

SERMON SERIES  
FOR AUGUST

**EPHESIANS 4-6**  
Battling Against Evil



AUG. 3-4 **BATTLING THE SINFUL NATURE**

EPHESIANS 4

AUG. 10-11 **THE POWER OF WORDS**

EPHESIANS 5

AUG. 24-25 **THE ARMOR OF GOD**

EPHESIANS 6

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## **TENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

### **July 27 & 28, 2024**

#### **ST. MATTHEW OFFICERS 2024**

**President:** Alex Barrows

**1<sup>st</sup> Vice President:** Kelly Stevens

**2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President:** Vacant

**Treasurer:** Mary Donegan

**Financial Secretary:** Karen Walters

**Recording Secretary:** Karen Britton

**Property Committee:** Norm Mandle (Chairman), Joel Chapman, Solomon Stroup

**Call Committee:** Nick Bull, Vicki Lude, Al Nordstrom

**Nominating Committee:** Amy Hunt, Tom Krahl, Leah Dodd

**Financial Review Committee:** MaryAnn Meyers, Sharon Heinze, Tom Mueller

#### **Mission & Ministry**

##### **Congregation Life/Outreach**

Angi Lindley, Jennifer Crawford, Samantha Dolan,

Jodi Kurtenbach, Cassie Miller, Danielle Holdsworth

##### **Youth & Education**

Gil Linenberger, Summer Lindley, Jaynie Henry,

Susan Witmer, Mikayla Holdsworth, Rob VanSeveren

#### **Lay Assistants**

Jim Barrows

Ken Brown

Nick Bull

Bruce Hunt

Jeff Martens

Adam Schroeder

Dave Schroeder

Doug Teggatz

Dennis Ziegler



*Ephesians 3:14-19*

*For this reason I bow my knees before the Father, from whom every family in heaven and on earth is named, that according to the riches of His glory, He may grant you to be strengthened with power through His Spirit in your inner being, so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith—that you, being rooted and grounded in love, may have strength to comprehend with all the saints what is the breadth and length and height and depth, and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, that you may be filled with all the fullness of God.*

## ST. MATTHEW NEWS

**A NOTE TO OUR GUESTS AND VISITORS:** Greetings in Christ!  
Thank you for visiting with us today. We encourage you to continue to come back in the weeks to come! If there's anything we can do for you, please don't hesitate to reach out to us. If you would like to join the St. Matthew Family please contact Pastor Larson or the Church Office. Our church website is at [www.stmatthewmilan.org](http://www.stmatthewmilan.org) and our phone number at the church is (309) 787-4295. Thanks for joining us for worship!

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### PLEASE SPREAD THE WORD

To those who are unable to listen to services online, we now offer the option to listen via a new toll free telephone number. St. Matthew's toll free number is (844) 700-9449. Give us a listen! The worship service will be recorded and available via this phone by late Sunday afternoon.

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**PASTOR IS AVAILABLE** to bring you communion in your homes or in small groups at the church. Please call (309-787-4295) if you'd like to arrange a visit or wish to come to the church to receive.

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**If you need a large print bulletin or would like to use a hearing impaired device, please speak with an Usher or Lay Assistant.**

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### BROTHERS AND SISTERS IN CHRIST

Wearing a mask is optional for church activities at this present time. The chairs will remain set up on each side of the sanctuary. We will continue to broadcast the service to the parking lot on FM 89.7 for those of you who prefer to not enter the sanctuary at this time. We will continue to bring communion to all in the parking lot. In addition, the worship service will be available as a livestream on our Facebook page. As always, if you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact one of the members of our Board of Lay Assistants.

### MARK YOUR CALENDARS..

Plan on joining us for upcoming opportunities for food, fun, fellowship and service. Below are the upcoming dates and be sure to check the bulletin for event's details. Have a suggestion for future activity, contact Greg Mueller or Angie Lindley.

### 2024 Upcoming Events

**August 3 12:00-4:00pm Community Ice Cream Social**

**August 9 6:30pm River Bandits Baseball Game**

**August 25 Rally Day at Camden Park**

**August 31 Labor Day Parade**

**September 18 5:30 Potluck Game Night**

**October 27 Mission & Ministry Fair**

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### MISSION & MINISTRY NEEDS YOUR HELP

Anyone that has a lawn canopy and would be willing to let Mission & Ministry borrow it for the August 3rd Ice Cream Social; please let Greg Mueller, Angie Lindley, or Susan Witmer know. We would need them at church by 11:00a.m. on Saturday, the 3<sup>rd</sup>.

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### FUNERAL PREPARATIONS

We have a form that can be filled out to help plan your funeral. You can pick out the songs you want sung, the scripture readings, the soloist etc. Filling this out will not only help Pastor put your order of service together but it will help your family to give you your final wishes. If you would like a form, contact the church office.

## BUDDY BAGS

When children go into foster care they are removed from a home that has been deemed a risk. They often leave the home with no belongings. A blanket or stuffed animal can provide comfort for a child going to an unfamiliar home. It is something they can call their own.



These children also often do not have the basic necessities such as a toothbrush, comb or basic hygiene items. Babies often have few or no diapers.

A buddy Bag can help assist a child transition to a sometimes unfamiliar living arrangement.

### NEEDS:

Blanket, Stuffed Animal, Toothbrush, Toothpaste, Soap, Deodorant, Diapers (all sizes), Baby Wipes.

