



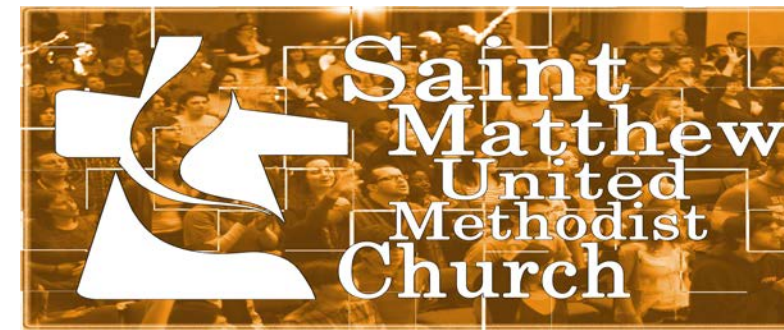
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Beulah Camp

- **Beulah Youth Institute (BYI) - June 17 - 23 (Grades 8 - 13).** Spend a week at BYI for Christian growth and fellowship! Bishop Frank Beard will be the evening evangelist, *The Great Romance* will lead worship and Sarah and Gabe Wanck will be the morning preachers. You won't want to miss this! Contact Matt Vollmar for more information.
- **Beulah Bible Camp (BBC) - June 25 - 28 (Grades 5 - 7).** Our theme this year is, "Paul, Shackled and Shipwrecked." We have an exciting camp planned with worship, Bible studies, games, crafts, and high-energy outdoor recreation. We will also have special evening activities and devotions each night of camp. Come prepared to make new friends and renew old friendships! Contact Lindsay Vollmar for more information.
- **Beulah: The Beginning - June 29 - 30 (Grades 2 - 4).** "Jesus Transform Me" will be the prayers of our children this year at Beulah the Beginning Camp. We're going to search throughout the scripture on how God can help us change. It's going to be another awesome camp experience full of Bible stories like you've never heard them before. Your kids will be captivated through hands-on Bible stories, games, crafts, movie night in the Tabernacle, wild & wacky water games, and meaningful worship. Join us on this exciting adventure as we gear up to let Jesus transform us! Contact Lindsay Vollmar for more information.
- **Beulah Holiness Camp Meeting - July 27 - Aug 3 (For the whole family).** This camp provides a contemporary holiness message in a historical setting with programs for all ages and an emphasis on scriptural holiness. Age-specific programs are available for all ages from children to older adults. The platform speakers this year are Tim Bias and Mark Nysewander. Rev. Dale Edwards is the morning Bible teacher. Brian Arner is the song evangelist; Hank Oplinger and Carrie Crago are the musicians. Missionaries are Andy and Stephanie Abrams. Youth and Children's Coordinators are Tim Price and the Harvest Ministry Team and Debbie Randoll. Jack Lampe and his St. Matthew crew will prepare the meals. Pick up a brochure at the Welcome Center for more information and to register.



Meet Our New Associate Pastor



We're Andy and Rebecca Black and we're so excited to join all of you in the ministry of Jesus Christ. In partnership with all of you, we are eager to join in the work of making disciples and transforming the community and world. Although the Metro East area is new territory for us, many of the folks at St. Matt's already know us well from our ties to Beulah Holiness Camp in Eldorado, IL. Rebecca currently serves on the Beulah Board and Andy has attended camp there every year since 1990.

Beulah – and Beulah campers – are very near and dear to our hearts. A few things you should know about us: Rebecca is an avid Chicago Cubs fan. Literally, she bleeds blue. (Okay, maybe not literally). Andy, on the other hand, loves soccer and is a proud supporter of Chelsea Football Club of the English Premier League. We love to explore new places, restaurants, and attractions – Eckerts, anyone? Rebecca also enjoys gardening and canning while Andy enjoys the "benefits" of gardening and canning. We both have a passion for missions, youth and young adults, and providing a place for people to discover Christ and grow in their faith. We have so much to learn, experience, and celebrate with all of you – and we can't wait!

