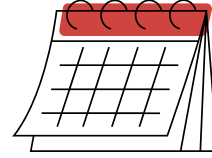




*This Week*

# ST. MATTHEW LUTHERAN CHURCH

APRIL 6 - APRIL 13, 2025



**Sun:**

- Worship with Holy Communion (Nave) ..... 8:30 a.m.
- Faith Connections ..... 9:30 a.m.
- Splash Class (Prayground) ..... 9:45-10:15 a.m.
- Worship with Holy Communion (Nave) ..... 10:30 a.m.
- Communion Milestone (Fellowship Hall) ..... 11:45 a.m.-12:30 p.m.
- NO Youth Choir/Bells Rehearsal .....
- One World, One Beat Concert (Nave) ..... 4:00-6:00 p.m.
- Youth Group (Rm 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.
- All Committee Night (Fellowship Hall) ..... 7:00-9:00 p.m.

**Wed:**

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

**Sat:**

- Making Palm Crosses (Fellowship Hall) ..... 9:30-11:00 a.m.
- Worship Service (Fellowship Hall) ..... 5:00 p.m.

**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.
- Lunch & Egg Hunt (Fellowship Hall/Gym) ..... 11:30 a.m.-2:00 p.m.
- NO Youth Choir/Bells Rehearsal .....

## ANNOUNCEMENTS



### Splash Class

Splash Class will be **this Sunday, April 6 from 9:45-10:15 a.m.** in the Pray Ground in Fellowship Hall. This is for families with kids 3 months- 3 years old to explore what comes after being "Splashed" by the waters of Baptism. Our last class this year will be on Sunday, May 4th.



### 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.



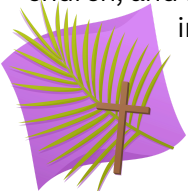
### Pastor's Class - Revelation: It's about Time

Pastor Mark Vitalis Hoffman 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. All are welcome! For more information contact Pastor Kathy at [pastorkathy@stmatthlutheran.org](mailto:pastorkathy@stmatthlutheran.org) or 717-637-7101.



### Men's Chorus is back!

Our next rehearsal will be **this Thursday, April 10 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@stmatthlutheran.org](mailto:dsmith@stmatthlutheran.org)).



### 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. We'll reflect on scripture's insights into our deepest needs.

### Dinner Church

Wednesday at **6:00 p.m.**, featuring a meal and healing service reflecting the previous Sunday's theme. Council will be hosting the last dinner on **April 9**. All are welcome to journey with us this Lent! Contact either Pastor Kathy ([pastorkathy@stmatthlutheran.org](mailto:pastorkathy@stmatthlutheran.org)) or Pastor Alex ([pastoralex@stmatthlutheran.org](mailto:pastoralex@stmatthlutheran.org)) for more information!



### Palm Crosses

Come make Palm Crosses on Saturday morning, **April 12** in the Fellowship Hall, beginning at **9:30 a.m.** and ending when we have made 400 palm crosses! If you can only stay a short time, that's fine - everyone can come and go until all crosses have been made. Bring your friends and family!



### Join Us for Our Holy Week Services:

- **Palm & Passion Sunday, April 13:** 8:30 & 10:30 a.m. ~Theme: *Jesus Needs Our Help*
- **Maundy Thursday, April 17:** 7:00 p.m. ~Theme: *The Need for Love, Protection & New Life*
- **Good Friday, April 18:** 7:00 p.m. ~Theme: *The Need for Love, Protection & New Life*
- **Holy Saturday, April 19:** 5:00 p.m. ~Theme: *The Need for Love, Protection & New Life*
- **Easter Sunday, April 20:** 8:30 & 10:30 a.m. ~Theme: *The Need to Rejoice*

### Youth Group

All 6-12<sup>th</sup> grade, come to Youth Group on the third floor (room 304) on **April 6**. We would love to see you there! All are welcome! \*There will be NO Youth Group on April 20. Happy Easter!\*



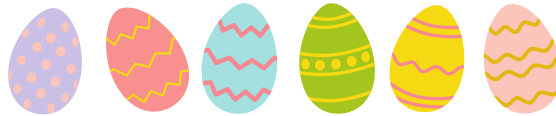
### Confirmation & High School Youth Connections

Confirmation (6th-8th grade) and High School Youth Connections (9th-12th grade) will meet **this Sunday, April 6 and April 27**, in the Youth Suite on the third floor (304) from **9:30-10:20 a.m.**



### All-Saints Confirmation Camp at Camp Nawakwa

- For all those going into 6-9th grade
- **June 8-13, 2025**
- Full week of important confirmation requirement.
- Plenty of fun, meeting new youth, enjoying Nawakwa, and learning about God and yourself.
- Costs for students is \$200. Scholarships are available.
- For more information see Tim Peck [youth@stmatthlutheran.org](mailto:youth@stmatthlutheran.org) or Pastor Alex [pastoralex@stmatthlutheran.org](mailto:pastoralex@stmatthlutheran.org).



### 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 this Sunday, April 6.\*

### Want to learn more about St. Matthew?

Our last 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! Class will meet at **7:00 p.m., after Dinner Church** on:

**April 9** – Orientation & Building Tour

We will officially welcome new members in worship on **Sunday, April 27 at the 10:30 a.m. 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@stmatthlutheran.org](mailto:pastorkathy@stmatthlutheran.org)) or Pastor Alex ([pastoralex@stmatthlutheran.org](mailto:pastoralex@stmatthlutheran.org)). We would love to connect with you!



### Blood Drive

The next Blood Drive will be held on Tuesday, **April 29 from 11 a.m.-6 p.m.** in the Fellowship Hall. Walk-ins are welcome but donors with appointments will be taken first. Scan the QR code above to sign up or go to the Welcome Place on Saturday, April 26 at the 5:00 p.m. service and Sunday, April 27 at the 8:30 and 10:30 a.m. services to sign up in person. Please note that a form of ID is required when you donate.



### Craig Williams, Organist Concert

- **Sunday, April 27 at 4 p.m.**
- Craig is the Organist and Choirmaster at WestPoint Military Academy in New York
- No tickets are required but a free will offering will be collected to defray concert costs

### 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, April 6:** Bread baking following the 10:30 service (approx. 11:45-12:30 p.m.) in Fellowship Hall
- **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@stmatthlutheran.org](mailto:msmith@stmatthlutheran.org)), or Pastor Alex ([pastoralex@stmatthlutheran.org](mailto:pastoralex@stmatthlutheran.org)).

