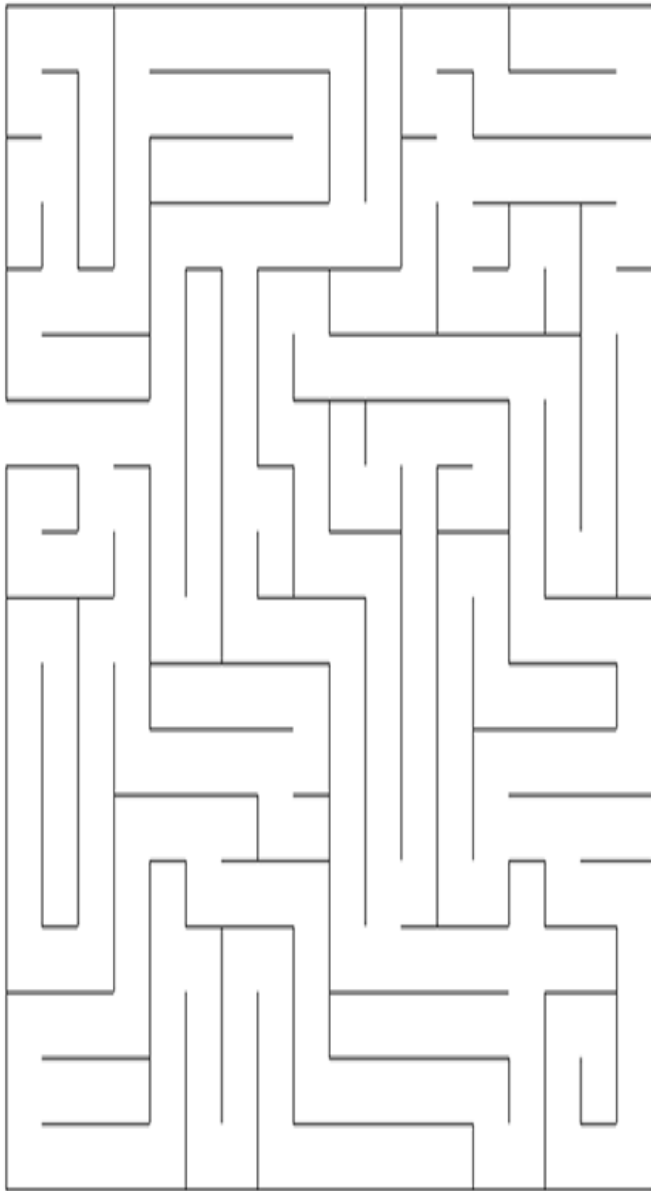




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Second Sunday in Easter April 27, 2025

Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here, and see my hands; and put out your hand, and place it in my side. Do not disbelieve, but believe." Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed." John 20:27-29



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.

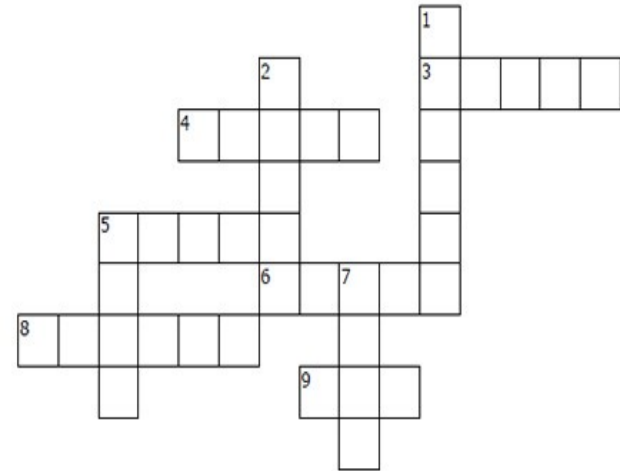
BROTHERS AND SISTERS IN CHRIST

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.

Jesus Appears to His Disciples

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Based on John 20:19-31 (NIV)



ACROSS

3. To be in a state of pleasure, satisfaction, joy or delight
4. Free from conflict; getting along with others; opposite of war
5. To be undecided or unbelieving that something is true
6. The body parts at the end of the arms
8. Not open
9. To break God's law

DOWN

1. The disciple who would not believe without seeing
2. To believe in something for which there is no proof
5. An entrance into a building or room
7. A thin piece of metal with one pointed end and one flat end which you hit with a hammer

PEACE
NAIL

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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, May 6, 2025** at 10:30 a.m. in the Gathering Room. If you have any questions, contact Pastor Larson.

