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UNDIVIDED ATTENTION ON A NEIGHBOR IN NEED

We tend to think of distraction and focus as opposites. If someone is focused, they are not easily distracted by random events and encounters. If someone is focused, every decision about how to spend time and resources is calculated. Apart from Christ that type of focus spells disaster for our neighbor. We may dismiss the needs of our neighbor thinking, "If I spend time helping him, that will distract me from other things that need my attention." This week, Jesus teaches us that he has set us free to live a life of such distraction. No matter the neighbor and no matter his need, we are free to give him our undivided attention, even if that seems senseless. Christ has set us free to bear any cost and go any distance to serve a neighbor as Christ himself would serve them.

OUR MISSION

The mission of every Christian and this congregation is to serve all people in God's world with the Gospel of Jesus Christ on the basis of the Holy Scriptures.

OUR FACILITIES

A restroom is located in the Mother's Room at the back of church and also in the church basement. There is also a handicapped accessible restroom in the back of church. Ask an usher for help and directions. The members of St. Matthew's believe that families should be allowed to worship together. If the need arises, we have an audio-equipped children's room just outside of the church doors to your left. If you need anything during the service, please feel free to ask an usher.

Out of courtesy for your fellow worshipers, please silence all electronic devices.

652 Lord, Have Mercy

CW 652 sts. 1, Refrain I



1 For what we have done and left un - done we fall on your



count - less mer - cies. For sins that are known and



those un - known we call on your name so ho - ly.



For en - vy and pride, for clos - ing our eyes; for



scorn - ing our ver - y neigh - bor. In



thought, word, and deed we've failed you, our King; how



deep - ly we need a Sav - ior. *Refrain I*



Lord, have mer - cy, Christ, have mer - cy, Lord, have mer - cy



on us. Lord, have mer - cy, Christ, have mer - cy,



Lord, have mer - cy on us.

2 For

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Stand

In the name of the Father and of the T Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Confession

CW 172

If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us.

**If we confess our sins, God is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins
and purify us from all unrighteousness.**

Let us confess our sins to the Lord.

Holy God, gracious Father, I am sinful by nature and have sinned against you in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have not loved you with my whole heart; I have not loved others as I should. I deserve your punishment both now and forever. But Jesus, my Savior, paid for my sins with his innocent suffering and death. Trusting in him, I pray: God, have mercy on me, a sinner.

Our gracious Father in heaven has been merciful to us. He sent his only Son, Jesus Christ, who gave his life as the atoning sacrifice for the sins of the whole world. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the T Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

652 Lord, Have Mercy

CW 652 sts. 2, Refrain II, 3



(2 For) what you have done, your life of love you per - fect - ly

lived, we praise you. Though tempt - ed and tried, you

fixed your eyes; you fin - ished the work God gave you.

And there on the tree, a King a - mong thieves, you
(3 For) hearts that are cold, for seiz - ing con - trol; for

bled for a world's be - tray - al. You
scorn - ing our ver - y mak - er. In

loved to the end, our mer - ci - ful friend; how
thought, word, and deed we've failed you, our King; how

pure and for - ev - er faith - ful. *Refrain II*
deep - ly we need a Sav - ior. *Refrain II*

Refrain II
Lord, have mer - cy, Christ, have mer - cy, Lord, have mer - cy

on us. Lord, have mer - cy, Christ, have mer - cy,



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The Word

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray.

God of all power and might, you are the giver of all that is good. Help us love you with all our heart, strengthen us in true faith, provide us with all we need, and keep us safe in your care; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Be seated

First Reading

Ruth 1:1–19a

The LORD moves a Moabite woman named Ruth to care for her widowed mother-in law, even though it meant leaving her people, her country, and her way of life behind.

¹In the days when the judges ruled, there was a famine in the land. So a man from Bethlehem in Judah, together with his wife and two sons, went to live for a while in the country of Moab. ²The man's name was Elimelek, his wife's name was Naomi, and the names of his two sons were Mahlon and Kilion. They were Ephrathites from Bethlehem, Judah. And they went to Moab and lived there.

