

*I am the
good shepherd*

JOHN 10:11





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Welcome! Whether you are a long-time member of St. Matthew, a first-time visitor, or somewhere in between, we are thankful you are here today. If you have questions or need visual, audio, or mobility accommodations, please let a name-tagged usher know. We're excited about the many ministries of St. Matt's, and we hope you'll find a way to plug in that makes sense for you!

About today: *We gather as a community for worship around word, wine, and water. Put another way, in worship we meet Christ in scripture proclaimed in speech & song, in the sacraments of Holy Communion and Baptism celebrated or remembered, and in community gathered together.*

Our regular weekend schedule includes Saturday worship at 5 p.m., Sunday worship at 8:30 a.m., Faith Connections on Sunday at 9:30 a.m., and Sunday worship at 10:30 a.m. (livestreamed). Our Faith Connections hour includes opportunities for all ages to connect with God, our faith, and one another through learning and relationship. Meet at the Hospitality Desk at 9:30 for refreshments and more information about ways to plug in.

The image of the good shepherd shows us how the risen Christ brings us to life. It is the relationship between the shepherd and the sheep, one of mutual knowledge and love, that gives the shepherd authority. The shepherd's willingness to lay down his life for the sheep shows his love. First John illustrates what it means to lay down our lives for one another by the example of sharing our wealth with any sibling in need.

Fourth Sunday of Easter
April 21, 2024

+ Celebrating God's Love - Serving in Jesus' Name +

PRELUDE

I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord

arr. Mason

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Pastor: In the name of the Father,
and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

All: Amen.

Pastor: Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open,
all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid:
cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your
Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you
and worthily magnify your holy name,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.

Pastor: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one
another.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Pastor: Gracious God,

**All: have mercy on us. We confess that we have turned from you
and given ourselves into the power of sin.**

We are truly sorry and humbly repent.

**In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown,
things we have done and things we have failed to do.**

**Turn us again to you, and uphold us by your Spirit,
so that we may live and serve you in newness of life
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

Pastor: God, who is rich in mercy,

loved us even when we were dead in sin,
and made us alive together with Christ.
By grace you have been saved.

In the name of + Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven.
Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy
Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith.

All: Amen.

OPENING HYMN

With High Delight Let Us Unite

ELW #368

Vetter/Franzmann



1 With high de - light let us u - nite in
2 True God, he first from death has burst forth
3 Let prais - es ring; give thanks, and bring to



songs of great ju - bi - la - tion. You pure in heart, all
in - to life, all sub - du - ing. His en - e - my now
Christ our Lord ad - o - ra - tion. His hon - or speed by



bear your part, sing Je - sus Christ, our sal - va - tion. To
van - quished see; his death has been death's un - do - ing. "And
word and deed to ev - 'ry land, ev - 'ry na - tion. So



set us free for - ev - er, he is ris'n and sends to
yours shall be like vic - to - ry o'er death and grave," says
shall his love give us a - bove, from mis - er - y and



all earth's ends good news to save ev - 'ry na - tion.
he, who gave his life for us, life re - new - ing.
death set free, all joy and full con - so - la - tion.

APOSTOLIC GREETING

Pastor: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

All: And also with you.

(10:30) Children ages 10 and under are invited to meet our children's leader at the baptismal font at the front of the Nave. She will take the children for Children's Church at the "Pray-ground" in the Fellowship Hall. They will hear a Bible story from this week's lectionary in an age-appropriate format and spend some time exploring their faith and creativity together. They will return during the passing of the peace.

HYMN OF PRAISE

Crown Him with Many Crowns (vs. 4)

ELW #855



Crown him the Lord of life, who tri-umphed o'er the grave
and rose vic-tor-ious in the strife for those he came to save.
His glo-ries now we sing, who died and rose on high,
who died, e-ter-nal life to bring, and lives that death may die.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: Let us pray. O Lord Christ, good shepherd of the sheep, you seek the lost and guide us into your fold. Feed us, and we shall be satisfied; heal us, and we shall be whole. Make us one with

you, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and forever.

