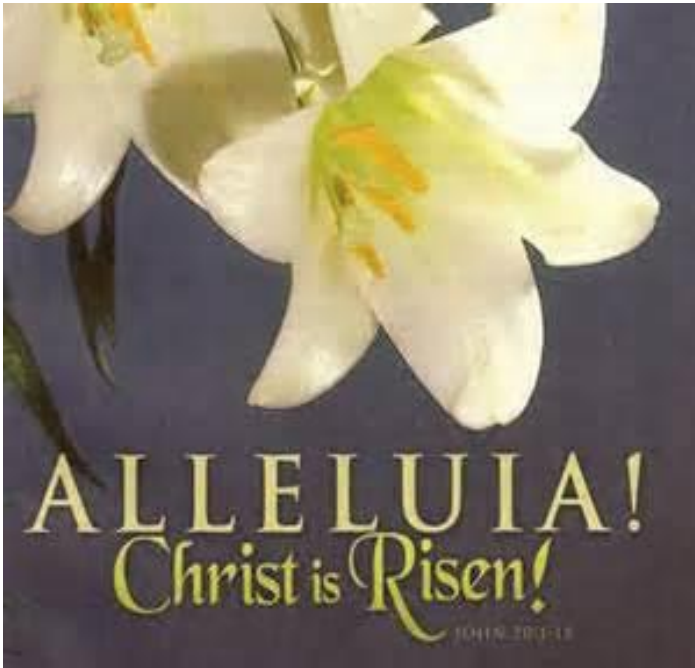


**Sunday, April 3, 2016**  
**8:15 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.**



**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 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.

**Pastor Clint Hoff,** missionary to the Czech Republic, will be the guest preacher for today. We thank him for bringing God's word to us today.

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

|                         | 8:15 AM            | 10:30 AM   |
|-------------------------|--------------------|------------|
| <b>Worship Leader</b>   | Pastor Steve       |            |
| <b>Preacher</b>         | Pastor Clint Hoff  |            |
| <b>Elder</b>            | Don F              | Dale Q     |
| <b>Reader</b>           | Jeff B             | Jackie K   |
| <b>Acolyte</b>          | Kennedi C          | Jonathon R |
| <b>Organist/Pianist</b> | Bob L              | Kris B     |
| <b>Altar Guild</b>      | Jackie K           |            |
| <b>Finance Team</b>     | Aaron H & Dennis T |            |

## Please Keep in Your Prayers...

- Missionary Clint Hoff, Lalita, & their 7 children & the mission work in the Czech Republic
- All of our missionaries including Yia Vang with the HLMEC, & you
- Fierce Freedom
- Doug S & Maxine H, cancer treatments
- Marcella W
- Jim H, Marshfield
- Our children, youth & families, and Jill, CYML
- People who do not know the Risen Lord
- All persecuted Christians

***Question of the week:***

*“What does the resurrection of Jesus mean to us?”*

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

Welcome

Opening Hymn #143

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

First Reading: Acts 5:12-20 (pg. 1698)

Second Reading: Revelation 1:4-18 (pg. 1913)

Gospel Reading (Please stand): John 20:19-31 (pg. 1686)

Children's Message

Children's Church

Hymn #571

The Sermon – "Peace for You and the World" - John 20:19-31

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#315

Benediction

Closing Hymn#322

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

Pre-Service Music

Welcome

Opening Song

Invocation, Confession & Absolution

Song of Praise

Prayer

First Reading: Acts 5:12-20 (pg. 1698)

Second Reading: Revelation 1:4-18 (pg. 1913)

Song

Gospel Reading (Please stand): John 20:19-31 (pg. 1686)

Children's Message

Children's Church

Song

The Sermon – "Peace for You and the World" - John 20:19-31

Nicene Creed – pg. 18 in the Hymnal

Offering

Prayers & the Lord's Prayer

The Sacrament

Post-Communion 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.

**Copies of the minutes from the Congregational Meeting, Board of Directors Meeting, Year End Financial Report, and the March 8<sup>th</sup> Staff Meeting** are available in the Narthex.

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

**1<sup>st</sup> Sunday Fellowship** will be held **TODAY** between services in the Fellowship Hall. Please join us for refreshments and fellowship.

**Young Couples:** Cookout **TODAY** 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](mailto:aaron42x@yahoo.com).



## HIGH SCHOOL & MIDDLE SCHOOL NEWS

**To Parents of Youth – Thank You** to all the parents and students who worked at the Easter Breakfast! Thanks for your hard work! We received \$428 in donations.

For more information contact:

Jill Wendtland – [jillwendtland@yahoo.com](mailto:jillwendtland@yahoo.com) or 715-214-5761

**Pastor Clint Hoff** will be our guest preacher this morning at both services. He will be giving a presentation between services on his missionary work in Czech Republic. This small European country is composed of the regions of Bohemia, Moravia, and Silesia, and was formerly a part of the communist Czechoslovakia. While only in power for forty years, communism did a very good job of eradicating the faith. But modern western society has not helped either and the Czech Republic has one of the least religious populations of the world. The Lutheran Church Missouri Synod recently began work in the area with the confidence that through the preaching of the Gospel the light of Christ will come to the Czech people.

**Thank you to all** who came to the Easter Breakfast and for your generous donations of \$428 for the Youth Ministry!

**The Lydia Ladies** will be helping with the Community Table on Tuesday, April 5<sup>th</sup>. 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.

**Wednesday Afternoon Bible Study** will be cancelled for April 6<sup>th</sup>. It will resume on Wednesday, April 13<sup>th</sup> at 2 pm in the Church Library.