³Now Elimelek, Naomi's husband, died, and she was left with her two sons. ⁴They married Moabite women, one named Orpah and the other Ruth. After they had lived there about ten years, ⁵both Mahlon and Kilion also died, and Naomi was left without her two sons and her husband.

⁶When Naomi heard in Moab that the LORD had come to the aid of his people by providing food for them, she and her daughters-in-law prepared to return home from there. ⁷With her two daughters-in-law she left the place where she had been living and set out on the road that would take them back to the land of Judah.

⁸Then Naomi said to her two daughters-in-law, “Go back, each of you, to your mother’s home. May the LORD show you kindness, as you have shown kindness to your dead husbands and to me. ⁹May the LORD grant that each of you will find rest in the home of another husband.”

Then she kissed them goodbye and they wept aloud ¹⁰and said to her, “We will go back with you to your people.”

¹¹But Naomi said, “Return home, my daughters. Why would you come with me? Am I going to have any more sons, who could become your husbands? ¹²Return home, my daughters; I am too old to have another husband. Even if I thought there was still hope for me—even if I had a husband tonight and then gave birth to sons— ¹³would you wait until they grew up? Would you remain unmarried for them? No, my daughters. It is more bitter for me than for you, because the LORD’s hand has turned against me!”

¹⁴At this they wept aloud again. Then Orpah kissed her mother-in-law goodbye, but Ruth clung to her.

¹⁵“Look,” said Naomi, “your sister-in-law is going back to her people and her gods. Go back with her.”

¹⁶But Ruth replied, “Don’t urge me to leave you or to turn back from you. Where you go I will go, and where you stay I will stay. Your people will be my people and your God my God. ¹⁷Where you die I will die, and there I will be buried. May the LORD deal with me, be it ever so severely, if even death separates you and me.” ¹⁸When Naomi realized that Ruth was determined to go with her, she stopped urging her.

¹⁹So the two women went on until they came to Bethlehem.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Second Reading

Galatians 5:1,13–25

Those who have been set free from the law by Christ naturally bear fruit that benefits their neighbor.

¹It is for freedom that Christ has set us free. Stand firm, then, and do not let yourselves be burdened again by a yoke of slavery.

¹³You, my brothers and sisters, were called to be free. But do not use your freedom to indulge the flesh; rather, serve one another humbly in love. ¹⁴For the entire law is fulfilled in

keeping this one command: “Love your neighbor as yourself.” ¹⁵If you bite and devour each other, watch out or you will be destroyed by each other.

¹⁶So I say, walk by the Spirit, and you will not gratify the desires of the flesh. ¹⁷For the flesh desires what is contrary to the Spirit, and the Spirit what is contrary to the flesh. They are in conflict with each other, so that you are not to do whatever you want. ¹⁸But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not under the law.

¹⁹The acts of the flesh are obvious: sexual immorality, impurity and debauchery; ²⁰idolatry and witchcraft; hatred, discord, jealousy, fits of rage, selfish ambition, dissensions, factions ²¹and envy; drunkenness, orgies, and the like. I warn you, as I did before, that those who live like this will not inherit the kingdom of God.

²²But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, forbearance, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, ²³gentleness and self-control. Against such things there is no law. ²⁴Those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. ²⁵Since we live by the Spirit, let us keep in step with the Spirit.

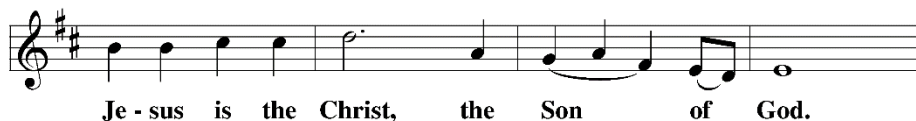
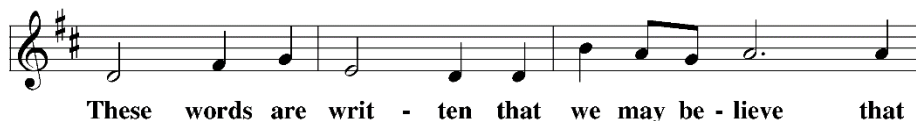
The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Stand

Gospel Acclamation

John 20:31



Gospel

Luke 10:25–37

In a well-known parable, Jesus teaches us how one loves their neighbor.

