

HAPPENING THIS WEEK

May 10 - 17, 2026

Sun.	Worship with Holy Communion (Nave).....	8:30 a.m.
	Worship with Holy Communion (Nave).....	10:30 a.m.
	Final Youth Choir & Handbell Rehearsal.....	11:45 a.m.-12:45 p.m.
Mon.	Girl Scouts	6:00-8:00 p.m.
Tues.	Staff Meeting (Library).....	10:00 a.m.
	Final Junior Choir/Handbells Rehearsal.....	4:30-5:15 p.m.
	All Committee Night (Fellowship Hall).....	7:00 p.m.
Wed.	Boy Scouts.....	7:00-8:30 p.m.
Thurs.	Final Children's Choir Rehearsal	4:15-5:00 p.m.
	Adult Choir (Adult Rehearsal Room).....	7:00-8:00 p.m.
Fri.	Discovery Place 4's Graduation Program	12:00 p.m.
Sat.	Worship with Holy Communion (Nave).....	5:00 p.m.
Sun.	Worship with Holy Communion (Nave).....	8:30 a.m.
	Personal Care Kit Packing (Fellowship Hall).....	9:30-10:20 a.m.
	Worship with Holy Communion (Nave).....	10:30 a.m.
	Youth Group (Rm. 304).....	6:00-8:00 p.m.

PRAYER LIST: In our intercessory prayers we pray for individuals who have offered permission to have their names included. These names will be listed up to a month unless otherwise requested. After that time, prayers will continue for each person through our prayer chain. Newly added names will appear in bold. If you would like to be included in the prayers of the prayer chain **but not listed** in the bulletin, you may contact Beth Koontz at bethk9245@gmail.com or by calling the church office at 717-637-7101.

Teresa Garrett
Gordon Grady
Brad Maloney
Carole Sachs

Karen Flickinger
Pearl Wintrode
Linda Gouker
JoAnn Smith

Penny Ritter
Nancy Leister
Lucas Cherry

DEATHS: Bill Warner (Heather Little's father)
Ron Smith

THE ALTAR FLOWERS have been given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Carlynn Neiderer and Helen Hartman by Beth, Meg, Julie and grandchildren; and in loving memory of Minnie Mummert by her daughter Martha Hempfing.

THE BULLETINS have been given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Gloria Frederick who would have celebrated her birthday on May 11 by her sons John, Grant and Lance Frederick and families.

THE SERVICE OF CELEBRATION AND CHRISTIAN BURIAL will be held for Ron Smith on Monday, May 11, at Kenworthy Funeral Home. Visitation will be at 10 a.m., with the funeral being held at 11:00. Though we celebrate the departure of his life to be with the Lord, we also include in our prayers of support the members of his family and all who are bereaved.



This week we celebrate God's love as we honor and remember mothers and those who provide motherly care. Carnations will be offered to women at all services.



Does the world seem cold and hard? YOU can make it better by becoming a St. Matthew Visiting Minister! After a brief training session, you will visit your assigned care receiver once a month. VM's have necessary peer and leader support. Pray and see if God is leading you to share in this caring ministry. For more info, or to sign up, call the church office, 717-637-7101, or email Pastor Faye at nicksong@comcast.net.

MAY COMMUNITY MEAL

Sunday May 31, 3:00-5:00 p.m.

Meal: Hot Dogs, Sloppy Joes, Mac-n-Cheese, Dairy Dan's Ice Cream

WE NEED YOU!!!

Donations Needed: Hot Dogs, Sloppy Joes, Hamburger Rolls, Hot Dog Rolls, Mac-N-Cheese, Juice Boxes

Volunteers Needed: Set Up from 2-3 p.m., Serve Meal and Help Keep Tables/Lawn Clean 3-5 p.m., Help with Games/Crafts 3-5, and Clean Up 5-6 p.m.

If you are willing to donate items or volunteer, please email either the church office info@stmattlutheran.org, or Amy Beck abeck1976@comcast.net.

PERSONAL CARE KITS PROJECT



Join us **NEXT Sunday, May 17 at 9:30 a.m. to help pack care kits!**

Monetary donations may be made to be used to help with shipping costs for the PCKs (checks should be made payable to *St. Matthew Lutheran Church* with *Care Kits* in the memo line).



THE 8:30 SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICE will move outdoors beginning Memorial Day Sunday, May 24. Join us for worship in the parking lot and on the area behind the church. Tune your car radio to FM 101.5 to hear the service or

bring your lawn chair and sit on the grassy area to hear in-person. This is an informal worship service. Join us for outdoor worship this summer!

