

The LORD said to Moses,
"Come up to me on the
mountain, and wait there;
and I will give you the
tablets of stone"

Exodus 24:12, 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: "Christians Rejoice in Jesus' Glory"

Prayer Upon Entering Worship:

It is good, Lord, to be here. Although I don't see the brightness of your majestic glory with my eyes today, I know that you are here with me. With the eyes of faith, I see you and the power of your Holy Spirit at work all around me. I pray that you would work powerfully within my heart today. Remove from me the pain of guilt from my sins. Strengthen me to fight temptation and enlighten me with your wisdom to live according to your will. Bless our worship today, and all who are here with us to worship today.

God's Word for This Week:

The Epiphany season is bookended by the voice of God the Father proclaiming Jesus his Son. Before he suffered as man's substitute, Jesus gave his Church a glimpse of the glory that he set aside to be our Savior. See how much he loves us! The God of Mt. Sinai, the Majestic Glory, became a man to suffer and die for us, just as Moses and the Prophets had foretold. It's good that we are here.

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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

We will be having bible study this week in the Adult Education Room. All children, age 4-10 are invited and encouraged to attend Sunday School.

Principal Call

Last week we extended a call to Mr. Daniel Bush. Please pray for him and his family as they consider our call to be the principal at St. Matthew's Lutheran 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 or place your announcement in Carl Piper's box in the fellowship hall.

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!

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 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

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.

The Guys are currently losing with a score of 1626. The Gals have a score of 2122. Help your team by adding pennies and bills to your teams jar or silver coins to your opponent's jar.

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

Luther High School Call

The BOC has extended a Divine Call to Jon Engelbrecht to serve as Principal of Luther High School. Please keep Jon in your prayers.

WELS GRIEF SUPPORT:

If you or someone you know is grieving, please come for support and encouragement from God's word and from fellow Christians. Our next meeting is Tuesday, March 3 at 7 p.m. We meet at St. John's Lutheran in Barre Mills. The topic for discussion will be "Coping with My Emotions as I Grieve".

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.

Luther High School's Spring Musical


"Hello Dolly"

Luther High School's spring musical *Hello Dolly* will be held March 13-15, 2020. Tickets are available online through the link noted below. On Thursdays from 3:00-5:00 PM you can purchase them by phone at (608) 783-5435 x1303 or in person at the box office.

To purchase tickets:

<http://lutherhigh.org/arts/box-office>. For more information about the play:
<http://lutherhigh.org/student-life/special-events>.

LAST WEEK AT ST. MATTHEW'S

	WEEKEND WORSHIP ATTENDANCE	BIBLE CLASS	SUNDAY SCHOOL	LIVE STREAM
FEB. 16	148	—	25	5
THURSDAY	13	TOTAL BUDGETARY GIFTS		

OUR WEEK IN THE LORD

FEBRUARY 23 - MARCH 1, 2020

Sunday

- 9:00 AM – Worship
- 10:00 AM – Stewardship Stations
- 10:30 AM – Bible Study
- 10:30 AM – Sunday School

Monday

- 3:00 PM – Faculty Bible Study
- 3:30 PM – Faculty Meeting
- 6:00 PM – Technology Team Meeting

Tuesday

Wednesday

- 8:00 AM – Vision & Hearing Screenings
- 9:30 AM – Viterbo Play “The Giver” Grades 5-8
- 1:30 PM – Ash Wednesday Worship
- 4:15 PM – Catechism Class
- 7:00 PM – Ash Wednesday Worship

Thursday

Friday

- 8:30 AM – Pre-K & K Roundup
- 6:00 PM – CES Presents: High Rollers Night
- 9:00 PM – St. Matthew’s School Lock-In

Saturday

Sunday

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