



## YOUTH MINISTRY (Grades 6-12)

### Sunday Morning Youth Bible Study—9:45

Join us for Sunday morning Bible study in the youth room for students in confirmation to 12 grade. As of now Greg Mueller-DCE will be leading the discussion. Let Greg know if you have any suggestions for topics/studies. Rumors are that donuts will be available.

### Confirmation class resumes weekly through February 27, 2019.

### 2019 LCMS National Youth Gathering July 11-15 in Minneapolis MN

If you will be in 8<sup>th</sup> 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.

### SERVICE OPPORTUNITY SUNDAY FEB 24

Right after church on Sunday, Feb 24 we are going to Closet to Closet to give them a hand. We will be done by 3:00pm and back to church around 3:30pm. Plan is to pick up a quick lunch on our way to Closet to Closet. For more details talk to Greg or Melissa Henniges.

**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	51
Sunday 11:00	89
Sunday School	19
Bible Study	22

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### Fifth Sunday After The Epiphany February 9 and 10, 2019

#### 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.
<b>Lay Assistant</b>	Dennis Ziegler	Jeff Martens
<b>Ushers</b>	Judy Phillips Reed Phillips	Livia Dodd Emma Schroeder Solomon Stroup
<b>Organist</b>	Gail Tutt	Gale Tutt

**Altar Guild:** Vicki Lude, Fern Tucker

**Flowers:**

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

Saturday, February 9	5:30 p.m.	Divine Service
Sunday, February 10 <i>5th Sunday after the Epiphany</i>	9:45 a.m. 9:45 a.m. 9:45 a.m. 11:00 a.m.	Sunday School Youth Bible Class Adult Bible Study Divine Service
Monday, February 11	6:00 p.m.	Book Club @ Pastor Astrowski's Home
Tuesday, February 12	9:30 a.m.  9-Noon 6:15 p.m.	Pastor's Bible Study @ St. Matthew Pastor Hagen in Office Choir
Wednesday, February 13	6:30 p.m. 6:30 p.m.	Confirmation Bible Study @ Immanuel
Thursday, February 14	6:30 p.m.	Outreach Committee
Friday, February 15	8:30 a.m.	Bulletins Assembled
Saturday, February 16	5:30 p.m.	Divine Service
Sunday, February 17 <i>6th Sunday after the Epiphany</i>	9:45 a.m. 9:45 a.m. 9:45 a.m. 11:00 a.m.	Sunday School Youth Bible class Adult Bible Study Divine Service

### LIFE THOUGHT FROM THIS WEEK'S READINGS

Our fear of our own unclean lips (Isaiah 6:5) and slow tongues can make us mute about marginalized lives. That's why the merciful Maker has touched our tongues (Isaiah 6:7) with His transformative Word and placed His life-giving power upon our lips. We need not doubt that even out of our mouths the Spirit of our Father speaks a wisdom no adversaries will be able to withstand or contradict.

### LIFE QUOTE FOR THIS WEEK

“[T]here's more ... more to life than sensual pleasures, more to love than the shriveled-up version that has captivated our Western imaginations. So today, ask yourself, ‘How am I responding to so great an expression of love as what God has shown us?’ Valentinus's response was to give up his own life. For us, too, a kind of ‘death’ is required—a death to self, a death to the desires that our culture treats as ultimate. Now of course, guys, none of this lets you off the hook with your wives. So don't forget the flowers.” *John Stonestreet with Roberto Rivera, www.breakpoint.org – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • www.lutheransforlife.org*

### OUR CHRISTIAN CALLING

**Matthew 17:8** – “**And when they lifted up their eyes, they saw no one but Jesus only.**” Moses and Elijah point to Jesus, speak about Jesus and His sacrifice, and then they are happy to fade into the background. They know that what we need is Jesus. With our eyes focused on Him, and Him alone, the rest of our lives comes into focus. He is primary; all else is secondary. When that order is right in our lives, things truly fall into place. Or as Jesus Himself said, “Seek first the kingdom of God and all these things will be added unto you.”

### 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.

### YEAR 2019 ENVELOPES

A reminder that the 2019 offering envelopes are on the table in the hallway. Pick yours up today. Any questions call the church office at 787-4295.



