

Sunday, March 27, 2016
The Resurrection of Our Lord
7 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.



ALLELUIA!

CHRIST IS ALIVE!

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. Whether you're just visiting or looking to stay, it is great to have you with us. Please stay after the service for a free-will breakfast prepared and served by our youth in the Fellowship Hall. Sunday School will not be held between services today, but instead children Fifth Grade and YOUNGER can participate in an Easter egg hunt at 9:30 am.

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.

Today's Altar Flowers are given to the glory of God by Edith L in honor of her husband Jim's 90th birthday.

Participants in this morning's services...

	7 AM	10:30 AM
Worship Leader	Pastor Steve	
Elder	Joel H	Aaron H
Reader	Margaret W	
Acolyte	Angelique T	Amber M
Organist/Pianist	Kris B	
Altar Guild	Linda B & Kim H	
Finance Team	Greg H & Larry S	

Please Keep in Your Prayers...

- Kaylin May, Madalin Grace, and Brooklin Marie B, baptized this morning
- Bob & Rosemary S, celebrating their 46th wedding anniversary
- Brian S, Mayo
- Robin L, Sacred Heart
- People without a relationship with the Living Lord
- Our nation
- Police officer & firefighters
- The Armed Forces

Question of the week:

“What impact does the Risen Lord have on your life?”

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.

Copies of the minutes from the Congregational Meeting, Board of Directors Meeting and Year End Financial Report are available in the Narthex.

Received into the kingdom of God by Holy Baptism during today’s second service are Kaylin May, Madalin Grace, and Brooklin Marie B, daughters of Jessica R/Markie G and Kyle B. Their sponsor is Hannah M. We ask God’s blessings on the entire family.

Will R has volunteered to take over the responsibilities of our church photographer since Ed W has stepped down. He will be contacting new members to set up a time to take pictures. Thank you Will!

A Special Mission Offering will be received **next Sunday** for Rev. Clint Hoff, an LCMS missionary to Czech Republic, who will be with us for both services.

1st Sunday Fellowship will be held every 1st Sunday through May. Would you like to volunteer to host refreshments for about 50 people? Call Pastor Steve or Gail in the church office at 715-834-4028. **A volunteer is needed for next Sunday, April 3rd.**

Wednesday Afternoon Bible Study will be cancelled for March 30th & April 6th. It will resume on Wednesday, April 13th at 2 pm in the Church Library.

Young Couples: We’re planning a cookout on Sunday, April 3rd at 5 pm! We’ll be grilling brats & hot dogs. Bring a side dish or dessert. If you have any questions or for more information call Aaron H at 713-0084 or aaron42x@yahoo.com.

The Lydia Ladies will be helping with the Community Table April 5th. If you can help please come any time between 3 and 7 pm. Hope to see many of you there! Thank you for signing up, but if you haven't and decide to come your help will be much appreciated.

Hmong Lutheran Mission Egg Roll Sale! Egg rolls will be made at Peace Lutheran Church on April 8th and 9th. The cost is \$17 per dozen. Please see sign-up sheet in the Narthex.

Men's Breakfast – Tuesday, April 12th, 6:30 am at VFW – 2900 Folsom St. W., Eau Claire.

Christian-Based Grief Support Group continues at St. Matthew on Thursday, April 21st 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 Steve. Contact Gail in the church office at 715-834-4028 for more information.

Time is running out! Thrivent Financial members have until March 31st to direct any remaining 2015 Choice Dollars. After that date, Choice Dollars will expire.

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.

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.

The Installation of Rev. James E. Norton will take place on Sunday, April 3rd at 2 pm at Zion Lutheran Church, Seymour corner of 1286 S. 150 Ave. & Q, rural Fall Creek, WI. A lunch will follow the service. Call 715-877-3249 for more information.

Mission News:

“As the Father has sent Me, I am sending you.” (John 20:21)

Who is sent? All believers! Not just pastors and teachers and part-time and full-time workers in the church. Ephesians 4:11 tells us that they are sent “to prepare God’s people” for the service God is asking of all of us.

Where are we sent? To all the people whom God loves and to all whom God has sent His Son as Savior, which means to ALL PEOPLE.

What is the message that we have to give them? We have the Good News of Jesus and the salvation He has brought to all the world.

How can we communicate this message in a way that people will listen?

1 Peter 3:15 gives us an excellent answer: “In your hearts set apart Christ as Lord. Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have. But do this with gentleness and respect.”



**EXPOSING MODERN-DAY SLAVERY
IN OUR HOMETOWNS.**

FIERCE FREEDOM

Faith Community's Response to Human
Trafficking

Thursday, April 7th

10 am - 1 pm

St. Matthew Lutheran Church

To reserve your spot contact:

Jodi@fiercefreedom.org or 715-514-2890

Lunch will be provided



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

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, March 28, 2016

Event	Time	Location
Office Meeting	10:00 AM	

Tuesday, March 29, 2016

Event	Time	Location
Fireside Bible Study	10:30 AM	

Wednesday, March 30, 2016

Event	Time	Location
Confirmation Class	5:00 PM	

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<u>Altar Guild: Jackie K</u>		
<u>Finance Team: Aaron H/Dennis T</u>		
<u>St. Matthew Work Day at Bethesda Thrift Shop</u> (More info: Darla S.)	9:30 AM - 4:30 PM	3178 London Rd, Eau Claire

Sunday, April 3, 2016

Event	Time	Location
<u>Elder:8:15-Don F/10:30-Dale Q</u>		
<u>Acolyte:8:15-Kennedi C/10:30-Jonathon R</u>		
<u>Organist:8:15-Bob/10:30-Kris</u>		
<u>Reader:8:15-Jeff B/10:30-Jackie K</u>		
<u>Traditional Worship Service</u>	8:15 AM	
<u>1st Sunday Fellowship</u>	9:30 AM	
<u>Contemporary Service</u>	10:30 AM	
<u>Hmong Worship Service/Bible Study</u>	2:00 PM	Fellowship Hall
<u>Young Couples Cookout</u>	5:00 PM	

Monday, April 4, 2016

Event	Time	Location
<u>Office Meeting</u>	10:00 AM	
<u>Caring Hands Meeting</u>	6:30 PM	

Tuesday, April 5, 2016

Event	Time	Location
<u>Fireside Bible Study</u>	10:30 AM	
<u>Community Table</u>	3:00 PM - 7:00 PM	320 Putnam Street
<u>Elders Meeting</u>	6:30 PM	Library

Wednesday, April 6, 2016

Event	Time	Location
<u>Confirmation Class</u>	5:00 PM	

A Measure of Our Love...(From 03.20.16)

One Week's Portion of Annual budget (Including Mortgage Payment)	\$ 5,450.73
General Offerings Received:	\$ 7,921.70
Building Fund:	\$ 245.00
Improvement Fund:	\$ 50.00
Easter Lilies:	\$ 7.50
Door offering – Vicar Richard Her	\$ 200.00
Irene C Memorial	\$ 50.00
Total Offerings Received:	\$ 8,474.20

Last Sunday's attendance: 178

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
- Gail Polkoski, *Office Professional*, stmatthewinfo@gmail.com, 715-834-4028
- Richard Peterson, *Custodian*, 715-834-4028

Church Office Hours: Mon-Fri 8 am to 1 pm



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