

# 2015 St. Matthew Lutheran Church Annual Report

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## **Our Mission Statement:**

“Inviting People Whom God loves to Come and Follow Jesus with Us.”

## **Our Vision at St. Matthew:**

To be a mission-focused church.

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## FROM OUR PASTOR

*"I will build My Church" (Matthew 16:18)*

Dear fellow redeemed,

What does the church mean to you? We may be thinking of a building, such as our church building. We may also define the church as a denomination, as we have in The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod. But the Bible most often defines the church as people; people who have come to faith in Jesus as Savior and Lord.

God is the One who gives us faith in Him. He is the One who calls us together in faith to follow Him, to worship, and to serve Him. As Jesus said, "I will build My Church". We belong to Him! He created us, and He redeemed us.

As you read the articles, names, statistics in this annual report, keep in mind what it all is saying about the church; about the people whom God so dearly loves that He sent His Son as our Savior. Focus attention on the faith that God has given to all the people in our directory. And look for the ways that we as the church are reaching out to the world, to the people God loves and has yet to bring into His Church. He will be doing this through each one of us!

May the Lord of the Church richly bless us and send us out with the wonderful news of a Savior: Jesus! Pray that our Lord continue to build His church through the proclamation and witness that comes from us, His missionaries and His servants.

Your brother in Christ,



Pastor Steve

## **The Hmong Lutheran Mission of Eau Claire**

Pastor Yia Vang

*Vacancy pastor for HLM*

Sunday Schedule: Service 2 p.m., Bible Study 3 p.m.

*"Reaching the Hmong People with the Message of Jesus"*

## **ALTAR GUILD**

The Altar Guild Ministry Team prepares the house of the Lord for worship services each week. Our goal is to serve Christ and the congregation by having everything prepared and ready for worship.

The ladies change the color of paraments according to the seasons of the church year, and display banners for that particular Sunday. They pick up the flowers at the florist and place them on the altar. They fill the candles with oil, prepare for Holy Communion, and prepare for baptisms.

We thank members of the congregation for your donation of altar flowers during the year, poinsettia plants at Christmas, and Easter lilies for our Easter services. If you would like to give flowers for the altar during the year, there is a flower chart in the narthex. One of the ladies serving on the Altar Guild for that month will call you and make arrangements.

We decorated the sanctuary for Thanksgiving, Christmas and Easter.

In 2015 as part of our mission goal, we took part in "Load A Lunchbox" sponsored by Feed My People. We thank members of the congregation for their generosity at our Lenten Supper. All the money was given to this very important program which helps provide weekend meals for children.

We meet the third Tuesday of the months of January, February, March, April, and October in the Library or Fireside Room. We do not meet during the summer months. I would like to invite ladies of the congregation to come and visit one of our meetings, and consider joining our organization. We would love to have more members. If you have any questions, feel free to speak with any member of the Altar Guild. ~ *In Christ, Nancy P*

## **BETHESDA RESALE SHOP**

This has been a successful year at Bethesda Resale Shop. There has been a 5.8% increase in sales and donations have increased. Our St. Matthew volunteers for 2015 have volunteered more than 1200 hours. St. Matthew volunteers are: Melba F, Marion C, Lois S, Darla S, Bob S, and Deb W.

We continue to give out “Free Bibles”, devotion booklets and calendars to customers. Mondays are Senior Days at Bethesda, with seniors (55 or older) receiving a 25% discount on purchases.

There was a fall appreciation program and brunch at Old Country Buffet with the District Manager from Watertown speaking to our group of volunteers. Awards were given to volunteers for many hours of service.

At the Ministry Fair, volunteers setup a display that encouraged church members to learn more about client services provided by Bethesda for individuals with both cognitive and physical disabilities and consider being a volunteer at the store.

A December open house and customer appreciation event was held. Customers were given discount coupons in addition to 50% off sale prices. Refreshments were served and customers registered for prize drawings. A Volunteer’s Friends and Family Day was scheduled on Sunday. All afternoon friends and family members were invited to come to shop at 50% off savings. Refreshments were served and there were drawings for prizes.

