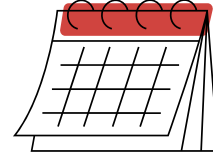




This week

ST. MATTHEW LUTHERAN CHURCH

FEBRUARY 16 - FEBRUARY 23, 2025



Sun:

- Worship with Holy Communion (Nave) 8:30 a.m.
- Faith Connections 9:30 a.m.
- Worship with Holy Communion (Nave) 10:30 a.m.
- Congregation Meeting (Nave) 11:30 a.m.
- Youth Choir/Handbells (Rehearsal Room) 11:45 a.m.-12:45 p.m.
- Youth Group (Room 304) 6:00-8:00 p.m.

Mon:

- Girl Scouts 6:00-7:30 p.m.
- GriefShare (Upper Room) 6:30-8:00 p.m.

Tues:

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

Wed:

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

Fri:

- Youth Coffee House (Room 304) 7:00-9:00 p.m.

Sat:

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

Sun:

- Worship with Holy Communion (Nave) 8:30 a.m.
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- Black Rose Chorale Rehearsal (Nave) 7:00-8:30 p.m.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Strategic Plan Forums

Today at the annual meeting our strategic plan will be handed out and presented by our LEAD Team. Two different Forums will offer members of our community to learn more and ask questions.

We hope you will be able to attend one of these forums:

- **Sunday, February 23** at 9:30-10:20 in the Fellowship Hall
- **Monday, February 24** at 7:00-8:00 by zoom. (Send an e-mail to info@stmattlutheran.org to get the link.)

A congregational meeting will be held on **Sunday, March 2** at 11:45 following the late worship service. At this meeting members will have the opportunity to vote on this plan.



Congregation Meeting

Our annual Congregation Meeting will be held immediately following the 10:30 worship service this Sunday, **February 16**. Please plan on attending this important meeting. Annual Reports are available, which is a great way to learn about all that is happening here!



Midweek Book Study

Wednesdays through February 26 at 2 p.m. and 7 p.m. It isn't too late to join us as we discuss Rachel Held Evan's book, *Inspired!* This Wednesday, February 19, we will be discussing "The Sea" and Chapter 7 "Fish Stories". For questions or concerns, please contact Pastor Alex at pastoralex@stmattlutheran.org.



Adult Faith Connections

Sunday Morning Classes 9:30-10:20 a.m.



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.

Faith Connections for Children

Kids ages 3 years old - 5th grade can join us in some music, Bible stories and activities in the Lower Level from 9:30-10:20 a.m. on Sunday mornings.

The Pastors Class

Luke: A Story for our Times
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@stmattlutheran.org.

Confirmation & High School Youth Connections


Confirmation (6th-8th grade) and High School Youth Connections (9th-12th grade) will meet this Sunday, **February 16**, 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 this Sunday, **February 16**, in the Youth Suite on the third floor (304) from 6:00-8:00 p.m. All are welcome!

Dates to Remember:

 **February 21, 2025** - Brewed By Grace coffee house for all 6-12th graders. Held in the Youth Suite on the 3rd floor from 7:00-9:00 p.m.

 **March 8, 2025** - Winter Jam in State College. All are welcome to go. Let Tim Peck (youth@stmattlutheran.org) know by February 23.

 **March 21, 2025** - Newsboys at the Appell Center in York, PA . All are welcome to join!

~ **Look for flyers around the church** ~



Baked Goods Needed!

Our youth coffee house, Brewed By Grace, is being held on February 21 and will need delicious baked goods (scones, cookies, etc.). If you are willing and able to donate, please contact Tim Peck at youth@stmattlutheran.org or call the Church Office at 717-637-7101 Ext. 230.



Splash Class

The next Splash Class will be held on Sunday, **March 2** at 9:45 a.m. in the Pray Ground in Fellowship Hall. 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.



Discovery Place Preschool's Annual Spring Craft Fair!

March 15, 2025 from 9am - 3pm

Come enjoy: a bake sale, local small businesses and vendors, home decor, a silent auction, food trucks, face painting (9 a.m. - 12 p.m.), a story time for children (10:30 a.m.), and a St. Matthew Mini Ministers puppet show (11:30 a.m.). This event happens once a year, so don't miss out! Admission is free and proceeds go directly towards Discovery Place Preschool.

For vendor registration or more information:
discoveryplacehanover@gmail.com

If anyone would be able to donate baked goods for the Bake Sale, they can be dropped off on Friday, March 14 at the church office.



St. Matthew Women's Retreat

"Meant for each other: the Good Book and the 'Book' of nature"

Come and enjoy a day of fellowship, spiritual renewal, sharing, and fun! Join us for a day apart with other women and our guest speaker, Pastor Ann Dentry, a new member of St. Matthew, on **Saturday, March 22**, 10am to 4pm, in the Upper Room (take the stairs or elevator to the second floor). Coffee and tea will be served in the morning and lunch will be provided. Cost is \$25. Sign-up forms will be on the hospitality desk. Space is limited.

Sign up by 3/15/25. Contact Sue Covert at cvtstew@aol.com with any questions.



Blood Drive

Mark your calendars! The next Blood Drive will be held on Tuesday, **April 29**. Stay tuned for further information and registration details.



Black Rose Chorale

Do you love to sing? Are you looking for a community singing group? The Black Rose Chorale is for you! Rehearsals start on **February 23**. Please check the St. Matthew Facebook/website registration for more information, or talk to Ben Boellner (bboellner@stmattlutheran.org) or Deb Smith (dsmith@stmattlutheran.org). The Black Rose Chorale is for everyone! We welcome ALL!



GriefShare

Come to our 13-session GriefShare support group! Scheduled to begin this Monday, **February 17** from 6:30-8:00 p.m. It will be held in the Upper Room on the second floor. Sign-up forms are in the back of the bulletins. If you have questions, email Pastor Faye at nicksong@comcast.net.