



Choose LIFE

Deuteronomy 30:19

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: "Christ Sets Us Free to Live Holy Lives"

Prayer Upon Entering Worship:

Dearest Savior, thank you for this time today in your Word and for all the people who are here today to worship with me. Build us up today in your Word and strengthen is in faith through the work of your Holy Spirit. Teach me to live my life free from sin. Help me to fight every temptation I face this week trusting in you who lived perfectly in my place. Fill our worship with the joy of your forgiveness.

God's Word for This Week:

People love to judge themselves—especially when it comes to moral issues—because they naturally come out looking rather good. They might be willing to admit that they're not perfect, but they quickly add: "Nobody's perfect!" Of course, that's not true. Our God is perfect, holy, and just. He never sins, and in his holy Word, God makes it clear that he holds us to the same perfect standard, even as his perfect will also saves us from our sin through the gospel of his "secret wisdom." In the gospel and lessons, we see how Jesus reveals to us his perfect Word and will.

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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.

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 as we will be meeting to call a new Principal. All children, age 4-10 are invited and encouraged to attend Sunday School.

Upcoming Call Meeting for our Principal

It was announced last Sunday that Mr. Dan Johnson has returned our call. We will be reconvening our call meeting on February 16 to extend another call once a new call list has been assembled for us. We will still have Sunday School and during the normal time.

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 or place your announcement in Carl Piper's box in the fellowship hall.

Ash Wednesday Starts Lent

The Lenten season is just around the corner. The word "lent" simply refers to the daylight hours getting longer during the coming months, but the focus of the season in church is on repentance for our sins as we remember our Savior's journey to the cross and his suffering and death. Ash Wednesday sets the tone for Lent. This year again, we will be giving our members the opportunity to receive the imposition of the ashes in one of our two Ash Wednesday services February 26th (1:30pm or 7:00pm). From the earliest days of history, ashes have symbolized sorrow, mourning and repentance. They cause us to think heavily about our sins for which our Savior died. If you have any questions about receiving the ashes this year, please speak with Pastor. And be sure to mark your personal calendars so that you don't miss any of our Wednesday Lenten services (1:30 & 7:00pm) this year.

Want to give a gift?

All donations & offerings designated "150th Anniversary Gift" will go towards fresh landscaping on the church property.

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.

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

Open Forum regarding Fellowship Hall on February 16 at 10:15am in Sanctuary

While reviewing the comments from the Long-Range Planning Survey, it became clear that members have concerns regarding the Fellowship Hall. As a result, the Design Team would like to hold an open forum to discuss the current challenges of the space and gather possible solutions.

Specific concerns we will be asking for feedback on include, but are not limited to:

- congestion as you enter the Fellowship Hall
- information located in multiple areas so things are overlooked
- safety concerns for our littlest members
- functionality of mailbox system
- flow of serving line after church service

We look forward to gathering together to work on the next best steps for St. Matthew's.

Member Family Pictures

Did you see your picture scrolling on our new display screen in the fellowship hall? Was your picture a little bit outdated? Not your favorite shot of your family? If you'd like to update your family picture, simply email a new one to Carl at secretary@stmatthews-wels.com, or ask Karen Fischer if she would be willing to snap a new one for your family. You can help make sure that those photos are an accurate and up-to-date representation of our congregation. Thank You!

1, 2, 3, 4...We declare a Penny War!

The 150th Anniversary committee is challenging a battle of the sexes to help raise funds for our October anniversary celebration. Two containers will be in the fellowship hall over the next 3 weeks, one for the men and one for the women. Scores will be updated weekly! Any questions, please contact Anne Piper.

Mornings with mommy isn't preschool, and it isn't childcare. It's something different.

Mornings with Mommy is a fun & easy way for you to enjoy activities with your children and meet other Moms (Dads, Grandmas, Grandpas, and Nannies are welcome too!) Each session is a one of a kind blend of story time, playdate, and learning center that combine to meet the developmental needs of young children- from infants to preschoolers. It's all happening here at St. Matthew's the 1st and 3rd Tuesday of the Month, from 10-11 AM, September through May. Cost is \$5 per *family* per session & advanced online registration is required. Questions? Check us out online or talk to Sue Wrobel or Karen Schmitzer.

REGISTER AT:

mwm.stmatthews-wels.com

Special Voter Meeting

March 1st we will have a quick meeting to approve the budgetary increase needed to cover Mr. Otto's insurance.

School Announcements

School Choice Application Window Now Open!

The application window for parents to apply for a school choice voucher at St. Matthew's next school year is February 3 through April 16, 2020. After that, new applications can no longer be accepted. This program allows your child(ren) or someone you know to attend our school at no cost to the family if they fall within the income limit. To apply, go to our school's website, go to "Programs," then click "Wisconsin Parental School Choice." For help contact Mr. Otto, Mr. Carl Piper (608-799-9318), or Mr. Phil Uebelher (608-483-2080).

Semester I Mission Offering Total

Our school collected \$234.26 in offerings for Native Christians, our WELS Ministry on Apache reservations in the Southwest. This semester we are collecting for WELS Institutional Ministries to support their ministry in prisons, nursing homes, and mental health. Learn more at im.life

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

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

	WEEKEND WORSHIP ATTENDANCE	BIBLE CLASS	SUNDAY SCHOOL	LIVE STREAM
FEB. 2	121	10	18	5
THURSDAY	13	TOTAL BUDGETARY GIFTS		

OUR WEEK IN THE LORD

FEBRUARY 16 - FEBRUARY 23, 2020

Sunday

9:00 AM – Worship

10:30 AM – Call Meeting

10:30 AM – Sunday School

Monday

5:30 PM – Building Team Meeting

Tuesday

10:00 AM – Mornings with Mommy

2:30 PM – Food Pantry Open

Wednesday

8:10 AM – School Chapel

9:45 AM – Hidden Hills Bunnies Visit PK-4

4:00 PM – Ladies Aid Meeting

4:45 PM – Catechism Class

Thursday

7:00 PM – Worship (L.S.)

Friday

Saturday

Sunday

9:00 AM – Worship (L.S.)

10:00 AM – Stewardship Stations

10:30 AM – Bible Study

10:30 AM – Sunday School