



Happening This Week

Sunday 3/8

8:30a - Worship (Nave)
9:30a - Faith Connections
9:45a - Splash Class (Fellowship Hall, Prayground)
10:30a - Worship (Nave)
11:40a - Farewell Reception (Fellowship Hall)
11:45a - Youth Choir & Handbells (Lower Level)
1:00p - Musical Rehearsal (Fellowship Hall)

Monday 3/9

3:00p - GriefShare (Upper Room)
6:00p - Girl Scouts
6:00p - Musical Rehearsal (Fellowship Hall)

Tuesday 3/10

4:30p - Junior Choir & Handbells (Lower Level)
7:00p - All Committee Night

Wednesday 3/11

6:00p - Dinner Church: This is My Story
7:00p - Boy Scouts

Thursday 3/12

4:15p - Children's Choir
6:00p - St. Matthew Ringers (Lower Level)
7:00p - Adult Choir (Lower Level)
8:00p - Men's Chorus (Lower Level)

Saturday 3/14

5:00p - Worship (Fellowship Hall)

Sunday 3/15

8:30a - Worship (Nave)
9:30a - Faith Connections
10:30a - Worship (Nave)
11:45a - Communion Milestone Class (Upper Room)
11:45a - Youth Choir & Handbells (Lower Level)
4:00p - Steven Courtney Concert (Nave)
6:00p - Youth Group

Lenten Dinner Church - This Is My Story Wednesdays, Feb 25 - March 25, 6:00pm

In addition to eating a delicious meal served by our committees and other groups, we will have a short worship with prayer, song and the opportunity to hear faith stories from members of our congregation.

Lent & Easter at St. Matthew

Weds. Feb 25 thru Mar 25, 6:00pm	Dinner Church - This is My Story
Mar 28 & 29	Palm Sunday Weekend Children's Parade @ 10:30
Mar 29, 11:45am	Easter Egg Hunt & Lunch
Apr 2, 7:00pm	Maundy Thursday with Communion Milestone
Apr 3, 7:00pm	Good Friday
Apr 4 & 5	Easter Weekend

Summer Internship Program - Applications Open!

St. Matthew is offering an exciting opportunity for young adults through two paid internship positions. During this 9-week internship, interns will gain leadership skills, enhance the summer ministries of St. Matthew, increase our community outreach, and grow in faith and service. Applicants must be high school graduates - with at least one year of college - and be a member of St. Matthew. For job descriptions and application forms, contact Tim Peck at youth@stmattlutheran.org or Pastor Kathy at pastorkathy@stmattlutheran.org.

Pastor Alex Farewell Reception THIS Sunday March 8, following the 10:30 service

Please join us as we celebrate the many blessings Pastor Alex has brought to our congregation and wish her well on the journey ahead. There will be a basket for anyone to place their cards and gifts for Pastor Alex.



Pastor Kathy Vitalis Hoffman - Lead Pastor
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Pastor Faye Snyder - Visitation Pastor
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Deb Smith - Music Ministry
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Where Faith & Life Intersect - Sundays, 9:30a

A discussion class based on current events and our faith, located next to the Gathering Place. Contact Beth Koontz at BethK9245@gmail.com for more information.

Together by Grace: Bible Conversations, John, 8 week study, January 11 - March 8 at 9:30a

All adults are invited to come to the upper room on the second floor for a Bible Study on the Gospel of John. This series picks up on the major themes of John, encouraging participants to not just learn about Jesus but to recognize how Jesus leads us in a life of meaning and purpose.

SoulFire Band - Tuesdays 3/17 at 5:45p

Adult Bell Choir - Thursdays at 6p

Adult Choir - Thursdays at 7p

Holy Spirit: Breathing Room for God Sundays, March 15 & 22

9:30am on the 2nd Floor, Upper Room

Pastor Kathy will be leading a two-week Pastor's Class. These sessions will provide an introduction to the Holy Spirit from a Lutheran Perspective. All adults are welcome. Anyone new to Lutheran understandings and wanting to learn more about the basics of our beliefs is especially welcome.