All: Amen.

FIRST READING Acts 4:5-12 *Peter and John had been arrested the previous day because they were proclaiming the news of the resurrection to the people. In today's reading, Peter is filled with the Holy Spirit so that he can proclaim salvation in Jesus' name to the religious authorities.*

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

PSALM 23 *(Please read responsively)*

¹The LORD is my shepherd;
I shall not be in want.

²**The LORD makes me lie down in green pastures
and leads me beside still waters.**

³You restore my soul, O LORD,
and guide me along right pathways for your name's sake.

⁴**Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I shall fear no
evil; for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.**

⁵You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies;
you anoint my head with oil, and my cup is running over.

⁶**Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life,
and I will dwell in the house of the LORD forever.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



Al - le - lu - ia! Lord and Sav - ior: o - pen now your sav - ing word.

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Let it burn like fire with-in us; speak un - til our hearts are stirred.

Al - le - lu - ia! Lord, we sing for the good news that you bring.

Pastor: The holy gospel according to John, the 10th chapter.

All: Glory to you, O Lord.

HOLY GOSPEL: John 10:11-18 *In language that recalls the twenty-third psalm, Jesus describes himself as the shepherd who cares for his sheep. He is willing to die for them, and he is able to overcome death for them.*

Pastor: The gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you, O Christ.

THE MESSAGE

Pastor Kathy Vitalis Hoffman

CONFESSION OF FAITH

Apostles' Creed

Assisting Minister: Let us confess our faith with the words of the Apostles' Creed.

**All: I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.**

**On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,**

and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.

PRAYERS

Assisting Minister: Each petition concludes, “*God of grace,*” and the congregation responds, “*hear our prayer.*”

PEACE

Pastor: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

All: And also with you.

(The congregation is invited to greet one another with the words “Peace be with you,” and gestures respecting personal space and comfort levels.)

(10:30) Children return from Children’s Church.

MUSICAL OFFERING (8:30) *The King of Love My Shepherd Is*

Baker

Adult Choir

Text: ELW #502

(10:30)

Jesus Loves Me!

arr. Raney

Deb Smith, Piano

GENEROSITY MOMENT – Emma Wagner, Lutheran World Relief

*We celebrate God’s generosity embodied in this community’s time, talents, and treasures shared with one another. **Thank you for your presence** in worship today. **Thank you for offering** the “first fruits” of your finances. Offerings may be placed in the baskets near the entrances/exits of the*

worship space or through online giving on our website. **Thank you for sharing your spiritual gifts with our church, local, and global communities.**

OFFERTORY

Halle, Halle, Hallelujah

(Sing Twice)

Hal-le, hal - le, hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le, hal - le, hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le, hal - le, hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le - lu - jah.

OFFERTORY PRAYER

Assisting Minister: Risen One,

All: you call us to believe and bear fruit.