## SHOW THE PANTRY SOME FEBRUARY LOVE

February is St. Matthew's month to collect **PERSONAL CARE ITEMS** for the food pantry. A table will be set up to collect laundry soap, dish soap, deodorant, shampoo, toothpaste and tooth brushes, shave cream and feminine hygiene items. Thank you for all your support of the food pantry and your big hearts, St. Matthew!  
Proverbs 19:17—"Whoever is generous to the poor, lends to the Lord."

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## WE STILL HAVE GIFT/SCRIP CARDS AND DINING TOUR COUPON BOOKS AVAILABLE TO PURCHASE!

### Youth Group's Gift/Scrip Cards

Youth Ministry is once again making available Gift/Scrip Cards for most popular stores or restaurants. You pay the face value of the card and the Youth Groups get a percentage from the retailer. If you buy a \$25.00 card to Starbucks, you pay \$25.00 for the \$25.00 gift card and Starbucks will give a percentage back to our Youth Group. Go to [ShopWithScrip.com](http://ShopWithScrip.com) to see a list of participating retailers. Questions see Greg Mueller or Brandi Gale.

### DINING TOUR COUPON BOOKS

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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## QC Pregnancy Resources Baby Bottles 2019



*"Little Ones to HIM belong;  
They are weak but HE is Strong."*

Please help protect the sanctity of human life.

St. Matthew is again participating in the QC Pregnancy Resources annual Baby Bottle fund raiser.

Please pick up a baby bottle from the display in the entryway, Insert your donation, then return the bottle by the end of February.

Your gifts are transforming lives; Your gifts are saving lives.  
Learn more about this work at [www.qcpregnancypartners.org](http://www.qcpregnancypartners.org)

## SUNDAY SCHOOL AND ADULT BIBLE STUDY

**Sunday School**— The Baptism of Jesus

**High School Bible Study**—The Ten Commandments

**Adult Bible Study:** The Ten Commandments

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## USHERS FOR MARCH

We are needing ushers to serve in March. Sign up on clip board in hallway or call Tom Krahl.

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## OFFICE NOTES

Karen is still out recovering and will hopefully return on Monday, February 18th. Mary Donegan and Tammy Robinson will still be in the office until Karen returns. Mary is in on Monday, Tuesday and Friday. Tammy is in Wednesday & Thursday.

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## IMPORTANT UPDATES

Pastor Hagen is now serving St. Matthew as Vacancy Pastor. Pastor Hagen will be in the office on Tuesdays. You are welcome to attend any of Pastor Astrowski's Bible Studies on Monday or Wednesday nights. **PLEASE NOTE THE TUESDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY WILL BE HELD AT ST. MATTHEW FOR THE MONTH OF FEBRUARY.**

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## **\*\*USHERS ARE NEEDED FOR 2019\*\***

The Lay Assistants would like to set up a **family ushering schedule** for 2019 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 the clipboard on the table in the entryway.

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## SOUPEL BOWL OF CARING

Thank You for participating in the Souper Bowl of Caring! \$269.37 was raised for the Milan Christian Food Pantry.  
Thanks!!!

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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).



## ST. MATTHEW AT PRAYER



### New/Updated requests this week

Ilene Maas, for a peaceful passing (by son Gary)  
 Mark Nelsen, recovering from surgery  
 Rob Schroeder, nephew of Dave Schroeder (hospitalized)  
 Larry Vetter, preparing for heart procedure

### Continuing request

Alyssa Anders, granddaughter of Jean Miles (Missionary work in Russia)  
 Audrey, recovering from surgery (Ellen Schuster)  
 Karen Britton (recovering)  
 Ed Buchanan (serious infection)  
 Cathy Carlson, niece of Marlis Donner (recovering from brain aneurysm)  
 John Campbell, recovering from wrist surgery  
 Candy Carmack, recovering from knee replacement  
 Jerry DeLoose Sr., broken ribs & vertebrae, friend of Vicki Lude  
 Hanna Dodd, safe travel to New Zealand, her family  
 Tim Donner, son of Marlis Donner (Difficult Situations)  
 Audrey Gale (Personal Struggles)  
 Tom Gowan, hospitalized, friend of Lynn & Mike Bickle  
 Terry Hartley Jr., hospitalized, son of Carole Hartley  
 Ruth Hart, recovering at home  
 Barb Miller, hospitalized in Rock Island  
 Dawn Schumaker (recovering)  
 Randy Viager, son of Sally Riddell, (health problems)  
 Kurt Voigts, father of Heather Snyder (ICU for Pneumonia)  
 Laura Welch, Daughter of Al & Kerry Nordstom (preparing for surgery in Feb.)  
 Freddy Winkleman, grandson of Marlis Donner, (deployed to Afghanistan)

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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.

