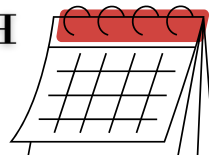




This week

ST. MATTHEW LUTHERAN CHURCH

JANUARY 26 - FEBRUARY 2, 2025



Sun:
 Worship with Holy Communion (Nave) 8:30 a.m.
 100th Anniversary of the Organ (During Worship)
 Faith Connections 9:30 a.m.
 Worship with Holy Communion (Nave) 10:30 a.m.
 Organ Anniversary Reception (Fellowship Hall)
 After 10:30 Worship Service
 Youth Choir/Handbells (Rehearsal Room).....
 12:15-12:45 a.m.

Mon:
 Girl Scouts 6:00-7:30 p.m.

Tues:
 Jr. Choir & Handbells 4:30-5:15 p.m.
 Cub Scouts 6:00-7:30 p.m.
 Council Meeting (Upper Room) 7:00-9:00 p.m.

Wed:
 Midweek Book Study (Upper Room) 2:00 p.m.
 Boy Scouts 6:30-8:00 p.m.
 Midweek Book Study (Upper Room) 7:00 p.m.

Thurs:
 Children's Choir 4:15-5:00 p.m.
 Adult Bells 6:00-7:00 p.m.
 Adult Choir 7:05-8:00 p.m.

Fri:
Sat:
 Music JAM (Fellowship Hall) 9:00-11:00 a.m.
 Toddler Time Music (Prayground) 12:00-12:45 p.m.
 Worship Service (Fellowship Hall) 5:00 p.m.

Sun:
 Worship with Holy Communion (Nave) 8:30 a.m.
 Faith Connections 9:30 a.m.
 Worship with Holy Communion (Nave) 10:30 a.m.
 Youth Choir/Handbells (Rehearsal Room)
 11:45 a.m.-12:45 p.m.

ANNOUNCEMENTS



Name Tag Sunday

A reminder that **next Sunday**, (the 1st Sunday of each month) is Name Tag Sunday, which we hope, with time, will promote camaraderie, and enhance our human connection. Let's enjoy getting to know one another!



Reception for Doug West

Join us on **February 9** as we thank Doug West for all that he has done for us these last few years. All are invited to stop by the Fellowship Hall following the 10:30 worship service to offer a personal thank you.

Adult Faith Connections Sunday Morning Classes 9:30-10:20 a.m.



The Generations Class

This discussion-oriented class meets in the Parlor just off of the Gathering Place. Participants are invited to have conversation about current issues as they relate to faith. For more information contact Beth Koontz at bethk9245@gmail.com.

The Pastors Class

Luke: A Story for our Times
 The Gospel of Luke is described as an orderly account by its author. For the earliest readers, it was making sense of a world where order is disturbed in the midst of chaos. For us who read it now, this account helps us make sense of our world today. This is the story of which we understand all stories. This class meets in the Upper Room on the second floor. (Take the steps or elevator by the glass doors near the parking lot.) For more information contact Pastor Kathy at pastorkathy@stmattlutheran.org.



Midweek Book Study

Wednesdays through February 26 at 2 p.m. and 7 p.m.
 It isn't too late to join us as we discuss Rachel Held Evan's book, Inspired! This Wednesday, January 29, we will be discussing "The Debate and Chapter 4 "Wisdom Stories". For questions or concerns, please contact Pastor Alex at pastoralex@stmattlutheran.org.



Confirmation & High School Youth Connections

Confirmation (6th-8th grade) and High School Youth Connections (9th-12th grade) will meet this Sunday, January 26, in the Youth Suite on the third floor (304) from 9:30-10:20 a.m.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Volunteers Needed!

Have you been looking for a way to help out and get involved on Sundays? Faith Connections needs volunteers to help out from 9:30-10:20 a.m. on Sundays. Please contact Missy Smith at msmith@stmattlutheran.org if interested.

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.

Music JAM

Music JAM with Ms. Deb is on **February 1** from 9:00-11:00 a.m. in Fellowship Hall. Singing games, playing instruments, making an instrument, and snack will fill this fun morning. This is a FREE program for K-5th grade students. Please register your child online. For questions, contact Deb Smith at dsmith@stmattlutheran.org.



Toddler Time Music

Toddler Time Music with Ms. Deb is for little musicians (ages 3-5). Children will sing songs and play instruments. Join us for one session or for both! This is a FREE program but registration is required. Please register your child online. For questions, contact Deb Smith at dsmith@stmattlutheran.org.

- Saturday, February 1 from 12:00-12:45 p.m.
- Saturday, February 8 from 12:00-12:45 p.m.



Scan here to sign up for Music JAM



Scan here to sign up for Toddler Time Music

Retreat

St. Matthew Women's Retreat

“Meant for each other: the Good Book and the ‘Book’ of nature”

Come and enjoy a day of fellowship, spiritual renewal, sharing, and fun! Join us for a day apart with other women and our guest speaker, Pastor Ann Dentry, a new member of St. Matthew, on **Saturday, March 22**, 10am to 4pm, in the Upper Room (take the stairs or elevator to the second floor). Coffee and tea will be served in the morning and lunch will be provided. Cost is \$25. Sign-up forms will be on the hospitality desk. Space is limited.

Sign up by 3/15/25. Contact Sue Covert at cvtstew@aol.com with any questions.

Personal Care Kits Project

The Women of the ELCA and the Intergenerational Faith Connections are collecting items to assemble Personal Care Kits for Lutheran World Relief. People who must flee their homes quickly due to disasters or safety often do not have time to pack essential items. Personal Care Kits can help those in need to maintain personal hygiene while living away from their homes. The Kits also contribute to a new start for those who can return home.

Each Personal Care Kit includes:

- *One new bath-size towel (approx. 52”X27”), dark color recommended
- *Two bath-size bars (4-5oz) of soap (must equal 8-9 oz) in its original wrapping
- *One adult-size toothbrush in its original packaging
- *One sturdy, wide-toothed comb
- *One metal nail-clipper



You may drop off items in the designated boxes located in the elevator lobby or the church office. Monetary donations may be made to be used to purchase bulk items (checks should be made payable to St. Matthew Lutheran Church with Care Kits in the memo line). Packing will take place in June.