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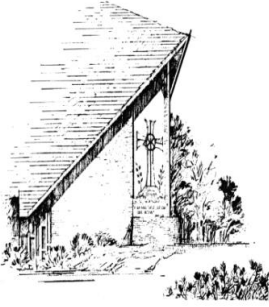
Reaching out to every neighbor, every nation



"Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age."

MATTHEW 28:19-20





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*Worship for the 4th Sunday in Lent
March 30, 2025*

Opening Hymn: O Christ, Who Called the Twelve CW 716

1 O Christ, who called the Twelve

to rise and follow you,

forsaking old, familiar ways

for ventures bold and new:

grant us to hear your call to risk security

and, bound in heart and will to you,

find perfect liberty.

2 O Christ, who taught the Twelve

the truth for ages sealed,

whose words and works awakened faith,

the ways of God revealed:

instruct us now, we pray, by your empow'ring Word.

True teacher, be for all who seek

their light, their life, their Lord.

3 O Christ, who sent the Twelve

on roads they'd never trod

to serve, to suffer, teach, proclaim

the nearer reign of God:

send us on ways where faith transcends timidity,

where love informs and hope sustains

both life and ministry.

Invocation

P: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

Confession of Sins

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

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

P: 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.

P: 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 Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

Prayer of the Day

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Let us pray.

P: Almighty God, our heavenly Father, your mercies are new every morning; and though we deserve only punishment, you receive us as your children and provide for all our needs of body and soul.

Grant that we may heartily acknowledge your merciful goodness, give thanks for all your benefits, and serve you in willing obedience; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

Sr. Choir: "So You Must Do"

Old Testament: Isaiah 12:1-6

In that day you will say:

I will give thanks to you, Lord,
for though you were angry with me,
your anger has turned away,
and you comfort me.

²Surely God is my salvation.

I will trust him and will not be afraid,

because the Lord, yes the Lord, is my strength and song,
and he has become my salvation.

**³Therefore with joy you will draw water from the wells of
salvation.**

⁴In that day you will say:

Give thanks to the Lord! Proclaim his name.

Declare among the peoples what he has done.

Proclaim that his name is exalted!

⁵Sing to the Lord, for he has done amazing things!

Let this be known in all the earth!

⁶Shout aloud and sing for joy, daughter of Zion,

for the Holy One of Israel is great among you!

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Verse of the Day (*tune of CW 716*)

♪ **O Christ, th'apostles' Lord,
the martyrs' strength and song,
the crucified and risen King**

to whom the saints belong:

**though generations pass, our tribute still we bring,
our hymns a sacrifice of praise,
our lives an offering.**

Gospel: Luke 24:36-48

³⁶As they were talking about these things, Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, "Peace be with you."

³⁷But they were terrified and frightened and thought they were looking at a ghost.

³⁸He said to them, "Why are you troubled? Why do doubts arise in your hearts? ³⁹Look at my hands and my feet. It is I myself. Touch me and see, because a ghost does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have." ⁴⁰When he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. ⁴¹While they still did not believe it (because of their joy), and while they were still wondering, he said to them, "Do you have anything here to eat?"

⁴²They gave him a piece of broiled fish and some honeycomb. ⁴³He took it and ate in front of them. ⁴⁴He said to them, "These are my words, which I spoke to you while I was still with you: Everything must be fulfilled that is written about me in the Law of Moses, the Prophets, and the Psalms."

⁴⁵Then he opened their minds to understand the Scriptures. ⁴⁶He said to them, "This is what is written and so it must be: The Christ will suffer and rise from the dead on the third day, ⁴⁷and repentance and forgiveness of sins will be preached in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. ⁴⁸You are witnesses of these things."

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise be to you, O Christ.

