

Our Week in the Lord

Sunday (5/5):

9:00 AM - Worship
10:30 AM - Sunday School
10:30 AM - Adult Bible Study

Monday (5/6):

12:30 PM - Principal's Conference
6:30 PM - Outreach Coordination Team Meeting

Tuesday (5/7):

2:30 PM - Food Pantry Open
6:30 PM - Confirmation Examination

Wednesday (5/8):

8:10 AM - School Chapel
12:00 PM - Luther Band Program Recruitment at School
6:15 PM - Catechism Class

Thursday (5/9):

7:00 PM - Worship (L.S)

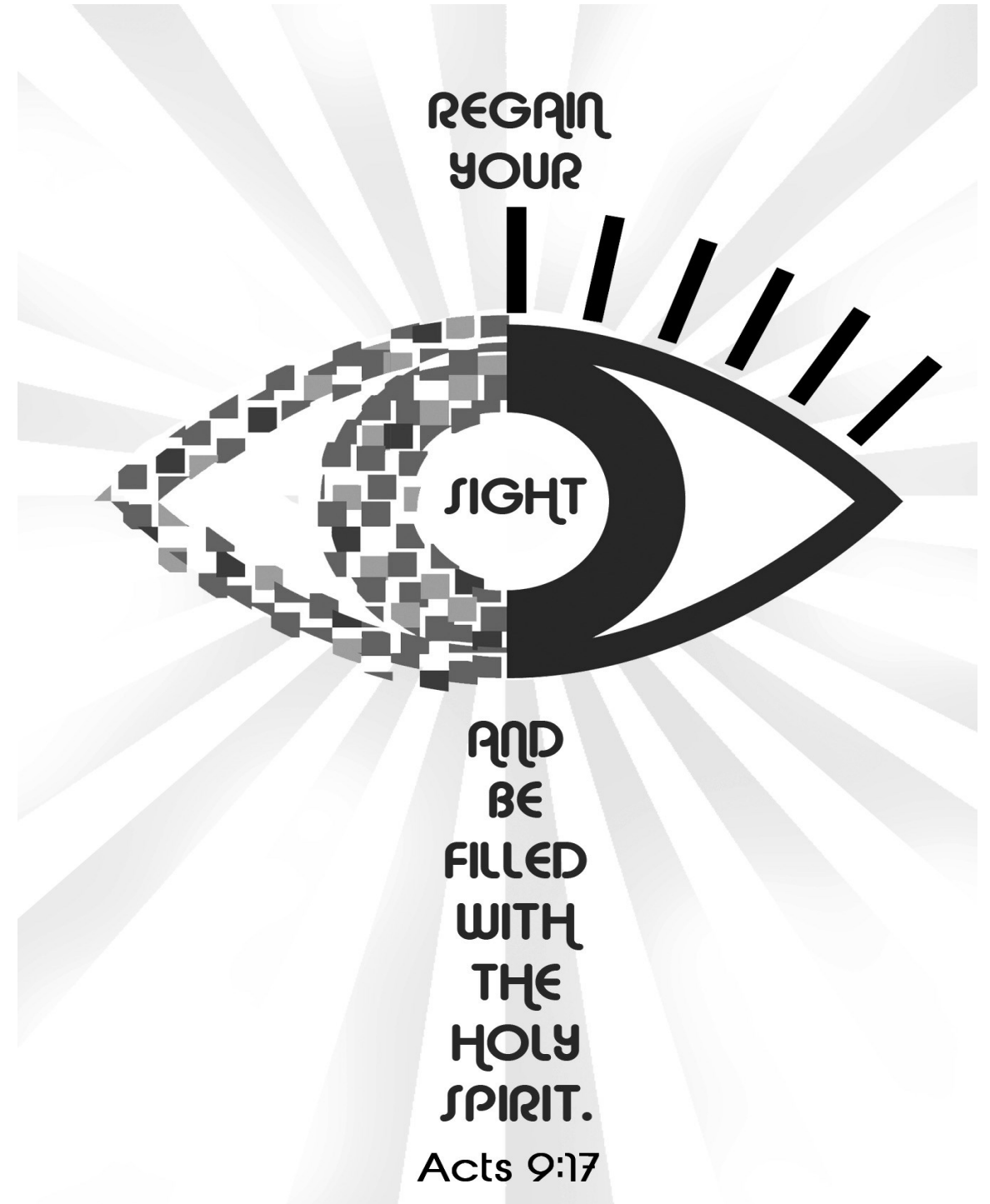
Friday (5/10):

Saturday (5/11):

Sunday (5/12):

9:00 AM - Worship (L.S)
10:30 AM - Sunday School
10:30 AM - Adult Bible Study or Call Meeting

Last Week at St. Matthew's



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: *"The Risen Christ Reinvigorates Us"*

Prayer Upon Entering Worship

Risen Lord, I yearn to follow a truly powerful and just leader. Although the world sees you as weak, open my eyes to see and trust your mighty power at work on my behalf each day. Fill me with joy to worship my powerful King today and every day. Help me clear my mind of distractions as I prepare for worship and keep my focus on you as we pray, sing and listen to your Word.

God's Word for This Week

It's usually not that we don't know what to do when it comes to living our faith and following God's will. It's that we lack the oomph, the energy, and sometimes the desire to do it. But Jesus rose from the dead in part to re-energize us for service to God and to each other. "The LORD, the LORD is my strength and my song. He has become my salvation." His resurrection gives us the motivation we need to believe that our forgiveness is real, to share the good news and love of our Lord with everyone around us.

