

Sunday, May 1, 2016
Confirmation Sunday
8:15 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.
&
Wednesday, May 4, 2016
6:30 pm



*Confirmation
Sunday*

St. Matthew Lutheran Church
1915 Hogeboom Avenue, Eau Claire, WI 54701
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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 today. Please check “communion” when you sign the red Friendship Register Book located at the end of the pew. If you haven’t been with us before, please speak with the pastor (if possible) prior to receiving communion. **If you are unable to come forward for the Sacrament,** please notify an elder and stand (if possible) when Pastor and elder come out to the congregation.

Children’s Church Today - During the 8:15 a.m. & 10:30 a.m. Worship Services. A volunteer will be available to escort your child following Pastor Steve’s children’s message.

Today’s Altar Flowers are given to the glory of God by Linda C in celebration of Confirmation Sunday and special blessings to her granddaughter Alexa C and all the rest of the newly confirmed.

Participants in this this week’s services...

	Sunday 8:15 AM	Sunday 10:30 AM	Wednesday 6:30 pm
Worship Leader	Pastor Steve		
Elder	Joel H	Adam B	Aaron H
Reader			Jackie K
Acolyte	Jonathon R		
Organist/Pianist	Bob L	Kris B	Bob L
Altar Guild	Linda C & Nancy P		
Finance Team	John W & Al B		

Please Keep in Your Prayers...

- Our newly confirmed youth
- Nancy B- Sacred Heart
- Those without faith in Christ
- Chou Vang, called as missionary/pastor for the Hmong Lutheran Mission
- Our missionaries
- Daniel Vang, called as pastor to St. Paul’s Thorp & Epiphany Stanley
- Victims of persecution as Christians
- Our children, youth & families, & Jill, CYML

Question of the week:

“How can you help others grow as Christians?”

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

Welcome

Opening Hymn #173

The Liturgy – The Common Service – pg. 15 in Hymnal

First Reading: Isaiah 30:18-21 (pg. 1104)

Second Reading: Ephesians 2:19-22 (pg. 1819)

Gospel Reading (Please stand): John 15:1-8 (pg. 1676)

Children's Message

Children's Church (Sunday only)

Hymn #597

The Sermon – "From Their Point of View" - John 15:1-8

Nicene Creed – pg. 18 in Hymnal

The Offering (please fill out Friendship Register)

Prayers & the Lord's Prayer

The Sacrament – pg. 21f in Hymnal

Hymn#171

Benediction

Closing Hymn#334

10:30 a.m. Sunday

Pre-Service Music

Welcome

Opening Song

Invocation, Confession & Absolution

Song of Praise

Prayer

First Reading: Isaiah 30:18-21 (pg. 1104)

Second Reading: Ephesians 2:19-22 (pg. 1819)

Song

Gospel Reading (Please stand): John 15:1-8 (pg. 1676)

Children's Message

Children's Church

Song

The Sermon – "From Their Point of View" - John 15:1-8

The Offering (please fill out Friendship Register)

Confirmation Essays

Rite of Confirmation

Prayers & the Lord's Prayer

The Sacrament

Post-Communion Prayer & Benediction

Closing Song



Confirmation Essays:

Alexa C: *“What does it mean to me that I was baptized?”*

Gretchen H: *“How have I grown in my faith since I was baptized?”*

William J: *“What does Confirmation mean to me?”*

Adrianna P: *“What does Jesus mean to me?”*

Kyle S: *“What are some ways I can follow Jesus now that I am confirmed?”*

Gavin S: *“How can I grow in my faith for the rest of my life?”*

Austin T: *“How important is my faith and life in Christ?”*

Angelique T: *“How can I share my faith with others?”*

Quick Announcements...

Prayer Chain Announcement: Hatha Lee has announced that she will be stepping down. We thank her for her faithful service. 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.

“Lutheran Hour” Sundays at 6 a.m. (790 AM), 6:30 a.m. (104.5) or lmh.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. **1st Quarter 2016 Update:** 21 military envelopes sent to Japan, Azores, Germany, Guam, Spain, Saudi Arabia, Korea, Brussels, Belgium, South Korea, and Italy with a monetary amount of \$57,422.40 and weighing 21 lbs. 1 oz.



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.

1st Sunday Fellowship will be held this morning between services. Join us in the Fellowship Hall for refreshments and fellowship.



