

**Sunday, April 24, 2016**  
**8:15 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.**



**St. Matthew Lutheran Church**  
1915 Hogeboom Avenue, Eau Claire, WI 54701  
715-834-4028 [stmatthewonline.org](http://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 Victor & Darla S in honor & celebration of their 21<sup>st</sup> anniversary.

## Participants in this morning's services...

	8:15 AM	10:30 AM
<b>Worship Leader</b>	Pastor Steve	
<b>Elder</b>	Bob G	Dale Q
<b>Reader</b>	Jeanette S	Mary B
<b>Acolyte</b>	Amber M	Alexa C
<b>Organist/Pianist</b>	Kris B	
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Jackie K	
<b>Finance Team</b>	Aaron H & Dennis T	

## Please Keep in Your Prayers...

- Victor & Darla S, celebrating their 21<sup>st</sup> wedding anniversary
- Call Service at CSL, HLM, St. Paul's Thorp & Epiphany Stanley
- Our Redeemer, Eau Claire
- People we will meet who do not trust in God
- Our nation
- Police Officers & Firefighters
- The Armed Forces
- Maxine H & Doug S, cancer treatments
- Nancy B, surgery Wednesday
- Madeleine, newborn daughter to Danny & Kjellrun X
- Good News Jail Ministry & Chaplain Brian Jahn

*Question of the week:*

*"Why are you a Christian?"*

## **8:15 a.m. Sunday**

Welcome

Opening Hymn #572

The Liturgy – Morning Praise – pg. 45 in Hymnal

First Reading: Daniel 3:12-28 (pg. 1374)

Second Reading: 1 Timothy 1:12-17 (pg. 1845)

Gospel Reading (Please stand): John 9:25-38 (pg. 1665)

Children's Message

Hymn #562

The Sermon – “What’s Your Story” - John 9:25

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

The Offering (please fill out Friendship Register)

Prayers & the Lord’s Prayer

Benediction

Closing Hymn#564

Children Singing

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## **10:30 a.m. Sunday**

Pre-Service Music

Children Singing

Welcome

Opening Song

Invocation & Prayer

Song of Praise

Prayer

First Reading: Daniel 3:12-28 (pg. 1374)

Second Reading: 1 Timothy 1:12-17 (pg. 1845)

Song

Gospel Reading (Please stand): John 9:25-38 (pg. 1665)

Children's Message

Song

The Sermon – “What’s Your Story” - John 9:25

Apostle’s Creed – pg. 41 in the Hymnal

The Offering (please fill out Friendship Register)

Prayers & the Lord’s Prayer

Benediction

Closing Song

# 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](http://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. **1<sup>st</sup> 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.

**Needles for Need** – will be meeting on Thursday, April 28<sup>th</sup> from 9-noon in the Fellowship Hall. Everyone is welcome!

**1<sup>st</sup> Sunday Fellowship** will be held every 1<sup>st</sup> 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 May 1<sup>st</sup>.**

**We will be serving at the Community Table** on Tuesday, May 3<sup>rd</sup> 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!

**Coming Soon! Mark your calendars...** “Engaging Your Church’s Resources for Ministry”, a Stewardship Workshop, will be held at St. Matthew on Tuesday, **May 10<sup>th</sup>** from 9am – 3pm. More information and sign up for this event will be coming soon. Board of Directors, Staff, and Elders are especially asked to attend. We hope to see many of you with us!!

**Christian-Based Grief Support Group** continues at St. Matthew on Tuesday, May 10<sup>th</sup> 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.



The **Lydia Ladies** will be holding their annual Plant & Bake Sale on Sunday, May 15<sup>th</sup>.



**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!!



**Coming soon! - Baby Dresser Project for Apple Pregnancy Center** sponsored by Caring Hands. The contents of the dresser this year will be for a baby boy. Look for the dresser to be in the entryway next to the Fellowship Hall.

