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MATTHEW 2:10, NRSV

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: "Jesus is the Savior for All Nations."

Prayer Upon Entering Worship:

Lord Jesus, you are not just the Savior of the world, you are my personal Lord and Savior. I thank you for coming into this world to show us the grace of God and revealing yourself to me through your Word. Through that same, powerful Word today, drive sin, guilt fear and doubts from my heart that I may worship you in purity and joy.

God's Word for This Week:

Christians celebrate January 6th as the Twelfth Day which closes the Christmas season. (You know, the 12 days of Christmas, right?) Epiphany is the second oldest festival celebrated by the Church, dating to the second century. The Eastern Church commemorates the birth of Christ on this day, but the Western Church remembers it as the "Gentile Christmas" and celebrates Jesus who appeared as the Savior for the entire world.

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Please visit us as: 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.

OUR THANKS

We thank the following people for serving us in worship today:

Organist Brenda Harle

Greeter: Larry Wrobel

Ushers: Ken Abraham, Mary Abraham, Jan Protsman, Kristie Protsman

Audio/Video: Dan Wiese, Carl Piper

Announcements

Church Announcements

Church Service Recording

Our Sunday worship services are regularly video recorded and posted online. If you have questions or concerns, please contact Pastor.

Sunday School and Bible Study

No Bible Study this week. All children, age 4-10 are invited and encouraged to attend Sunday School.

Church Announcements

Have an announcement that you want to see in the bulletin? Have some information to spread on the pre-service PowerPoint? Need an activity added to the church calendar? Send an email with your important information to secretary@stmatthews-wels.com

Bible Study - Concerning Spiritual Gifts (6 Lessons)

Many Christians shy away from the topic of spiritual gifts because some of them seem so extraordinary and strange. Perhaps you are unsure of what to do or say about speaking in tongues, prophesying, teaching, comforting, leading, being generous and serving others. This course takes seriously what the Bible says about the gifts of the Spirit. Making the time to study this important topic will help you find and rejoice in your niche among God's people as we all work together to glorify Christ, our Head.

OFF TO THE RACES!

St. Matthew's CES presents our first ever pine car derby & chili cookoff. Finally! A chance to show off your prize pot of chili & pine block carving skills in one afternoon. Car kits & race guidelines will be provided to you one week before the races, registration is required by January 10th. Prizes will be awarded to the chili & racing champions. hungry spectators are welcome.

Saturday January 18TH from 11AM- 1PM

Text Karen Schmitzer @ 608-304-7034 to reserve your spot today!

Get Your Scrip Cards!

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 Script 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

Financial Peace University

Is "budget" a bad word at your house? It can be a daunting concept for all of us. But a budget is simply telling your money where to go instead of wondering where it went! We will be hosting our 2nd Financial Peace University class starting Tuesday, January 7th at 6pm. This class will be every Tuesday for 7 weeks. We want everyone in the community to have the opportunity to go through it! Whether you have tons of debt or none at all, this class has something for you! Please call or text Sam or Chelsie Vanden Heuvel to sign up, 608.632.0680

Call Meeting

On January 5th after the Church service we will be having a call meeting. We will be meeting to call our next School Principal as Mr. Otto has accepted a call to Manitowoc Lutheran High School.

Otto's Gift Card "Baby Shower"

In joyous anticipation of the Baby Otto's arrival next month, we would like to "shower" James & Jackie with gift cards. The members of St. Matthew's, St. Peter's, & our St. Matthew's school families are invited to participate, really anyone who loves the Ottos- the more the merrier! Please drop your gifts in the white box at the back of church, or return in any way shape or form to Karen Schmitzer. We will plan to present our collective gift to the Otto's after church on Sunday the 19th. Questions? Text Karen @ 608-304-7034.

Semi-Annual Voters Meeting

Each year in January the members of our congregation gather for a special meeting to get updates, ask questions about how our congregation is doing, discuss and make plans for the coming year(s) for our congregation. This year, our meeting will be next Sunday, January 12th, during the Bible Study hour.

School Announcements

Christmas Break

School resumes on Monday, January 6 after break.
Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

College Care Package Drive

In Christ Light class, the upper grade students brainstormed care package ideas for our congregation's college students which we would like to put together and mail in January. Our ideas included snacks, candy, Fuji water, coffee/tea, fuzzy socks/blankets, gum, and laundry supplies. You are welcome to purchase any of these items (Dollar Tree, Walmart, etc) and drop them off in the bin by Mr. Otto's office between now and January 13. We will begin to collect everything into care packages then. If you are moved to support the cost of postage for sending the packages, you may drop money in Mr. Otto's mailbox. Thank you!

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


Caring Christians- Mental Health

will meet at first Lutheran in La Crosse on Monday, January 6, at 6:30 p.m. The topic will be: Depression, especially following a holiday season. Please share this with your members in whatever way you consider appropriate.

Recovery in Christ:

Two Opportunities: Recovery in Christ will continue to meet Sundays, 6:00 p.m. at St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Onalaska. A new session will be held at La Crosse's Coulee Recovery Center, 933 Ferry St, 1:00, Wednesdays). Call 608-567-3038 to verify schedule for either session. Recovery in Christ points to Jesus as the answer for recovery from substance abuse.

LAST WEEK AT ST. MATTHEW'S

 St. Matthew's <i>Lutheran Church and School</i>	SUNDAY WORSHIP ATTENDANCE	BIBLE CLASS	SUNDAY SCHOOL
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NEW YEAR'S EVE	38	TOTAL BUDGETARY GIFTS	

OUR WEEK IN THE LORD

JANUARY 5 - JANUARY 12, 2020

Sunday

9:00 AM – Worship

10:30 AM – Call Meeting

10:30 AM – Sunday School

Monday

School Resumes

6:30 PM – Outreach Coordination Team

Tuesday

10:00 AM – Mornings with Mommy

2:30 PM – Food Pantry Open

6:00 PM – Financial Peace University

Wednesday

4:45 PM – Catechism Class

Thursday

6:30 PM – Elders' Meeting

Friday

5:00 PM – Basketball @ Sparta

Saturday

Sunday

9:00 AM – Worship

10:30 AM – Semi-Annual Voters Meeting

10:30 AM – Sunday School