**May the gifts that we offer here
be signs of your abiding love.**

**Form us to be your witnesses in the world,
through Jesus Christ, our true vine. Amen.**

THE MEAL

GREAT THANKSGIVING

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

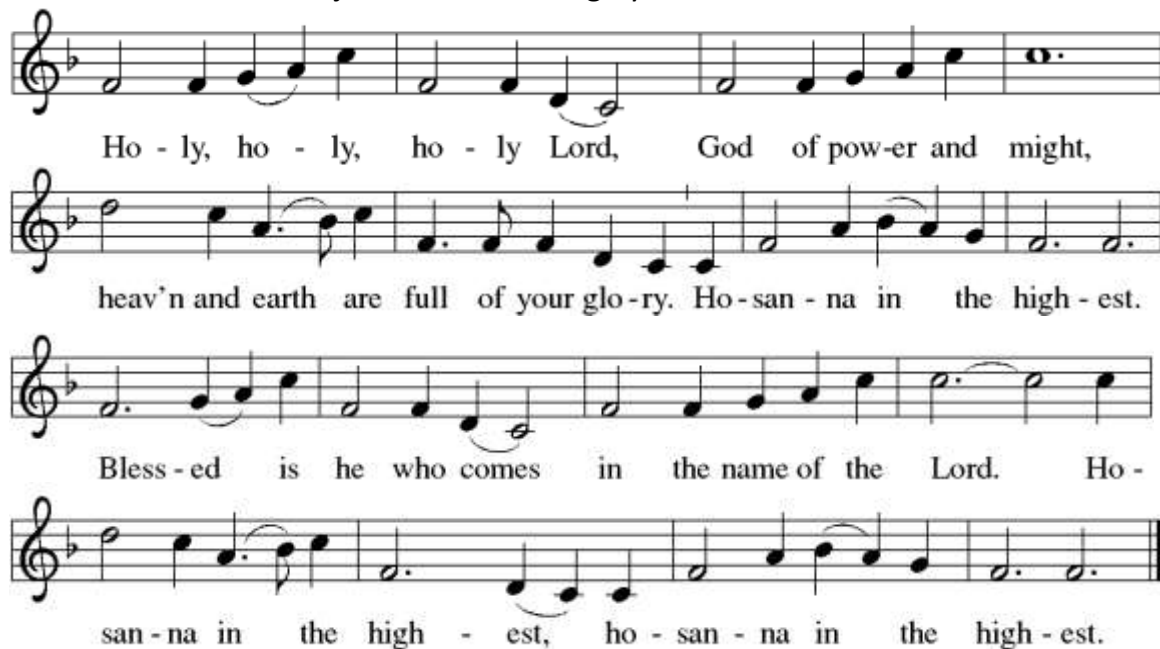
Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them to the Lord.

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

(10:30) Pastor: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy.....we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and might,
heav'n and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho-san - na in the high - est.
Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -
san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER WITH WORDS OF INSTITUTION

LORD'S PRAYER

Pastor: Lord, remember us in your kingdom, and teach us to pray:

All: Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory,
forever and ever. Amen.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION

All are welcome to the Lord’s Supper. The meal is served in several ways. Choose what is appropriate for you.

Individual packets are available for those wishing to remain in their pew.

If you are unable to come forward, but would like communion served by the pastor, please let one of the ushers know and the Sacrament will be brought to you at your seat.

Continuous manner – Come forward at the direction of the ushers, take the wafer from the pastor, “The body of Christ, given for you”, and eat it. (Gluten-free wafers are available) Then move to the next station and take one of the cups of wine (red) or grape juice (white) “The blood of Christ, shed for you”, and drink it.

Children who do not yet receive communion are invited to come forward to receive a blessing.

IN-PEW COMMUNION

Pastor: The body of Christ, given for you.

All: Amen. (Eat wafer)

(Pause)

Pastor: The blood of Christ, shed for you.

All: Amen. (Drink wine)

LAMB OF GOD



- 1 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;
- 2 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;
- 3 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;



you suf-fered death our lives to save: have mer-cy now, we pray.
 you set us free from guilt and grave: have mer-cy now, we pray.
 e - ter-nal peace with God you made: give us your peace, we pray.

COMMUNION HYMN *The King of Love My Shepherd Is*

Baker
ELW #502



1 The King of love my shep - herd is, whose good - ness
 2 Where streams of liv - ing wa - ter flow, my ran - somed
 3 Per - verse and fool - ish oft I strayed, but yet in
 4 In death's dark vale I fear no ill, with thee, dear



fail - eth nev - er; I noth - ing lack if
 soul he lead - eth and, where the ver - dant
 love he sought me, and on his shoul - der
 Lord, be - side me, thy rod and staff my



I am his and he is mine for - ev - er.
 pas - tures grow, with food ce - les - tial feed - eth.
 gent - ly laid, and home, re - joic - ing, brought me.
 com - fort still; thy cross be - fore to guide me.

