

I AM THE  
**GOOD  
SHEPHERD**

I KNOW MY SHEEP  
AND MY SHEEP

KNOW  
**ME.**



JOHN 10:14, NIV

# 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 every day. We're glad you're here!

*Pastor Silas Schmitzer*



**Theme of Today's Service: "Following the Good Shepherd is Great Joy"**

### **Prayer Upon Entering Worship:**

Lord of my life, your goodness and mercy to me is far greater than anything I could ask or imagine. You have cared for me, watched over me, and provided for all of my needs, both physical and spiritual for all of my life. Forgive my complaints and grumbling, forgive me for my unwillingness to follow your blessed lead and commands. Fill my heart with thankfulness and joy to call myself a sheep of the Good Shepherd. Amen.

### **God's Word for This Week:**

Imagine if everyone on earth were gathered together in one place. There would be well over six billion people. How can God keep them all straight? How can God keep his eye on you in particular and hear your prayers? He has no trouble at all—and not only because he is Almighty. Jesus is your Good Shepherd. He knows you as well as he knows the Father, and as the Father knows you. That's why he laid down his life for you.

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# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

### **Mother's Day Roses**

This year we are again giving roses to all the mothers in our congregation on Mother's Day. These roses are part of a fundraiser that gives a portion of the purchase price to support the New Life Resource Center which supports and counsels mothers during the difficult trials of pregnancy. Gentlemen, if you'd like to donate for this gift, place the money in the basket on the flower table. Our goal is to raise a minimum of \$100.

### **May 12th Call Meeting**

On Sunday May 12th we are scheduling another call meeting to fill our Part Time K3-4 teaching position because Rachel Hahm returned our call. This meeting will include a discussion about the direction of our K3-4 program and the possibility of changing this to a full-time call.

### **Church Technology**

Are you interested in helping with the Churches IT infrastructure (computers or network), Webpage Design, Facebook Page, or other technology used by our Church and School? Contact Carl Piper to find out how you can help. Email: [Secretary@stmatthews-wels.com](mailto:Secretary@stmatthews-wels.com) Call or Text: 608-799-9318.

### **Thursday Service May 23**

Our School Closing service and Graduation is May 23 at 6:00pm. This will take the place of our regular Thursday evening service that night. Please note the time difference. There will be no worship service beginning at 7:00pm that evening.

### **2019 Confirmation - Sunday, May, 26**

Our Confirmation Examination was Tuesday, May 7. Over 50 people came to observe, support these students and review the teachings of the Catechism. Thank you to all who attended. Confirmation will take place on Sunday, May 26 during our regular worship service. Our 2019 Confirmands are:

Owen Schobert

Hailey Sill

Noah Struemke

Josiah Uebelher

### **Get Your Scrip Cards!**

Gift cards make great confirmation and graduation gifts. Buying Scrip gift cards helps support our school. You buy the gift cards for your favorite restaurants and stores at face value, and a percentage of the cost of the card is given to St. Matthew's School Scrip fund. Over the past 10 years, the Scrip program has raised over \$11,000 for our school. The Protsman family runs our Scrip program and they have the Scrip cards out by the

door after every Sunday service. If you don't see a business that you're looking for, just ask Jan or Kristie, there are many more that they can order for you.

### **Graduate Recognition**

St. Matthew's would like to acknowledge our high school and college graduates. Please submit their name, school, and kind of degree to Pastor Schmitzer or Jim Beitlich. We plan to have a special prayer for them at the June 2, 2019 service.

### **Tuition Endowment Fund**

Recipients of the Tuition Endowment Fund are Berkley Harle, Matthew Kilmer, Cynda Protsman, Faith Struemke, Ashley Manske, Elizabeth Stuebs, Blake Harle, Samuel Kilmer, Haukin Protsman, and Joshua Stuebs. Each of them will be credited \$300.00 for their 2018-2019 tuition account at Luther High School.

### **Financial Peace University**

We have some exciting news for you! Many of you have expressed interest in getting involved in Dave Ramsey's Financial Peace University Class, so we've decided to start offering it here at St. Matthew's! We are so thrilled about what this program has the power to do in each of your lives. Can you imagine what your life would be like if you had NO payments...if you were completely debt free!?! This class will show you how to 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.

### **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

## **ST. MATTHEW'S LUTHERAN SCHOOL ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **St. Matthew's School Website**

Learn more about our elementary school's ministry at our website [school.stmatthews-wels.com](http://school.stmatthews-wels.com) where you can find details about registering, busing, hot lunch, preschool, sports, faculty, and much more!

## **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 20% of the profits to our school! Last year we earned \$300 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!!!

## **Buffalo Wild Wings Night Thank You**

Thank you to all of you who came out to support our school at BWW in April. The participation trophy stays with Mrs. Alderman's room for having the most students in attendance. We raised \$75 and are proud of every penny we earned. These nights are about building up and supporting our school community.

## **LALSAC Track Meet Results**

Our school's athletes gave a tremendous effort on a beautiful day at Luther last Saturday. Check out these results:

Noah Lompfrey (5th): Discus - 3rd

Lauren Struemke (6th): Shot - 2nd; Discus - 3rd

Alex Jaeger (6th): 800m - 5th; Discus - 5th

Sydney Sill (6th): 100m - 3rd; 200m - 2nd

Juliette Stuebs (6th): 400m - 5th; 1600m - 1st, 800m Relay - 5th

Julia Sill (6th): Discus - 1st

Jerry Weber (7th): Shot - 2nd; 800m - 3rd; 200m - 2nd; 100m - 3rd, 800m Relay - 5th

Hailey Sill (8th): 800m Relay - 5th

Noah Struemke (8th): 200m - 5th, 800m Relay - 5th

St. Matthew's Stoddard Tug of War Team - 2nd

## **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](mailto: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 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](http://www.wels.net/marriage-enrichment) for more information and to register.

## Our Week in the Lord

### Sunday (5/12):

- 9:00 AM - Worship (LS)
- 10:30 AM – Call Meeting
- 3:00 PM – Spring Spotlight @ Luther High School

### Monday (5/13):

- 5:30 PM – School Board Meeting
- 6:30 PM – Church Council

### Tuesday (5/14):

- 2:30 PM - Food Pantry Open

### Wednesday (5/15):

- 8:10 AM - School Chapel
- 4:00 PM – Ladies Aid Meeting
- 6:15 PM - Catechism Class

### Thursday (5/16):

- 7:00 PM - Worship

### Friday (5/17):

- 10:00 AM – Grades 5-9 @ Forest Hills Golf Course

### Saturday (5/18):

### Sunday (5/19):

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

## Last Week at St. Matthew's

|  St. Matthew's<br><i>Lutheran Church and School</i> | VOTERS'<br>MEETING | SUNDAY<br>SCHOOL      | SUNDAY<br>WORSHIP |
|--|--------------------|-----------------------|-------------------|
| MAY 5  | 16                 | 13                    | 132               |
| THURSDAY   | 14                 | TOTAL BUDGETARY GIFTS |                   |