Hymn: Christ High-Ascended *CW 747*

**1 Christ high-ascended, now in glory seated,
throned and exalted, victory completed,
death's dread dominion finally defeated,
we are his witnesses.**

**2 Christ, from the Father ev'ry pow'r possessing,
who on his chosen lifted hands in blessing,
sends forth his servants, still in faith confessing,
we are his witnesses.**

**3 Christ, who in dying won for us salvation,
lives now the firstborn of the new creation;
to win disciples out of ev'ry nation,
we are his witnesses.**

**4 Christ in his splendor, all dominion gaining,
Christ with his people evermore remaining,
Christ to all ages, gloriously reigning,
we are his witnesses.**

**5 As at his parting, joy shall banish grieving,
faith in his presence strengthen our believing;
filled with his Spirit, love and pow'r receiving,
we are his witnesses.**

Sermon: Acts 1:1-11

I wrote my first book, Theophilus, about everything Jesus began doing and teaching ²until the day he was taken up, after he had given instructions through the Holy Spirit to the apostles he had chosen. ³After he had suffered, he presented himself alive to the apostles with many convincing proofs. He appeared to them over a period of forty days and told them things about the kingdom of God.

⁴Once, when he was eating with them, he commanded them, "Do not depart from Jerusalem, but wait for what the Father promised, which you heard from me. ⁵For John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now."

⁶So when they were together with him, they asked, "Lord, is this the time when you are going to restore the kingdom to Israel?"

⁷He said to them, "It is not for you to know the times or seasons that the Father has set by his own authority. ⁸But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth."

⁹After he said these things, he was taken up while they were watching, and a cloud took him out of their sight. ¹⁰They were looking intently into the sky as he went away. Suddenly, two men in white clothes stood beside them. ¹¹They said, "Men of Galilee, why are you standing here looking up into the sky? This same Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come back in the same way you have seen him go into heaven."

The Torch Has Been Passed

The 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 fully 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.

Offering

Prayer of the Church

P: Gracious God and Father, we praise you for the countless blessings, which we receive from your hand: the beauties of creation and the bounties of the earth, the joy of life and the pleasure of friendship, the good of work and the gift of rest, the privilege of sharing happiness and sorrow with one another. Above all, we thank and praise you for your saving Word and for your Son's body and blood, which you give us to eat and to drink in the sacrament. Through these means of grace, you send the Holy Spirit into our hearts and unite us to Jesus and to the whole Christian Church on earth.

C: Strengthen us through this heavenly food; increase our trust in Christ and our love for one another.

P: Great God and Lord, without your continuing help we easily waver in our faith, lose courage, and grow careless in our watchfulness. The times and days are perilous. Give us strength to face the evils of each day with fresh confidence. Open our lips to speak of your grace and move us to use the gifts that you give us to share your Word of salvation with all people. Protect and prosper the family, the school, the government, and all good institutions

that you have established for the benefit of society. Remember in mercy those who are sick and suffering and bring your healing to troubled homes and lives.

C: Move us to pray for those in need and to help them with deeds of kindness.

P: Now, eternal God and Father, keep us in the saving faith and so enable us to overcome all things through our Lord Jesus Christ, who taught us to pray:

C: Our Father, who art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

The Sacrament

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them up to the Lord.

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.

C: It is good and right so to do.

P: 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 brought the gift of salvation to all people by his death on the tree of the cross so that the devil, who overcame us by a tree, would in turn by a tree be overcome. 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 167*

Holy, holy, holy Lord God of heavenly hosts: heav'n and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he, blessed is he, blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.

Words of Institution

P: 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 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 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."

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: Amen.

O Christ, Lamb of God *CW 169*

O Christ, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.

O Christ, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.

O Christ, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; grant us your peace. Amen.

Distribution

Distribution Hymn: Jesus Comes Today with Healing *CW 668*

**1 Jesus comes today with healing,
knocking at my door, appealing,
off'ring pardon, grace, and peace.**

**He himself makes preparation,
and I hear his invitation:**

"Come and taste the blessed feast."