5 Thou spreadst a table in my sight;
 thine unction grace bestoweth;
 and, oh, what transport of delight
 from thy pure chalice floweth!

6 And so, through all the length of days,
 thy goodness faileth never.
 Good Shepherd, may I sing thy praise
 within thy house forever.

POST-COMMUNION BLESSING

Pastor: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you
and keep you in his grace.

All: Amen.

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Assisting Minister: Let us pray. Shepherding God,
you have prepared a table before us
and nourished us with your love.
Send us forth from this banquet
to proclaim your goodness
and share the abundant mercy of Jesus,
our redeemer and friend.

All: Amen.

BLESSING

Pastor: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

All: Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

Pastor: The God of resurrection power,
the Christ of unending joy,
and the Spirit of Easter hope
✠ bless you now and always.

All: Amen.

SENDING HYMN

The Spirit Sends Us Forth to Serve

ELW #551
Dufner/Haweis

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1 The Spir - it sends us forth to serve; we go in
 2 We go to com - fort those who mourn and set the
 3 We go to be the hands of Christ, to scat - ter
 4 Then let us go to serve in peace, the gos - pel

Je - sus' name to bring glad tid - ings
 bur - dened free; where hope is dim, to
 joy like seed and, all our days, to
 to pro - claim. God's Spir - it has em -

to the poor, God's fa - vor to pro - claim.
 share a dream and help the blind to see.
 cher - ish life, to do the lov - ing deed.
 pow - ered us; we go in Je - sus' name.

DISMISSAL

Assisting Minister: Alleluia! Go in peace. Rejoice and be glad.

All: Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

POSTLUDE

Herald March

arr. Thewes

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Our warm thanks to all those assisting in our worship services this morning:

Musicians8:30 Adult Choir
Altar Flower Delivery Pam Cashman
Altar Guild Anna Marchio, Penny Rutters
Assisting Ministers 8:30 Amy Beck 10:30 Charlie Lidard
Children's Church Leader Kim Cherry
Communion Assistants 8:30 John Mancini, Sara Staub
10:30 Bobbie Lidard, Barbara Strangfeld
Communion Preparers 8:30 Diane Hoffman-Neail, Sally Staub
10:30 Deb Anker, Nancy Oppedal
Couriers 8:30 John Mancini, Sara Staub; 10:30 Ellen Shenk
Greeters 8:30 Jeremy, Abbi & Hailey Bucher, Hunter Crabbs
10:30 Jody & Deb Ruhlman, Vicki Wildasin
Lectors 8:30 Caralyn Mummert; 10:30 Mike Jones
Live Stream (10:30) Brad & Andrea Hersh

Ushers 8:30 Team 2 – Bryant & Ann Meckley, Andy Nace,
Randy & Debby Seibert, Drew Steffens
10:30 Team 3 – Darlene Klenk, Terry Badman, Tyler Klenk,
Barb Rupp, Dirk Wildasin
Welcome Place Shelley Zumbrum

THE ALTAR FLOWERS have been given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Robert J. Cover who entered into God’s care on April 21 by his loving family; and in loving memory of Patricia Becker by her loving husband Michael Becker.

THE BULLETINS are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Colleen Reed by David, Kelli and Adam Reed; and in loving memory of Patricia Becker by her loving husband Michael Becker; and in loving memory of Robert J. Cover who entered into God’s care on April 21 by his loving family.

THIS SUNDAY we celebrate Max Reichart’s Communion Milestone. We pray for God’s blessing upon him as he continues his journey of faith.

CELEBRATION OF LIFE Yvonne Hughes entered her eternal rest on December 13, 2023. We are having a Celebration of Life for her on Saturday, April 27, 11:00 a.m. here at St. Matthew.

PRAYER LIST: God hears and understands our prayers. Fully putting our trust in God, we lay our requests before him. Our next prayers are in gratitude, knowing that God is already at work in our situation. Names will stay on our Prayer List for a maximum of 30 days. If you would like us to remove your name sooner, please notify the office. You may also access our Prayer Chain by contacting Beth Koontz at 717-968-1207.

