

*The LWML Teams up with Lutheran Hour Ministries
In expanding Gospel outreach to Hispanics in the United States*

The mission of Lutheran Hour Ministries (LHM) is bringing Christ to the Nations — and the Nations to the Church.



Lutheran Hour Ministries has a great opportunity to expand its Gospel outreach to Hispanics (the second largest ethnic group in the United States), with Christian resources, printed materials, media and outreach technology in the Spanish language in ways that are applicable to daily life. The Good News of salvation will be shared by working with LCMS (Lutheran Church Missouri Synod) ministry leaders, churches, districts, universities, and seminaries to encourage outreach to Hispanics.

This \$100,000 LWML mission grant, along with LHM's work, will let our Hispanic brothers and sisters hear the Gospel message in Spanish through a powerful Christian witness of love that will strengthen and encourage them to faith in Jesus Christ.



These enhanced resources should be a benefit for the Spanish speaking population here in our own Quad Cities, and our East Moline LCMS *Christ the King (Cristo Rey) Lutheran Church*, pastored by the Rev. Pablo Dominguez .



This and other LWML mission grants are funded through monies received in LWML's mite boxes. You can help by dropping coins into a mite box and return to any Sunday's collection plate, or designate a Mite Box donation with your regular envelope offering.

JUST FOR FUN

A craft and conversation morning has been planned for Thursday, November 21 beginning at 9:30. We thought it would be fun and motivational to work on projects together, visiting while our hands are busy.

You may bring your very own project to work on ---or you may work on one of the projects prepped for you. Some of the prepped projects are earmarked for donation to the December Cookie Walk/Bazaar sale. There will be a few quilts (for Orphan Grain Train) will be ready to finish (tie), and a few fleece blankets to tie. Not feeling crafty that day? Well, just come and join in the fellowship! The more the merrier.

We hope to see you there on Thursday, November 21.

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 **Lutheran Women**
in Mission SUNDAY

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 and our phone number at the church is (309) 787-4295. Thanks for joining us for worship!

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.

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.

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

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.

SENIOR YOUTH UPDATE

Registration Forms for the 2025 Youth Gathering in New Orleans are available for you to pick up. Please see Greg to get yours.

HURRICANE RELIEF

Dear Friends in Christ, many people in our nation are hurting from the devastation of Hurricane Helene and Hurricane Milton. You may say what can we do, how can we help? First we can pray, please remember the people affected by these deadly storms in your prayers. Secondly, there is an opportunity to help through a financial gift. St. Matthew is collecting a freewill donation that will go to Orphan Grain Train, a Recognized Service Organization of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod, which sends food, water and other needed supplies by Semi Trucks to areas of need. We are hoping to get this donation matched by Thrivent. If you would like to give, please place your donation in the box located in the entryway.

CALENDARS

The 2025 Wheelan Pressly/St. Matthew calendars are here. They are on the counter in the hallway. Feel free to take one.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

There are sign-up sheets on the welcome desk in middle hallway for the following:

Trunk or Treat—need people to supply candy, run a game, help in the kitchen, setup/tear down or have a trunk or table to pass out candy. Sign up for one or maybe more.

Friendsgiving—need people to set up or tear down

Advent Meal—need people to host an Advent meal. The dates are December 4th, 11th, and 18th. You have a choice to host the noon meal or evening meal or maybe both.

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:

Sippy Cups and Baby Bottles (high need)

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

Any questions, contact Greg Mueller, DCE or someone in Mission and Ministry. **Please put items on the table in the hallway by the library.**

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: **jump ropes, toothbrushes, washcloths, pencil sharpeners, erasers, bandanas, string bags, and Monetary donations for shipping and extra Bible Study material.** There is a box out in the hallway. Thanks again—Congregational Life and Outreach Committees.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS..

Plan on joining us for upcoming opportunities for food, fun, fellowship and service. Watch Bulletin & Bulletin Board of details. Have a suggestion for future activity, contact Greg Mueller or Angie Lindley.