**2 Christ himself, the priest presiding,
yet in bread and wine abiding
in this holy sacrament,
gives the bread of life, once broken,
and the cup, the precious token
of his sacred covenant.**

3 Under bread and wine, though lowly,
I receive the Savior holy,
 blood and body, giv'n for me,
very Lamb of God from heaven,
who to bitter death was given,
 hung upon the cursèd tree.

4 God descends with heav'nly power,
gives himself to me this hour
 in this ordinary sign.
On my tongue his pledge receiving,
I accept his grace, believing
 that I taste his love divine.

5 Let me praise God's boundless favor,
whose own feast of love I savor,
 bidden by his gracious call.
Wedding garments he provides me,
with a robe of white he hides me,
 fits me for the royal hall.

6 Now have I found consolation,
comfort in my tribulation,
 balm to heal the troubled soul.
God, my shield from ev'ry terror,
cleanses me from sin and error,
 makes my wounded spirit whole.

Distribution Hymn: I Love to Tell the Story *CW 746 sts. 1, Ref, 3*

1 I love to tell the story of unseen things above,
of Jesus and his glory, of Jesus and his love.
I love to tell the story because I know it's true;
it satisfies my longings as nothing else can do. (Refrain)

Ref: I love to tell the story;
'twill be my theme in glory
to tell the old, old story
 of Jesus and his love.

**3 I love to tell the story, for those who know it best
seem hungering and thirsting to hear it like the rest.
And when in scenes of glory I sing the new, new song,
'twill be the old, old story that I have loved so long. (Refrain)**

Thanksgiving

P: O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good.

C: And his mercy endures forever.

P: Whenever we eat this bread and drink this cup,

C: we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

P: We give thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us with this holy supper. We pray that through it you will strengthen our faith in you and increase our love for one another. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

Benediction

P: 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 give you peace.

C: Amen.

Closing Hymn: I Love to Tell the Story *CW 746 st. 2*

**2 The Savior of all people has brought his peace to you;
now go and tell the story, for others need it too.**

To ev'ry land and nation ring out the gospel call;

proclaim that Christ is risen and grants his peace to all. (Refrain)

Ref: I love to tell the story;

'twill be my theme in glory

to tell the old, old story

of Jesus and his love.

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Communion Registration Communicant members of St. Matthew's are reminded to register for Holy Communion on the "Care Card" found in the pews. If you are visiting St. Matthew's today, we request that you please speak with the Pastor before communing. Questions and answers which will assist you in preparing for partaking of the Lord's Supper are found beginning on page 295 in the hymnal.

Members, Visitors & Guests—Welcome to St. Matthew's!

Empowered by the promised Holy Spirit sent by our ascended Savior, let us join Jesus' first disciples in serving as his witnesses! If you are visiting our service, please sign a "care card" in the church pew or our guest book and come back to visit again soon.

Attendance Last Sunday— 315 (76, 74, 165) Bible Class – 56

Offering Last Week—\$10,147.25 Sunday School – 15

(Meeting our 2025 Ministry Plan requires weekly offerings of \$15,324.00.)

"My God, I take pleasure in doing your will. Your law is in my heart"

Psalm 40:8.

Announcements:

1. **Thank you** to Pastor Ross Chartrand from Cornerstone Lutheran Church in Bentonville, Arkansas for being with us today and building us all up in our Christian faith with his Mission message. We would also like to thank Pastor Chartrand and Mark Schulz for their between service presentations on Home and World Missions.
2. **Free Will Offering** We will receive a free will offering this morning for the Arkansas Mission Church. You will find a box into which offerings may be placed in the Narthex.
3. **Phyllis Hayden** was called to her eternal home on Monday, March 24, 2025. We extend our deepest sympathy to her loved ones. *May God comfort those who mourn with his precious promises in Christ Jesus.*
4. **Funeral** Donna Zahn was called to her eternal home on Thursday, March 27, 2025. A funeral service will take place on Wednesday, April 2 at 11:00 a.m. at St. Matthews. We extend our deepest sympathy to her loved ones. *May God comfort those who mourn with his precious promises in Christ Jesus.*