Jamickh	Harold & Betty	Jil
Faye	Doris	Diane
Tom	Richard & Linda	Linda
Tami		

RECOMMENDED SCRIPTURE READINGS for the week beginning April 21:

Sunday: John 10:11-18

Thursday: Acts 8:1b-8

Monday: 1 Peter 5:1-5

Friday: Acts 8:9-25

Tuesday: Revelation 7:13-17

Saturday: Mark 4:30-32

Wednesday: Mark 14:26-31

HANOVER AREA COUNCIL OF CHURCHES NEEDS for May:

PAL - Cans of mixed vegetables, corn, green beans, peas, carrots, Bags of potatoes and scalloped potatoes, Oils: vegetable, olive, spray oil and Butter, Dry goods: Sugar and salt, Milk, Snacks, Fruit cups, Tea bags or iced tea bags, Grocery and/or shopping bags

Changing Lives Shelter - Hygiene and toiletry products (shampoo, conditioner, soap, body wash) Clorox wipes, Kitchen trash bags, Ziploc bags (sandwich and gallon sizes)

Clothing Bank - Children and teen clothing (all sizes) Men’s jeans waist sizes 30-34, Shoes/sneakers (all sizes), Grocery, shopping, and/or reusable bags, White garbage bags 13 gallon size

Ruth’s Harvest - Single serve fruit cups, Single serve cereals, Single serve granola bars

MOW – Handkerchiefs, NO-rinse bathing wipes, Bath gloves, NO-slip socks, Journal books, Puzzles – NO mini pieces, 300-500 pieces at most

Attendance:	(04/13)	5:00 p.m.....	55
	(04/14)	8:30 a.m.....	56
		10:30 a.m. Service	177
	(04/08-04/14)	Online views	112
	Total	400

The Council, with the guidance of the Call Committee, is excited to present the congregation with a candidate for Associate Pastor. More information on the candidate will be forthcoming. In the meantime, mark your calendars for some important upcoming events.

On Saturday, April 27, 2024, there will be several "open house" opportunities to meet the candidate in 30-minute, small group sessions from 1:00 p.m. through 4:00 p.m. These will be held in the Upper Room. If you would like to attend one of these small group sessions, please sign-up using the link on the church website or on the forms located at the Hospitality Desk.

In addition, there will be another open house from 5:00 to 6:00 p.m. in Fellowship Hall in lieu of the Saturday service. Drop-ins are welcome at this session.

On Sunday, April 28, 2024, there will be one service at 10:30 a.m. during which the candidate will present the message. Following the 10:30 service, the congregational meeting that is required for the congregation to vote on extending a call will be held.

We are excited for you to get to know and appreciate the candidate as much as we have during the call process. Please plan to attend during this important weekend.

Thank you,
St. Matthew Church Council

St. Matthew Lutheran Church Calendar
April 21 - 28, 2024

Sun.	Worship with Holy Communion (Nave).....8:30 a.m.
	Lutheran World Relief forum (Fellowship Hall) 9:30-10:20 a.m.
	Faith Connections 9:30-10:20 a.m.
	Worship with Holy Communion (Nave).....10:30 a.m.
	Praise Team (Fellowship Hall) 11:45 a.m.-1:00 p.m.
	Youth Group (Rm. 304) 6:00-8:00 p.m.
Mon.	Discovery Place Classes..... 8:45-11:30 a.m.
	Devotional Biking/Walking Group (Moul Field parking lot)6:00 p.m.
	Girl Scouts 6:30-7:30 p.m.
	Grief Share (Upper Room) 6:30-8:00 p.m.
Tues.	Discovery Place Classes..... 8:45-11:30 a.m.
	Staff Meeting (Library)10:30 a.m.
	Junior Choir Rehearsal 4:30-5:15 p.m.
	NO Cub Scouts
	Praise Team Rehearsal (Nave) 7:00-8:00 p.m.
	Congregational Council Meeting (Upper Room)7:00 p.m.
Wed.	Discovery Place Classes..... 8:45-11:30 a.m.
	Boy Scouts 6:30-8:00 p.m.
Thurs.	Discovery Place Classes..... 8:45-11:30 a.m.
	NO Preschool & Primary Choir Rehearsal
	St. Matthew Ringer Rehearsal 6:00-7:00 p.m.
	Adult Choir Rehearsal 7:00-8:00 p.m.
Fri.	Discovery Place Classes..... 8:45-11:15 a.m.
Sat.	Meet the Candidate (Upper Rm.) Please sign up on the Hospitality Desk or online
	NO Worship Service
	Open House (Fellowship Hall)..... 5:00-6:00 p.m.
Sun.	NO 8:30 Worship service
	Faith Connections 9:30-10:20 a.m.
	Worship with Holy Communion (Nave)..... 10:30 a.m.
	Organ Recital (Nave)4:00 p.m.