New this past year was a “socks for souls” project. Customers donated packages of socks, which were given to Community Table clients, and received 10% off their purchases. ~ *Respectfully submitted by Darla S*

## **BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

The role of the Board is to establish Guiding Principles for the Pastor’s leadership. The Board consists of seven members, including the Pastor. The other six members shall be active Church Members with three selected each year for a two year term, with a two consecutive term limit.

Our Board in 2015 consisted of: Mike B, Chairman; Jerry H, Secretary; Laurie W – Treasurer, Nadine H; Jackie K; Arnie R; and Pastor Steve.

In November, we elected two new members: Bob G and Don F. With Jerry H’s resignation, Don F will take over the 2<sup>nd</sup> year of Jerry’s position. We also elected Laurie W and Nadine H to a 2<sup>nd</sup> term. Thank you to Jackie K for her faithful service.

## CARING HANDS

The Caring Hands Ministry Team serves others by reaching out to those in need in our congregation, in the community, and in world Mission. We meet on the 1<sup>st</sup> Monday of the month at 6:30 pm, September through May and invite all to join us.

### Projects completed in 2015 include:

Apple Pregnancy Center: Caring Hands helps out this organization two ways. A dresser was placed in the Narthex again this year for congregation members to fill with new baby items. The dresser is then delivered to Apple which determines the recipient. It went to a mother with a 3 month old baby, who was thrilled to receive it. The second way of helping is the Baby Bottle Boomerang. This year \$578.23 was collected.

Community Table: Caring Hands members serve at the Community Table in February. We donate \$100 and milk when we serve.

Feed My People: Each year at the Thanksgiving Eve service food is collected and delivered to Feed My People. This past year 141 lbs. of food was collected along with \$158 in monetary donations.

Christmas Giving Tree: Ornaments are placed on the Giving Tree for gifts for families in need through the Lutheran Social Services organization. All of these gift requests were met.

Western Dairyland Welcome Baskets: This was a new project for our team. We purchased items for 16 Welcome Baskets given to homeless individuals/families that were given housing through a Western Dairyland's program. The baskets included personal care items (towels, toothbrushes, soap, and etc.), grocery items for a simple meal, and kitchen items. The proceeds from the Lenten Supper were used to help with the expense of this project.

The proceeds received at the Advent Supper we served were donated to the ministries of our Missionaries.

To generate income for our projects we had a bake sale. Portions of the money received from these sales were used to provide 25 Thanksgiving Meals at Hope

Gospel Mission, a donation to VBS, and to help with the expense for the Western Dairyland Welcome Baskets.

The Caring Hands team would like to give a special thank you to the congregation for their support in making this another successful year helping those in need. ~ *Yours in Christ, Sharon F, President*

### **CARELINK**

Carelink is an organization that was formed by churches in the area to help those in need and is administered by The Salvation Army. St. Matthew is a sponsor of this group and contributes \$600 a year. This last year we referred seven people in need of monetary assistance to Carelink. ~ *St. Matthew representative, Sharon F*

Year-end report: Current Balance: \$7,882

### **Year to Date Services:**

Gas: \$6,540

Lodging: \$1,241

Rent: \$11,465

Bus: \$840

Utilities: \$1,528

### **CHILDREN, YOUTH & FAMILY MINISTRIES**

Six High School and Middle School students attended a winter retreat with Jill and Jeremy Wendtland in mid-February at Camp Luther in Three Lakes, WI.

Vacation Bible School was held the 2<sup>nd</sup> week of June. We had 74 students attend and great help from many parents and volunteers from the church.

In June, three students went with Jill on a weeklong mission trip to Juarez, Mexico where they helped build homes with a ministry called Casa Por Cristo and helped lead Vacation Bible School to kids in the area.

The youth went on a Coon Forks overnight camping trip in August led by Jill and Jeremy Wendtland.

A group of about eight Middle School students attended the confirmation retreat held at Camp Luther in August along with Pastor Steve, Leonard S, and Jill.

