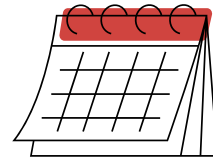




This Week

ST. MATTHEW LUTHERAN CHURCH

MARCH 23 - MARCH 30, 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.
- Communion Milestone Class 11:45 a.m.
- Youth Choir/Handbells (Rehearsal Room) 11:45 a.m.-12:45 p.m.
- Pajama Storytime (Upper Room) 5:00-6:00 p.m.
- Coffee House for Youth (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 (Gym) 6:30-7:30 p.m.
- Council Meeting (Upper Room) 7:00-9:00 p.m.

Wed:

- Lent Dinner Church (Fellowship Hall) 6:00-7:00 p.m.
- Boy Scouts (Gym) 7:00-8:30 p.m.
- New Member Orientation 7:00-8:15 p.m.

Thurs:

- Children's Choir 4:15-5:00 p.m.
- Adult Bells 6:00-7:00 p.m.
- Adult Choir 7:00-7:45 p.m.
- Men's Chorus 7:45-8:30 p.m.

Fri:

- Adult Bells (Nave) 1:00-2:00 p.m.
- Worship Service (Fellowship Hall) 5:00 p.m.

Sat:

- Worship with Holy Communion (Nave) 8:30 a.m.
- Faith Connections 9:30 a.m.
- Worship with Holy Communion (Nave) 10:30 a.m.
- Evangelism Training Session (Fellowship Hall) 11:45 a.m. - 12:45 p.m.
- Youth Choir/Handbells (Rehearsal Room) 11:45 a.m.-12:45 p.m.
- Bowling Night (Off Site) 1:00-3:00 p.m.

ANNOUNCEMENTS



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.



Pajama Storytime

All ages and their families are invited to Pajama Storytime this Sunday, **March 23** in the Upper Room. Wear pajamas and join us for a light meal at **5:00 p.m.** followed by a story and craft at 5:30 p.m. Ms. Lindsay and Ms. Deb are excited to be your storytellers. Please register online using the QR code above with the number attending.



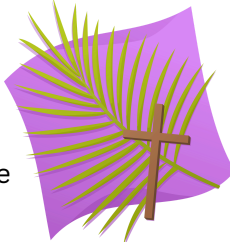
Pastor's Class - Revelation: It's about Time

Pastor Mark Vitalis Hoffman, Professor of Biblical Studies is holding a Bible Study series on Revelation for the Faith Connections Pastor's Class at **9:30-10:20 a.m.** in the 2nd floor Upper Room (use the elevator or steps by the back entrance). This is a timely study for all of us as we live in an age of anxiety. There are many reasons for this but more important than ever, we need to have the big picture in mind. The book of Revelation gives that to us. All are welcome! For more information contact Pastor Kathy at pastorkathy@stmattlutheran.org or 717-637-7101.



Lent 2025: All We Need

This year's theme, "All We Need," invites us to explore what we need to survive and thrive—individually, as a church, and as a community. With guidance from Barn Geese Worship, we'll reflect on scripture's insights into our deepest needs.



Lenten Worship Themes:

- March 22/23: The Need for an Advocate
- March 29/30: The Need for Change
- April 5/6: The Need for Beauty
- Palm & Passion Sunday (April 12/13): Jesus Needs Our Help
- Holy Week (April 17-19): The Need for Love, Protection & New Life
- Easter Sunday (April 20): The Need to Rejoice



Bowling

Come for an afternoon of bowling at the South Hanover Lanes on **March 30 at 1:00 p.m.** Please register using the QR code above by March 27. Families and friends are invited!

Dinner Church Returns!

Wednesdays at **6:00 p.m.**, featuring a meal and healing service reflecting the previous Sunday's theme. Hosting the dinners this year are:

- March 26 - Faith Formation (BBQ sandwiches, mac and cheese, salad, chips, and desserts)
- April 2 - Social Ministry
- April 9 - Council

All are welcome to journey with us this Lent! Contact either Pastor Kathy (pastorkathy@stmattlutheran.org) or Pastor Alex (pastoralex@stmattlutheran.org) for more information!



Youth Group

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

Confirmation & High School Youth Connections

Confirmation (6th-8th grade) and High School Youth Connections (9th-12th grade) will meet **this Sunday, March 23**, in the Youth Suite on the third floor (304) from **9:30-10:20 a.m.**



Dates to Remember:

June 16-20, 2025 - Day Camp will be at St. Matthew again! More details coming soon!

June 23-26, 2025 - Vacation Bible School will be back at St. Matthew again this summer! More details to come!



Coffee House for Youth

There will be another Coffee House tonight, **March 23** in the Youth Room (304) on the third floor. It will follow the Pajama Storytime and will take place from **6:00-8:00 p.m.** All 6-12th graders are welcome! Bring friends and enjoy karaoke, coffee, hot cocoa, and conversation with your peers.



Splash Class

The next Splash Class will be held **April 6 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.



Men's Chorus is back!

Our second rehearsal will be **this Thursday, March 27** from **7:45 p.m.-8:30 p.m.**, and we will be singing for Easter Sunday. Please join us! For more information, please email Deb Smith (dsmith@stmattlutheran.org) or Ben Boellner (bboellner@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.

Communion Milestone: Come to the Table

Is your child ready to explore the gift of Holy Communion? Join us for our Holy Communion Milestone! Geared toward children in 5th grade and younger and their families who: are not yet receiving Communion and want to start, are already receiving Communion but haven't had a communion class, OR would like a refresher! Key Dates:

- **Sunday, March 23:** Class following the 10:30 service (approx. 11:45-12:30 p.m.)
- **Sunday, April 6:** Bread baking following the 10:30 service (approx. 11:45-12:30 p.m.)
- **Thursday, April 17:** Maundy Thursday Worship at 7 p.m., celebrating the Holy Communion Milestone



If you're unable to attend one or more of the classes, please reach out to Pastor Alex to set up another time.

For questions or concerns, contact our Children and Family Ministry Coordinator, Missy Smith (msmith@stmattlutheran.org), or Pastor Alex (pastoralex@stmattlutheran.org).

Want to learn more about St. Matthew?

Our next New Member Class is coming up. This is a great way to connect with others, for us to get to know you better, and to learn more about who we are and how we live out our faith together. Whether you're ready to join or just exploring, you're welcome to come! Classes meet at **7:00 p.m., after Dinner Church**, on the following Wednesdays:

- 📖 **March 26** – The Bible & Our Faith
- ✝️ **April 2** – Lutheran Living
- 🏠 **April 9** – Orientation & Building Tour

We will officially welcome new members in worship on Sunday, April 27 at the 10:30am service, with a breakfast beginning around 9:30 a.m. If you're planning on attending please contact the church office at 717-637-7101. If you have questions, reach out to either Pastor Kathy (pastorkathy@stmattlutheran.org) or Pastor Alex (pastoralex@stmattlutheran.org). We would love to connect with you!



Lunch & Easter Egg Hunt - April 13

- Lunch at 11:45 a.m. (following the late service)
- Hamburgers, hot dogs, mac and cheese, chips, and drinks
- Egg hunt for pre-k through 5th grade following lunch (around 12:45 p.m.)
- Games, crafts, and pictures with the Easter Bunny while you wait your turn
- Sign up using the QR Code at the right or by filling out the form at the Hospitality Desk

Donations of bags of individually wrapped candy and plastic eggs are needed. There are boxes for the candy and plastic eggs in the Gathering Place and the church office. The deadline to bring candy is April 6.

