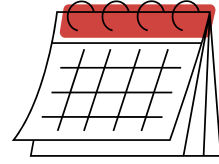




*This week*

# ST. MATTHEW LUTHERAN CHURCH

AUGUST 3 - 10, 2025



## Sun:

Drive-In Worship (Parking Lot) ..... 8:30 a.m.  
Worship with Holy Communion (Nave) ..... 10:30 a.m.  
Rehearsal for Hymn Sing (Nave) ..... 2:00-3:00 p.m.  
NO Youth Group .....

## Mon:

Music Camp ..... 9:00-11:00 a.m.

## Tues:

Music Camp ..... 9:00-11:00 a.m.

## Wed:

Music Camp ..... 9:00-11:00 a.m.  
Boy Scouts ..... 6:00-8:30 p.m.

## Thurs:

Music Camp ..... 9:00-11:00 a.m.

## Fri:

Music Camp ..... 9:00-11:00 a.m.

## Sat:

Boy Scout Pancake Breakfast (Fellowship Hall) .....  
..... 8:00-11:00 a.m.  
Worship Service (Fellowship Hall) ..... 5:00 p.m.

## Sun:

Drive-In Worship (Parking Lot) ..... 8:30 a.m.  
Youth Mission Trip Presentation (Fellowship Hall) .....  
..... 9:30 a.m.  
Worship with Holy Communion (Nave) ..... 10:30 a.m.  
Hymn Sing & Ice Cream Social (Nave) ..... 4:00-6:00 p.m.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS



Hymn Sing Choir  
QR Code

### Hymn Sing Choir

We are looking for singers to help lead the Hymn Sing on August 10. Rehearsal for the Hymn Sing Choir will be **this Sunday, August 3 at 2:00 p.m.** Please register online using the QR Code or through the website.



### Hymn Sing & Ice Cream Social

Mark your calendars for a Hymn Sing and Ice Cream Social **next Sunday, August 10 at 4:00 p.m.** in the Nave. Enjoy hymns played on piano and organ, with Christian Keller, Deb Smith, and Scott Fredericks pulling out all the stops on the organ!



Music Camp  
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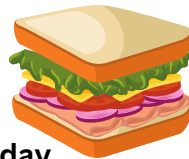
### Music Camp

Happening **this week, August 4-8 from 9:00-11:00 a.m.** each day. Kids ages 5-12 can join Ms. Deb for songs and games, have a snack, and learn a musical to be performed in September. This is a free event but registration is required. Scan the QR code above to register. Contact Deb Smith ([dsmith@stmattlutheran.org](mailto:dsmith@stmattlutheran.org)) with any questions.



### Adult Music Ministry Mixer

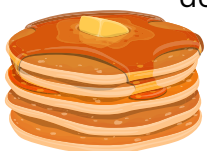
Join us for food, fellowship, singing and ringing on **Thursday, August 28 at 6:00 p.m.** at our Adult Music Ministry Mixer in Fellowship Hall! This is for anyone involved in the Adult Music Ministry or for anyone who would like to be a part of it. Contact Deb Smith ([dsmith@stmattlutheran.org](mailto:dsmith@stmattlutheran.org)) with any questions.



### Sandwiches On Saturday

**Saturday, August 16 - 10:00 a.m.-???**

It's time to get to know our neighbors. We'll meet in St. Matthew Fellowship Hall around 10:00 a.m., make sandwiches, pack coolers, and then head out in different directions meeting our neighbors. We want to get to know our neighbors, learn their stories, share our stories, and understand what St. Matthew can do for them. How can you help? Join us in making and delivering sandwiches, financial donations (checks made out to St. Matthew, with Bridge the Gap in the memo line), or donating snacks/bottled water. If you can make a donation or would like to help, please let Amy Beck know, [abeck1976@comcast.net](mailto:abeck1976@comcast.net). Help us to Bridge the Gap with our Neighbors!