Children's church resumed in September and was held the 1st and 3rd Sundays of the month. It was held during both the first and second service. On average there were about 10-15 children who participated each time.

Confirmation began in September with a total of 14 students in grades 6th-8th grade. It is taught by Pastor Steve and Jill Wendtland sharing the 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade classes and Leonard S teaching 6<sup>th</sup> grade. Each week dinner is prepared and served for the students by the parents of the students and volunteers such as Linda C and others.

The youth ministry known as *Engage* which is held after the confirmation students eat dinner together Wednesday evenings resumed in September this year. Each week the students play a fun/active/team building game together and talk about how to live with faith in their daily lives and pray together.

The second Saturday of each month, the youth met at the Wendtland household for an outdoor or indoor game, dinner and/or movie night. The youth also had a Christmas party at the Wendtland house.

St. Matthew hosted our first *Feed the Need* mid-November of this year where the ministry known as Youth Encounter out of the Twin Cities came and shared with Middle and High School youth from St. Matthew, Peace, Bethlehem, and The Bridge Church about how God has created us to serve Him through serving others. As part of the event the students went to one of the following nonprofits in Eau Claire and helped out: Apple Pregnancy Center, Fierce Freedom, and the Salvation Army.

Youth Ministry hosted numerous fundraisers this year including a pancake breakfast to raise money for winter retreat, the Valentine dinner with the help of the Contemporary Worship Team, the annual Easter breakfast led by Paul H, as well as a German dinner led by Linda C to raise money for the Feed the Need event. We had a great turnout and very generous donations for each of these events!

Operation Christmas was held again at St. Matthew and the congregation brought in 28 boxes to be sent to bless children around the globe and to share the gospel of Jesus with them and their families. ~ *Submitted by Jill Wendtland*

### **CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP**

The Christian Fellowship group is a small group of ladies who try to promote fellowship within the congregation. There are no regular meetings and basically we cook meals for special functions, Lenten suppers and Advent meals. This past October we had a German dinner and donated approximately \$750 to the Youth Group. If anyone is interested in joining us or has any ideas or suggestions for activities, please let me know. ~ *Submitted by Linda C*

### **COMMUNITY TABLE**

In the past year our group has served over 1,200 meals to those who otherwise may not have anything to eat.

Our group is made up of those who volunteer each month. The menu is planned for us. We need 8 to 10 people the first Tuesday of each month to prepare, serve, and some clean up after the meal. We gather from 3 pm to about 6:30 pm.

It is a great time of fellowship and working together to do what our Lord has instructed us to do: to serve one another and help each other.

I look forward to working with anyone who would like to help out. I thank all of those who helped in the past year.

There is a sign-up sheet in the Narthex each month and I am always ready to answer any questions you may have. ~ *In Christ our Savior ~ Roger H.*

### **CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP TEAM**

The contemporary worship team leads the music for the second service on Sunday mornings from September through May and then leads the music for the Wednesday night services in the summer and 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesdays of the month when needed outside the summer months. We rehearse one night per week to prepare for these services. We are always looking for more musicians and vocalists, so if you have an interest please come and check us out.

This has been a year of change. Brad R graduated so we recruited Jeremy J to take over for him when he can on projection. Kyle S has been helping out there as well. Diane G resigned in August and we were blessed to find Kris B who attends UWEC to replace her on piano. God has given him so much talent and he is even alternating with Bob L on organ for traditional services as well. Our drummer Joe H returned to us this year as well. He had left to play for another church and was let go just as we found ourselves in need of a new drummer. God's timing is always perfect. Joe graduated from the university in December so we will have a new drummer from UWEC joining us in January. We also found an amazing vocalist from the university Laura S to join us this fall. The university has been a great source of musical talent for us and we are blessed to have a pool to draw from there.

Some things don't change and I am grateful for that. Scott and Melany B are still playing guitar and bass for the team and doing sound and screen work as well. Doug S and Sue J are still singing with me which has been challenging for them at times juggling work schedules and medical treatments, but I greatly appreciate their dedication over these many years.