²⁵On one occasion an expert in the law stood up to test Jesus. “Teacher,” he asked, “what must I do to inherit eternal life?”

²⁶“What is written in the Law?” he replied. “How do you read it?”

²⁷He answered, “ ‘Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind’; and, ‘Love your neighbor as yourself.’”

²⁸“You have answered correctly,” Jesus replied. “Do this and you will live.”

²⁹But he wanted to justify himself, so he asked Jesus, “And who is my neighbor?”

³⁰In reply Jesus said: “A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, when he was attacked by robbers. They stripped him of his clothes, beat him and went away, leaving him half dead. ³¹A priest happened to be going down the same road, and when he saw the man, he passed by on the other side. ³²So too, a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. ³³But a Samaritan, as he traveled, came where the man was; and when he saw him, he took pity on him. ³⁴He went to him and bandaged his wounds, pouring on oil and wine. Then he put the man on his own donkey, brought him to an inn and took care of him. ³⁵The next day he took out two denarii and gave them to the innkeeper. ‘Look after him,’ he said, ‘and when I return, I will reimburse you for any extra expense you may have.’

³⁶“Which of these three do you think was a neighbor to the man who fell into the hands of robbers?”

³⁷The expert in the law replied, “The one who had mercy on him.”

Jesus told him, “Go and do likewise.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise be to you, O Christ!

Be seated

Hymn of the Day

731 Oh, How Good It Is

CW 731



1 Oh, how good it is when the fam - 'ly of God dwells to -
 2 Oh, how good it is on this jour - ney we share to re -
 3 Oh, how good it is to em - brace his com - mand to pre -



geth - er in spir - it, in faith and u - ni - ty. Where the
 joice with the hap - py and weep with those who mourn. For the
 fer one an - oth - er, for - give as he for - gives. When we



bonds of peace, of ac - cept - ance and love are the
 weak find strength, the af - flict - ed find grace when we
 live as one we all share in the love of the



fruits of his pres - ence here a - mong us.
 of - fer the bless - ing of be - long - ing.
 Son with the Fa - ther and the Spir - it.

Refrain



So with one voice we'll sing to the Lord,



and with one heart we'll live out his word,



till the whole earth sees the Re - deem - er has come,



for he dwells in the pres-ence of his peo - ple.

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Sermon

Ruth 1:1-19

Believers Are Never Alone

Stand

Nicene Creed

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the
Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not
made, of one being with the Father. Through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation, he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the
Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary, and became truly human. For our sake he was
crucified under Pontius Pilate. He suffered death and was buried. On the third
day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and
is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the
living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the
Father and the Son, who in unity with the Father and the Son is worshiped and
glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one
baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Be seated

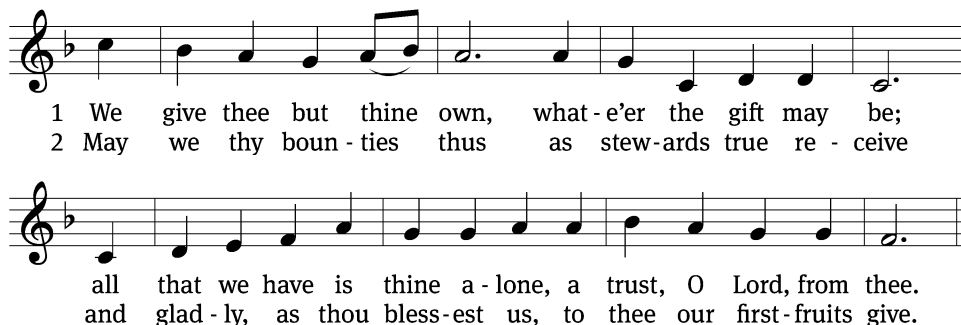
Thank Offering

Moved by God's love in Christ, we offer him our first and best gifts, purely out of thanks to him. If you are visiting with us today, please do not feel obligated to give an offering.

