



Our Week in the Lord

Sunday (7/15)

9:00 AM - Worship

Monday (7/16):

Tuesday (7/17):

2:30 PM - Food Pantry Open

Wednesday (7/18):

12:00 PM - Ladies Aid Picnic

Thursday (7/19):

7:00 PM - Worship (L.S.)

Friday (7/20):

Saturday (7/21):

Sunday (7/22):

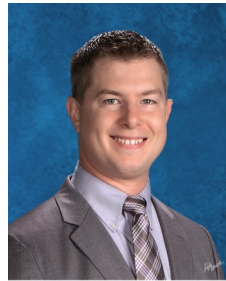
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Welcome to St. Matthew's!

VISITING TODAY?

Welcome to worship! We are very glad you are here, and we pray that you enjoy your visit here with us today. I hope that you will be encouraged in trusting Jesus, better equipped to serve him, and more aware of his grace in your life everyday. We're glad you're here!

Pastor Silas Schmitzer



Theme of Today's Service: *"We Who Receive the Word also Share the Word"*

Prayer Upon Entering Worship

Gracious Lord, Today I am here in your house to worship you and be filled with the life-giving forgiveness that I need for my sins. Keep my thoughts from straying from you and your Word while I worship. Prevent distractions from averting my focus, and keep me and my family from being a distraction to others. Help me to devote this entire hour of my week completely to you. Bless the offerings we give on your altar, that they will be used to reach souls around the world who need your gospel.

God's Word for This Week

With this Sunday the emphasis in the readings begins to shift. During the past eight weeks the emphasis has been on the creation of faith and its preservation in spite of the evidence of suffering and persecution that seem to contradict his promise. With this Sunday the second cycle of the Pentecost season begins and with it an emphasis on the response of those who hear the Word.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

WELS Coulee Women's Retreat, August 10th & 11th

You're invited to the first ever WELS Coulee Women's Retreat! The theme will be Working Together in Christ. We'll kick off the weekend with an optional tour of Amish Country on Friday, 8/10, and continue with a Holy Hen House program at St Paul Lutheran in Tomah from 9am-3:30pm on Saturday, 8/11. This event is open to all confirmed WELS/ELS women and their friends. For a complete schedule, hotel information, online registration, etc, please visit the Facebook event at www.facebook.com/events/209010849828969 or ask your church office for a mail-in registration form. Registration forms are due by July 29th. All registration fees will be collected at the event. Questions? Contact Laura King, 608.855.0185, trainerlaurak@gmail.com

Schmitzer Family on Vacation

Pastor Schmitzer will be on vacation for 1 more week. If you have an emergency need for immediate pastoral services, please contact Pastor Schmudlach from First Lutheran in La Crosse. (608) 799-5023.

Give us your garbage

The VBS team is asking for your help. We need empty toilet paper tubes and empty Clorox wipe canisters for use on our crafts. Feel free to drop these in the box (labeled "VBS supplies") in the fellowship hall. Thank you, in advance, for your help. Reusing not only helps us to cut our materials cost but also is very earth-friendly.

ST. MATTHEW'S LUTHERAN SCHOOL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Now Enrolling for 2018-2019

St. Matthew's School is accepting applications for new students who would like to enroll for the fall. School would be happy to answer questions via phone (608.457.2700) or email (jotto@stmatthews-wels.com), provide an application, or schedule a tour and/or sit-down meeting with a family. Preschool families with children ages 3-4 can find information at bit.ly/PreKforms. Do you know someone who may be interested in information about our school? Share our contact information and Facebook page with them so they can learn more. Registration day for all families new and existing takes place on August 5 from 4-7 PM.

St. Matthew's Volleyball Camp

St. Matthew's is hosting a volleyball camp July 23-25 from 1-3 PM each day in our school's gymnasium. There is no fee to join. Anyone from the community can join! Talk to Berkley Harle if you have questions.

AREA ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mental Health Meeting

The next meeting of Caring Christians-Mental Health will be held at First Lutheran in La Crosse on Monday, August 6 at 6:30 p.m. The topic of discussion will be: Self-care for the individual and for the care givers. All are welcome.