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

Contact Missy Smith for more information, msmith@stmatlutheran.org.

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

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

Rising PreK-5th Graders - *Preschoolers must be at least 4 years old by Sept 1, 2026 AND be potty trained.*

Cost: Free! Lunch is provided. Join us as we shine a light on who Jesus is! Experience what it truly means for Jesus to be the Light of the World (John 8:12). Through engaging stories, songs and activities, children will encounter a powerful Gospel message that brings them out of the shadows and into the light of God's truth. For more information, contact Missy Smith at msmith@stmatlutheran.org or at 717-637-7101 ext. 232.



Rising K-5th graders

Cost: Free!

Join us for a week of music, creativity and faith! Through singing, dancing and performance, children will explore the story of God's love and bring it to life on stage. All summer campers will rehearse and perform in a faith-based musical this September — a joyful celebration of the gifts God has given us and has called us to share! For more information, contact Deb Smith at dsmith@stmatlutheran.org or at 717-637-7101 ext. 236.

Sign up for each camp on the website, www.stmatlutheran.org

YOUTH MINISTRY

Contact Tim Peck for more information, youth@stmattlutheran.org

Youth Bells & Choir (6th-12th Grades) Meets Sundays with Ms. Deb, dsmith@stmattlutheran.org, 11:45a.m.-12:45 p.m. All youth are invited to be part of making music together!

Middle School Faith Connections(6th-8th grade)Confirmation

Last week was our last day, so enjoy the summer and will see you in a couple months.

High School Faith Connections (9th-12th grade)

Last week was our last day of Faith Connections, see you in a couple months.

Church Day Camp - Pool Party

Get ready to make a splash this summer! Join us for a fun-filled week of day camp packed with games, activities, faith and friendships.

- June 8-12, 2026
- 9 a.m. – 3 p.m.
- Grades 1-5
- Limited to 32 campers
- Cost: \$50
- To sign up go to our website at www.stmattlutheran.org and scroll till you see Day Camp.
- To pay you can go to donations on the website and use the drop down Day camp to pay online or can be on first day.



We want every child to have the chance to attend. If cost is a concern, please reach out to: Tim Peck youth@stmattlutheran.org

This is a youth led Day camp so don't miss out on this unforgettable week!

YOUTH MINISTRY

YOUTH GROUP - All Are Welcome!

Join us for youth group throughout the year! We gather for fun, faith, and community.

- Meets the 1st & 3rd Sunday of each month
- 6 - 8p.m
- Youth Building, 3rd floor - room 304 (Youth Suite)
- Open to all youth entering 6th - 12th grade

Summer Fun Alert!

We'll be mixing things up with awesome outdoor activities like kayaking, hiking, pool parties, miniature golf, and more - details coming soon!

Bring a friend and come hang out!

On May 17 at our 10:30 service, our youth will be leading us in worship! We will also take time to celebrate all graduates, whether they've finished high school, college or another program.

Graduates: We are proud of your hard work and look forward to recognizing this important milestone for you! Please send Tim a picture and a write-up about yourself. There will be a booklet with the pictures, information and accomplishments included. Deadline May 10, 2026

Dinner Theater Youth Fundraiser for the Mission Trip

Mark your calendars for June 7, 2026 at 4 p.m. Join us in Fellowship Hall where you will be served a spaghetti dinner with salad and dessert, while being entertained in between courses by skits performed by our very own youth, Church Council and staff! Many thanks to Deb Smith for writing and producing the show!

Keep your eyes open for more information about this fun, family event!

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.

PENTECOST IS May 24 - You may again purchase red geraniums to be placed in the Chancel to highlight this important festival for just \$5.00 per plant. You will have the option of donating your geranium(s) to be planted around the Church and Education Building or taking your plant(s) home. Please return the form to the church office **by May 17**. No listing will be printed.



Geraniums for Pentecost

_____ # of plants Total enclosed

Please check one:

Use my plant(s) as needed.

I will take my plant(s) immediately after the 10:30 service.

I will help plant geraniums around the church. Please call the church office by May 24 if you can help.

I will help with summer gardening (deadhead/watering) on a rotating basis.

Name _____

Phone _____ Envelope No. _____

INFORMATION UPDATE FORM

Please fill out the pertinent part(s) for you, tear off this page and put in the offering basket or email the church office at *info@stmattlutheran.org*.

_____ I'd like to receive _____ e-mail updates and/or _____ newsletter in the mail. (Provide name, e-mail, and/or mailing address)

_____ I am a member of St. Matthew and below is updated contact information.

_____ Name _____ Phone Number

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