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***Worship for the 4th Sunday in Easter
April 26, 2026***

Hymn: Through Simple Water, Drawn and Poured CW 685

1 Through simple water, drawn and poured,
united with his pow'rful Word,
in baptism Jesus sets us free
from sin's dread pow'r and slavery.

2 There at the font with promise true
God brings his saving grace anew —
the sin-infected soul he heals
and all his pard'ning love reveals!

3 My sinful self was crucified
with Christ, as if I, too, had died;
and as he rose, I also rise
to live with strength that he supplies.

4 From that day on God helps me drown
the sinful self and hold it down.
I am made new; I'm born again,
repenting, trusting, serving him.

5 When doubts arise, when sin assails,
the pow'r of baptism never fails.
"I am baptized! What should I fear?
God's love for me is always near!"

Remain seated

In the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

Confession

Our Savior Jesus Christ commanded Baptism when he said, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. 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."

All of us are born into this world with a deep need for Baptism. From our parents we inherit a sinful nature; we are without true fear of God and true faith in God and are condemned to eternal death. But while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. He took away our sin by giving his life on the cross. In Baptism, he clothes us with the robe of his righteousness and gives us a new life. We recall what Baptism means for our daily lives:

**Baptism means that the sinful nature in us
should be drowned by daily sorrow and repentance,
and that all its evil deeds and desires be put to death.
It also means that a new person should daily arise
to live before God in righteousness and purity forever.**

As baptized children of God, we confess our sins:

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.

Silence for meditation and reflection

God saved us through the washing of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit and united us to the death and resurrection of Jesus. Every day God forgives your sins, removes your guilt, and strengthens you to defeat Satan's power. His promise is for you and your children, and he will never forsake you. Your sins are forgiven. You are clothed with Christ. You are at peace with God now and forever.

Amen.

8:00am Service – Continue with the Gloria

10:30am Service – Baptism Affirmation of Aurora Sonntag

Stand

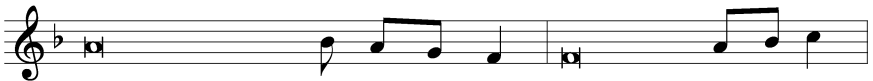
Gloria Be to God on High



Glory be to God on high, and on earth peace, good will toward men.



We praise you, we bless you, we wor - ship you, we glorify you,



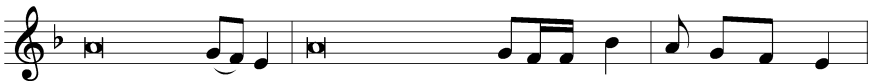
we give thanks to you, for your great glory, O Lord God, heav'n-ly King,



God the Fa-ther Al - mighty. O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Je-sus Christ;




O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, you take away the sin of the world;



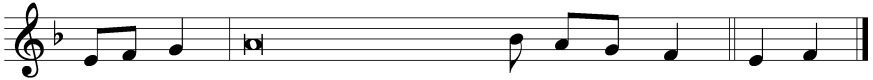
have mercy on us. You take away the sin of the world; re-ceive our prayer.



You sit at the right hand of God the Father; have mercy on us.



For you on-ly are holy; you on-ly are the Lord. You only, O Christ, with the



Ho - ly Spirit, are most high in the glory of God the Father. A - men.

THE WORD

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray.

O Lord Jesus Christ, you are the Good Shepherd who laid down your life for the sheep. Lead us now to the still waters of your life-giving Word that we may abide in your Father's house forevermore; for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Be seated

First Reading

Acts 2:42–47

⁴²They continued to hold firmly to the apostles' teaching and to the fellowship, to the breaking of the bread, and to the prayers.

⁴³Awe came over every soul, and many wonders and signs were being done through the apostles. ⁴⁴All the believers were together and had everything in common. ⁴⁵They were selling their possessions and property and were distributing the proceeds according to what anyone needed.

⁴⁶Day after day, with one mind, they were devoted to meeting in the temple area, as they continued to break bread in their homes. They shared their food with glad and sincere hearts, ⁴⁷as

they continued praising God and being viewed favorably by all the people. Day after day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm of the Day: The Lord's My Shepherd

CW 553

- 1 The Lord's my shepherd; I'll not want.
He makes me down to lie
in pastures green; he leadeth me
the quiet waters by.
He leadeth me, he leadeth me
the quiet waters by.
- 2 My soul he doth restore again
and me to walk doth make
within the paths of righteousness,
e'en for his own name's sake;
within the paths of righteousness,
e'en for his own name's sake.
- 3 Yea, though I walk in death's dark vale,
yet will I fear no ill;
for thou art with me, and thy rod
and staff me comfort still;
for thou art with me, and thy rod
and staff me comfort still.
- 4 My table thou hast furnished
in presence of my foes;
my head thou dost with oil anoint,
and my cup overflows.
My head thou dost with oil anoint,
and my cup overflows.

