

**Our Week in the Lord**

**Sunday (5/19)**

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

**Monday (5/20):**

- 6:00 PM - Design Team Meeting

**Tuesday (5/21):**

- 2:30 PM - Food Pantry Open

**Wednesday (5/22):**

- 8:10 AM - School Chapel
- 9:00 AM - Preschool Field Trip @ Children's Museum
- 10:00 AM - K-4 Field Trip @ Genoa Fish Hatchery
- 6:15 PM - Catechism Class

**Thursday (5/23):**

- 10:00 AM - Pastor's Circuit Meeting
- 6:00 PM - Graduation/Closing Service
- 7:00 PM - End of School Year Program

**Friday (5/24):**

- 11:30 AM - Last Day/Early Dismissal
- 1:00 PM - Teacher Inservice

**Saturday (5/25):**

**Sunday (5/26):**

- 9:00 AM - Confirmation Sunday (L.S)

**Last Week at St. Matthew's**

*“By this all people will know  
that you are my disciples, if you  
have love for one another.”*

JOHN 13:35, ESV



# 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:** *"Jesus Calls us to Love one Another "*

## Prayer Upon Entering Worship

O Lord, your love sustains us each day. Were it not for your love and mercy I surely would have perished long ago in the sorrow and suffering I have wrought with my own sin. Through your Word today, assure me again of your love and forgiveness that I may live at peace with you. May that same love overflow from my heart to those around me in my words and actions toward them. Keep my focus this morning on your Word, that I may hear it and take it to heart by the power of your Holy Spirit. Amen.

## God's Word for This Week

Music from the Masters . . . motivational speakers . . . Chicken Soup for the Soul—people look for a boost from many sources. But one need only look to the risen Savior. He inspires us not through soothing songs or moving stories, but through his perfect life and sacrificial death. Our risen Lord energizes us to live lives of love toward those he has placed around us, here at church, in our families and communities, at school and work. There are countless opportunities for us to demonstrate our faith by doing as Jesus said. "By this they will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another."

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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

## **4th Annual WELS Night at the Loggers**

The date this year is Sunday, June 30th. The Loggers will be playing the Wilmar Stingers. Gates open at 4:00 p.m. at Copeland Park in La Crosse, WI for a 5:05 p.m. game time. Ticket price is \$10.00 which includes a reserved bleacher back seat and a Loggers hat! The La Crosse Loggers organization will return \$5.00 of that price to the Friends of Luther as a fundraiser. All tickets will be purchased through the Logger's office. Their address is 1225 Caledonia St in La Crosse; the phone number is 608-796-9553. You may also order tickets online at [lacrosseloggers.com](http://lacrosseloggers.com) using the promo code WELS. Be aware there is a \$1.75 processing fee per ticket when ordering online. Be sure to mention you are part of the WELS night to get tickets with our group. For your ticket to be a part of the fundraiser, you must purchase by Friday, June 21st. For the best seating options, order early! If you would like to throw out the first pitch, sing the National Anthem or be the honored Veteran for the evening, please call Carla Korthals at 608-269-1675 and let her know by May 31st.

If you have any questions, feel free to contact Carla Korthals at 608-269-1675.

## **Golf Tournament**

The 25th Annual Dr. James L. Raabe Golf Tournament is scheduled to be held at Cedar Creek Golf Club in Onalaska on Monday July 8 beginning at noon. The registration fee is \$130 if you register by June 15th, or \$150 if you register after this date. There is a limit of 144 golfers so register early. 100% of funds received from this tournament are used for the benefit of Luther High School. Over the last 24 years we have raised more than \$425,000 for Luther. Register by emailing [church@firstlacrosse.org](mailto:church@firstlacrosse.org) and then pay the registration fee at the tournament, or pick up a registration form in the back of church and mail it with your payment.



### **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!

### **Panther Sports Camp 2019**

Send your kids to St. Matt's summer sports camp! Each day begins with devotion and also includes a snack. Throughout the camp, our staff reviews with your child the fundamentals of the sport they choose for the week--either basketball or soccer. Upper grade groups are also exposed to drills, technique, and competition.

Who? Incoming K-8 students

When? June 17-21, 9 AM - 11:30 AM each day

Where? St. Matt's School; 303 N Main St; Stoddard, WI 54658

How much? \$20.00, and each child receives a free camp T-shirt and ball

Register at [Panthercamp.net](http://Panthercamp.net)

Don't forget the Wrap-Up Party at noon on the final day of camp--there will be pizza, games, and a bounce house!

We could use volunteers age high school and above to help our coaches. Contact Mr. Otto if you know of anyone who might help--thanks!

### **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

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.

### **Special Thank You**

Thank you to Jerene Beitlich and family for the four gold altar vases given to honor the memory of her mother Helen Semke.

## **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!

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### **CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS**

#### **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