We continue to have people join us part-time or for a Sunday here and there when available and we are open to that any time if you would like to join us but don't have the time to do it full-time. Jill W, Vanessa and Adrianna G sang with us this summer which was so nice and Rheyannon H sang this spring as well.

The contemporary team continues to be involved with our youth program playing a support role where needed particularly in sound and projection. We lead the Christmas Readings and Carols service the week before Christmas and again assisted with the children's Christmas service this year. We look forward to sharing our music outside the walls of St. Matthew in 2016. This year we weren't able to do that for a variety of reasons and we missed that a lot. ~ Laurie W

### **CRADLE ROLL**

Mary B continues this service to our baptized. Mary writes on the back of the crosses the person's name and baptism date. She then wraps them and writes a note to the family.

The following individuals were baptized in 2015: Everett Michael W, Kourtlyn Lee P, Norah Maxine H, Gavin Robert S, Matthew Jules Kelly C, Isaac Luke M, Kenneth Otis G, Faith Nell G, Fischer Robert N, and Olive Rainee D.

**Hmong Mission Baptisms:** Paxton Thaj Yeeb X, Lajlim Theodore X, Ue X, May X, Skye X, Keegan X, and Peyton X.

## **ELDERS**

In 2015 our Elders have been: Adam B; Dave B (Secretary); Doug B; Don F; Bob G; Jeremy J; Joel H; Aaron H (Head Elder); Dale Q; Doug S; and Bob S.

## **GARDEN MINISTRY**

The Garden Ministry had another outstanding year in 2015. The 20 ft x 20 ft garden located behind the church garage produced an abundance of fresh veggies that were donated to Inne Towne Motel, Beacon House, Ruth House and Bolton House. When neighbors walked by and talked with us about the garden we always gave them some samples of the fresh produce and let them know about the outreach goal. A big thank you to Brad and Bev H for the \$100 donation to be used toward purchasing what we needed for the garden. This year we donated 11 ice cream pails of green beans, 55 onions, 175 cucumbers, 24 zucchini, more than a bushel of potatoes, 12 pints of cherry tomatoes, 3 bushel of tomatoes, 100 carrots, and 17 green peppers. We also took care of the flowers around the church yards. This next spring we hope to encourage families to take on a small flower plot to plant and care for. It would be fun to see different family ideas of beautiful flower gardens. We can always use help with the garden too. God again has blessed us with a bountiful crop.  
~ *Respectfully submitted by Bob and Rosemary S.*

## **LYDIA LADIES**

The Lydia Ladies of St. Matthew meet at 6:30 pm the third Thursday of every month September through May in the Fellowship Hall. We have 13 members. Each of our meetings begin with a Bible Study devotion, followed by a business meeting. Sometimes we work on a project during the meeting. We give a "mite box" collection for the LWML.

Our projects for the past year include the following:

- Serving a Lenten supper.
- An annual plant and bake sale in the spring.

- Helped prepare and serve a meal for Community Table and donated \$100 toward this meal.
- Sent gift cards to our active service members.
- Gave money collected at meetings to LWML mite boxes.
- Serving an Advent Meal.
- Some members volunteered at the Bethesda Thrift Store.
- Had a table at the Ministry Fair to show members what our group does.
- Cleaned the kitchen stoves, refrigerators, and cupboards.
- Gave \$50 to the annual church carnival
- Gave \$125 to a family in need
- Sponsored an "Undies in a Bundle" drive for new underwear, socks and clothing given to the Community Table to disperse to those in need.
- Gave \$50 each to Feed my People, Chippewa Valley Free Clinic. Bolton House, Ruth House, Boys and Girls Club , \$100 to Mission Central to be divided between the two missionaries our church supports.
- We serve lunches at funerals in our church fellowship hall.
- We gave \$50 to Load a Lunchbox program
- We make an annual trip to the Augusta Sunny Acres Greenhouse and purchase flowers for the church yard.
- We have an annual Christmas party where we decide who to send donations to at the end of the year.