5 Goodness and mercy all my life
shall surely follow me,
and in God's house forevermore
my dwelling place shall be;
and in God's house forevermore
my dwelling place shall be.

Second Reading

1 Peter 2:19–25

¹⁹For this is favorable: if a person endures sorrows while suffering unjustly because he is conscious of God. ²⁰For what credit is it to you if you receive a beating for sinning and patiently endure it? But if you suffer for doing good and endure it, this is favorable with God.

²¹Indeed, you were called to do this, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example so that you would follow in his steps. ²²He did not commit a sin, and no deceit was found in his mouth. ²³When he was insulted, he did not insult in return. When he suffered, he made no threats. Instead, he entrusted himself to him who judges justly. ²⁴He himself carried our sins in his body on the tree so that we would be dead to sins and alive to righteousness. By his wounds you were healed. ²⁵For you were like sheep going astray, but you are now returned to the Shepherd and Overseer of your souls.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation: Adult Choir Anthem

Stand

Gospel

John 10:1–10

¹“Amen, Amen, I tell you: Anyone who does not enter the sheep pen by the door, but climbs in by some other way, is a thief and a robber. ²The one who enters by the door is the shepherd of the sheep. ³The doorkeeper opens the door for him, and the sheep listen to his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. ⁴When he has brought out all his own sheep, he walks ahead

of them. The sheep follow him because they know his voice. ⁵They will never follow a stranger, but will run away from him, because they do not know the voice of strangers." ⁶Jesus used this illustration in speaking to the people, but they did not understand what he was telling them.

⁷So Jesus said again, "Amen, Amen, I tell you: I am the door for the sheep. ⁸All who came before me were thieves and robbers, but the sheep did not listen to them. ⁹I am the door. Whoever enters through me will be saved. He will come in and go out, and find pasture.

¹⁰"A thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise be to you, O Christ!

Be seated

Hymn of the Day: The King of Love My Shepherd Is CW 552

- 1 The King of love my shepherd is,
whose goodness fails me never;
I nothing lack if I am his,
and he is mine forever.
- 2 Where streams of living water flow,
my Savior gently leads me,
and where the verdant pastures grow,
with food celestial feeds me.
- 3 Perverse and foolish oft I strayed,
but yet in love he sought me
and on his shoulder gently laid
and home, rejoicing, brought me.
- 4 In death's dark vale I fear no ill
with you, dear Lord, beside me,
your rod and staff my comfort still,
your cross before to guide me.

- 5 You spread a table in my sight,
a banquet here bestowing;
your oil of welcome, my delight;
my cup is overflowing!
- 6 And so through all the length of days
your goodness fails me never;
Good Shepherd, may I sing your praise
within your house forever!

Sermon

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

Prayer of the Church

Brief intercessory prayers may be added in a fitting place.

Almighty God and Father, we thank you for all your mercies, especially for the gift of your Son, through whom you have revealed your gracious will. We praise you for the Holy Spirit and his working through the means of grace.

Plant your Word in our hearts, and cause it to produce fruit in our lives.

Strengthen and defend your Church, that by your Word and sacraments faith may grow and love toward all may increase.

Support all who spread the light of your truth throughout the world.

Keep our children in the grace of their baptisms. Enable their parents to train them in lives of faith.

Raise up Christians to serve you in the ministry of the Word and in all godly walks of life.

Preserve our nation in justice and honor. Guide and bless all who make, administer, and judge our laws.

Give them wisdom that they may promote justice and hinder evil.

Let your blessing rest on planting and harvest, commerce and industry, medicine and science, the arts and culture. Protect all who travel, and care for those whose work is difficult or dangerous.

Be with all who devote themselves to any useful task.

Comfort all who are in sorrow or need, sickness or adversity. Remember those who suffer persecution for the faith. Have mercy on those for whom death draws near.

Grant them your love, and take them into your tender care.

Hear us, Lord, as we pray in silence.

Silent prayer

We remember with thanksgiving those who have loved and served you, who now rest from their labors. Console those who are mourning or living with sadness.

Keep us in the true faith, and bring us at last to the joys of heaven.

Grant us these things, Father, for the sake of Jesus, who died and rose again.

Amen.

