our culture. The appeal of atheism is in the denial of a Creator. If the world just happens to exist – and we are just accidents that arose out of a long process of random, directionless evolution – then we get to make our own rules and nobody has any right to tell us otherwise. Because if there is a Creator, then obviously He would know best, and we would do best to follow His commands. Of course, we Christians know this Creator very well, and we have seen not only His power and commands but also His grace and mercy in His Son, our Lord Jesus Christ.

WHERE DOCTRINE IS LIFE...

Issues, Etc. is a radio talk show and podcast produced by Lutheran Public Radio in Collinsville, IL and hosted by LCMS Pastor Todd Wilken. This week's teachings include: College Campus Diversity, The Person & Work of Jesus Christ, The Flesh & Spirit in the Epistles, Dorcas, Lydia and Phoebe. You can listen at your convenience at www.issuesetc.org and on the LPR mobile app.

ATTENDANCE LAST WEEKEND

Saturday 5:30	44
Sunday 11:00	101
Sunday School	16
Bible Study	23

FOOD PANTRY NEEDS

The Milan Christian Food Pantry needs our help for thanksgiving . The pantry is giving away 75 complete dinner baskets on November 16. **We are being ask to donate (75) 29 Oz cans of sweet potatoes.** A collection table will be set up in the hall. **Donations are needed by Tuesday November 12.**



November is also our month to supply personal care items for the pantry. Please, we need: shampoo, deodorant, toothpaste and brushes, dish soap, shave cream and razors, laundry soap and feminine care products.

Thank you St. Matthew for you past and ongoing support. The pantry is thankful and so are the families served.

FINANCIAL PEACE UNIVERSITY

Immanuel Lutheran Church in Rock Island is hosting a Financial Peace University class started on Saturday, October 6, 2018 and continues until December 8 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— Peter and Cornelius (Acts 10)

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*.

VOTERS MEETING—PASTORAL CALL

There will be a call voters meeting this Sunday, October 21st at around 12:45 in the gym. There will be a light lunch after church so everyone will have an opportunity to review the 3 remaining candidates available from the Sept 9th meeting. The candidates on the ballot will be Pastor Mueller, Pastor Meyer, and Pastor Travis. The information packets for the three candidates are available in the church office. They will be available during the Sunday School hour (9:45 - 10:45) and during the lunch prior to the vote.

Continue to pray for our congregation as we move forward. God has a plan for us and will reveal it in His time.

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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*.

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.**

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 persons serving, Dates you will serve, Phone number. See sign up sheets on Bulletin board.



ST. MATTHEW AT PRAYER



NEW/UPDATED requests this week

Steve Krahl, uncle of Tom Krahl, hospitalized
Living Water LCMS Congregation in Mexico Beach, Fl
Jill Tharp, ongoing health problems

Those who mourn

Family & Friends of Patricia Haskins, friend of Vicki Lude

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
Lennie Daymude, sister of Arlene Kahling, recovering
Mike Donner, hospitalized
Honey Huisman recovering
Eileen Leonard, recovering
Richard Leonard, Brother to Bill Leonard, recovering
Karen Leonard, Cousin to Bill Leonard, recovering
Barb Miller, recovering
George Pauley, 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.

BAPTIZED

Sunday, October 21, 2018 at the 11:00 service

Houstyn Janes Newel

Son of: Tony & Tamara Newell

Baptized into Your name most holy,
O father, son, and Holy Ghost,
I claim a place, though weak and lowly,
Among Your saints, Your chosen host.
Buried with Christ and dead to sin,
Your Spirit now shall live within
(LSB #590, st. 1)

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.

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 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.

LWML OUTING PLANNED...

All ladies of St. Matthew are invited to an outing to the Figge Museum on Thursday, October 25th. We will view the special exhibit "French Modern" where works by such famous artists as Monet and Matisse are on exhibit. We will meet at the church at 9:30 a.m. to carpool to the museum. Cost is \$7.00 per person. Plans are to have lunch after we view the exhibit.

LWML

Thank you to the many bakers who graciously provided pies for our October evening LWML meeting. Also thank you for the volunteers who came early and stayed late to set up and clean up. A special thanks to Sally Vetter for her special program.

The weekend of October 6 & 7 was LWML Sunday. Thanks to all who volunteered to usher and pass out information about LWML. Those handouts listed the mission grant projects for the LWML from 2017 to 2018. You may be interested to know that this month our mission goal is \$100,000 to be given to Lutheran Braille Workers. \$50,000 of that goal has been met. This just goes to show what the Lord can do through a bunch of women around the world each with a mite box collecting the odd change on their kitchen sill or bedside stand! Please read the insert in today's bulletin to learn a little more about the work of the Lutheran Braille Workers!

CRAFTERS

The Crafters will meet on the third Thursday of each month (November 15th 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.



October 2018

Faith comes by hearing and hearing by the Word of God (Romans 10:17). Did you know there are approximately 11 million blind and/or visually impaired people in the United States, and of those about 95% are unchurched? For 74 years Lutheran Braille Workers (LBW) has been using their resources to engage blind and visually challenged people by giving both spiritual and physical encouragement. Combined since 2012, Lutheran Blind Mission Society and Lutheran Braille Workers (LBW) are helping the visually challenged to "see" Jesus with the "eyes of faith" through the use of large print and braille Bibles.

Laborers of Love, will use this grant of \$100,000 to print 20,000 English Standard Version (ESV) Bibles at more than 100 LBW Work Centers in the United States. This is a complicated process of transcription, creating and embossing zinc plates and then printing a complete ESV Bible of 37 volumes in either large print or braille for a cost of \$185. On the commercial market this same Bible would sell for \$810, making the purchase of this Bible cost prohibitive for many blind and visually impaired persons. The Laborers of Love grant project will give these Bibles free of charge to recipients.

As a Recognized Service Organization (RSO), this ministry serves about 1200 active participants in 60 Outreach Centers throughout 23 states. LBW seeks to reach out to people with visual limitations so they too have the saving news of Jesus. Many blind or visually impaired persons have been mistakenly told that their blindness is punishment for sin, or if they have enough faith, they'll be healed. Because of this misinformation, many of the visually challenged become discouraged or have rejected God. Being able to read a Bible and learn of the saving news of Jesus' life, death, and resurrection will give them encouragement and hope.

Lutheran Braille Workers is committed to continuing their connection to the visually disabled. By lovingly equipping and supplying them with ESV Bibles in braille or large print, the Gospel will be proclaimed. Through the LBW network of volunteers, these Bibles will be a means for sharing God's love.

2018 OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD SHOE BOXES

GOAL IS 200 BOXES

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

**THE PACKING PARTY DATE IS SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 3RD!!
THERE IS STILL TIME TO GET YOUR DONATIONS IN!**

*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**