### LWML BIBLE STUDY AND LWML MEETING

The next LWML Bible Study will be March 7th at 9:30 a.m.

11:00 a.m. LWML Meeting following Bible Class.

All LWML members are invited to attend and bring a friend.

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### CRAFTERS

The Crafters will meet on the third Thursday of each month (**February 21 at 9:30 a.m. is our next meeting date.**) Time to start projects for next year's Bazaar! Bring what you are working on or we will have projects ready to do. If you want to work on your afghan project for the LWML Veteran's project, bring it along!

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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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### Afghans & Quilts for the Veterans

Are you in need a winter-time project? Do you knit, crochet, or sew? Yes? Well have we got a project for you!

The LWML Central Illinois District is creating Christmas 2019 gifts for 200 veterans. As part of those gifts, the veterans will be presented with a new bed covering (quilt or afghan).

Afghans should be large enough to cover a full size bed top, 65 x 75" or so

Quilts need to be full size, 80" x 85" or so, and lovingly created with veterans in mind. (No fleece blankets please.)

This request is being sent out now as it takes time to make these quilts and afghans, and we will need 200! We will be taking these items to the District Convention in Danville on April 27. For questions, contact Sandy Young at [youngones@mchsi.com](mailto:youngones@mchsi.com) or 309-737-9589.

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### WANTED: PLASTIC ZIPPERED BAGS (FROM BLANKETS, COMFORTERS, ETC).

These will be used to package the afghans and blankets LWML is sewing for the Veterans' gift project. Please leave in the 'old kitchen' in the back of the sanctuary.



Join the Milan Christian Food Pantry on **February 26, 2019 7:00 PM game time- doors open at 6:00 PM.**

The Milan Christian Food Pantry is selling \$20.00 hockey game tickets to the Feb. 26<sup>th</sup> game. For each \$20.00 ticket sold the food pantry will receive \$8.00 in return from the Storm. Gather your family, friends, groups and purchase your tickets from your food pantry board member in person after Sunday

service.

If you prefer to pay on line: go to the FEVO fundraising link [fevo.me/milanfoodpantry](http://fevo.me/milanfoodpantry) order them directly. The total sales of tickets sold and on line will be tallied for our check from the Storm. Share this link on your social media page, Facebook and twitter or text it to your contacts. Get a group to join you in the fun.

Help us achieve our goal of exceeding 100 tickets to the game, that would be 8 – 10 families per church. The funds will go a long way in helping the hungry in our area.

Questions, contact Kitty Dornbier or Al Nordstrom

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## THE LUTHERAN HOUR

On Sundays, at 7:30 a.m., on radio stations WTIM 870 am (Central Illinois), 96.1 FM (Christian County) & 107.5 (Shelbyville County) the Lutheran Hour is being broadcasted. This broadcast is sponsored by congregations of the Springfield East & West Circuits and any other congregations or individuals who wish to give their support. Your support is welcomed especially if you are enjoying the Lutheran Hour on one of these stations. Donations can be sent to Trinity Lutheran Church 1010 N. Webster St. Taylorville, IL 62568. Checks made out to Trinity Lutheran Church on the Memo line write: The Lutheran Hour on WTIM



Website: <http://www.cidlcms.org/>

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The February 2019 edition of the monthly CID newsletter and Mission Story are on the bulletin board in the entryway.

## The Camp CILCA Lowdown February, 2019

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

**Men's Woodcutters Retreat**—February 15-17, 2019 Cost: \$30

**Making Memories Scrapbooking Retreat**—February 22-24, 2019  
The cost is \$80 for your room and meals.

- For more information about these events, see the announcement on the bulletin board in the entry way.

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

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**There are several LERT chainsaw and LERT basic trainings for 2019. We are also currently working with four other churches on scheduling their training for this year. Please see the schedule on the bulletin board in the entryway!**