Vacation Bible School

V.B.S. is **June 11 – 15**. Sign-up is available at the table in the foyer for kids and adults. Volunteer training is June 3 (4:00 – 5:00 pm). **Shipwrecked Closing Celebration & Carnival** is **Friday, June 15** at 6:00 pm and everyone is invited. Come out for an exciting evening as the kids share with us their week at VBS. After our closing, all are invited to the Vine Café for dinner while the kids get to spend their VBS tickets at the carnival. Yummy food, tons of games, photo booth, bounce houses, obstacle course and so much more!

Paraguay Medical Mission

The Medical Mission Team will be in Paraguay **July 6 - 14**. They need our support to spread God's word and do His work. You can help in several ways.

- Pray! Pray for the team, pray for safe travel, pray for the work that will be done and those who will be served.
- Make a monetary donation to this mission. We need to raise \$5,000 for food, supplies and expenses. Please make sure you mark "Paraguay" on your check or envelope.
- Purchase medical supplies for the team to take with them. There is a donation bin in the foyer.

Suggested medical items: Infant Tylenol Drops, Infant Vitamin Drops, Children's Multivitamins, Tylenol Chewables, Children's Ibuprofen Liquid, Adult Multivitamins, Triple Antibiotic Ointment, Prenatal Vitamins, Hydrocortisone Cream & Excedrin Migraine.

Combined Service & Welcome B-B-Q

On **Sunday, July 1** we will have a combined service with only one service time at **10:00 am**. Immediately following the service we will have a welcome barbecue for: Rev. Dr. Robert Swickard, his wife Gina and their children and for Pastor Andy Black and his wife Rebecca! There will be sign-ups for the meal in the June 17th and 24th bulletins. Please make sure you sign up so we know how many to expect. Come and help us give the Swickards and Blacks a wonderfully warm St. Matthew welcome!!



Remember to support the Media Ministry Upgrade project!

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Weekly Worship

Sunday

Morning: 8:00 am, 9:17 am, 10:45 am
Sunday School: 9:15 am & 10:45 am
Cornerstone Deaf Church: 6:00 pm
Evening: 6:30 pm (Worship/Bible Study)

Sunday Morning Sermons:

June 3-James Slone
"I Told You All I Know"
1 Corinthians 2:1-5

June 10-James Slone
"Privileged to Preach"
Ephesians 3:8

June 17 - Jon Carrell
"The Father's Thoughts Toward Us"
Jeremiah 29:11

June 24 Larry Patton preaching

Wednesday

Prayer, Praise & Preaching Worship
Service 6:30 pm, Chapel. *Nursery available at all Worship Services*

Special Events Calendar

June 3 Baptisms
June 3 Slone Farewell Reception
June 4 - 7 VBS Decorating
June 5 Trustees Meeting
June 7 SPRC Meeting
June 7 - 9 Annual Conference
June 11 - 15 VBS
June 15 VBS Closing Carnival
June 16 Community Meal
June 17 Father's Day
June 17 - 23 Beulah Youth Institute
June 19 Finance Committee Meeting
June 21 New Life Club Luncheon
June 23 Wesley Men's Breakfast
June 25 - 28 Beulah Bible Camp
June 29 - 30 Beulah Beginning Camp


This month's meal is Saturday, June 16 at 11:00 in the Vine Cafe.
Community Meal

Ministry News

Children's Ministry: *Lindsay Vollmar - 618-660-7552 - lvollmar@stmatthewumc.org*
SHIPWRECKED V.B.S.: is June 11 – 15! Come experience the amazing way Jesus rescues us! Sign-up is available at the V.B.S. table in the foyer for kids and adults
BEULAH CAMP 2018! Pick up your forms at the Welcome Center, Kids Town gazebo or online at stmatthewumc.org under Children's Summer Activities. Beulah Bible Camp (kids finishing 4th – 6th gr.) is June 25 – 28 and Beulah Beginning Camp (kids finishing 1st – 3rd gr.) is June 29 & 30. Parents, you'll be receiving a "What to Pack" list by the middle of the month.

MEGA SPORTS CAMP "TEAM SPIRIT" hosted by our St. Matthew Youth, is July 16 - 20 from 9:00 am – 12:00 pm. Camp is free and for kids finishing 1st – 6th grade. They will pick Basketball, Cheerleading or Life Skills for the week. Along with their sport, they'll learn how Jesus picked His team to help in His ministry. The best part of being on a team is sharing experiences together, so we hope to see your kids this summer at sports camp!