*Respectively submitted ~ Rosemary S*

### **MILITARY COUPONS**

Thirty-seven coupon envelopes were sent in 2015 to the following countries: Azores, Belgium, Germany, Italy, Japan, South Korea, Saudi Arabia, Spain, Guam, and Turkey. The total weight of these packages was 46 pounds, 6.75 ounces, and they had a monetary value of \$104,867.29. Coupons must say "MANUFACTURER'S COUPON", have an EXPIRATION DATE, and not be for a particular store. Place in the box in the Narthex. Thank you, and please keep the coupons coming! ~ *Submitted by Mary & Margaret W*

### **NEEDLES FOR NEED**

Our small group of only four and sometimes five was able to make and distribute 35 quilts and four fleece blankets in 2015. These were all distributed locally and

went to Bolton Refuge House, Oakwood Villa, Country Terrace, Apple Pregnancy Center, Inn Towne Hotel, Western Dailryland, Sacred Heart Neonatal Unit, and Lakeshore Elementary School.

One quilt also went to Jill Wendtland for an auction for a fundraiser. The fleece blankets went to four children whose family lost everything in a house fire. They are relatives of a member of our congregation. There is a definite need for more quilts in our area.

If you want to be a part of this fun ministry, even on an occasional basis, please join us in the Fellowship Hall at 9 am on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday of the month during the school year. Meetings are over at noon if not before. ~ *Respectfully submitted, Karen B*

### **ONLINE PRAYER MINISTRY**

The online prayer chain will be four years old on August 1, 2016. The Prayer Team has thirty plus members who are dedicated to pray for others. We had some amazing answers to our prayers. God has blessed this ministry and we give Him all the glory.

Without the dedicated people that make up this ministry, it would not be possible. We welcome anyone that would like to be a part of this ministry, whether they have a computer or prefer to be called, when requests are received. The Scriptures tell us that our prayers are pleasing to God.

We are in need of a new Prayer Chain Leader. If you are interested, see Pastor Steve. In the interim, please let Pastor Steve know of your prayer requests. Thank you!

### **STUDENT SCHOLARSHIP FUND**

One of the goals of the student fund is to encourage students seeking higher education to consider a future working full time for the Lord. The scholarship fund did not receive any applications in 2015. The student fund committee did decide to help Vicar Richard Her with the last year of school at the seminary in St. Louis. We provided \$1,400 to the seminary in Richard's name to help with his education debt.

Because we did not receive any other applications we decided to help Vicar Richard as a thank you for his work and devotion while here at St. Matthew. As of Dec. 2015 we had \$2,875 in the scholarship student fund. The student fund committee would like to thank everyone for their continued support.  
~ Respectfully, Bob S

### **SUNDAY SCHOOL/YOUTH BIBLE STUDIES**

Lots of learning while having fun describes Sunday School in 2015. Our theme has been God's Promises, and true to His word, we have learned many of them beginning with:

1. The Holy Bible is God inspired and has 66 books including the Old Testament with 39 and the New Testament with 27. God has given us everything we need through His inspired word. We were made one of a kind and share His grace, mercy, and forgiveness. God's unconditional love keeps us walking with Him.
2. Since Jesus came to save us, He is our anchor keeping us safe and secure.
3. The Holy Spirit gives us the power to live a life of Joy. Through song, we have shared many promises including Psalm 118:24 – "This is the day that the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it".

We look forward to 2016 and thank the Sunday School families for giving us the privilege to share this time with your children. ~ *Bobbie G – Sunday School Superintendent*