THE MEN'S NETWORK

Our next Men's Bible Breakfast will be **May 10, 2025** 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 **May 17, 2025**. 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 Angi Lindley.

MOWERS NEEDED....

If you want to help mow the St. Matthew property, **please sign up on the sheet on the bulletin board C.**

You will be responsible for a week at a time, from Monday to Sunday. You will be made aware if there are any funerals or weddings. If you have questions call Norm Mandle or Joel Chapman.



CALL NIGHT PARTY...JOSHUA TEGGATZ

Come and watch with us the Call of Joshua Teggatz into ministry from **7-8pm on Wed April 30** in the Gathering room. Come and watch the Call process and the enjoy the great fellowship. Feel free to bring snacks. If you want to watch from home here is the link

<https://www.csl.edu/academics/call-day-services/>

<https://www.csl.edu/live/> Questions, contact Pastor.

Flowers	Garry & Susan Gruenhagen Celebrating their "53" Anniversary	
Lay Assistant	5:30 p.m. Dennis Ziegler	10:00 a.m. Al Nordstrom
Altar	Susan De Loose & Vicki Lude	

ATTENDANCE		
Last Weeks Attendance	7:00 p.m. 149	Outside
Last Weeks Attendance	10:00 a.m. 159	2 Outside
Bible Study 35	Sunday School 23 Children	

THIS WEEK THE LORD WILLING

Saturday, April 26	5:30 p.m.	Worship Service
Sunday, April 27	8:45 a.m. 8:45 a.m. 10:00 a.m.	Sunday School Adult Bible Study Worship Service
Monday, April 28		
Tuesday, April 29		
Wednesday, April 30	5:30 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	Confirmation Call Night Party
Thursday, May 1		
Friday March May 2	9:00 a.m.	Bulletin Assembled
Saturday, May 3	5:30 p.m.	Worship Service
Sunday, May 4	8:45 a.m. 8:45 a.m. 10:00 a.m.	Sunday School Adult Bible Study Worship Service

DOUBTING THOMAS

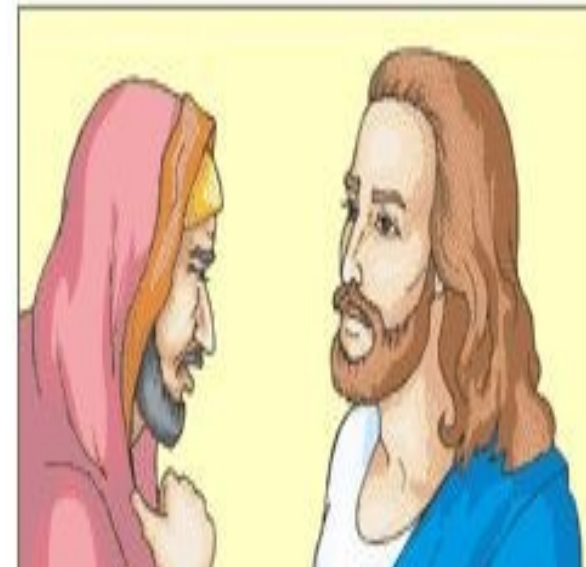
Write the letter that comes between the two letters to find out what Jesus said to doubtful Thomas

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ST MATTHEW'S COMMUNITY GARDEN

This year we have lots/space for gardens available on our land south of Eriksen's car lot. If you or a friend would like a garden spot contact Greg Mueller or Adam Schroeder. If you would like to help with this new opportunity contact Greg. We have one person who is willing to manage the gardens, but we would like to add additional people to help.

FIRE VICTIMS DONATIONS.

Since the first of this year St Matthew has had two families who had their homes totally burned down. Plans are still being developed for possible future fundraising opportunities, yet we would like to begin by collecting gift cards and cash to help with their many expenses due to the fires. Gift cards to large home, gas, and grocery stores and cash are helpful at this time.