MAKE SURE YOU JOIN the "St. Matthew Children's Ministry" Facebook page to stay updated on the latest information, events and pictures from our kids!

MARK YOUR 2018 CALENDARS Shipwrecked Vacation Bible School (June 11 – 15), Beulah Bible Camp (June 25 – 28), Beulah Beginning Camp (June 29 & 30), Mega Sports Camp (July 16 – 20).

Senior Adults Ministry: *Jeanie Lively - 618-979-7434 - jlively@stmatthewumc.org*

OUR NEW LIFE CLUB MEETING will be held June 21 in the Vine Cafe. A light lunch will be prepared and served by Sharon and Dan Jokisch for a small donation. Our program will be presented by Philip Tinge and his Violin students. The devotion will be presented by Shelby Walasin. Please come and join us as we fellowship. No reservations are required. We start collecting this month for our "Coat, Cape and Vest-A-Rama" to be held later this year. Please bring your donations.

SENIOR MINISTRY NEWSLETTER next month we hope to re-institute a quarterly Senior Ministry Newsletter with information on senior ministry, trip descriptions, etc. If you would like to receive this newsletter, or know anyone else who would like to, please let me know.

NEW LIFE CLUB CHOIR is on a short summer break and will start back up on August 15. Why not join us? We just need servants that "like" to sing.

"Redeemed AGAIN, THE THRIFT SHOP OF ST. MATTHEW" is blessed by your donations.

- SENIOR TRAVEL**
- **St. Louis Art Museum "The Sunken Cities of Egypt" and lunch at the "Capitalist Pig"** in St. Louis - June 7. \$45.
 - **St. Louis Gateway Arch Fireworks & Dinner Cruise** - July 7, 2018 - Taking a waiting list.
 - **Cardinals and Braves in Atlanta** - September 17 - 18, 2018 - Details at the Welcome Center.
 - **NEW - Stages in St. Louis Presents "Oklahoma"** - Matinee Thursday, September 13, 2018 and dinner.
 - **NEW - "Christmas at Pigeon Forge and the Biltmore"** - November 5 - 9, 2018 - Details at the Welcome Center.

MORE 2018 TRIPS ARE IN THE WORKS AND WILL BE ANNOUNCED ON CLUB MEETING DAYS THROUGHOUT THE YEAR. Remember "any" senior may travel with us. They need not be a member of St. Matthew. We have many such friends that travel with us month by month. We love meeting and traveling with "like minded" folks of all denominations and backgrounds.

COMPLETE TRIP DESCRIPTIONS are available at the Welcome Desk. You can also check the church website at www.stmatthewumc.org for up to date trip information. Anytime a trip is full that you are interested in, please sign up on the Waiting List. We always get to most folks on it.

Student Ministry: *Matt Vollmar - 806-4337 - mvollmar@stmatthewumc.org*

SUNDAY NIGHT YOUTH GROUP: Sundays at 5:00 pm in the youth room.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT YOUTH BAND: Meet in the youth room at 5:30 pm.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT DISCIPLESHIP: Meet in the youth room at 6:30 pm.



"A good father is one of the most unsung, un-praised, unnoticed, and yet one of the most valuable assets in our society." ~ Billy Graham. Father's Day is June 17. Don't forget to honor your very own valuable asset!



Applying Bible Principles

When Jesus Christ becomes Savior and Lord of a person's life, a new creation takes place (2 Cor. 5:17). Old things truly pass away, and new things take their place. This is nowhere more visible than with a person's outlook on money and material possessions.

Take Zacchaeus, for example. Here was a man who had made it to the top. He was literally "king of the hill" as he looked down over the city of Jericho. But the respect, friendship and status that Zacchaeus longed for had eluded him as people from all walks of life despised him. After all, he was the chief tax collector.

But when Jesus entered the life of this little man, the allegiance which Zacchaeus knew changed. He was no longer under the control of the world system as defined by Caesar. Now, he was accountable to Christ.