2024 Upcoming Events

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| October 27 | Mission & Ministry Fair |
| October 31 | 5:30pm—7:00pm Trunk or Treat |
| November 2 | Operation Christmas Child Packing Party |
| November 17 | Friendsgiving |
| December 1 | Hanging of the Greens |
| Advent Meals | December 4,11,18 |
| December 7 | 9:00am –12:00pm Cookie Walk |

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. to get the link.

GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP

The Grief support Group will be meeting **Tuesday, November 5**, at 10:30 a.m. in the Gathering Room. If you have any questions, contact Pastor Larson.

MONDAY LADIES BIBLE STUDY

The Ladies Bible Study will resume in 2025

THE MEN'S NETWORK

Our next Men's Bible Breakfast will be **November 9** at 8:00am.

SATURDAY WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

Join us for a women's Bible study on the 3rd Saturday of every month. Our next Study will be on **October 19**. We are watching The Chosen. ALL LADIES, ALL AGES ARE WELCOME. We meet from 9-11am in the Fellowship Room. Childcare and snacks will be provided. Any questions or concerns, please contact Angie Lindley.

MILAN CHRISTIAN FOOD PANTRY CHRISTMAS MEAL GIVEAWAY

The Pantry is once again giving away 50 complete meal baskets for Christmas. We will draw 50 names from our client list. Because of large increases in food items and more people coming to the pantry, we are asking the 5 churches to contribute food items before **DECEMBER 15**. St. Matthew is being asked to **donate 80 15 ounce cans of corn**. **A table for collection will be set up in the hallway.**

Remember! Jesus loves teamwork and we are part of Jesus' team to meet peoples need here on Earth!

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| Flowers | St. Matthew LWML | |
| Lay Assistant | 5:30 p.m. Nick Bull | 10:00 a.m. Dennis Ziegler |
| Altar | Carole Hartley and Susan Witmer | |

| ATTENDANCE | | | |
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| Last Weeks Attendance | 5:30 p.m. | 41 | Outside |
| Last Weeks Attendance | 10:00 a.m. | 107 | 2 Outside |
| Adult Bible Study | 35 | Sunday School | 23 Children |

THIS WEEK THE LORD WILLING

Office Hours

Monday—Thursday 7:00am — 2:00pm, Friday 7:00am—11:00pm

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| Saturday, October 19 | 9:00 a.m. 5:30 p.m. | Women's Bible Study Worship |
| Sunday, October 20 <i>22nd Sunday after Pentecost</i> | 8:45 a.m. 8:45 a.m. 10:00 a.m. | Sunday School Adult Bible Study Worship |
| Monday, October 21 | | |
| Tuesday, October 22 | 6:15 p.m. | Choir |
| Wednesday, October 23 | 5:30 p.m. | Confirmation |
| Thursday, October 24 | 5:30 p.m. 6:30 p.m. | Directory Meeting Council |
| Friday October 25 | 9:00 a.m. | Bulletin Assembled |
| Saturday, October 26 | 9:00 a.m. 5:30 p.m. | Women's Bible Study Worship Mission & Ministry Fair after worship |
| Sunday, October 27 <i>23rd Sunday after Pentecost</i> | 8:45 a.m. 8:45 a.m. 10:00 a.m. | Sunday School Adult Bible Study Worship Mission & Ministry Fair after 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

Melissa, friend of Tom Krahl (hospitalized)

Those Hospitalized

Harry Anderson, cousin of Hazel
Jojo Laureano, friend of Al & Kerry

Those Who Have Cancer

Kate Snyder, daughter-in-law of Deb Snyder
Shirley Teggatz, mother of Doug Teggatz
Jeff Thompson, brother-in-law of the Van Severen's
Pam Whittington

THOSE RECOVERING

Jim Akers, friend of Gil Linenberger
Carol Appelquist
Kitty Dornbier
Karen Edmund
Erica Fisher
Carol Greenwood
Tom Krahl
Linda Kurtenback
Santee Lusfer, friend of Angi Lindley
Nancy Miller
Dottie Slager, niece of Deb DeGrauwe

CONTINUING REQUESTS

Autumn Mae (newborn with heart defects) friend of Chris Chapman
Ginny Stevens, sister of Kelly Stevens (guidance)
Mary Newwander (Health Issues)

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)