THIS SUNDAY, we welcome Emma Wagner, Senior Advisor, Congregational Engagement of **Lutheran World Relief** to St. Matthew. She will share a message at our Generosity Moment and lead a forum on the work of Lutheran World Relief and how our offerings and especially our Personal Care Kits make a meaningful difference in the lives of others. **ALL ARE WELCOME** to attend Faith Connections (9:30-10:20) in the Fellowship Hall to learn about Lutheran World Relief. Come to find out how our **800** Personal Care Kits will bring the love of Christ to those most in need.

DISCOVERY PLACE NEWS!

Open House

Thursday, April 25, 5:30-7 p.m.

We are currently registering for our **FALL 2024 classes**. We have availability in our 3s MWF class, 4s MWF class and 4s T/TH class. Our **SUMMER DISCOVERY 2024 CAMPS** for children age 4-6 have been announced for the month of June, and many of our camps are already filling

up! Information for both fall preschool and summer camps is available at the church office and on the church website on the preschool pages. Discovery Place information can be found under the “Connect” tab from the website menu.

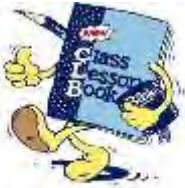


GOLDEN VISIONS ADULT DAYCARE – One more week! If you would like to make a monetary donation, please make checks payable to *St. Matthew Lutheran Church* with “Golden Visions” in the memo line. The following items are requested:



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| Laundry detergent | Dryer sheets | Large bags of snacks |
| Dish detergent | Paper towels | Individual snacks |
| Tape | Toilet paper | Cake mixes |
| Envelopes | Stamps | Cookie mixes |
| Craft supplies | Bingo prizes | Individual Jell-o/pudding |

Thank you!



New Member Class

For all who are interested in becoming members of St. Matthew! Did you miss the orientation class but would still like to be a member? Contact Pastor Kathy at pastorkathy@stmattlutheran.org before May 5.

On Sunday, May 5, we will welcome new members to our congregation at the 8:30 Outdoor/Drive-In worship and the 10:30 indoor worship. You choose which service you'd like to attend. **We will also celebrate you with a continental Breakfast at 9:30 to 10:20** in Fellowship Hall. You will be welcomed by members of our Evangelism Committee, staff, church leaders and new member sponsors. You will also learn more about our congregation and how you may choose to connect. There will be activities for children.

YOUTH MINISTRIES

Youth Connections-April 21 6-8 p.m. in Youth Suite, 3rd floor (6th-12th graders)

Faith Formation for all High Schoolers Sundays at 9:30 a.m. in Youth Suite

All-Saints Confirmation Camp at Camp Nawakwa- June 9-14, for all 6th - 8th graders! This is a fun-filled week learning and meeting new friends! Registration due by May 1.

Youth Connections- May 5 & 19 6-8 p.m. in Youth Suite, 3rd floor

May 19 - Youth help with the **Personal Care Kits** during Faith Formation

Contact Tim Peck with any questions, youth@stmattlutheran.org or by phone, 717-637-7101, ext. 230.





