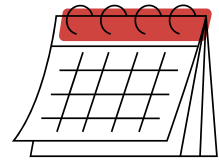




This Week **ST. MATTHEW LUTHERAN CHURCH**
 NOVEMBER 17 - NOVEMBER 24, 2024



Sun:

Worship with Holy Communion (Nave) 8:30 a.m.
 Intergenerational Ornament Event (Fellowship Hall)
 9:30-10:20 a.m.
 Worship with Holy Communion (Nave) 10:30 a.m.
 Youth Choir/Handbells 11:45 a.m.-12:45 p.m.
 Youth Group (Room 304) 6:00-8:00 p.m.

Mon:

Heart-Felt Card Group 1:30 p.m.
 Girl Scouts 6:00-7:30 p.m.
 Grief Group (Upper Room) 6:30-8:00 p.m.

Tues:

Jr. Choir/Handbells 4:30-5:15 p.m.
 Cub Scouts 6:00-7:30 p.m.
 SoulFire Rehearsal (Nave) 6:30-7:30 p.m.

Wed:

Boy Scouts 6:30-8:00 p.m.

Thurs:

Children's Choir 4:15-5:00 p.m.
 St. Matt Ringers 6:00-7:00 p.m.
 Adult Choir Rehearsal 7:00-8:00 p.m.

Fri:

Youth Retreat Weekend Begins (Camp Nawakwa)

Sat:

Mini Ministers Rehearsal 11:00-11:45 a.m.
 Worship Service (Fellowship Hall) 5:00-6:00 p.m.

Sun:

Worship with Holy Communion (Nave) 8:30 a.m.
 Faith Connections 9:30-10:20 a.m.
 Worship with Holy Communion (Nave) 10:30 a.m.
 Nativity Rehearsal (Fellowship Hall) ... 11:45 a.m.-12:30 p.m.
 NO Youth Choir/Handbells
 Youth Return from Retreat



ANNOUNCEMENTS

Veterans Breakfast

We are grateful to the families and veterans who allowed us to honor them for their sacrifice and service. About 65-70 veterans, their families, and friends attended an appreciation breakfast in order to commemorate the sacrifices they made for our country. They enjoyed youth serving them eggs, pancakes, and sausage while hearing children and youth choirs sing a few songs for them. The volunteers, parents, and youth who helped make this event possible are greatly appreciated. God Bless Everyone!



Intergenerational Event

Ornaments for Christmas Cheer Bags

Join us this Sunday, **November 17** in Fellowship Hall at 9:30 to make 250 ornaments for the bags going to our homebound friends and family. Help us to brighten their day with these handmade ornaments.



December Community Meal

Sunday, December 15, 3:00-6:00 p.m.

Plans are under way for our 2024 Community Holiday Meal and just like 2023, we need lots of help. The menu is turkey, ham, filling, corn, potatoes, rolls, and desserts. We need help setting up, preparing food, serving the meal, clean up, making centerpieces, photographers, and much more. If you can help, please sign up on the tear-off sheet at the back of the bulletin and place in an offering basket by the door, or email Amy Beck (Abeck1976@comcast.net).



2024 Cookie Sale

Saturday, December 7 from 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

- \$10 a box
- Proceeds will go to the Hope Academy in Harrisburg, PA
- The cookies will be prepackaged in boxes like the last couple of years

Donations needed: We will need cookies to fill up the boxes for the sale. If you are willing to bake cookies and donate, please let Amy Beck know (Abeck1976@comcast.net) or sign up on the tear-off sheet at the back of the bulletin.



Attention Youth!

Youth Group (6th-12th grade) meets this Sunday, November 17, at 6:00-8:00 p.m. For questions, please contact Tim Peck (youth@stmattlutheran.org) or call the Church Office at 717-637-7101 Ext. 230.

Confirmation Class

Our Confirmation Class will be joining the Intergenerational Ornament event during Faith Connections from 9:30-10:20 TODAY. Next weekend, our Confirmation class is highly encouraged to join us for our Fall Retreat (Nov 22-24). There will be NO Confirmation during Faith Connections next Sunday (11/24). We will resume our normal classes on Dec. 1.



Youth Faith Connections

Our youth will be joining the Intergenerational Ornament event during Faith Connections from 9:30-10:20 TODAY. Our youth will be at Nawakwa for our Fall retreat next weekend (Nov. 22-24).



FALL YOUTH RETREAT: November 22-24, 2024

Theme: Faith in an Anxious World

6-12th graders are welcome to join us on a weekend retreat at Camp Nawakwa. This is the annual Youth Fall Retreat where we will be enjoying hikes, worship, discussions, fellowship, and growing in faith. There will be a cost of \$50 for the weekend but no one will be turned away because of financial issues. Contact Tim Peck with questions on this opportunity (youth@stmattlutheran.org) or the Church office at 717-637-7101 ext. 230.

DEADLINE: NOVEMBER 17

WINTERFEST 2025: January 3-5, 2025

A weekend of authentic, in-person community with friends who love you for who you are, as you are! Theme of "Fingerprints" invites us to explore how we leave our "mark" witnessing the love, grace and forgiveness of Christ on the world.

- Great conversation
- Uplifting worship
- Choose your own electives
- Meet new friends



Winterfest is our synod's annual event for 9-12th grade high school and college-aged, emerging young adults. It is held at The Wyndham Resort on Rte. 30 in Lancaster. To Register or with questions, please contact Tim Peck (youth@stmattlutheran.org) or at the Church office at 717-637-7101 ext. 230.

DEADLINE: NOVEMBER 17



Music for the Homebound

Ben Boellner and Deb Smith would like to provide music for our homebound congregation members. Deb or Ben will go to their home and play music for about 1/2 hour. They will bring their own keyboard. If you are interested or know someone who is interested, please call the church office at 717-637-7101 and leave your name and phone number.



Heart-Felt Card (Creating) Group Monday, November 18 at 1:30

We'd love to have you join us!

Our group's purpose is to create gorgeous, compassionate greeting cards to be used in ministry at St. Matthew. All materials will be supplied. Training is available as needed. This will be happening in the Upper Room.

Interested? More Information? Call the church office or email nicksong@comcast.net.