**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](mailto:jillwendtland@yahoo.com) or 715-214-5761**

## **Wednesday Evening Worship Service**

**Will resume on Wednesday, May 4<sup>th</sup> 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**

### **Hmong Mission:**

1. The Call Service that may be placing a call for St. Matthew/The Hmong Lutheran Mission of Eau Claire will be on Tuesday, April 26<sup>th</sup> at 7 p.m. You may see the service and/or results on [csl.org](http://csl.org). Please keep this call in your prayers.

2. The Annual Hmong Mission Dinner will take place on Monday, May 2<sup>nd</sup> at 6 p.m. here at St. Matthew. [Tickets](#) are available from Pat L.



## VBS 2016

June 6<sup>th</sup> – 10<sup>th</sup>  
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 6<sup>th</sup>-10<sup>th</sup>. 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:

[jillnwendtland@yahoo.com](mailto:jillnwendtland@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.

**A HEALTHIER YOU FROM THE INSIDE  
OUT**

**Improving Attitudes Seminar**

*Simple practical methods to help you strengthen  
and improve your attitude every day*

Monday, April 25<sup>th</sup>  
6:30 p.m.  
St. Matthew Church

Led by Dr. Stephen La Fave

This presentation will give you several easy  
ideas that you can use every day to exercise  
your attitude.

*\*See flyer on bulletin board in the Narthex\**

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**A Measure of Our Love...**(From 04.17.16)

One Week's Portion of Annual budget (Including Mortgage Payment)	\$ 5,450.73
General Offerings Received:	\$ 5,038.50
Building Fund:	\$ 45.00
Door Offering – Vicar Richard Her:	\$ 253.72
Total Offerings Received:	\$ 5,337.22

Last Sunday's attendance: 144

**A Special Mission Offering** will be received **TODAY** for the Jail Ministry here in Eau Claire.



# 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](http://www.stmatthewonline.org)

**Monday, April 25, 2016**

Event	Time	Location
Office Meeting	10:00 AM	
Improving Attitudes Seminar	6:30 PM	

**Tuesday, April 26, 2016**

Event	Time	Location
Fireside Bible Study	10:30 AM	
Chapel@ECA	6:00 PM	

**Wednesday, April 27, 2016**

Event	Time	Location
Bible Study	2:00 PM	Church Library
Confirmation Pictures	6:30 PM	
Confirmation Exam	7:00 PM	

**Thursday, April 28, 2016**

Event	Time	Location
Needs for Need	9:00 AM - 12:00 PM	

**Sunday, May 1, 2016**

Event	Time	Location
<b><u>Confirmation Sunday</u></b>		
<u>Elder:8:15-Joel H/10:30-Adam B</u>		
<u>Acolyte: 8:15-Jonathon R/10:30-Gretchen H</u>		
<u>Altar Guild: Linda C</u>		
<u>Finance Team: John W &amp; Al B</u>		
<u>Organist:8:15-Bob/10:30-Kris</u>		
<u>Reader:8:15- /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</u>	2:00 PM	Fellowship Hall

**Monday, May 2, 2016**

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

## Tuesday, May 3, 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, May 4, 2016

Event	Time	Location
<u>Elder- Aaron</u>		
<u>Piano - Bob</u>		
<u>Bible Study</u>	2:00 PM	Church Library
<u>Traditional W.S.</u>	6:30 PM	

## Community Happenings.....

**The Menomonie Singers** - Requiem by Faure – Missa Rorate Coeli Desuper by Haydn – Dr. Jerry Hui, Conductor. TODAY, 2 pm at Our Saviors Lutheran Church in Menomonie. \$10 suggested donation.

**Hospice Volunteer Training** – Free two-part training program – May 14<sup>th</sup> and May 21<sup>st</sup>, 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](mailto:jillnwendtland@yahoo.com) or 715-214-5761.

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## St. Matthew Contacts...

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

