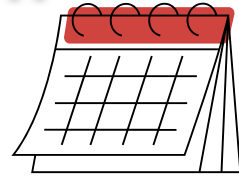




This Week **ST. MATTHEW LUTHERAN CHURCH**
AUGUST 11 - AUGUST 18, 2024



Sun:

Worship with Holy Communion (Parking Lot) 8:30 a.m.
 Noah's Musical Rehearsal (Fellowship Hall).. 9:45-10:15 a.m.
 Worship with Holy Communion (Nave) 10:30 a.m.
 Hymn Sing (Nave) 4:00-6:00 p.m.

Mon:

Devotional Biking/Walking Group 6:00-7:30 p.m.

Tues:

All Committee Night 7:00-8:30 p.m.

Wed:

Blood Drive (Fellowship Hall) 11:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m.
 Boy Scouts 6:30-8:00 p.m.

Thurs:

Fri:

Sat:

Worship Service (Fellowship Hall) 5:00-6:00 p.m.

Sun:

Worship with Holy Communion (Parking Lot) 8:30 a.m.
 Soul Fire Rehearsal (Nave) 9:30-10:00 a.m.
 Noah's Musical Rehearsal (Fellowship Hall).. 9:45-10:15 a.m.
 Worship with Holy Communion (Nave) 10:30 a.m.
 Youth Connections (Room 304) 6:00-8:00 p.m.



ANNOUNCEMENTS



UNITED LUTHERAN SEMINARY GETTYSBURG FOOD PANTRY

The Women of the ELCA, LS SWO will be having our annual tangible ingathering to benefit United Lutheran Seminary Food Pantry. Seminary education is a significant investment. For many, it is difficult to make ends meet. Most rely on scholarships, grants and loans to cover expenses during their time at the seminary. Gift cards from Giant, Weis, Aldi and Walmart (all are in Gettysburg) are greatly appreciated. The food pantry ministry helps to ease this burden by providing essential items for individuals and families. **St. Matthew Women of the ELCA are collecting gift cards thru today.** Please put gift cards in an envelope marked "Women of the ELCA" and drop in the offering basket. Thank you for helping the seminarians.



BLOOD DRIVE! St. Matthew, in conjunction with Central PA Blood Bank, is sponsoring their summer blood drive this **Wednesday, August 14** from 11 a.m.-6 p.m. in Fellowship Hall. Donors can schedule appointment times:

- online at 717GIVEBLOOD.org
- by phone at 1-800-771-0059
- or scanning the QR code



As a show of appreciation, CPBB will provide each donor certificates for a free pint of ice cream at Bruster's Real Ice Cream, a BOGO large pizza from Papa Johns, and a new blood donor t-shirt.

The need for blood is constant and your donation will support our local hospitals. Please encourage friends and family to support this worthwhile cause. If you have any question or need assistance registering, please contact Jo or Leo Hilbert, 717-476-5240. Thank you for your support!

Faith Connections Volunteers

Do you like working with kids? Are you looking for ways to get more involved at church? I have the perfect opportunity! We are looking for anyone interested in helping us with Faith Connections. I am hoping to have a few leaders per section to rotate through our year of classes. Please contact me at msmith@stmattlutheran.org.

- Missy Smith



**Help and encouragement
after the death of a loved one.**

At our 13-session GriefShare group you'll find understanding, guidance, relief, and a safe place to navigate the challenges of grief. Come join us! **Mondays 6:30-8 p.m. August 26 - November 25**, in the Upper Room.

Call the Church Office to register or fill out the form below and drop into offering plate. You may email Pastor Faye at nicksong@comcast.net or call her (717-451-0851). griefshare.org

Name _____
 Email Address _____
 Phone number _____

Youth NEWS

Join us for **SUMMER YOUTH CONNECTIONS** (6th-12th grade) on Sunday evening **August 18**, from 6-8:00 p.m. in room 304. Event details will be sent via Remind. Email Tim Peck at youth@stmattlutheran.org with your name and mobile phone number with questions or to be added to the Remind list..



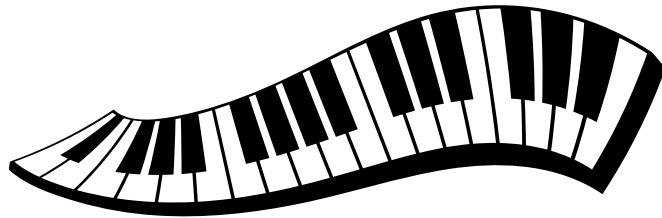
ALIVE AT NAWAKWA

SAVE THE DATE! Fall Synod Youth Event - Alive, the Synod-wide event for Middle Schoolers (6th-8th grade), is having their annual fall retreat at Nawakwa, **September 27-29**. Cost is \$50 per participant. Deadline to register with St. Matt is August 25. The theme this year is 'Fingerprints.' You are a unique gift from God, marked by God with gifts that make you truly special. As a disciple of Jesus, how are you leaving a mark of Jesus' love, grace, and forgiveness on the world around you? For more information, check out the synod website: <https://www.lss-elca.org/alive/>. Please reach out to Tim Peck (youth@stmattlutheran.org) or Pastor Alex (pastoralex@stmattlutheran.org) for questions and more info.

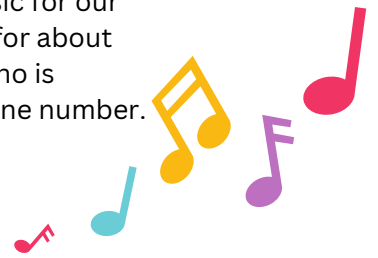


- Are you already a member of the Adult Music Ministry?
- **Would you like to be part of the Adult Music Ministry and want to know more?**
- Join us on **Thursday, August 29 at 6 p.m.** in Fellowship Hall for an Adult Music Ministry Mixer.
- Food, fellowship, singing and ringing.

If you have any questions, please reach out to Ben at bboellner@stmattlutheran.org or Deb at dsmith@stmattlutheran.org



MUSIC FOR THE HOMEBOUND Ben Boellner and Deb Smith would like to provide music for our homebound congregation members. Deb or Ben will go to their home and play music for about 1/2 hour. They will bring their own keyboard. If you are interested or know someone who is interested, please call the church office at 717-637-7101 and leave your name and phone number.



JOIN US for an **old fashioned hymn sing** this **Sunday, August 11**, at **4 p.m.** This is in partnership with Grace UCC in Hanover. Ben Boellner and Christian Keller will be leading this fun event. There will be a plethora of favorites to sing!

HANOVER AREA COUNCIL OF CHURCHES is in need of drivers and runners for Meals-On-Wheels. Call 717-633-6353 if you can help.



BACKPACK BLESSING: Are you headed back to school? You won't want to miss the blessing of the backpacks on **Sunday, August 25th** at 8:30 Outdoor/drive-in worship or 10:30 worship.