Our offerings will be collected today at the church entrance and brought forward during the offering hymn. To give by phone send a text message to 844-703-3129 with the amount you would like to contribute and you will be sent further instructions.

750 We Give Thee but Thine Own

CW 750



1 We give thee but thine own, what-e'er the gift may be;
2 May we thy boun-ties thus as stew-ards true re-ceive

all that we have is thine a-lone, a trust, O Lord, from thee.
and glad-ly, as thou bless-est us, to thee our first-fruits give.

Text: William W. How, 1823–1897, abr.

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Prayer of the Church

Brief intercessory prayers may be added in a fitting place.

Eternal Lord, give us peace as we ponder the good news that you forgive our sins in Christ.
Lead us to see clearly the path you have laid out for us.

Work in us so that we believe and live the Word we have heard today.

Provide courage and compassion to all who preach and teach your Word. Fill them with a love like yours as they proclaim your grace to us and all people.

Move us to love all ministers of the Word wherever they serve.

Guard and guide the families of our congregation. Lead husbands and wives to love each other with commitment, respect, and patience. Help parents to grasp the eternal value of

keeping their children close to Jesus all their lives. Grant joy to those who are single, and make them a blessing to others.

Protect us from the temptations that surround us; give us pure hearts and minds.

Provide wisdom and insight to those who make laws and set policies. Give us respect for those who protect us from crime. Lead us to value the rights of our fellow citizens and to defend those who cannot defend themselves.

Bless our land with peace and prosperity so that the gospel may be proclaimed to all.

Give us passion to share the story of your love with our family and friends. Overcome unbelief, and open the hearts of people everywhere to believe the good news that Jesus has forgiven their sins and opened the gates of heaven.

Fill us with joy over every sinner who repents and comes to trust in you.

Extend your healing power to those who are sick and suffering in body or mind. [Pour out your special blessing on . . . *here name the person and the cause of the petition.*] Give patience and compassion to all who care for the sick and dying.

Lift the eyes of the distressed to your love in Christ.

Gracious God, you govern and direct all things and you love all people. Hear our prayers, spoken and silent, and answer them in your wisdom and grace.

In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

The Sacrament

Stand

Preface

CW 183

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give him thanks and praise.

It is truly good and right that we should at all times and in all places give you thanks, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, through Jesus Christ our Lord, who on this day kept his promise and poured out the Holy Spirit to empower his Church to proclaim the gospel in all the world. Therefore, with all the saints on earth and hosts of heaven, we praise your holy name and join their glorious song:

Holy, Holy, Holy

CW 184

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er,
 God of might. Heav - en and earth are full of your
 glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.
 Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the
 Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est, ho -
 san - na in the high - est!

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Prayer of Thanksgiving

Lord God, you are worthy to receive thanks and praise from all people. You created the world and all who live in it, and in your mercy you saved us. We give thanks to you for the grace of your Son, Jesus Christ.

Bless us as we receive your Son's body and blood, and lead us to remember his suffering, death, and resurrection. Forgive our sins and fill us with the hope of new life in heaven. Hear our praise and receive our thanks as we worship you—the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Lord's Prayer

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.

Words of Institution

Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my T body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you; this is my T blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

Amen.

Jesus, Lamb of God

CW 186

The musical score is written for a single voice part in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of seven staves of music. The lyrics are: 'Je - sus, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on us. Je - sus, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on us. Je - sus, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; grant us your peace.' The melody is simple and hymn-like, with a final cadence on the last staff.

