

Sunday, May 8, 2016
8:15 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.
&
Wednesday, May 11, 2016
6:30 p.m.

Happy Mother's Day



St. Matthew Lutheran Church
1915 Hogeboom Avenue, Eau Claire, WI 54701
715-834-4028 stmatthewonline.org

Welcome! Thank you for being with us today. May the Lord be with us and bless this worship service.

A Mother's Room is available off the Narthex. This room is reserved for parents with young children only. We appreciate your help in tidying this room.

Assistance for Auditory Impaired Persons is Available. Ask an elder for help.

The Lord's Supper will be celebrated at our services next Sunday.

Children's Church will be held next Sunday.

Today's Altar Flowers are given to the glory of God by Greg & Cheryl H in honor & celebration of their wedding anniversary.

Participants in this this week's services...

	Sunday 8:15 AM	Sunday 10:30 AM	Wednesday 6:30 pm
Worship Leader	Pastor Steve		
Elder	Doug B	Adam B	
Reader	Pat L	Roger L	
Acolyte	Kaleb X	William J	
Organist/Pianist	Bob L	Kris B	
Altar Guild	Linda C & Nancy P		
Finance Team	John W & Al B		

Please Keep in Your Prayers...

- Greg & Cheryl H, celebrating their wedding anniversary
- Parents without faith in the Lord
- Our shut-ins: Lorraine B, Elinor B, Fred C, Anita I, Richard L, Bob & Janice L, Jim L, Arlene O, Terry P, Josephine P, Tom P, Laura S, Alice S, Brian S, Patricia W, and Ed & Margaret W
- All our schools
- Jim H - Bethesda
- Mark G - Mayo

*Question of
the week:*

*“Did you
thank God
for your
mother
today?”*

8:15 a.m. Sunday & 6:30 p.m. Wednesday

Welcome

Opening Hymn #175

The Liturgy – Morning Praise – pg. 45 in Hymnal

First Reading: Psalm 23 (pg. 862)

Choir – “Come Follow Me” (Sunday only)

Second Reading: Ephesians 6:1-3 (pg. 1823)

Gospel Reading (Please stand): John 19:25-27 (pg. 1684)

Children’s Message

Hymn #610

The Sermon – “The Christian Family” - John 19:25-27

“We Praise You, O God” – pg. 48 in Hymnal

The Offering (please fill out Friendship Register)

Prayers & the Lord’s Prayer

Benediction

Closing Hymn#500

10:30 a.m. Sunday

Pre-Service Music

Welcome

Opening Song

Invocation & Prayer

Song of Praise

Prayer

First Reading: Psalm 23 (pg. 862)

Second Reading: Ephesians 6:1-3 (pg. 1823)

Song

Gospel Reading (Please stand): John 19:25-27 (pg. 1684)

Children’s Message

Song

The Sermon – “The Christian Family” - John 19:25-27

Apostle’s Creed – pg. 41 in Hymnal

The Offering (please fill out Friendship Register)

Prayers & the Lord’s Prayer

Benediction

Closing Song

Quick Announcements...

“Lutheran Hour” Sundays at 6 a.m. (790 AM), 6:30 a.m. (104.5) or lhm.org.

Coupons for the Military! Coupons must say “MANUFACTURER’S COUPON”, have an EXPIRATION DATE, and not be for a particular store. Place in box in Narthex.



Looking for a way to get involved in the church?

Irene L will be leaving us at the end of June (we will miss them very much!) and we are looking for someone to take over her duties as the **Visitor’s Team**. This involves sending visitors to our worship service a letter thanking them. If you are interested or need more information, ask Pastor Steve or Gail in the church office at 715-834-4028.



Our new website is ready, up, and running! Check it out at stmatthewec.org.

The Wednesday afternoon Bible Study is done for the summer. There will be a notice in the bulletin notifying you when it restarts in the fall.



The Lydia Ladies will be holding their annual Plant & Bake Sale on Sunday, May 15th. **If anyone has extra plants** coming up that you would like to donate to the bake and plant sale the Lydia Ladies are having, we would be grateful for your help. Thank you!



Young Couples Group Family Picnic – join us Sunday, May 15th at 12:30 pm (or after 2nd service) at the Rod and Gun Park (lower level by the river). We will have a picnic lunch, family activities and fellowship.

Kids are welcome. Food and drinks will be provided. Contact Aaron or Erin H at 715-713-0084 with questions.

Christian-Based Grief Support Group continues at St. Matthew on Tuesday, May 24th at 6:30 pm in the Fellowship Hall for adults/teenagers who have experienced the death of a loved one. The group will be facilitated by Pastor Dan Kohn. Contact Gail in the church office at 715-834-4028 for more information.



