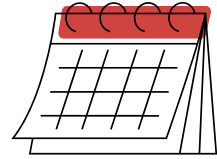




This Week

ST. MATTHEW LUTHERAN CHURCH

MARCH 30 - APRIL 6, 2025



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.
- Evangelism Training Session (Fellowship Hall) 11:45 a.m. - 12:45 p.m.
- Youth Handbells (Rehearsal Room) 11:45 a.m.-12:15 p.m.
- Bowling Night (South Hanover Bowling Center)..... 1:00-3:00 p.m.

Mon:

- Girl Scouts 6:00-7:30 p.m.
- GriefShare (Upper Room) 6:30-8:00 p.m.

Tues:

- WELCA Bible Study (Upper Room) 2:00-3:00 p.m.
- Jr. Choir & Handbells 4:30-5:15 p.m.
- SoulFire Rehearsal (Nave) 6:30-7:30 p.m.

Wed:

- Lent Dinner Church (Fellowship Hall) 6:00-7:00 p.m.
- Boy Scouts (Gym) 6:00-8:30 p.m.
- New Member Orientation (Upper Room) 7:00-8:15 p.m.

Thurs:

- Children's Choir 4:15-5:00 p.m.
- Adult Bells 6:00-7:00 p.m.
- Adult Choir 7:00-7:45 p.m.
- Men's Chorus 7:45-8:30 p.m.

Fri:

- Handbell Festival (Off Site)
- Worship Service (Fellowship Hall) 5:00 p.m.

Sat:

- Worship with Holy Communion (Nave) 8:30 a.m.
- Faith Connections 9:30 a.m.
- Worship with Holy Communion (Nave) 10:30 a.m.
- Splash Class (Prayground) 9:45-10:15 a.m.
- Communion Milestone 11:45 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.
- NO Youth Choir/Bells Rehearsal
- One World, One Beat Concert (Nave) 4:00-6:00 p.m.
- Youth Group (Rm 304) 6:00-8:00 p.m.



ANNOUNCEMENTS



Faith Connections for Children

Kids ages 3 years old - 5th grade can join us in some music, Bible stories and activities in the Lower Level from **9:30-10:20 a.m.** on Sunday mornings.

Bowling

If you registered, don't forget to come bowling at the South Hanover Lanes **this Sunday, March 30 at 1:00 p.m.** Families and friends are invited!



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!



Splash Class

The next Splash Class will be held **next Sunday, April 6 at 9:45 a.m.** in the Pray Ground in Fellowship Hall. This class is for our families with kids ages 3 months- 3 years to join in the exploration of what comes after being "Splashed" by the waters of Baptism.



Pastor's Class - Revelation: It's about Time

Pastor Mark Vitalis Hoffman is holding a Bible Study series on Revelation for the Faith Connections Pastor's Class at **9:30-10:20 a.m.** in the 2nd floor Upper Room. All are welcome! For more information contact Pastor Kathy at pastorkathy@stmattlutheran.org or 717-637-7101.



Blood Drive

Mark your calendars! The next Blood Drive will be held on Tuesday, **April 29**. Stay tuned for further information and registration details.

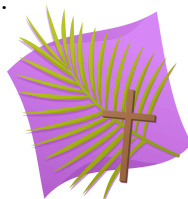


Palm Crosses

Come make Palm Crosses on Saturday morning, **April 12** in the Fellowship Hall, beginning at **9:30 a.m.** and ending when we have made 400 palm crosses! If you can only stay a short time, that's fine - everyone can come and go until all crosses have been made. Bring your friends and family!

Lent 2025: All We Need

This year's theme, "All We Need," invites us to explore what we need to survive and thrive—individually, as a church, and as a community. We'll reflect on scripture's insights into our deepest needs.



Lenten Worship Themes:

- March 29/30: The Need for Change
- April 5/6: The Need for Beauty
- Palm & Passion Sunday (April 12/13): Jesus Needs Our Help
- Holy Week (April 17-19): The Need for Love, Protection & New Life
- Easter Sunday (April 20): The Need to Rejoice

Dinner Church

Wednesdays at **6:00 p.m.**, featuring a meal and healing service reflecting the previous Sunday's theme.

Hosting the dinners this year are:

- April 2 - Social Ministry
- April 9 - Council

All are welcome to journey with us this Lent! Contact either Pastor Kathy (pastorkathy@stmattlutheran.org) or Pastor Alex (pastoralex@stmattlutheran.org) for more information!

Men's Chorus is back!