### BSA Troop 105 Pancake Breakfast

Enjoy an all-you-can-eat pancake breakfast in our Fellowship Hall on **Saturday, August 9 from 8:00-11:00 a.m.** Adults are \$9 and children under 11 are \$5. Proceeds benefit BSA Troop 105 trips and activities. For more info, text or call Manny Rivera at 717-578-0575.



### Seniors Hang Out

Our next Seniors Hang Out is on **Monday, August 18 from 10:00 a.m.-12:30 p.m.** Join us for cards, art activities, cookies and coffee. Our presentation will be, *Rock On* with Sue Covert. Sue will share her fossil collection of many years of collecting and buying.

## Youth Mission Trip Presentation – Sunday, August 10

Join our youth, young adults, and advisors **next Sunday, August 10 at 9:30 a.m.** in Fellowship Hall for a special presentation about their recent Mission Trip to Martin, Kentucky. Hear about the work they did to serve the community and watch a slideshow highlighting their experiences. All are welcome!



### Confirmation & High School Youth Connections

Confirmation (grades 6–8) and High School Youth Connections (grades 9–12) are taking a break for the summer.

### Youth Group

All 6-12<sup>th</sup> graders are welcome to come to Youth Group, usually held on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday evenings of each month, 6:00-8:00 p.m. on the third floor, room 304. ALL ARE WELCOME! Any questions, contact Tim Peck at [youth@stmattlutheran.org](mailto:youth@stmattlutheran.org).

### Kayaking at Codorus

We will be kayaking at Codorus State Park boat launch area from **6:00-8:00 p.m. on August 10**. Please meet us there and bring any kayaks you may have. Any questions, please contact Tim Peck [youth@stmattlutheran.org](mailto:youth@stmattlutheran.org) or church office 717-637-7101 ext. 230



### ALIVE September 26-28, 2025 (All 6-8th Graders)

ALIVE is our annual synod middle-school retreat, scheduled for September 26-28, 2025, at Camp Nawakwa. The weekend includes crafts, games, campfires, free-time, and community-building that allows youth and their adult counterparts time to deepen existing friendships, and create new ones.

### ALIVE DEADLINE: AUGUST 17, 2025

There will be a \$50 fee per person. See Tim Peck for questions or email [youth@stmattlutheran.org](mailto:youth@stmattlutheran.org)



### Kindergarten Blessing

#### August 17 at the 8:30 and 10:30 services

Is your child heading into kindergarten this fall? We'd love to celebrate with you! On Sunday, August 17, we'll offer a kindergarten milestone blessing during worship at both services, along with a gift to remind them they are loved by God and this church. This simple moment reminds us that our kids don't walk alone – they are held by a community of faith cheering them on every step of the way. Invite grandparents, godparents, and friends to share in the moment! Let Pastor Alex ([pastoralex@stmattlutheran.org](mailto:pastoralex@stmattlutheran.org)) or Missy Smith ([msmith@stmattlutheran.org](mailto:msmith@stmattlutheran.org)) know if your child is going to be going into kindergarten this year! If you can't make it on August 17, we will ensure that you receive the gift.



### Blessing of the Backpacks

#### August 24 at the 8:30 and 10:30 services

As a new school year begins, we want to send students, teachers, staff, and school volunteers back with our love and prayers. During both services on Sunday, August 24, we'll offer a Blessing of the Backpacks – a moment of encouragement and support for learners of all ages. Bring your backpack, briefcase, or laptop bag as we ask God's blessing on this year of learning, growth, and connection! Contact Pastor Alex ([pastoralex@stmattlutheran.org](mailto:pastoralex@stmattlutheran.org)) with any questions.



### Rally Day

Join us on **September 21 at 9:30 a.m.** in the lower level to get our Faith Connections year started with our teachers and friends! Play some games, make some music and get ready to dive into some of our favorite Bible adventures! This is for kids 3 years old (potty trained) through 5<sup>th</sup> grade. Contact Missy Smith at [msmith@stmattlutheran.org](mailto:msmith@stmattlutheran.org) with any questions.