Je - sus, Lamb of God, you take a - way the
sin of the world; have mer - cy on us.
Je - sus, Lamb of God, you take a - way the
sin of the world; have mer - cy on us.
Je - sus, Lamb of God, you take a - way the
sin of the world; grant us your peace.

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Be seated

OUR COMMUNION PRACTICE

St. Matthew's Lutheran Church observes the biblical practice of *close communion*. If you are not currently a member of our congregation or a sister WELS/ELS congregation, you may come forward for a blessing (indicated by placing your hand on your heart) but we would kindly ask that you understand that we are not able to give you communion. If you would like to commune with us in the future, please speak with the pastor.

We look forward to talking about this very important issue with you.

Distribution Hymns:

667 Lord Jesus Christ, You Have Prepared

CW 667



1 Lord Je - sus Christ, you have pre - pared this feast for
2 Al - though you did to heav'n as - cend, where an - gel
3 Yet, Sav - ior, you are not con - fined to an - y
4 We eat this bread and drink this cup, your pre - cious



our sal - va - tion; it is your bod - y
hosts are dwell - ing, and in your pres - ence
hab - i - ta - tion, but you are pres - ent
Word be - liev - ing that your true bod - y



and your blood, and at your in - vi - ta - tion
they be - hold your glo - ry, all ex - cel - ling,
ev - 'ry - where and with your con - gre - ga - tion.
and your blood our lips are here re - ceiv - ing.



as wea - ry souls, with sin op-pressed, we come to
and though your peo - ple shall not see your glo - ry
Firm as a rock this truth shall stand, un - moved by
This Word re - mains for - ev - er true, and there is



you for need - ed rest, for com - fort, and for par - don.
and your maj - es - ty till dawns the judg - ment morn - ing,
an - y dar - ing hand or sub - tle craft and cun - ning.
naught you can - not do, for you, Lord, are al - might - y.

Verses 5-8, next page

5 Though reason cannot understand,
 yet faith this truth embraces:
 your body, Lord, is even now
 at once in many places.
 I leave to you how this can be;
 your Word alone suffices me;
 I trust its truth unfailing.

6 Lord, I believe what you have said;
 help me when doubts assail me.
 Remember that I am but dust,
 and let my faith not fail me.
 Your supper in this vale of tears
 refreshes me and stills my fears
 and is my priceless treasure.

7 Grant that we worthily receive
 your supper, Lord, our Savior,
 and, truly grieving for our sins,
 may prove by our behavior
 that we are thankful for your grace
 and day by day may run our race,
 in holiness increasing.

8 For your consoling supper, Lord,
 be praised throughout all ages!
 Preserve it, for in ev'ry place
 the world against it rages.
 Grant that this sacrament may be
 a blessed comfort unto me
 when living and when dying.

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932 Sent Forth by God's Blessing

CW 932



1 Sent forth by God's bless - ing, our true faith con - fess - ing,
 2 With praise and thanks - giv - ing to God ev - er - liv - ing,
 the peo - ple of God from his dwell - ing take leave.
 the tasks of our ev - 'ry - day life we will face.
 The sup - per is end - ed; O be now ex - tend - ed
 Our faith ev - er shar - ing, in love ev - er car - ing,

the fruits of this ser - vice in all who be - lieve.
em - brac - ing his chil - dren of each tribe and race.

The seed of his teach - ing, re - cep - tive souls reach - ing,
One bread that has fed us, one light that has led us

shall blos - som in ac - tion for God and for all.
u - nite us as one in his life that we share.

His grace did in - vite us; his love shall u - nite us
Then may all the liv - ing with praise and thanks - giv - ing

to work for God's king - dom and an - swer his call.
give hon - or to Christ and his name that we bear.

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Stand

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;
his mercy endures forever.

Whenever we eat this bread and drink this cup,
we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

We give you thanks, O Lord, for the foretaste of the heavenly banquet you have given us in this Sacrament. Through this gift you have fed our faith, nourished our hope, and strengthened our love. By your Spirit, help us to live as your holy people until that day when

you will receive us as your guests at the wedding supper of the Lamb, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Blessing

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look on you with favor and T give you peace.