ORGAN RECITAL SERIES IS BACK!

Our own Ben Boellner will be doing his first organ recital **NEXT** Sunday, April 28, at 4 p.m. No tickets required. We look forward to hearing our grand instrument in concert once again!

A VOCAL WORKSHOP on singing basics with our own Dr. Charlotte Aiosa is coming in May. It will be held Thursdays May, 16, 23 and 30, at 7 p.m. in Fellowship Hall. If you have ever been curious about how to sing better and use better technique, this is the class for you!

MUSIC DAY CAMP! Coming this summer, August 5 -9, 9-11:00 a.m. in Fellowship Hall, for children ages 5-12 years old. The musical will then be performed on Sunday, September 15 during Faith Connections, 9:30-10:20 a.m. Watch the bulletins and website for more details!

Dear St. Matthew family,
Have you ever thought about serving, especially being a communion assistant? New members, this is a great place to meet others! Helping one another experience the eternal love and grace of God is a moment to behold. This is not a weekly commitment. This is open to all who are willing to participate. We will show you the ropes. Once we have enough interest, we will hold a group training session. Please contact Ben Boellner, Minister of Music at bboellner@stmattlutheran.org or Jane Lawrence, Administrative Assistant at info@stmattlutheran.org for more information. We are excited to hear from you.



ST. MATTHEW SCHOLARSHIPS are offered to students who are voting members of our congregation. Information, guidelines and applications are on our website or in the church office.

Applications, grade transcripts and letters of reference are due in the office by June 1 and personal interviews will be scheduled the last week of June. You may apply for most of the scholarships twice. If you have any questions, contact Randy Kline at rldkline@yahoo.com

The Devotional Biking & Walking group joins together **Mondays at 6:00 p.m.** at the Moul Field parking lot. Our time together begins with a devotional reading and prayer before heading out on a 3-mile walking route or a 5-mile bike/modified bike ride. Christian music accompanies our journey and encourages reflection. Bikers & walkers of all ages and speeds are welcome. For questions or more information, please reach out to Amy Schlitzer via text or phone call 717-515-8133, or email asms1210@gmail.com



Summer fun for elementary age youth!

Day Camp at St. Matthew!



We are hosting Day Camp this summer on our church property. This is a fun-filled week of worship, Bible study, games, nature, study, singing, recreation, meeting new friends and sharing!

- ◇ Dates are June 17-21, 2024, 9 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. each day, Monday through Friday.
- ◇ Ages: Children entering grades 1 through grade 5 in the fall of 2024
- ◇ Space is limited to 32 children.



Registration forms are available in the church office or on the website or use the QR code! Contact Tim Peck with any questions, youth@stmattlutheran.org or by phone, 717-637-7101, ext. 230.



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL!

June 24-27, 2024
9 a.m.-12 noon

Join us while we dive deep into finding the ways God is always with us!

We welcome children who are 4 years old through 5th graders.

Registration forms ARE available at the church and on the website or use the QR code.



We are always looking for volunteers!

Contact Missy Smith with questions at msmith@stmatthlutheran.org or call the church office, 717-637-7101, ext. 229

YOU CAN MAKE A REAL DIFFERENCE!

Sometimes this world seems so cold and hard. Many are lonely and suffering. Have you ever wished you knew how to help?

It's easy to be a **VISITING MINISTER** at St. Matthew. A one-hour visit to a home-bound member once a month and a periodic check-in meeting with other Visiting Ministers is the extent of your commitment. There is a brief training course, so you're never 'out there on your own.' Visiting Ministers have peer and leader support. We are planning a training course soon. Please pray and ask if God is leading you to be involved in this compassionate ministry.



Call **Pastor Faye, 717-451-0851**, with questions, to hear more, or to sign up. Or fill out the slip below. Drop it in the offering basket or at the Church Office,

I would like to make a difference by being a Visiting Minister

Name _____

Email Address _____

Phone number (s) _____

PERSONAL CARE KIT PROJECT
A New Goal has been set – 800 Kits!