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 Annual Hmong Dinner will be held tomorrow night, May 2nd at 6 pm in the Fellowship Hall. Tickets are still available by calling Pat L at 175-834-4206 or Gail in the church office at 715-834-4028.

We will be serving at the Community Table on Tuesday, May 3rd from 3-7 pm. If you can come and cook, serve and/or cleanup, it would be greatly appreciated. The Community Table is located at 320 Putnam Street in Eau Claire. Contact Roger H at (715) 832-1346 with any questions. Thank you!

Christian-Based Grief Support Group continues at St. Matthew on Tuesday, May 10th 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.



The Lydia Ladies will be holding their annual Plant & Bake Sale on Sunday, May 15th.



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*



Asking for your help! The church is asking that you look through your laundry for any towels and dishcloths that you may have brought home to launder that may belong to the church. Thank you!!



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.



Jill plans to continue having **Engage youth group 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).

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

Wednesday Evening Worship Service

**Will resume on Wednesday, May 4th 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

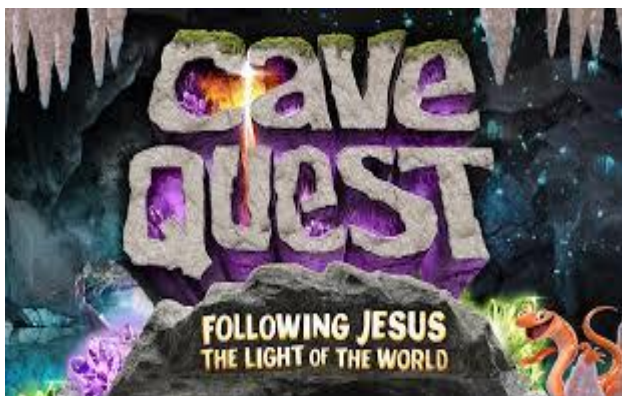
8:30am – 3pm

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 Rasmussen know.

This Week at St. Matthew...online at

www.stmatthewonline.org

Monday, May 2, 2016

Event	Time	Location
Office Meeting	10 AM	
Hmong Mission Dinner	6 PM	
Caring Hands Meeting	6:30 PM	

Tuesday, May 3, 2016

Event	Time	Location
Fireside Bible Study	10:30 AM	
Community Table	3 PM - 7 PM	320 Putnam Street
Elders Meeting	6:30 PM	Library

Wednesday, May 4, 2016

Event	Time	Location
Elder- Aaron		
Piano - Bob		
Traditional W.S.	6:30 PM	

Friday, May 6, 2016

Event	Time	Location
St. Matthew Work Day at Bethesda Thrift Shop (More info: Darla S.)	9:30 AM - 4:30 PM	3178 London Rd, Eau Claire

Sunday, May 8, 2016

Event	Time	Location
Elder:8:15-Doug B/10:30-Adam B		
Acolyte:8:15-Kaleb X/10:30-William J		
Organist:8:15- Bob/10:30-Kris		
Reader:8:15-Pat L/10:30-Roger L		
Traditional Worship Service	8:15 AM	
S S & B S	9:30 AM	
Contemporary Service	10:30 AM	
Hmong Worship Service	2 PM	Fellowship Hall

Monday, May 9, 2016

Event	Time	Location
Office Meeting	10 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 AM - 3 PM	
Grief Support Group	6:30 PM	
Staff Meeting	6:30 PM	Fellowship Hall

Wednesday, May 11, 2016

Event	Time	Location
Elder- Piano - Kris		
Traditional 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.

Youth Soccer Academy – sponsored by Concordia University Wisconsin in Mequon, Wisconsin, is being held throughout the summer for boys and girls ages 9-17. If you would like more information or a registration form, contact Jill Wendtland at jillnwendtland@yahoo.com or 715-214-5761.

A Measure of Our Love...(From 04.24.16)

One Week's Portion of Annual budget (Including Mortgage Payment)	\$ 5,450.73
General Offerings Received:	\$ 4,601.50
Building Fund:	\$ 160.00
Door Offering – Jail Ministry:	\$ 175.00
Total Offerings Received:	\$ 4,936.50

Last Sunday's attendance: 145

St. Matthew Contacts...

Rev. Steve Rutter, *Pastor*, pastorsteve2011@att.net, 715-834-4028
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Church Office Hours: Mon-Fri 8 am to 1 pm