Thank you to the families that signed up to adopt a flower space. I am sure it will be fun and rewarding! All the spots are spoken for and as soon as the weather gets warmer it will be fun to see what everyone is doing. ~ *Garden Ministry*



The Baby Dresser Project for Apple Pregnancy Center is sponsored by Caring Hands. The dresser is in the entryway next to the Fellowship Hall. Please take a duck, purchase the item (will be for a boy this year), and bring it back to the church. The items can be placed in the drawers of the dresser. Thank you!

Camp Luther – attention parents, grandparents & guardians! Fliers for sending your children to Camp Luther this summer are available on the table in the Narthex and in the Fellowship Hall. If you have questions, feel free to contact Jill at 715-214-5761 or Camp Luther for more details.

Families and Friends Young & Old at St. Matthew:

VBS needs your help in doing a neighborhood walk to drop off a flyer at each family's house in the East Hill neighborhood to advertise for Vacation Bible School! We will all meet here at church at 5 pm on May 18th and walk the neighborhood to drop off fliers. We will meet back at 6 pm at church to enjoy a free supper together! If you are unavailable that night but would still like to help, we can get you fliers and you can do it at a time that works for you! Please contact Jill Wendtland at 715-214-5761 to RSVP or to let her know you would like to help in the time that works for you!



Engage youth group continues on Wednesday nights through May 25th. They will meet each week from 5-7pm for outdoor games, faith talk time, and make/eat dinner together (not necessarily in that order). **On May 25th** the kids will meet at Jill & Jeremy's house from 5-7 pm. Their address is 1617 9th St., Eau Claire.

We need the middle schoolers and high schoolers to help with VBS again this summer. They are a HUGE part of making it a success! It will be **June 6th-10th**. The kids will need to be to the church by 8:45am and will be done by 11:30am. Please let Jill know if your child will be available to help or not.

Jill is interested in doing a **girls and moms/step moms** (moms of boys, you'd be welcome to join us too, just no boys) small group book study this summer on the book: ***The God Girl Journey*** by Hailey Dimarco. She knows the summer is busy but thought we could give it shot. She was thinking Wednesday evening if that works. If you are interested and that night doesn't work but another night could, let her know.

For more information contact:

Jill Wendtland – jillwendtland@yahoo.com or 715-214-5761

WE NEED YOUR HELP!!

The VBS team is asking you to please collect and bring in the following items for VBS by Sunday, June 5th:

Large cardboard boxes

(will be used to build a tunnel-kids should be able to crawl through them)

Paper grocery bags

Paper towel tubes

Turkey basters

(would be borrowed & returned to you)

A box will be set up in the Narthex.

Thank you!

Wednesday Evening Worship Service

**Continues on Wednesday, May 11th at
6:30 pm and will continue through the month
of October in the Fellowship Hall**

Other Worship Service Notices:

Sunday

May 22

**9:30 am Children's Service
(only one service on this Sunday)**

Sunday, May 29 – Summer Schedule Begins

Sunday – 9 am Traditional Service

**Wednesday – 6:30 pm – Contemporary
Service**

Coming Soon! Mark your calendars

**“Engaging Your Church's Resources for
Ministry”**

A Stewardship Workshop

Tuesday, May 10th

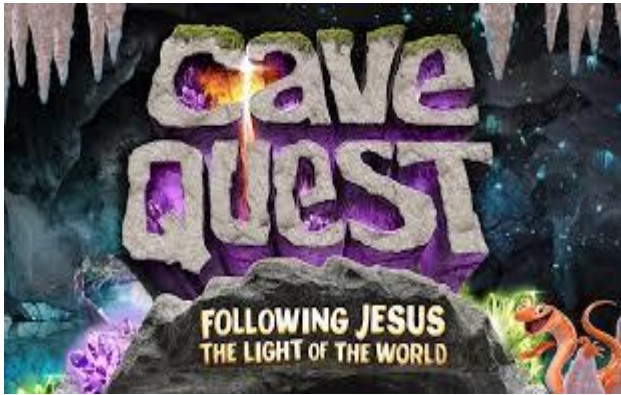
8:30am – 3pm

St. Matthew

You can sign up on our new website at stmatthewec.org (on the home page there is a “click to register” button following the seminar information).

Board of Directors, Staff, and Elders are especially asked to attend.

We hope to see many of you with us!!



VBS 2016
June 6th – 10th
Save the dates!!