5. **Call for Miss Meredith Moeller** We would like to inform the congregation that Miss Meredith Moeller has received a Call to Divine Savior Academy in Missouri City, TX to teach 5th grade. Please keep Miss Moeller in your prayers as she deliberates where she can best serve her Savior.
6. **Sunday Morning Bible Class** – Sunday morning Bible class will not meet today. We will continue study of the Lord’s Prayer next Sunday between services in the Fellowship area. Please join us!
7. **Sunday School** Sunday School will begin at 9:15 a.m. We will meet in the library for opening devotion. The children may be picked up in their classrooms at 10:15 am.
8. **The Women’s Bible Study** The Women’s Bible Class will conclude their study of Joseph this week. Next week on April 9th we will watch the DVD of the musical “Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat” starring Donny Osmond. Class will start at 9:00 a.m. that day. All are welcome!
9. **A special thank you** to Mike Fox, Shari Scheibe, and Bob Williams for painting the preschool bathrooms and hallway. We would also like to thank John Leeder, Ben May, Hope Fry, and Karissa Fry for picking up all the tree debris after the wind storm on March 14. Your time and work is greatly appreciated!
10. **Lenten Services** We observe this sacred season with special midweek Lenten services. Our fifth service will be on Wednesday, April 2 at 6:30 p.m. Our theme for this year’s Lenten services will be “*Prophecies Fulfilled in the Passion of Christ*”. “A light supper is served prior to the service beginning at 5:00 p.m.
11. **Easter Flowers.** ‘To the glory of God’ Easter flowers may be ordered. They will be available for \$20 each if a quantity of 25 are purchased. Envelopes are available on the lower bulletin board. Please fill in the needed information on the envelope and enclose payment. Checks may be made payable to St. Matthew’s Evening Guild and placed in the offering plate or left in the office. **The deadline for ordering is April 9.** Thank you for your beautiful gift. Flowers may be taken home beginning on Easter Sunday after the 10:30 am service.

12. **Easter Orchestra** Anyone interested in putting musical gifts to work serving God and his people as part of an orchestra that will perform on Easter Sunday at 8:00 and 10:30 a.m., should speak with Jack Schroeder or sign up on the bulletin board in the lower hallway. You may contact him at 608-752-0922. **The band will rehearse in the balcony from 2:00 4:00 p.m. on Saturday, April 19.**
13. **Custodians Are Needed** We are looking for part time custodians to help with the cleaning of the school area. We are looking for someone to work 1-2 days per week for 2-3 hour shifts. If you are interested in this paid position, please contact Phil Fry at (608) 208-2178.
14. **Save The Date**—The LWMS spring rally is scheduled for **Saturday, April 26** at Good Shepherd in Beloit, WI. The itinerary for the ½ day rally includes registration and a light breakfast from 8-9 am, a devotion, mission presentation and business meeting, followed by lunch. Rev. Kevin Hundley and Staff Minister Julia Boggs from Hope Lutheran Church in Deerfield, WI will be the guest speakers. They will give us information on how the Good News of Christ is being shared in the Deerfield mission, with one emphasis being music for children Consider attending the rally to learn more about this mission’s opportunities as well as its challenges! We will need to RSVP a head count to the ladies at Good Shepherd, so please either sign up on the sheet provided in the narthex or call Ann Janke (608) 563-4383 by **Wednesday, April 9.**

*If you are in need of childcare while at the rally, Good Shepherd is offering that service during the rally...just let Ann know so she can reserve you a spot!

15. **LWMS Mission Offerings**—Mission offerings can be given to Ann Janke at church or mailed to her. Checks should be made payable to St. Matthew’s Evening Guild. They need to be given to our Rock River circuit treasurer by April 11, so please have your mission offering to Ann by Wednesday, April 9, as well. The offerings collected from our Rock River Circuit will be designated for 100 Missions in 10 Years (Home Mission) and Native American Missions (World Mission). Please continue to pray for the spread of the Gospel through our WELS missionaries and mission opportunities!