Any questions, contact Greg Mueller, DCE or someone in Mission and Ministry.

**Please put items on the table in the hallway by the library.**

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## OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

School supply sales are starting now so why not pick up a few extras for Operation Christmas Child. Items that are needed are:

New pencils  
Colored pencils  
Markers  
Notebooks  
Crayons  
Pencil Sharpeners

Start bringing your items in and there is a box out in the hallway.

Thanks again—Congregational Life and Outreach Committees.

## ADULT BIBLE STUDY

You can attend our weekly Bible study in two ways:

- ◆ Sunday mornings—8:45am in the Gathering Room
  - ◆ We are recording the Sunday Adult Bible Study and you can watch it on Face book live , or go to the webpage [stmatthewmilan.org](http://stmatthewmilan.org). to get the link.
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## THE MEN'S NETWORK

Our next Men's Bible Breakfast will be August 10 at 8:00 AM.

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## GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP

The Grief support Group will be meeting Tuesday, August 6, at 10:30 a.m. in the Gathering Room. If you have any questions, contact Pastor Larson.

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## SATURDAY LADIES BIBLE STUDY

Join us for a new women's Bible study on the 3rd Saturday of every month. Our next Study will be on August 17. ALL LADIES, ALL AGES ARE WELCOME. We meet from 9-11 in the Fellowship Room. Childcare and snacks will be provided. Any questions or concerns, please contact Angi Lindley or Cassie Miller.

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## ON LINE DIRECTORY

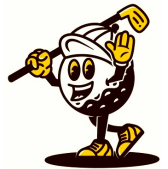
We now have an online directory. If you are interested in getting this, please let Karen at the church office know . We need your correct e-mail address and we will send you an invitation. This is for Members of St. Matthew only.

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## ST MATTHEW 4TH ANNUAL GOLF OUTING

Join us for the 4th annual St. Matthew golf outing on Sunday September 15th. Lunch will be at noon at Saukie's Clubhouse. Tee times begin at 12:30pm.

**Pre-registration & Pre-payment are required.** The fee this year includes lunch, 9 holes of golf, and prizes for a cost of \$35.00. Questions contact Chris Chapman or Pastor Larson.



<b>Flowers</b>	The Nordstroms	
<b>Lay Assistant</b>	5:30 p.m. Dennis Ziegler	10:00 a.m. Al Nordstrom
<b>Altar</b>	Vicki Lude	

ATTENDANCE		
<b>Last Weeks Attendance</b>	5:30 p.m.	35 Outside
<b>Last Weeks Attendance</b>	10:00 a.m.	116 Outside
<b>Adult Bible Study</b>	43	
<b>Sunday School</b>	22 Children (3 yr. to High School) 6 Teachers	

**THIS WEEK THE LORD WILLING**

**Office Hours**

**Monday—Friday 9:00am — 12:00pm**

Saturday, July 27	5:30 p.m.	Worship
Sunday, July 28 <i>10<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost</i>	8:45 a.m. 8:45 a.m. 10:00 a.m.	Sunday School Adult Bible Study Worship
Monday, July 29	6:30 p.m.	Mission & Ministry
Tuesday, July 30		
Wednesday, July 31		
Thursday, August 1		
Friday August 2	9:00 a.m.	Bulletin Assembled
Saturday, August 3	12:00-4:00 p.m. 5:30 p.m.	Ice Cream Social Worship
Sunday, August 4 <i>11<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost</i>	8:45 a.m. 8:45 a.m. 10:00 a.m.	Sunday School Adult Bible Study Worship



**ST. MATTHEW AT PRAYER**



Please keep your fellow St. Matthew Members in prayer. Pray for each other; reach out to one another by phone, email, text, or social media. Particularly keep in prayer those who are hospitalized or shut-in and can't receive visitors.

**NEW/UPDATED REQUESTS THIS WEEK**

Diane Peters, aunt of Aaron Peters (leukemia)  
 Jake Morgan, friend of Rexanne Garmoe (complications from back surgery)  
 Erica Fisher (hospitalized this week)

**Those Who Mourn**

Family & Friends of Sarah Elliott, co-worker of Pat Miller

**Those Who Have Cancer**

Sandy Kershaw, aunt of Travis Kershaw  
 Robbie Nixon, Brother of Carole Hartley  
 Jean Rhone, friend of the Stevens  
 Kate Snyder, daughter-in-law of Deb Snyder  
 Shirley Teggatz, mother of Doug Teggatz  
 Jeff Thompson, brother-in-law of the VanSeveren's  
 Pam Whittington

**THOSE RECOVERING**

Carole Appelquist  
 Margaret Brodale  
 Erica Fisher  
 Eileen Leonard  
 Jeff Woods  
 Ed Gardner, father of Jarrod Lindley

**CONTINUING REQUESTS**

Mary Newswander (Health Issues)  
 Doris Glider, sister of Marie Symmonds (health issues)  
 Kennedy, Great Granddaughter of Gil & Lynn Linenberger (hospitalized)

**SERVING IN THE ARMED FORCES—THANK YOU FOR YOUR SERVICE**

Lieutenant Zach Chapman (Deployed to Djibouti)  
 Kyle Mandle (Stationed in Norfolk, VA)  
 Krystin Pearson (Army National Reserves)  
 Lieutenant Adam Witmer (Iowa National Guard)