Amen.



St. Matthew's is hosting a free viewing of the movie **ONE BY ONE** produced by Salty Earth Pictures and directed by Steve Zambo. This will take place on **Saturday, August 2nd** at the Winona 7 Theater, 70 West 2nd Street, Winona MN. Doors open at 9:00am and the film begins at 9:30am.

One by One follows David Rosenau's journey from funeral director to prison guard, undercover detective, and homicide investigator. After a life-threatening injury, he answered the call to become a pastor and is now impacting lives for eternity.

Please use the attached QR code with your Smart device to reserve your seat or click the link provided. [One by One Sign-up](#) Additional ways to sign-up would be to contact Dean Rupprecht @ 507-730-8854 or email deanrupprecht@gmail.com



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Announcements

July 12 & 13, 2025



Worship Leader – Winfried Schroeder

Organist – Tamara Koenig

Councilmen on Duty this Weekend

Saturday 5PM – Dean Rupprecht

Sunday 9AM – Shannon Bohme

Altar Committee – Carol Gerdes & Brenda Cross

Ushers on Duty this Weekend

Saturday 5PM – Matt Rupprecht

Sunday 9AM – Dave Gerdes group

Last Week Attendance: Saturday – 51 ; Sunday – 98

This Week – July 13 - 20

Sunday	9:00 AM	Worship
	10:15 AM	Call Meeting
	11:00 AM	Worship Service Radio KAGE 1380AM or 101.5FM
	2:00 PM	Jesus Cares
Monday		Finance #2
Tuesday	1:30 PM	Sugar Loaf Manor Service
Wednesday	7:00 PM	Worship Service broadcasted on HBC Channel 20
Thursday	11:30 AM	Women's Bible Study @ Beno's
Friday	6:00 PM	Young Adult Group Event
Next Saturday	5:00 PM	Worship
Next Sunday	9:00 AM	Worship
	10:15 AM	Annual Voter's Meeting
	11:00 AM	Worship Service Radio KAGE 1380AM or 101.5FM

Financial News

Weekly Budget for Envelope Offerings: \$8,173.08

Offerings received July 5 & 6: \$6,316.00

June Electronic Giving: \$4,307.04

Boiler Fund Goal: \$722,225

Boiler Fund Total Received: \$616,848 (up \$5,696 wk/wk)

Boiler Fund Pledges Outstanding: \$14,180

Boiler Payment #2: \$275,153 now due July 30 (was June 30)

Boiler Fund Contributions: Please either write separate checks for the boiler fund or clearly mark on your envelope how much is to be contributed to the Boiler Fund.

Church Announcements:

Pastoral Call: Our next call meeting will be held after the 9:00am worship service this weekend. Please plan to attend and keep St. Matthew's in your prayers as we patiently wait for God's will to be done.

The Annual Voter's meeting will take place on July 20 following the 9:00am worship service. Please plan to attend.

From Church Council: Your Church Council members and their emails-

Shannon Bohme- President- chinasrb@gmail.com

Devin Ellinghuysen- Discipleship-super88d@gmail.com

Dale Crist- Secretary- cristdale@msn.com

Ryan Brink- School Board- ryanbrink24@gmail.com

Dean Rupprecht- Elders- deanrupprecht@gmail.com

Bob Muller- Treasurer- rwmueller1952@gmail.com

Neil Gerdes- Assistant Treasurer- cindylgerdes@gmail.com

Doug Benter- Interim Building and Grounds- douglas.benter@gmail.com

There is a new mini outreach group that you may contact if there is someone you are wanting to invite to church or would like to give a bible presentation to. These men are willing to meet with you and that person at a place of your choosing to talk with, listen to and share with them.

Shannon Bohme- 651-324-4218

Dean Rupprecht- 507-458-6130

Jeff Sell- 801-895-9910

Women's Bible Study meets on Thursdays at Beno's at 11:30am. All are welcome!