Senior Hangout | March 16, 10am-12:30pm Fellowship Hall

Iris Katz, a congregant from Temple Beth Israel (TBI) in York, PA will speak about Judaism. Join us for conversation, games, and cookies!

Candy Donations Needed - Easter Egg Hunt

Donation boxes for candy are located by the Elevator entrance and in the Gathering Place. Please consider donating a bag of candy to help make Easter egg hunting fun for all the kids! Contact Tim Peck with questions!

CyberWomen Update for March

Cyber Women will not meet in March in order to give participants the opportunity to attend the Lenten Dinner/Church services. We will be back at Cyber Women on **April 21, 5:30/6:00** p.m. at Panera!

Call for Singers: Men's Chorus for Easter Sunday

The Men's Chorus will return for Easter Sunday singing at both worship services. *We will have three rehearsals prior to Easter on Thursday at 8:00 p.m. (following Adult Choir) on March 12, 19, and 26* in the Adult Rehearsal Room. Contact Ethan Draper if you are interested.

GriefShare group

13 Week Session continues through April 20 3:00-4:30 on the 2nd floor, upper room.

You are welcome in our GriefShare group. You don't need to be alone in your grief. To register call the church office (717-637-7101). For questions or more information, contact Pastor Faye at nicksong@comcast.net or at 717-451-0851.

Blood Drive - March 26, 12pm-6pm

St. Matthew in conjunction with Central Pa Blood Bank will be holding a drive on March 26 from 12-6 PM. Please mark your calendars and plan to support this worthwhile cause. To register visit 717giveblood.org or call 1-800-771-0059.

Mark Your Calendars

Mar. 16 - Easter Garden Sign-ups Due

Mar. 16, 10:00a - Senior Hangout

Mar. 26 - Blood Drive

Mar. 29 - Palm and Passion Sunday

Apr. 2, 7:00p - Maundy Thursday

Apr. 3, 7:00p - Good Friday

Apr. 4 & 5 - Easter Weekend

Children's Faith Connections - Sundays, 9:30a
Ages 3-5th grade. Our regular Faith Connections continues through May. Contact Missy Smith with questions or for more information.

Junior Choir & Bells (3rd-5th grade) - Tuesdays
4:30-5:15p.

Children's Choir (age 3-2nd grade) - Thursdays
4:15-5:00p.

Splash Class - Sun, Mar 8, 9:45am, Prayground THIS SUNDAY

Our Splash class is our class geared toward the littlest among us and their families. Led by Ms. Lindsay and Mr. Adam, families with babies and toddlers are invited to join them as they dive into what it means to have a child "splashed" in the waters of baptism.

Steven Courtney Concert - RESCHEDULED! Sun, Mar 15 at 4:00pm - FREE



We're thrilled to announce that beloved children's musician Steven Courtney is joining our 2026 Concert Series! With fun, engaging songs that spark joy,

Steven's music is perfect for kids and families alike. A little snow can't keep Steven Courtney away! Join us for a laughter-filled afternoon you won't want to miss!

Communion Milestone: Come to the Table

March 15, 11:45a-12:30p - Class

March 22, 11:45a-12:30p - Bread Baking

April 2, 7:00p - Maundy Thursday worship

Is your child ready to explore the gift of Communion? This milestone is for children 5th grade and younger who are not yet receiving communion, haven't had a class, or would like a refresher. Families are encouraged to participate together in this time of learning and growing in faith. Contact Pastor Kathy or Missy Smith with questions or concerns. Sign-up using the QR code.



Ministries for kids and their families
from birth through 5th grade.

Missy Smith - Children & Family Ministries
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Deb Smith - Music Ministry
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Pajama Story Time | March 22, 5:00pm

Join Ms. Lindsay, Mr. Ethan, and Ms. Deb on Sunday, March 22 at 5:00 p.m. on the Second Floor for supper (chicken nuggets), stories, and songs! This program is free but registration is required.