Keep those towels coming!

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. 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. Financial donations may be made to be used to purchase bulk items. \$10 could cover the cost of a kit and assist with shipping costs. Checks should be made payable to *St. Matthew Lutheran Church* with *Care Kits* in the memo line. The packing of the kits will take place Sunday, May 19, in Fellowship Hall at 9:30 a.m. during Faith Connections.

Our bulletins serve as an excellent week-long resource with prayers, scripture and important information regarding our congregation’s ministries. Recycle bins are at the doors for the bulletins that are not taken home.

COMMUNITY MEAL

You guessed it...Sunday, May 5, 3:00-6:00 p.m.



Let us come together as a community again with our neighbors to laugh, sing, play, and of course enjoy some delicious food. Since it is Cinco de Mayo, we will be serving a Mexican meal made by our neighbors at La Libertad Mexican Restaurant. We will be having games and other activities for the family.

As with our December meal, we will need help with set-up, clean-up, decorations, serving the meal, and with games. We will also be looking for donations of the following items: Desserts, Bottled Water, Hot Dogs, Hot Dog Rolls, Capri Sun/Hugs/Juice Boxes for the children. If you would be willing to donate any of those items, please drop them off at St. Matthew by **THIS** Sunday, April 21.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to email Amy Beck at Abeck1976@comcast.net

NAME _____

EMAIL _____

PHONE NUMBER _____

I am willing to: _____ Set-Up _____ Clean-Up _____ Decorate
 _____ Serve the Meal _____ Help with Games

I am willing to donate: _____ A Dessert _____ Bottled Water
 _____ Hot Dog Rolls _____ Capri Sun/Hugs/Juice Boxes for the Children

FIRST READING: Acts 4:5-12

The next day [the] rulers, elders, and scribes assembled in Jerusalem, ⁶with Annas the high priest, Caiaphas, John, and Alexander, and all who were of the high-priestly family. ⁷When they had made the prisoners stand in their midst, they inquired, "By what power or by what name did you do this?" ⁸Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them, "Rulers of the people and elders, ⁹if we are questioned today because of a good deed done to someone who was sick and are asked how this man has been healed, ¹⁰let it be known to all of you, and to all the people of Israel, that this man is standing before you in good health by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead.

¹¹This Jesus is

'the stone that was rejected by you, the builders;

it has become the cornerstone.'

¹²There is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among mortals by which we must be saved."

Psalm 23**SECOND READING: 1 John 3:16-24**

We know love by this, that [Jesus Christ] laid down his life for us—and we ought to lay down our lives for one another. ¹⁷How does God's love abide in anyone who has the world's goods and sees a brother or sister in need and yet refuses help?

¹⁸Little children, let us love, not in word or speech, but in truth and action. ¹⁹And by this we will know that we are from the truth and

will reassure our hearts before him ²⁰whenever our hearts condemn us; for God is greater than our hearts, and he knows everything. ²¹Beloved, if our hearts do not condemn us, we have boldness before God; ²²and we receive from him whatever we ask, because we obey his commandments and do what pleases him.

²³And this is his commandment, that we should believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ and love one another, just as he has commanded us. ²⁴All who obey his commandments abide in him, and he abides in them. And by this we know that he abides in us, by the Spirit that he has given us.

GOSPEL: John 10:11-18

[Jesus said:] "I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep.

¹²The hired hand, who is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and runs away—and the wolf snatches them and scatters them.

¹³The hired hand runs away because a hired hand does not care for the sheep. ¹⁴I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, ¹⁵just as the Father knows me and I know the Father. And I lay down my life for the sheep. ¹⁶I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd. ¹⁷For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again. ¹⁸No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it up again. I have received this command from my Father."

Next Sunday's Readings: Acts 8:26-40; Psalm 22:25-31; 1 John 4:7-21; John 15:1-8.

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