Donations can be made to the Fire Victim fund or given in care of the families. Mark your donation to Tami & Tony Newell, or Dalton Oak and Kendall - son of Lynn Bickle or to the Fire Victims Fund. Money donated to the fund will be divided between the two families.

If you have questions or would like to help with possible future fund raisers contact Angie Lindley or Greg Mueller.



ST. MATTHEW



NEW/UPDATED REQUESTS THIS WEEK

Sharon Heinze (preparing for surgery)
Neil Dahl, cousin of Adam Schroeder (hospitalized)
Sandy Schumaker, mother of Katie Cobert (Recovering)
Harper Kershaw (recovering)
Lee Tobin (hospitalized this week)
Marian Robinson (hospitalized this week)

Those Who Have Cancer

Margaret Brodale
Danielle Holdsworth
Bob Smith
Kate Snyder, daughter-in-law of Deb Snyder
Fred Spencer, brother of Sandy Dutler
Pam Whittington
Sue Willems, friend of Cindy Nordstrom

THOSE RECOVERING

Lynn Bickle
Carla, sister in law of Pam Ziegler
Jerry De Loose
Jordan Dodd
Ruth Fowler, mother of James Fowler
Janet Neece

CONTINUING REQUESTS

Virginia Garcia, friend of Susan De Loose (health problems)
Wendy Grunwald, daughter of Janet Meeks (hospice)
Jean Miles (hospice)
Tami Newell Family (house burned down)
Dalton Oak & Kendall, son of Lynne Bickle (lost everything in fire)
Anthony Schooly, friend of Matt Miller (health problems)
Carolyn Seawright, friend of Vicki Lude (health problems)

SERVING IN THE ARMED FORCES—THANK YOU FOR YOUR SERVICE

Captain Zach Chapman (Utah National Guard)
Petty Officer 1st Class Kyle Mandle (Diego Garcia Indian Ocean Territory)
Lieutenant Adam Witmer (Iowa National Guard)



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.



THANK YOU FOR YOUR OVERWHELMING SUPPORT.

NEEDS: Blankets (All Sizes, infant to Teens) Deodorant, Diapers (all sizes)

Please watch this list, as we will be updating it as needed.

Any questions, contact Greg Mueller, DCE or someone in Mission and Ministry. **Please put items in the shopping cart North Hallway.**

MARK YOUR CALENDARS..

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

2025 Upcoming Events

May 4 Confirmation Sunday
Fellowship after Service with tacos and game time

June 21 Ice Cream Social
June 23-27 2025 VBS

July 10,11,12 Garage Sale

Youth

July 6-9 Garage Sale Set-Up

July 10,11,12 Garage Sale

Thursday: 8:00 am to 5:30 pm

Friday: 8:00 am to 5:30 pm

Saturday: 8:00 am to 11:00 pm

Saturday Clean up: 11:15am

July 19-22 National Youth Gathering



Tilly Mae Flockhart

Baptized April 27, 2025

Born 1/22/2025

Daughter of Gage Flockhart and Savannah Ruark

Sponsors: Camille Schwenneker

Dustin Williams

MILAN CHRISTIAN FOOD PANTRY

The Milan Christian Food Pantry is hosting a fundraiser at Pizza Ranch, 880 Lincoln Road, Bettendorf on **Monday April 28 from 5 to 8**. All you have to do is come and eat pizza and/or chicken. The pantry receives 10% of the sales for the evening, as well as all tips. THANKS!

CRAFTS & CONVERSATION

Ladies, let's get together for Crafts and Conversation on **Thursday, May 15, 2025 at 9:30 a.m. and Thursday, June 12, 2025 at 6:30 p.m.** We'll be working on quilts for Lutheran World Relief. Quilts not your thing? Bring your own project!. Or just come to chat. Join us for fellowship and fun while we Serve The Lord with Gladness.

For more information contact Rhonda Krahel at 309-235-2293 or Janet Meeks at 309-787-8336.

2025 ENVELOPES

The 2025 Offering envelopes are on the table in the hallway. If you are a member and did not find envelopes for you and would like to receive envelopes please sign the sheet on the table and we will get you envelopes. Any questions, contact Vicki Lude or Karen Walters.