Palm Sunday - March 29

At the 10:30 service on March 29, children will be invited to join the Palm Sunday procession and wave palms. The Children and Junior choirs will be sharing their music during worship!



Easter Egg Hunt - March 29, 11:45am

Join us for lunch, games, crafts, and an egg hunt hosted by our youth. There will even be a visit from the Easter Bunny!

What's Up, Zak? Musical - Apr. 26, 10:30am

Join us at our 10:30 service on April 26 as our kids share the Word through their musical, *What's Up Zak?*, the story of Zaccheus and his encounter with Jesus.

Mark Your Calendars

Mar. 8, 9:45a - Splash Class

Mar. 15, 11:45a - Communion Milestone Class

Mar. 22, 11:45a - Bread Baking for Maundy
Thurs & Comm. Milestone

Mar. 29, 10:30a - Palm Sunday Procession

Mar. 29, 11:45a - Easter Egg Hunt & Meal

Apr. 2, 7:00p - Maundy Thurs & Communion
Milestone

Apr. 26, 10:30a - What's Up Zak? Musical



Ministries for youth and their families in 6th-12th grades.

Tim Peck - Youth Ministry
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Deb Smith - Music Ministry
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Youth Faith Connections, Sundays 9:30a

Middle Schoolers (6th-8th grade) meet for **Confirmation** in the Youth Suite with Tim.

High School Faith Connections (9th-12th grade) meets for a narrative lectionary discussion with Jeremy and Chris.

Donuts and drinks are provided. ALL are welcome. Contact Pastor Alex or Tim for more information.

Youth Bells & Choir (6th-12th Grades)

Meets Sundays with Ms. Deb, 11:45a-12:45p. All youth are invited to be part of making music together!

Youth Group, 1st & 3rd Sundays

6:00-8:00pm, 3rd Floor Youth Suite

Are you ready to make a difference, build lasting friendships, and grow in our faith? Our Youth Group is committed to fun, fellowship, and making a positive impact in the world around us. Here, youth can show up just as they are, grow in their relationship with God, and build lasting friendships.

Easter Egg Hunt - March 29, 11:45am

Youth volunteers are needed! The Youth will be hosting the Palm Sunday Lunch & Egg Hunt on March 29, following the 10:30 service. Come and serve lunch, lead games and crafts, and more to help make Easter a fun celebration for all!



Save the Dates

Summer Camps

St. Matthew hosts 3 summer camps for kids throughout the summer. Middle school and high school youth are invited to help with our summer camps for younger kids. Camp leaders get to share their faith in real ways, grow leadership skills, and serve as role models—while still having plenty of fun along the way. More info to come. The dates are below:

- Day Camp (June 8-12, 9am-3pm)
- Vacation Bible School (June 22-25, 9am-12pm)
- Music Camp (August 3-7, 9am-11am)

Confirmation Retreat (6th-8th grade) - June 14-19 All Saint's Confirmation camp, Camp Nawakwa

It is a week that you get to experience camp and meet new friends, plus it will give you a fresh way to look at confirmation. This year's theme is **Faith and Doubt**. It is expected that Confirmation students attend this annual retreat at least once during their time in Confirmation - but we encourage participation each year.

Registration Cost - \$50. Registration due April 1.

Mission Trip (9th-12th grade) - July 5-11

We will be partnering again with LutheranHands for our annual mission trip. This year's trip is a bit closer to home - in Philadelphia, PA. It is a week of helping a community that needs help with their homes and surroundings. It is always a rewarding week for all that attend, so mark your schedules to go and serve in Philadelphia with us. **Registration due April 1.**



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Mark Your Calendars

Mar 15, 6:00p - Youth Group
Mar 29, 11:45a - Easter Egg Hunt and Meal
Jun 8-12 - Day Camp
Jun 14-19 - All Saints' Confirmation Camp
Jun 22-25 - VBS
July 5-11 - Mission Trip with LutheranHands
Aug 3-7 - Music Camp