Ways to Serve

If you would like to sponsor a Radio broadcast, similar to a bulletin sponsorship, the cost is \$100.00. Please contact Lindsey by email: smoffice@stmatthewswinona.org or by phone: 507-454-3083. If you would like to donate to the Radio Broadcast fund, please use your designated offering envelope.

Bulletin Sponsorship Upcoming bulletins available for sponsorship: **July 20,27; Aug 3, 10, 17, 24, 31.** The cost is \$30.00. If you would like to sponsor a bulletin, you may email the information to Tamara Koenig tkoenig@stmatthewswinona.org or contact Lindsey in the office @507-454-3083.

School News

St. Matthew's School is seeking a qualified classroom assistant to work in the 5-day Pre-K classroom for the 2025-26 school year. The hours are 8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m., Monday – Friday. The 5-Day Pre-K classroom assistant is responsible for assisting the classroom teacher with managing the 5-Day Pre-K classroom and meeting the needs of the students.

Qualifications:

- ♦ Preferred WELS (Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod) or ELS (Evangelical Lutheran Synod) member in good standing
- ♦ Must have a minimum of a high school diploma, college degree preferred
- ♦ Must have one year of experience in the childcare field, satisfactory completion of coursework in the childcare field, or other experience or education that meets the approval of the BOCE. (Board of Christian Education)
- ♦ Must pass a background check
- ♦ Must have good oral and written communication skills

Interested individuals may contact Mrs. Joanne Dobberstein by email (jdobberstein@stmatthewswinona.org) or phone (414-539-2237). Position open until filled.

Women's Fellowship News:

Upcoming dates to remember:

- August – Planning meeting (date to be determined)
- October 18 – Fall Rally hosted by St. Matthew's, Winona

WELS News

The Coulee Region OWLS will be holding their regular monthly meeting on Thursday, July 10, 2025 at First Ev. Lutheran Church, 400 West Avenue South, La Crosse, at 12:00 Noon for a potluck luncheon. Please bring a dish to pass and your own table service. Coffee will be provided. All church members – men and women age 55 or older – are welcome. The program will be “Country Music As You Remember It” given by Triple Nickel Band. Please come for a visit, enjoy the friends you meet, a good lunch, and an excellent program. There will be a free will offering.

Travel with WELS Groups Interested in traveling with members of our faith family where WELS worship and Christian fellowship are integral parts of the itinerary? The OWLS (WELS Seniors) is partnering with Father's World Tours to offer trips *every which way* across the USA. Upcoming options include a Labor Day weekend show trip to the Ozarks (8/29-9/1), wildlife and waterfall viewing on Minnesota's North Shore (9/2-5), a comprehensive New England autumn immersion (9/22-10/4), or a Southern California/Mexican coastal cruise

combo (12/31-1/13). Trips are open to WELS/ELS members of all ages.
Visit www.fathersworldtours.com or contact Steve Balza (steve@fathersworldtours.com or 507-217-1731) to learn more.

WELS Flourish Women’s Retreat will be held on Saturday, Oct.4th at St. John’s Ev. Lutheran Church, Lewiston MN. Registration opens on July 15th. For more information visit flourishretreat.lewistonlutherans.org.

Launch of Young Adult Group:

The Winona Area WELS Churches are launching a Young Adult (20s and 30s) group. Our goal will be to meet monthly or bimonthly (every other month) for fun and fellowship of like-aged Christian friends (please invite your friends to come along to any and all events).

We are kicking off with a Summer Bonfire Event at Prairie Island Boat Launch Pavillion on July 18th from 6pm-9pm. Brats./Hot Dogs, s’mores, and yard games will be provided. Bring your own lawn chairs, pop, and lawn games of choice if desired. There will be picnic tables and some yard games available, but more is always welcome.

To RSVP please contact Savannah Kubis 507-429-3316 or savannahkubis@gmail.com or see more info on the flyer in the back of the church.

Today’s bulletin is sponsored by Michelle Mueller in honor of her and Melissa’s birthday