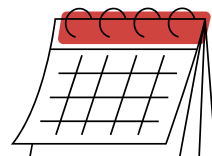




This Week **ST. MATTHEW LUTHERAN CHURCH**

DECEMBER 15 - DECEMBER 22, 2024



Sun:

Worship with Holy Communion (Nave) 8:30 a.m.
 Christmas Pageant (Fellowship Hall) 9:30-10:20 a.m.
 Worship with Holy Communion (Nave) 10:30 a.m.
 Youth Choir/Handbells 11:45 a.m.-12:45 p.m.
 Community Meal (Fellowship Hall) 3:00-6:00 p.m.
 Youth Group (Room 304) 6:00-8:00 p.m.

Mon:

Girl Scouts 6:00-7:30 p.m.

Tues:

Jr. Choir/Handbells 4:30-5:15 p.m.
 Cub Scouts 6:00-7:30 p.m.
 SoulFire Rehearsal (Nave) 6:30-7:30 p.m.

Wed:

Christmas Caroling (Fellowship Hall) 6:00-7:30 p.m.
 Boy Scouts 6:30-8:00 p.m.

Thurs:

Children's Choir 4:15-5:00 p.m.
 St. Matt Ringers 6:00-7:00 p.m.
 Adult Choir Rehearsal 7:05-8:00 p.m.

Fri:

Christmas Gift Bag Packing (Fellowship Hall)
 10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

Sat:

Mini Ministers Rehearsal (Fellowship Hall)
 11:30 a.m.-12:15 p.m.
 Youth Bell Rehearsal (Rehearsal Room) 12:20-1:00 p.m.
 Worship Service (Fellowship Hall) 5:00-6:00 p.m.

Sun:

Worship with Holy Communion (Nave) 8:30 a.m.
 Fellowship Hour (Fellowship Hall) 9:30-10:20 a.m.
 Worship with Holy Communion (Nave) 10:30 a.m.
 Youth Choir/Handbells 11:45 a.m.-12:45 p.m.
 Youth Christmas Lock-In (Room 304) 6:00 p.m.

ANNOUNCEMENTS



Christmas Pageant

This Sunday, December 15, 9:30 a.m.

Join us this Sunday, **December 15**, to see our kids perform our rendition of "The First Christmas" in Fellowship Hall at 9:30 a.m.
 Invite all your friends and family!



December Community Meal

This Sunday, December 15, 3:00-6:00 p.m.

Plans for our 2024 Community Holiday Meal are all set! The menu is turkey, ham, filling, corn, potatoes, rolls, and desserts. All are welcome!



Christmas Caroling

Happening this Wednesday, **December 18**, from 6:00-7:30 p.m. We will meet for pizza in Fellowship Hall before we go sing carols for our homebound members. Song sheets will be provided and we will carpool. Please sign-up by emailing info@stmattlutheran.org or by using the sign-up sheet on the Hospitality Desk in the Gathering Place.



Fellowship Hour with Coffee & Cookies

Join us for a Fellowship Hour next Sunday, **December 22** in Fellowship Hall at 9:30 a.m. There will be light refreshments provided but you are invited to bring your favorite Christmas treat to share! Contact Missy Smith (msmith@stmattlutheran.org) or Pastor Alex (pastoralex@stmattlutheran.org) for any questions.



Volunteers Needed

To deliver the Christmas poinsettias to our homebound members. We will deliver them on **December 30**, at 10:30 a.m. Please call the church office, 717-637-7101, or email info@stmattlutheran.org if you are able to help.

Invite your friends and neighbors to one of our Christmas Eve services:

- 4:30 p.m. - Family Service
- 7:00 p.m. - Candlelight & Carol Service
- 9:30 p.m. - Candlelight & Carol Service



**CALLING ALL YOUTH! Get into the Christmas spirit with St. Matt's!
Here's how you can help and join in this season:**



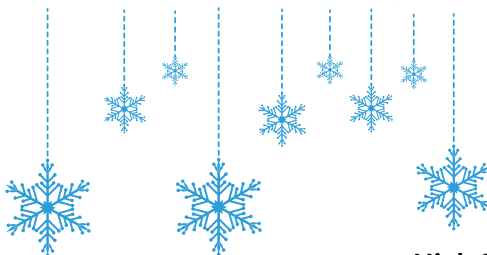
Christmas Pageant - TODAY, December 15 during Faith Connections, 9:30-10:20 a.m.

Community Meal - TODAY, December 15, 3:00-6:00 p.m. We'd love to serve as a youth group, let Tim know if you can help us serve!

Christmas Caroling - This Wednesday, December 18 from 6:00-7:30 p.m. with pizza before we sing

Youth Christmas Party & Lock-In (6-12th grade) - December 22 in the Youth Suite

Be sure to check out the corresponding announcements for details and sign-ups! We hope to see you there! For questions, please contact Pastor Alex (pastoralex@stmattlutheran.org) or Tim Peck (youth@stmattlutheran.org).



Confirmation

Confirmation (6-8th grade) will NOT meet today, December 15. Please join us at the Christmas Pageant in Fellowship Hall at 9:30 a.m.

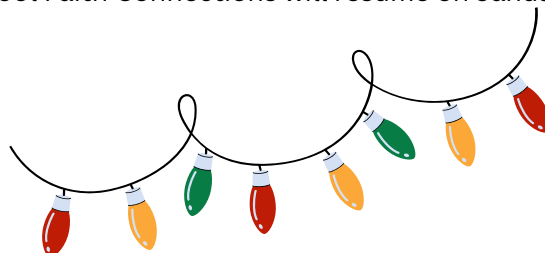
Confirmation will resume on January 12.



High School Youth Connections

(9-12th grade) This Sunday, December 15, NO High School Youth Connections! Please join us at the Christmas Pageant in Fellowship Hall at 9:30 a.m.

High School Faith Connections will resume on January 12.



Attention Youth!

Youth Group (6-12th grade) meets again this **Sunday, December 15, from 6:00-8:00 p.m.** in the Youth Suite on the third floor. This is the last Youth Group before the Lock-In and end of the year. For questions, please contact Tim Peck (youth@stmattlutheran.org) or call the church office at 717-637-7101 Ext. 230.



Puppet Show - December 28

Mark your calendars for Saturday, **December 28!** Following the 5:00 p.m. worship service, there will be a light meal and puppet show by our Mini Ministers!



Library Books for Kids

Did you know that St. Matthew has a beautiful collection of children's Christmas books for you and your family to enjoy? Now, these treasures are even easier to access! You can find the Book Cart in the hallway connecting the Gathering Place and Fellowship Hall. Please use the Sign-Out Sheet and the Return Box that are with the cart. Enjoy and Merry Christmas!

Youth Christmas Lock-In

(6-12th grade) On **December 22**, at 5 p.m. in the Youth Suite we will be having a Christmas Party and spending all night enjoying conversation, fun, and worship. We will have a cook off and eat a meal together. This will involve having two teams and going to get ingredients with time limits for shopping and how much can be spent. Plus, special guests to judge and enjoy the creations. Keep your eyes peeled for details posted around the church and on social media. For questions, please contact Tim Peck (youth@stmattlutheran.org) or call the church office at 717-637-7101 Ext. 230.



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.



Girl Scouts - Daisy Troop (K-1 Grade)

For girls interested in joining in the fun and friendship of Daisy Troop 80794. Girl Scouts can be found almost everywhere in our Youth Building on Monday nights from 6:00-8:00 p.m.! If you're interested in signing your child up, contact troop leader Anne Fralic at annefralic@comcast.net or 717-688-3996.