As Ken Gire points out in Intimate Moments with the Savior,

his soul knows that account isn't good. The ledger is filled with entries of money extorted, money under the table, money skimmed off the top, money, money, money. That's the bottom line for Zacchaeus. The bottom line of a bankrupt life. But the Savior isn't looking for an audit. . . . Jesus is moved with compassion. . . . From behind the barriers he has erected around his heart, a flood of repentant feelings bursts forth. . . . What took a lifetime to accumulate, one sentence of devotion liquidates. And not by a token ten percent. Half to the poor. Fourfold to the defrauded. Look closely. Witness the miracle - a camel passing through the eye of a needle.

As Christians - those who proclaim by that title that we are children of God through faith in Jesus Christ - our perspective on life should be different than non-Christians. How we acquire money, how we use it, and how we give it away should mark us as being followers of Christ. And just as Zacchaeus welcomed Jesus into his home gladly following that life-changing encounter at the sycamore tree, we should welcome Christ's presence in our lives gladly, with great joy as He alters the way we give.

J. Alan Youngren wrote, "When we begin to give out of some legalistic need to perform as Christians, we are well on the way toward frustration and defeat in our stewardship. Before long this attitude can lead to carelessness in giving, then reduction in giving and, finally, defeat in other areas of our spiritual lives."

Or as Wayne Watts put it: "Giving is the friend of wealth, for with it comes joy and fulfillment rather than disappointment."

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News and Events

Summer Sack Lunch Program

More than half the children in Illinois public schools qualified for free and reduced lunch programs during the school year. This means during summer, many children will not have regular meals. St. Matthew volunteers pack and deliver lunches for kids in Belleville on Monday's throughout the summer. You can help in several ways...

- Volunteer! Join us on Mondays at 9:00 am at the Turkey Hill Grange. We will begin packing lunches Monday, **June 4** and continue each Monday until August 6.
- Make a monetary donation! The volunteers can purchase needed items that have not been donated (just mark summer sack lunch program on the envelope).
- Donate food! There is a collection bin by the women's restroom. Suggested items include: ziplock sandwich bags, pudding, crackers, fruit, fruit cups, juice boxes, (nothing with peanuts please)

Help us end summer hunger for kids in our community!

Work Days For V.B.S.

Come help us set up for V.B.S. on **June 4 – 7** (12:00 – 4:00 pm). We need help cutting out papers, bagging snacks, writing name tags, decorating the church, organizing rooms & teacher bags and gathering supplies. No matter your skills or availability, we'd love to have your help. Sign-up today at the V.B.S. display in the foyer!

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Update

Work has begun on this project! Thanks to everyone who has already given their support, but we have a long way to go to reach our goal. Please pray about your contribution to this project.



Charleston & Beyond! St. Matthew Senior Travels

Senior Travel Adventures in the South!

32 travelers boarded our coach bus May 5th and toured Charleston, SC, St. Augustines, FL, St. Simon's Island, GA and Jekyll Island, FL in our 8 day whirlwind tour of "Charleston and Beyond." Highlights included: dinner on the WWII battleship "Yorktown", dinner on the "Spirit of Carolina" in Charleston Harbor, dinner at the famous Jekyll Club and Bubba Gump's, private city tours of Charleston and St. Augustine, tours of the Citadel and Magnolia Plantation, shopping at the "Market" and Kings St., and the gorgeous scenery of the Smokies.

Shriner's Parade

We are walking in the parade on **Friday, June 1** to promote V.B.S. Meet in the main foyer at 5:30 pm and we'll leave shortly after that. We'd love your help as we promote Shipwrecked VBS, pass out registration forms and candy to our community. Wear your walking shoes and comfy clothes. VBS shirts will be available for \$5 that evening.

Pastor Farewell Receptions

Pastor James & Cheryl Slone's farewell reception is **Sunday, June 3, 2018** at 7:30 pm. Roger Russel will preach in the 6:30 pm evening service then the reception will be in the fellowship hall immediately following the service.

Pastor Jon, Stephanie, Marissa & Trisha Carrell's farewell reception is **Sunday, June 17, 2018** at 7:30 pm. The reception will be in the fellowship hall immediately following the 6:30 pm evening service.