Offering

THE SACRAMENT

Stand

Preface

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 by his willing sacrifice on the cross took away the sins of the world and by his glorious resurrection restored everlasting life. Therefore, with all the saints on earth and hosts of heaven, we praise your holy name and join their glorious song:

Holy, Holy, Holy

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of heav - en - ly hosts:
heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na, ho -
san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he,
bless - ed is he, bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Ho - san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

The musical score is written on five staves in a treble clef with a key signature of two flats (B-flat and E-flat). The melody is simple and repetitive, with lyrics written below the notes. The piece concludes with a double bar line.

Prayer of Thanksgiving

We give thanks to you, O God, through your dear Son, Jesus Christ, whom you sent to be our Savior, our Redeemer, and the messenger of your grace. Through him you made all things; in him you are well pleased. He is the incarnate Word, conceived by the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. To fulfill your promises, he stretched out his hands on the cross and released from eternal death all who believe in you.

As we remember Jesus' death and resurrection, we thank you that you have gathered us together to receive your Son's body and blood. Send us your Spirit, unite us as one, and strengthen our faith so that we may praise you in your Son, Jesus Christ. Through him, we glorify and honor you, O God our Father, with the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Lord's Prayer

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.

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 \dagger 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 \dagger 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.

O Christ, Lamb of God



O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world;



have mer-cy on us. O Christ, Lamb of God,

you take a - way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on us.
 O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world;
 grant us your peace. A - men.

Be seated

A Note about Closed Communion: *The Bible teaches that the Lord's Supper is a unique communion of Christ and the individual believer as well as a coming together of people who hold to the same beliefs. Because of these Scriptural truths, we practice Member Communion at St. Matthew's. Those who are confirmed members of Wisconsin Synod congregations (WELS) and Evangelical Lutheran Synod congregations (ELS) are invited to receive the Lord's Supper with us. If you are not a WELS or ELS member but have an interest in receiving Holy Communion, please speak with one of our pastors after church today. We are aware that there are a number of other teachings about Holy Communion, and we want it to be a blessing for you, so we would look forward to sharing with you what God says about this Sacrament.*

Distribution

Distribution Hymn: At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing

CW 675 sts. 1-6

- 1 At the Lamb's high feast we sing
 praise to our victorious King,
 who has washed us in the tide
 flowing from his piercèd side.
 Alleluia!
- 2 Praise we him whose love divine
 gives his sacred blood for wine,
 gives his body for the feast—
 Christ the victim, Christ the priest.
 Alleluia!

- 3 Where the paschal blood is poured,
death's dread angel sheathes the sword;
Israel's hosts triumphant go
thro' the wave that drowns the foe.
Alleluia!
- 4 Praise we Christ, whose blood was shed,
paschal victim, paschal bread;
with sincerity and love
eat we manna from above.
Alleluia!
- 5 Mighty Victim from the sky,
hell's fierce pow'rs beneath you lie.
You have conquered in the fight,
you have brought us life and light.
Alleluia!
- 6 Now no more can death appall,
now no more the grave enthrall;
you have opened paradise,
and your saints in you shall rise.
Alleluia!

Distribution Hymn: Come, You Faithful, Raise the Strain CW 462

- 1 Come, you faithful, raise the strain
of triumphant gladness!
God has brought his Israel
into joy from sadness,
loosed from Pharaoh's bitter yoke
Jacob's sons and daughters,
led them with unmoistened foot
through the Red Sea waters.
- 2 See the spring of souls today:
Christ has burst his prison,
and from three days' sleep in death
as a sun has risen;

all the winter of our sins,
long and dark, is flying
from his light, to whom we give
laud and praise undying.

3 Now the queen of seasons, bright
with the day of splendor,
with the royal feast of feasts,
comes its joy to render;
comes to gladden faithful hearts
which with true affection
welcome in unwearied strains
Jesus' resurrection!

4 For today among his own
Christ appeared, bestowing
blessèd peace, which evermore
passes human knowing.
Neither could the gates of death
nor the tomb's dark portal
nor the watchers nor the seal
hold him as a mortal.

5 Alleluia! Now we cry
to our King immortal,
who, triumphant, burst the bars
of the tomb's dark portal.
Come, you faithful, raise the strain
of triumphant gladness!
God has brought his Israel
into joy from sadness!

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 thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us with this saving gift. 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.

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 ✚ give you peace.

Amen.

Please remain standing for the closing hymn.

Hymn: At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing CW 675 sts. 7–8

7 Easter triumph, Easter joy!
This alone can sin destroy;
from sin's pow'r, Lord, set us free,
newborn souls in you to be.