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

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

**Needles for Need** – will be meeting on Thursday, April 14<sup>th</sup> and the 28<sup>th</sup> from 9-noon in the Fellowship Hall. Everyone is welcome to join us!

**Christian-Based Grief Support Group** continues at St. Matthew on Thursday, April 21<sup>st</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.

**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.



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

## **FIERCE FREEDOM**

Faith Community's Response to Human Trafficking

**This  
Thursday, April 7<sup>th</sup>  
10 am - 1 pm  
St. Matthew Lutheran Church**

To reserve your spot contact:  
[Jodi@fiercefreesdom.org](mailto:Jodi@fiercefreesdom.org) or 715-514-2890

*\*Lunch will be provided\**



**VBS 2016  
June 6<sup>th</sup> - 10<sup>th</sup>  
Save the dates!!**

## 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\**

### 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 will be available soon from Pat Lane or the church office.

# 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 4, 2016**

| Event                | Time     | Location |
|----------------------|----------|----------|
| Office Meeting       | 10:00 AM |          |
| Caring Hands Meeting | 6:30 PM  |          |

**Tuesday, April 5, 2016**

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

**Wednesday, April 6, 2016**

| Event              | Time    | Location |
|--------------------|---------|----------|
| Confirmation Class | 5:00 PM |          |

**Thursday, April 7, 2016**

| Event                  | Time               | Location        |
|------------------------|--------------------|-----------------|
| Fierce Freedom Seminar | 10:00 AM - 1:00 PM | Fellowship Hall |

**Sunday, April 10, 2016**

| Event                                      | Time     | Location        |
|--|----------|-----------------|
| Elder:8:15-Don<br>F/10:30-Dale Q           |          |                 |
| Acolyte:8:15-Jonah<br>H/10:30-Kaleb X      |          |                 |
| Organist:8:15-<br>Bob/10:30-Kris           |          |                 |
| Reader:8:15-<br>Nadine H/10:30-<br>Roger L |          |                 |
| Traditional Worship Service                | 8:15 AM  |                 |
| S S & B S                                  | 9:30 AM  |                 |
| Contemporary Service                       | 10:30 AM |                 |
| Hmong Bible Study                          | 2:00 PM  | Fellowship Hall |

**Monday, April 11, 2016**

| Event                 | Time     | Location       |
|-----------------------|----------|----------------|
| Office Meeting        | 10:00 AM |                |
| Prayer Shawl Ministry | 1:30 PM  | Church Library |
| B.O.D. Meeting        | 6:30 PM  |                |

**Tuesday, April 12, 2016**

| Event  | Time    | Location        |
|--|---------|-----------------|
| Men's Breakfast @<br>VFW 2900 Folsom<br>St W | 6:30 AM |                 |
| Circuit Meeting                              | 9:00 AM |                 |
| Staff Meeting                                | 6:30 PM | Fellowship Hall |

**Wednesday, April 13, 2016**

| Event              | Time    | Location       |
|--------------------|---------|----------------|
| Bible Study        | 2:00 PM | Church Library |
| Confirmation Class | 5:00 PM |                |

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## Community Happenings.....

**The Installation of Rev. James E. Norton** will take place on **TODAY** 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.

**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.

**Please join Feed My People** for their annual Open House on Thursday, April 14<sup>th</sup> from 4:30-6:30 pm. Take a tour of the facility, honk the horn of a FMP semi, and enjoy refreshments and the music of Josh Gallagher. The food bank is located at 2610 Alpine Rd, Eau Claire. Visit [fmpfoodbank.org](http://fmpfoodbank.org) or call 715-835-9415 for directions or more information.

**Touched Twice United** will be held on Saturday, April 16<sup>th</sup> from 9-2 pm at Bethesda Lutheran Church, 123 W. Hamilton Ave, EC. Open to anyone who has a need. All Services are free. See poster in the Narthex. They are in need of advocates (volunteers who greet the guests and help them throughout the day). If you are interested in helping out, contact Bethesda at 715-835-5073.

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## **A Measure of Our Love...(From 03.27.16)**

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| One Week's Portion of Annual budget (Including Mortgage Payment) | \$ 5,450.73 |
| General Offerings Received:                                      | \$ 9,099.50 |
| Building Fund:   | \$ 135.00   |
| Improvement Fund:  | \$ 100.00   |
| Easter Lilies:   | \$ 25.00    |
| Youth Breakfast:   | \$ 428.00   |
| Mission Offering   | \$ 68.00    |
| Norma Hagedorn Memorial  | \$ 20.00    |
| Total Offerings Received:  | \$ 9,875.50 |

Last Sunday's attendance: 272

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## **St. Matthew Contacts...**

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Rev. Yia Vang, *vacancy pastor for HLM*, 651-242-9366

Jill Wendtland, *CYML*, [jillwendtland@yahoo.com](mailto:jillwendtland@yahoo.com), 715-214-5761

Gail Polkoski, *Office Professional*, [stmatthewinfo@gmail.com](mailto: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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## PAINTED TOAST

### INGREDIENTS

- 6 slices bread
  - 1  $\frac{1}{4}$  cups low-fat milk
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- food coloring (5 different colors)

### DIRECTIONS

1. Fill 5 shallow glasses with a  $\frac{1}{4}$  cup of milk in each.
2. Take your 5 food colorings and in each glass put 5 drops of food coloring in the milk and stir till color shows.
3. Use a small paint brush and dip the brush into the food coloring.
4. Then take a piece of bread and paint a face or picture of choice on it.
5. Place the bread into a toaster and wait till the bread is lightly toasted.
6. Butter lightly to give taste.
7. Enjoy your masterpiece!