16. **2025-2026 Preschool Enrollment** We will be accepting preschool enrollment forms for the coming school year. Our program for 3 year olds will meet on Tuesday and Thursday mornings from 8:00–11:15 a.m. Children must be 3 years of age by September 1st. Our 4 year olds will meet on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday mornings from 8:00-11:15 a.m. Children registering for this class must be 4 years old by September 1st. We are also offering wrap-around care for students after preschool is over. This new program started five years ago. We would like you to get the applications in by **May 23** so a spot can be reserved for you. Shortly after that we will begin advertising to the public that there are spots available for next year. If you have any questions about our preschool or would like an enrollment form, please contact Mr. Joel Sonntag or Mrs. Cathy Sonntag.
17. **Easter for Kids!** Please consider volunteering for **Easter for Kids on Saturday, April 12, 2025**. In order to make this event successful we need your help! If you are interested in teaching, helping, or setting up please contact Cathy Sonntag at 754-3994 or sign up on the board in the lower hallway.
18. **Easter for Kids Registration has begun. Early registration is needed for planning.** Please sign your child (age 4 through 6th grade) up by Wednesday, April 9. Signup sheets are located in the narthex (next to the mailboxes) and you can also signup ONLINE at www.stmathewsjanessville.org by clicking the link Event and following the directions. Please take extras (to give to neighbors & friends). Since this program is an outreach event, we strongly encourage invitation of your child's friends and neighbors. Enrollment can also be done by calling the church at 752-1304.
19. **Men's Softball** Janesville is having softball leagues again this summer! Any guys (18 and over) interested in playing for our St. Matthew's team in a 12-week Monday night church league should sign up on the narthex bulletin board. The games are played at Dawson Fields. Games begin May 5th and the cost is \$30/player. If you have questions, talk to or call Briton Peterson. Deadline to sign up is April 3.

20. **Ushers Needed** Many of our ushering teams are in need of help, especially in the second service. We will train you. If you would like to volunteer or have any questions, please text or email me. Leave your name and phone number and which service you prefer. Thank you for taking this opportunity to serve! Bob Williams 608-751-0731 alas52@yahoo.com
21. **Thank you to the women** who served on the altar guild for the month of March: Jill Newlin and Deb Shadoski. Serving for the month of April will be: Evie Burkholder, Cathy Sonntag, Ashley Phillips, and Lori Sage.
22. **40th Anniversary Celebration** You are cordially invited to join us in celebrating the 40th anniversary in the preaching ministry of Reverend James Janke. The celebration will be held on **Sunday, May 4, 2025** with a church service at 10:00 a.m. and a catered meal to follow. (Please note, there will be no service on Thursday, May 1.) We ask that you please RSVP no later than April 14 to Lori Sage at lsage@stmatthewsjanesville.org, or by phone at 608-752-1304. A card and best wishes box will be set out in the Narthex on Sunday, April 27 and Sunday, May 4. Please plan on attending! *St. Matthew's Fellowship/Outreach Committee*

Assisting with Worship

Organist:

Meredith Moeller

Ushers:

8:00 a.m. – Mark Schulz, Mike Lenser, Kevin Paasch

10:30 a.m. – Fred Shadoski, Russ Scott, Tim Graffin

Wednesday, 6:30 p.m. – Rich Hatfield, Michael Borchardt,
Ryan Borchardt, Kyle Stade

Next Week Ushers:

8:00 a.m. – George Ehlers, Bob Williams, Mike Fox, Nico Caminata

Wednesday, 6:30 p.m. – Tom May, Ben May, Eddie May

CODS:

Sunday, March 30, 8:00 a.m. – Tim Stirmel

Sunday, March 30, 10:30 a.m. – Jim Daley

Wednesday, April 2, 6:30 p.m. – Trevor Sanchez

Next Week CODS:

Sunday, April 6, 8:00 a.m. – George Ehlers
Sunday, April 6, 10:30 a.m. –Karl Kroening
Wednesday, April 9, 6:30 p.m. – Kyle Stade

Greeters

Sunday, March 30, 8:00 a.m. – George & Jan Ehlers
Sunday, March 30, 10:30 a.m. – Karin Delong-Eichman

Next Week Greeters

Sunday, April 6, 8:00 a.m. – Judy Fanning
Sunday, April 6, 10:30 a.m. – Mary Howard

Church Cleaning:

March 29,2025 – Dale Beutin & Theresa Biele families
April 5, 2025 – Pastor Janke & Karl Kroening families

This Week at St. Matthew's

Sunday

Worship 8:00 & 10:30 a.m.
Sunday School 9:15 a.m.
Bible Class 9:15 a.m. in the Sanctuary for Home & World Mission
Update with Mark Schulz & Pastor Ross Chartrand
Taste of Missions Culinary Sampler & Potluck (11:30-12:30)
Fellowship Hall
Festival Activities & Displays (12:30 – 1:30/2:00 p.m.) Gym Lobby

Wednesday

Women's Bible Study 9:30 a.m.
Lenten Meal 5:00 p.m.
Sr. Choir 5:30 p.m.
Lenten Service 6:30 p.m.

Saturday

Men's Bible Study at Citrus Café 8:00 a.m.
Easter for Kids 8:45 – 12:00

Palm Sunday

Worship with Communion 8:00 & 10:30 a.m.
Sunday School/Bible Class 9:15 a.m.

St. Matthew's Mission Sunday

Schedule of Events

8:00am- **Worship Service** (Sanctuary)

9:15am- Home and World **Missions Update** with Mark Schulz & Cornerstone Lutheran Church Mission Presentation with Pastor Ross Chartrand (Sanctuary) & **Sunday School** (Library)

10:30am- **Worship Service** (Sanctuary)

11:30am- **Taste of Missions Potluck** (Fellowship Hall)

12:30pm- **Activities & Sessions**

- “Exploring Native American Missions” with Pastor John Holz via zoom and Lisa Thoni (Sanctuary)
- “Sharing God’s Word in Your Own Personal Mission Field” for teens and adults with Pastor Ross Chartrand (Library)
- Children’s Activities- Experience missions across the world- from the desert to the rainforest through crafts & activities (Gym)

View the **Mission Displays** throughout the day in the Gym Lobby.



Mission Displays in the Gym Lobby include:

- World Missions
- Home Missions
- Lutheran Women's Missionary Society
- Kids C.A.R.E.
- LWMS- Befriend a Missionary
- Mission Journeys
- WELS Schools
- WELS Special Ministries
- Kingdom Workers
- Jesus Cares Ministry
- Bachana
- Thai Village

On behalf of our WELS Home and World Missions, thank you so much for your prayers and support of mission work- in your neighborhood and around the world!

WELS Missions is reaching out with the saving message of the gospel in the United States, Canada, and more than 65 foreign countries. Missions continues to plant churches, train leaders, and work alongside Lutheran partners at home and abroad.



More than 8 billion people inhabit this earth.
375 million of those reside in the United States and Canada.

We have before us the largest mission field the world has ever seen.

There are so many in this world who do not know that Christ's love is God's gift to us all. For this reason, WELS Missions is eager to carry out our calling to preach the Good News to every neighbor, and in every nation. Into a world that desperately needs it, our home and world missionaries and national church partners bring the light of God's Word. With this powerful tool deployed and in the hands of the Lord of the Church, our work is bearing much fruit.

The Lord has been using WELS Missions to share the gospel in expected and unexpected places. God still opens doors. May the Lord bless our work together as we take the treasure of Christ's love and share it with a world that will be lost without it.

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