Alleluia!

8 Father, who the crown shall give,
Savior, by whose death we live,
Spirit, guide through all our days,
Three in One, your name we praise.

Alleluia!

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

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 Week— 243 (169/74)

Bible Class – 58

Offering Last Week— \$14,090.00

Sunday School – 15

(Meeting our 2026 Ministry Plan requires weekly offerings of \$16,060.00.)

*“You, O LORD, have delivered my soul from death, my eyes from tears,
my feet from stumbling, that I may walk before the LORD”*

Psalm 116:8-9.

Announcements:

1. **The flowers on the altar** are given by Beth and Mike Borchardt in celebration of their 31st wedding anniversary. God’s blessings and congratulations! *May the Lord bless you from Zion, so that you see the prosperity of Jerusalem, all the days of your life and you see your children’s children. Psalm 128:5,6*
2. **Affirmation of Baptism** for Aurora Kathryn Sonntag, daughter of Joel and Elizabeth Sonntag will take place today during our 10:30 a.m. service. Aurora was born on Thursday, March 26, and was baptized by Pastor Daniel Naumann on Saturday, April 4. Her sponsor is Olivia Stromquist. *He saved us through the washing of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit, whom he poured out on us generously through Jesus Christ our Savior. Titus 3:5-6*
3. **Open Forum / Voter’s Meeting** we will have an Open Forum meeting between services today and a Voters’ meeting following the 10:30 service. Please plan to attend.
4. **Meditations** (daily devotions) for May 31 – August 29, 2026 are located on the back counter. The cost is \$4.00.
5. **Sunday School** We will meet in the library for opening devotion at 9:15 a.m.. The children may be picked up in their classrooms at 10:15 am.
6. **Sunday Morning Bible Class** will continue next week at 9:15 with Colossians, as we book through the Bible. We hope you can join us for the study.

7. **The Women's Bible Study** The women's Bible class will use the nature lesson horses at the beginning of class. (Chapter 42 in the Earth Psalms Book.) They will continue to study the story of Jonah. Feel free to join the group on Wednesday mornings at 9:30 a.m. all year long!
8. **Evening Guild Meeting Reminder** for the May 4th meeting. **Time changes to 6:00 p.m.**, and if your last name starts with letters A through J it is your turn to bring a dish to pass. You can bring whatever you want!! It is also CREATE AND SHARE NIGHT silent auction (optional). Please bring, if you so desire, ONE and no more than THREE items that you have created... Drink and utensils will be provided for the potluck. Again, note the TIME CHANGE!!!! 6:00 p.m. A very fun time and a great social event (no meeting!!!) Remember that all proceeds go to LWMS!!! See you there.
9. **Evening Guild Spring Clothing Drive** The Evening Guild will be having their Spring clothing drive on Friday, May 1st, and Saturday, May 2nd. If you have Spring or Summer clothes in good condition that you no longer want or need, shoes, boots, purses, household items, etc. they may be brought to the school lobby on Friday, May 1st and until noon on Saturday, May 2nd. We will take all articles to "Twice is Nice" in Jefferson. If you have any questions, please call Lisa Thoni at 608-359-8518.
10. **Thank you to the women** who served on the altar guild for the month of April: Evie Burkholder, Cathy Sonntag, Ashley Phillips, and Lori Sage. Serving for the month of May will be: Jean Muche, Theresa Biele, and Katie Schwark.
11. **Job Opportunities at St. Matthew's School** we are looking to hire people in the following positions. (1) Preschool aide position (Tuesday and Thursdays) from 7:45-11:15 (2) Morning Care (Any days 6:30-7:45AM) (3) After Care (Any days 3:00-6:00pm). (4) Principal release teacher (approximately 7 hours/week). If you are interested in any of these positions, please contact Joel Sonntag at 414-460-8305.

12. **Church Directory** Registrations for our new church directory are underway, once again the photo dates are May 7, 8, 9 and May 19. Online registrations are available from Monday through Saturday by going to www.ucdir.com , username: wi453, password: Smile2day. Please note that both username and password are case sensitive. You may also go to St. Matthew's website where there is a direct link to Universal Church Directories website. When using the online registration, please fill out the registration form completely, an email address is a must as both a confirmation of your registration and a reminder of your reservation time will be sent prior to the photo day. If you do not have an email address, please provide a working phone number so that a reminder call may be made. If you are unable to utilize the online registration, we will accept in-person registrations after every Sunday service through May 7th. We also need some volunteers to assist with photo day registrations and for Sunday in-person registrations. Sign-up sheets are on the lower narthex bulletin board.