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Please visit us at: www.stmatthews-wels.com

At our website you'll find audio sermons, daily devotions, our church calendar, and more information about our church, our teachings and our Christian Day School.

Caring Christians-Mental Health will meet at First Lutheran in La Crosse on Monday, May 6 at 6:30 p.m. The topic will be: Thankfulness.

WELS Marriage Enrichment & Getaway Weekend

How is your marriage? Would you like it to be healthier? God designed marriage and only he can improve the health of your marriage. Join us for a two-day marriage enrichment event September 20-21, 2019. The beautiful Grace Center at Grace Lutheran Church in Milwaukee will be the home of your two-day marriage enrichment. The cost is \$185 per couple and includes a traditional Spanish family-style dinner Friday evening & lunch catered by Olde Madrid of Racine, continental breakfast Saturday morning, and all enrichment sessions. Spend two days learning how to know each other better, appreciate each other more, gain trust, manage conflict, nurture intimacy and connect with each other intentionally – all in the light of God's grace. The result? A healthier marriage. Space is limited, so register early. See the poster or brochure in our lobby or visit www.wels.net/marriage-enrichment for more information and to register.

ST. MATTHEW'S LUTHERAN SCHOOL ANNOUNCEMENTS

End of Year Schedule

This year, our Graduation & Closing Service will take place at 6 PM on Thursday, May 23 with a program to follow in the St. Matthew's fellowship hall. The last day of school is the next morning on Friday, May 24. *This last day will be a half day* to allow our teachers to have afternoon Inservice. The students will enjoy a morning at Stoddard Park and get picked up at 11:30 from school. *There is no lunch that day and no De Soto bus at 11:30*, so those families should be prepared to pick up. Thanks!

Fiesta Mexicana Fundraiser

Let's have a Fiesta! It's that time again! Each May our school and community has an opportunity to eat at The lively and rustic Fiesta Mexicana and support our school at the same time! That's right! On Tuesday, May 14th (at anytime) the food you or your friends or neighbors order at Fiesta Mexicana will raise 10% of the profits to our school! Last year we earned \$____ and we are going to beat it this year!!! In case you needed another reason to eat there, Fiesta Mexican has a large menu of traditional Mexican eats that will make your belly very happy! Not only that (like u needed another reason) but currently Mrs. Alderman's class is the reigning champions of the CES events highest participation trophy - I think it's time Mrs. Otto's class, Mr. Otto's class and Miss Oldre's class give them some competition!!!

AREA ANNOUNCEMENTS

Food Pantry

Looking for a way to directly impact our community? The Stoddard Area Food Pantry located in our Church basement can use your help. To Volunteer contact Paulette Ross (Site Manager) at 608-518-6839 or email her at pross.54632@gmail.com Don't have time? Donations of food are accepted any time and can be placed in the box located in the Church Entry.

WELS Grief Support

Our next meeting will be Tuesday, May 7 at 7 p.m. at St. John's in Barre Mills. If you, or someone you know is grieving, please come for encouragement from God's word and from God's people. Our topic for discussion will be "Coping with what Others Say".

Coulee Region Owls May Meeting

The Coulee Region OWLS will be holding their monthly meeting on Thursday, May 9, 2019 at First Ev. Lutheran Church, 400 West Avenue South, La Crosse with a 12:00 Noon Potluck Luncheon. Please bring a dish to pass and your own table service. Coffee will be provided. The Program will be the First Lutheran School children performing their Spring School Play. All church members – men and women age 55 or older – are welcome Please come for a visit, enjoy the friends you meet, a good lunch, and an excellent program. There will be a free will offering.

Caring Christians-Mental Health

get there no matter where you are right now. By the end of the class the average family pays off more than \$5000 in debt and saves almost \$3000. Most importantly, you'll learn how to handle the money God entrusts you with His way and what it means to have true financial peace. Go ahead and make plans to be at our kickoff coming up on Tuesday, June 4th at 6pm in the fellowship hall. Feel free to contact Chelsie Vanden Heuvel if your interested! vandchels@gmail.com or 608-632-0680

MLC Scholarship

If you would like to support our 3 students that will be attending MLC next fall, please consider giving your special offerings marked for "MLC Scholarship" before May 31st. Up to \$1000 per student will be matched by the MLC Congregational Partner Grant.

150th Anniversary

This is the last week for the 150th Anniversary Envelope Campaign. If you wish to participate read the information posted on the window below the sign. Still have questions? Talk to Carl or Anne Piper for clarification. Any additional comments, questions, or concerns about the 150th Anniversary? Talk to a committee member, drop them in our 150th Anniversary Box, or send them to our email address 150thAnniversary@stmatthews-wels.com.

Meditation Subscriptions

The time has come to renew or begin your subscription to Meditation-our synod's daily devotional booklet. Each issue contains a short 3 minute devotion for every day of the year as well as daily Bible readings and prayers. Read them in the morning or evening on your own or with your family. It is a wonderful tool for making devotion in God's Word a regular part of your daily life. One year's subscription is \$15.50 for regular print, \$20.00 for large print. Ordering with our church group saves you money. To place your order, write a check or cash, with the correct amount to Ken Abraham, and put it in an envelope in his mailbox. He will be happy to answer any questions you may have about the subscription. The first new booklet will be placed in your mailbox in May and again quarterly after that. Please have your order in by April 29.

Forward in Christ Subscriptions

Annual subscriptions to "Forward in Christ," our Synod's official magazine, are due soon. The cost is \$13.50 for 12 monthly issues. Each issue includes articles that support spiritual growth and guidance and news from our synod. Please place payments (cash or check payable to Larry Wrobel) in Larry Wrobel's mailbox by Sunday, May 12th