Members and attenders – the planning team for Vacation Bible School is looking for volunteers for VBS this summer for the week of June 6th-10th. There are many things to do and the planning team can plug you in where you'll best fit to be a blessing to the kids' week. If you're willing to be a part of this fun week and available for all or part of the week, please contact Jill at:

jillwendtland@yahoo.com or 715-214-5761

Gail has registration forms in her office. You can call her at 715-834-4028 or stop in the church office between the hours of 8 am – 1 pm to register your child.

Introducing "Scrip"

What is Scrip??

Scrip is a fundraising program that allows you to help earn money for St. Matthew without spending any extra money you wouldn't normally be spending. For instance, St. Matthew could use the money raised from this program to help with the expenditures that arise with improvements and maintenance of our buildings and outdoor landscaping, and the children's and youth program.

How Does It Work?

Scrip is really just another term for a gift card. We purchase gift cards from various businesses at a discount and then sell them to families at face value. The difference between our cost and the face value of the Scrip is revenue for our church. You help us to fundraise just by spending money you normally spend anyway! For example, we purchase a \$100 gift card from Kwik Trip at a 4% discount. Our cost is \$96. A family then buys this gift card from us for \$100 and redeems it for \$100. The Scrip Program earns \$4 from this purchase. There are hundreds of merchants and businesses both locally and nationally with different discount percentages. To start the program we would probably offer 4 to 6 different Scrip cards from local businesses strictly on a prepaid basis.

If you are interested in participating in this program please add your name to the sign-up sheet in the Narthex, contact Pastor Steve or Gail (in the office) at 715-834-4028, or let Arnie R know.

This Week at St. Matthew...online at

www.stmatthewonline.org

Monday, May 9, 2016

Event	Time	Location
Office Meeting	10:00 AM	
Prayer Shawl Ministry	1:30 PM	Church Library

Tuesday, May 10, 2016

Event	Time	Location
Men's Breakfast	6:30 AM	
Engaging Your Church's Resources for Ministry Workshop	9:00 AM - 3:00 PM	
Staff Meeting	6:30 PM	Fellowship Hall

Wednesday, May 11, 2016

Event	Time	Location
Traditional W.S.	6:30 PM	

Thursday, May 12, 2016

Event	Time	Location
Needles for Need	9:00 AM - 12:00 PM	
Chapel @ St. John's	1:30 PM	St. John's Apartments

Saturday, May 14, 2016

Event	Time	Location

Sunday, May 15, 2016

Event	Time	Location
Lydia Ladies Plant & Bake		
Elder:8:15-Bob		
G/10:30-Adam B		
Organist:Kris both services		
Reader:8:15-Bob		
S/10:30-Gary T, Jr		
Traditional Worship Service	8:15 AM	
S S & B S	9:30 AM	
Contemporary Service	10:30 AM	
Hmong Worship Service	2:00 PM	Fellowship Hall

Monday, May 16, 2016

Event	Time	Location
Office Meeting	10:00 AM	
Hmong Mission Board Mtg	6:30 PM	Library

Tuesday, May 17, 2016

Event	Time	Location
Police Chaplains Mtg	7:15 AM	
Fireside Bible Study	10:30 AM	

Event	Time	Location
Contemporary W.S.	6:30 PM	

Community Happenings.....

Hospice Volunteer Training – Free two-part training program – May 14th and May 21st, 8:30 am – 4:30 pm, McDonald Hall, HSHS St. Joseph Hospital in Chippewa Falls. Lunch will be provided. Registration deadline is May 9 (pre-registration is required). Call 715-717-7395 or 1-800-726-3485.

Faith Lutheran Preschool & Pre-Kindergarten is seeking a part-time teacher for their 2016-17 school year. Candidates can contact the church office at 715-723-7754 for an application or email info@faithlutheran.org. Faith Lutheran is located at 733 Woodward Avenue, Chippewa Falls.

A Measure of Our Love...(From 05.01.16)

One Week’s Portion of Annual budget (Including Mortgage Payment)	\$ 5,450.73
General Offerings Received:	\$ 4,131.91
Building Fund:	\$ 40.00
Total Offerings Received:	\$ 4,171.91

Last Sunday’s attendance: 210 Last Wednesday’s attendance: 16

St. Matthew Contacts...

Rev. Steve Rutter, *Pastor*, pastorsteve2011@att.net, 715-834-4028
Rev. Yia Vang, *vacancy pastor for HLM*, 651-242-9366
Jill Wendtland, *CYML*, jillwendtland@yahoo.com, 715-214-5761
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Church Office Hours: Mon-Fri 8 am to 1 pm