**St. Matthew Ministry Teams – 2016**  
**(Opportunities for Service & Involvement)**

*Please call the church office for more information.*

<b>Ministry Team</b>	<b>Description</b>
Altar Guild	Care of the Altar.
Bethesda Thrift Shop	Proceeds go to individuals with disabilities.
Caring Hands	Provide assistance to area non-profits.
Carnival	Oversees the planning of the annual carnival.
Communications Team	Improve electronic communication.
Community Table	Serve food to area needy.
Contemporary Worship	Lead the music for contemporary worship.
Children, Youth & Family	Grades 6-8 Bible Studies, Youth Ministry Team.
Elders	Spiritual overseers of the congregation.
Garden Ministry	Provide vegetables to the needy.
Lutheran Hour Ministries	LCMS mission outreach through radio, etc.
Lydia Ladies	Provide assistance to area non-profits.
Needles for Need	Making quilts for those in need.
Prayer Chain	A network of people committed to pray.
Prayer Shawl Ministry	Making prayer shawls for those in need.
Sunday School	Oversees the Sunday school program.
Trustees	Oversees maintenance/custodial needs.
Vacation Bible School	Oversees the planning of VBS.
<b>Other Opportunities for Service</b>	<b>Description</b>
Acolytes	Lighting/extinguishing of Altar candles.
Bible Studies	Studying and learning from God's Word.
Board of Directors	Elected board; provide accountability.
Christian Fellowship	Organize and provide Christian fellowship.
Finance Team	Counting offerings during month(s) assigned.
Lutheran Church Extension Fund (LCEF)	Assists ministries with customized loans and ministry support services that help leaders respond to growth and community needs.
Hmong Mission Board	Oversee the Hmong Lutheran Mission.
Prof. Church Workers	Fund for students pursuing church work.
Readers	Read scripture during worship services.
Shut-In Visitation	Visits to homebound members.

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# STATEMENTS OF INCOME & EXPENSES

**LUTHERAN CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW**  
**STATEMENTS OF INCOME AND EXPENSES -**  
**ACTUAL AND BUDGETED**  
**For the Twelve Months Ending December 31, 2015**

	Current Month Actual	Current Month Budget	Year to Date Actual	Year to Date Budget
<b>INCOME</b>				
General Operating Receipts	\$ 23,186.68	\$ 22,243.46	\$ 246,488.32	\$ 289,165.00
Miscellaneous Receipts	<u>&lt;241.38&gt;</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>32.85</u>	<u>0.00</u>
Total Income	22,945.30	22,243.46	246,521.17	289,165.00
<b>EXPENSES</b>				
Mission Focus Outside Church	1,654.96	1,538.37	19,187.63	19,060.00
Mission Focus Through Our Church:				
Worship Program	1,123.10	1,191.63	14,858.31	14,500.00
Children, Youth and Family Min	1,029.35	1,470.87	19,462.28	17,650.00
Pastoral Support	6,656.25	7,860.00	87,903.23	94,320.00
Administration	3,134.67	2,363.62	28,807.69	28,363.00
Staff Benefits	3,185.25	2,839.61	35,767.28	34,074.00
Plant Operation	<u>3,321.31</u>	<u>4,362.50</u>	<u>49,062.87</u>	<u>52,350.00</u>
Total Expenses	<u>20,104.89</u>	<u>21,626.60</u>	<u>255,049.29</u>	<u>260,317.00</u>
Subtotal of Operations	2,840.41	616.86	<8,528.12>	28,848.00
<b>OTHER RECEIPTS/DISBURSEMENTS</b>				
Bequests & Memorials	175.00	0.00	3,690.00	0.00
Designated Gifts	2,983.70	0.00	17,193.10	0.00
LCEF Mortgage Loan Principal	<u>&lt;1,126.67&gt;</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>&lt;13,208.19&gt;</u>	<u>0.00</u>
Capital Outlays	<u>&lt;1,600.12&gt;</u>	<u>&lt;2,237.26&gt;</u>	<u>&lt;23,346.16&gt;</u>	<u>&lt;26,848.00&gt;</u>
Contingency Unknown Expenses	<u>&lt;295.75&gt;</u>	<u>&lt;166.63&gt;</u>	<u>&lt;397.37&gt;</u>	<u>&lt;2,000.00&gt;</u>
Net Other Receipts/Disbursements	<u>136.16</u>	<u>&lt;2,403.89&gt;</u>	<u>&lt;16,068.62&gt;</u>	<u>&lt;28,848.00&gt;</u>
Net Income	<u>\$ 2,976.57</u>	<u>\$ &lt;1,787.03&gt;</u>	<u>\$ &lt;24,596.74&gt;</u>	<u>\$ 0.00</u>

