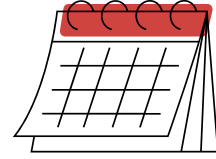




This Week

ST. MATTHEW LUTHERAN CHURCH

JANUARY 12 - JANUARY 19, 2025



Sun:

Worship with Holy Communion (Nave) 8:30 a.m.
 Faith Connections 9:30 a.m.
 Pastors Class (Upper Room) 9:30 a.m.
 Worship with Holy Communion (Nave) 10:30 a.m.
 Youth Choir/Handbells (Rehearsal Room)
 11:45 a.m.-12:45 p.m.

Mon:

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

Tues:

Jr. Choir & Handbells 4:30-5:15 p.m.
 All Committee Night (Fellowship Hall) 7:00-8:30 p.m.

Wed:

Midweek Book Study (Upper Room) 2:00 p.m.
 Boy Scouts 6:30-8:00 p.m.
 Midweek Book Study (Upper Room) 7:00 p.m.

Thurs:

Children's Choir 4:15-5:00 p.m.
 Adult Bells 6:00-7:00 p.m.
 Adult Choir 7:05-8:00 p.m.

Fri:

Songfest Concert (Nave) Begins 7:00 p.m.

Sat:

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

Sun:

Worship with Holy Communion (Nave) 8:30 a.m.
 Faith Connections 9:30 a.m.
 Pastors Class (Upper Room) 9:30 a.m.
 Splash Class (Prayground) 9:45-10:15 p.m.
 Worship with Holy Communion (Nave) 10:30 a.m.
 Youth Choir/Handbells (Rehearsal Room)
 11:45 a.m.-12:45 p.m.
 Youth Group (Rm. 304) 6:00-8:00 p.m.

ANNOUNCEMENTS



Beginning THIS WEEK Faith Connections for Adults - Sundays at 9:30-10:20 a.m.

The Pastors Class

Luke: A Story for our Times

The Gospel of Luke is described as an orderly account by its author. For the earliest readers, it was making sense of a world where order is disturbed in the midst of chaos. For us who read it now, this account helps us make sense of our world today. This is the story of which we understand all stories. This class meets in the Upper Room on the second floor. (Take the steps or elevator by the glass doors near the parking lot.) For more information contact Pastor Kathy at pastorkathy@stmatlutheran.org.



The Generations Class

This discussion-oriented class meets in the Parlor just off of the Gathering Place. Participants are invited to have conversation about current issues as they relate to faith. For more information contact Beth Koontz at bethk9245@gmail.com.



Midweek Book Study

Wednesdays through February 26 at 2 p.m. and 7 p.m.

Join us as we discuss Rachel Held Evan's book, *Inspired: Slaying Giants, Walking on Water, and Loving the Bible Again*. The book can be purchased at Amazon or other online retailers or we can order for you (an \$8 donation is welcome to help cover the cost). For questions or to order through the church, please contact Pastor Alex at pastoralex@stmatlutheran.org.



Songfest Concert - Music in the Valley

Friday, January 17, 7:00 p.m.

We are proud to be hosting the Music in the Valley Conference coming up. On **Friday, January 17**, there will be a free concert at 7:00 p.m. where the Directors Choir will be joined by Joseph Martin, Pepper Choplin, Stacey Nordmeyer and more wonderful musicians. This is an event you won't want to miss so put it on your calendar now! No ticket required.



Splash Class

The next Splash Class will take place next **Sunday, January 19** at 9:45 a.m. in the Pray Ground. 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.



Confirmation & High School Youth Connections

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



Youth Group

Our next Youth Group (6-12th grade) is January 19 in the Youth Suite on the third floor (304) from 6:00-8:00 p.m. All are welcome!

Faith Connections

Faith Connections will start up again this **Sunday, January 12** at 9:30 a.m. in the Lower Level. Volunteers to help us with these classes are welcome! Place contact Missy Smith (msmith@stmattlutheran.org).

100th Anniversary of Our Organ

On **Sunday, January 26**, at both services we will celebrate the 100th Anniversary of our magnificent pipe organ. We will welcome back Minister of Music Emeritus, Scott Fredericks, who will be playing the organ for us that day. There will be a reception following the 10:30 service.



Music JAM

Music JAM with Ms. Deb is on **February 1** from 9:00-11:00 a.m. in Fellowship Hall. Singing games, playing instruments, making an instrument, and snack will fill this fun morning. This is a FREE program for K-5th grade students.

Please register your child online. For questions, contact Deb Smith at dsmith@stmattlutheran.org.

Toddler Time Music

Toddler Time Music with Ms. Deb is for little musicians (ages 3-5). Children will sing songs and play instruments. Join us for one session or for both! This is a FREE program but registration is required. Please register your child online. For questions, contact Deb Smith at dsmith@stmattlutheran.org.

- Saturday, February 1 from 12:00-12:45 p.m.
- Saturday, February 8 from 12:00-12:45 p.m.



Scan here to sign up for Music JAM



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St. Matthew Women's Retreat SAVE THE DATE

Saturday, March 22, 2025

10 a.m. - 4 p.m.

"Caring for God's Creation"

Look for details in the coming weeks!

Blood Drive

Mark your calendars! The next Blood Drive will be held on Tuesday, **April 29**.

Personal Care Kits Project

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. Personal Care Kits can help those in need to maintain personal hygiene while living away from their homes. 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. Monetary donations may be made to be used to purchase bulk items (checks should be made payable to St. Matthew Lutheran Church with Care Kits in the memo line). Packing will take place in June.