Our next rehearsal will be **this Thursday, April 3** from **7:45 p.m.-8:30 p.m.**, and we will be singing for Easter Sunday. Please join us! For more information, please email Deb Smith (dsmith@stmattlutheran.org).



Handbell Festival

On Saturday, **April 5**, the Adult Handbell Choir will be participating in the Susquehanna Valley Bell Festival with guest conductor, Karen Buckwalter. There will be a concert at **6:00 p.m. at St. Joseph Catholic School**, 420 E Simpson St, Mechanicsburg, PA 17055.

The concert is open to the public.



One World, One Beat Concert

**A concert celebrating peace, unity, and love
Sunday, April 6 at 4:00 p.m.**

Held at St. Matthew, audience members are asked to bring canned food donations for God's Meal Barrel.

Featuring St. Matthew Adult Choir, Spring Grove Alumni Chorus, Emory H. Markle Middle School Show Choir, Dan Carson, Madison Maloney, Marilyn Gibson, Marie Willey, Brody Rummel, and Ben Boellner. Use the QR code above to know more.



Want to learn more about St. Matthew?

Our next New Member Class is coming up. This is a great way to connect with others, for us to get to know you better, and to learn more about who we are and how we live out our faith together. Whether you're ready to join or just exploring, you're welcome to come!

Classes meet at **7:00 p.m., after Dinner Church**, on the following Wednesdays:

April 2 – Lutheran Living

April 9 – Orientation & Building Tour

We will officially welcome new members in worship on Sunday, April 27 at the 10:30am service, with a breakfast beginning around 9:30 a.m. If you're planning on attending please contact the church office at 717-637-7101. If you have questions, reach out to either Pastor Kathy (pastorkathy@stmattlutheran.org) or Pastor Alex (pastoralex@stmattlutheran.org). We would love to connect with you!



Lunch & Easter Egg Hunt - April 13

- Lunch at 11:45 a.m. (following the late service)
 - Hamburgers, hot dogs, mac and cheese, chips, and drinks
 - Egg hunt for pre-k through 5th grade following lunch (around 12:45 p.m.)
 - Games, crafts, and pictures with the Easter Bunny while you wait your turn
 - Sign up using the QR Code at the right or by filling out the form at the Hospitality Desk
- *Donations of bags of individually wrapped candy and plastic eggs are needed. There are boxes for the candy and plastic eggs in the Gathering Place and the church office. The deadline to bring candy is April 6.*



Communion Milestone: Come to the Table

Is your child ready to explore the gift of Holy Communion? Join us for our Holy Communion Milestone! Geared toward children in 5th grade and younger and their families who: are not yet receiving Communion and want to start, are already receiving Communion but haven't had a communion class, OR would like a refresher! Key Dates:

- **Sunday, April 6:** Bread baking following the 10:30 service (approx. 11:45-12:30 p.m.)
- **Thursday, April 17:** Maundy Thursday Worship at 7 p.m., celebrating the Holy Communion Milestone



If you're unable to attend one or more of the classes, please reach out to Pastor Alex to set up another time.

For questions or concerns, contact our Children and Family Ministry Coordinator, Missy Smith (msmith@stmattlutheran.org), or Pastor Alex (pastoralex@stmattlutheran.org).

Lutheranhands Youth Mission Trip:

to the Sandy Valley Region of Kentucky **July 13 - July 19.**

We will be staying at the Foley Mission Center:

- 18,000 square-foot facility in Martin County, Kentucky that houses up to 120 volunteers as they work to repair homes in Appalachia
- All meals, bunk rooms, and bathrooms with showers will be at this one location
- Participants need to bring sheets and a pillow
- Our Work Partner, Christian Appalachian Project (CAP) was founded more than 60 years ago and has grown to touch the lives of more than 1 million people each year.

The cost is \$250 per person

(plus money for extra food and souvenirs)

- \$100 due by Sunday, March 30
- \$150 due by Sunday, May 18

The rest of the cost (\$275) will be covered by the church. There will be 1-2 fundraisers. 100% participation.



Confirmation & High School Youth Connections

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

All-Saints Confirmation Camp at Camp Nawakwa

- For all those going into 6-9th grade
- **June 8-13, 2025**
- Full week of important confirmation requirement.
- Plenty of fun, meeting new youth, enjoying Nawakwa, and learning about God and yourself.
- Everything is included with the cost of \$200.
- For more information see Tim Peck youth@stmattlutheran.org or Pastor Alex pastoralex@stmattlutheran.org.