# CASH SUMMARY REPORT

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DECEMBER 31, 2015

DESCRIPTION	BEGINNING BALANCE	INTEREST EARNED	DEPOSITS	DISBURSE- MENTS	ENDING BALANCE
CASH IN CHECKING	(2,203.52)	0.61	32,807.18	(31,123.24)	(518.97)
<b>DESIGNATED GIFTS SAVINGS ACCOUNTS</b>					
GENERAL FUND	19,748.58	6.98	2,726.79	(5,830.00)	16,652.35
PIANO FUND	100.79	0.04			100.83
SOUND SYSTEM FUND	(830.72)	(0.29)			(831.01)
CAPPUCCINO MACHINE FUND	81.92	0.03			81.95
MUSIC FUND	93.35	0.03			93.38
NEW ADDITION FUND	(20,185.06)	(7.14)	2,590.00	(2,028.67)	(19,630.87)
IMPROVEMENT FUND	(3,425.48)	(1.21)	190.00	(208.67)	(3,445.36)
SHUT-IN MINISTRY FUND	727.79	0.26			728.05
CONTEMPORARY TEAM	97.32	0.03		(52.73)	44.62
LIBRARY FUND	27.56	0.01			27.57
YOUTH MINISTRY FUND	1,951.00	0.69		(436.72)	1,514.97
STUDENT CHURCH WORKERS	2,674.36	0.95	200.00		2,875.31
AIR CONDITIONING FUND	9,392.48	3.32			9,395.80
<b>TOTAL DESIGNATED GIFTS</b>	<b>10,453.89</b>	<b>3.70</b>	<b>5,706.79</b>	<b>(8,556.79)</b>	<b>7,607.89</b>
(in Regular Savings .15%)					5.00
(in First Insured Savings .45%)					7,602.59
CHURCH EXTENSION FUND					
LCEF (Loan # 9990009194 5.125%)	(211,200.99)		1,126.67		(210,074.32)
LCEF (Loan # 9990050136 5.125%)	(15,422.96)		142.80		(15,280.16)

**OFFERING SUMMARY**

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<b><u>DOLLAR AMOUNT CONTRIBUTED</u></b>	<b><u>WEEKLY ENVELOPES BLDG FUND/IMPROVEMENT HOLIDAYS/OTHER</u></b>
\$ 0.00	30
\$ .01-99.99	17
\$ 100-299.99	24
\$ 300-499.99	15
\$ 500-899.99	16
\$ 900-1199.99	12
\$ 1200-1799.99	20
\$ 1800-2399.99	10
\$ 2400-2999.99	11
\$ 3000-4999.99	10
\$ 5000-6999	6
\$ 7000-9999	2
\$10000-19999	3
\$20000 & UP	<u>0</u>
TOTAL	176**

\*Does not include dollar value of in-kind services or some material gifts.

\*\*Total envelope #'s issued to members in 2015.

Respectfully submitted,



Gail Polkoski  
2015 Financial Secretary  
St. Matthew Lutheran Church

## **2015 LCMS REPORTED STATISTICS**

### **Baptized Membership**

Total Baptized Membership ..... 558

### **Gains**

Baptisms of Infants/Children ..... 17

Adults Confirmed ..... 0

Juniors Confirmed ..... 3

Profession of Faith ..... 3

Transfer from Other LCMS ..... 14

Received from Other Lutheran ..... 0

**Total Gains** ..... **37**

### **Losses**

Deaths ..... 9

Transfer to Other LCMS ..... 10

Release to Other Lutheran ..... 3

Join Non-Lutheran ..... 0

Other ..... 0

**Total Losses** ..... **22**

### **Confirmed Membership**

Total Confirmed Membership ..... 357

### **Weekly Church Attendance**

Average Weekly Church Attendance St. Matthew ..... 149

Average Weekly Church Attendance Hmong Mission (Aug-Sept) ..... 15

**Total Average Weekly Attendance** ..... **164**

### **Vacation Bible School**

Members ..... 74 (St. Matthew & Hmong Lutheran Mission)