Assisting with Worship

Organist:

Meredith Moeller

Ushers:

8:00 a.m. – Gerald Wellnitz, Evan Burnside, Alex Schmitt, Mike Fox
10:30 a.m. – Fred Shadoski, Russ Scott, Tim Graffin

Next Week Ushers:

8:00 a.m. – Doug McIlvain, Dane McIlvain, Jeff Burandt, Nathan Wagner
10:30 a.m. – Tom May, Ben May, Eddie May

CODS:

Thursday, April 23, 6:30 p.m. – George Ehlers
Sunday, April 26, 8:00 a.m. – Zach Pfaffenbach
Sunday, April 26, 10:30 a.m. – Brian Hartwig

Next Week CODS:

Thursday, April 30, 6:30 p.m. – Briton Peterson
Sunday, May 3, 8:00 a.m. – Kyle Stade
Sunday, May 3, 10:30 a.m. – Jim Daley

Assisting with Worship (continued)

Greeters

Sunday, April 26, 8:00 a.m. – George & Jan Ehlers
Sunday, April 26, 10:30 a.m. – Karin DeLong-Eichmann

Next Week Greeters

Sunday, May 3, 8:00 a.m. – Kyle & Meghan Stade
Sunday, May 3, 10:30 a.m. – Pam Beres

Church Cleaning:

April 25, 2026 – Mike Borchardt & Bev Boughton families
May 2, 2026 – Evie Burkholder & Rick Burnside families

This Week at St. Matthew's

Sunday

Worship 8:00 & 10:30 a.m.
Sunday School 9:15 a.m.
Open Forum Meeting 9:15 a.m.
Voter's Meeting after the 10:30 service.

Wednesday

Women's Bible Study 9:30 a.m.
Choir Practice 5:45 – 6:45 p.m.

Thursday

Worship Service 6:30 p.m.

Friday

Sprouts 9:00-10:00 a.m.
School Assembly for Teacher Appreciation 2:00 p.m.

Sunday

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



LWMS Spring Rally Review

Despite the previous evening's inclement weather and some uncertain road conditions, St. Matthew's was well represented with 13 in attendance last Saturday at the spring rally hosted by St. John's, Whitewater. The venue, "The Fuzzy Pig," was filled with 123 rally attendees, guest speakers, UWW college students, instrumentalists and other guests. The guest speaker, WELS Campus Ministry Mission Counselor Rev. Dan Lindner, used the theme "Athens is on My Mind," to educate us on the importance of campus ministry today. Just like Athens in St. Paul's day was a city full of idols that pulled people away from the true God, today, young people are surrounded by false ideas that threaten their Christianity. Currently there are 75 campus ministries operating (in varying degrees) throughout WELS.

Pastor Sam Schulz, pastor at St. John's, also serves the UWW campus ministry. He brought a panel of 5 college students who gave us insight into the importance of being connected to God's Word in a godless society on campus. Several emphasized how going to the Bible Classes with Pastor Schulz was a highlight and "get away" of their week.

St. Matthew's collected \$900.00 in mission offerings which will be sent with the other LWMS circuit member churches' offerings (totaling over \$9500) to the circuit selected Home (WELS Campus Ministry) and World (International Missionary Wives Conferences) Missions. (25% of this is designated for missions chosen on the national level.) Another \$2,609 was collected at the rally and will also go toward Campus Ministry.

The ladies of St. John's served a delicious lunch after the ½ day rally. The fall rally will be hosted by St. Peter's in Brodhead on October 10, 2026.



Proposed Changes to the Bylaws

The following changes will be proposed to the congregation and voted on, on Sunday, April 26.

Article IV

Committees of the Church Council

Section 7. Technology Committee

7.1 The Technology Committee shall consist of a chairman, who shall be a member of the church council, and a selected number of members who need not be on the church council.

7.2 The Technology Committee shall be in charge of all the electronic hardware/software for the website and security used in the church and school. Any major changes required/requested must first be approved by the church council according to the Technology Policy in place.

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Section 7. Procedure of Appointment of Committee Members
Change to Section 8.

Section 8. Other Committees
Change to Section 9.

Section 9. Ex Officio membership
Change to Section 10.

Section 10. Mode of Procedure of Committees
Change to Section 11.

Section 3. Organization

Election to the church council shall take place in the following sequence: Year 1: President, Secretary, Education Committee Chairman. Year 2: Elder Chairman, Building and Grounds Committee Chairman, Treasurer. Year 3: Vice President, Financial Secretary, Outreach Committee Chairman, **Technology Committee Chairman**.

