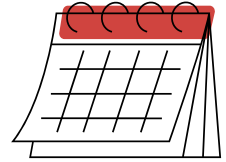




This week

**ST. MATTHEW
LUTHERAN CHURCH**
JULY 27 - AUGUST 3, 2025



Sun:

Drive-In Worship (Parking Lot) 8:30 a.m.
SoulFire Rehearsal 9:45-10:30 a.m.
Worship with Holy Communion (Nave) 10:30 a.m.
Youth Kayaking (Long Arm Dam) 6:00-8:00 p.m.

Mon:

Tues:

Wed:

Boy Scouts 6:00-8:30 p.m.

Thurs:

Fri:

Sat:

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

Sun:

Drive-In Worship (Parking Lot) 8:30 a.m.

Worship with Holy Communion (Nave) 10:30 a.m.

NO Youth Group

ANNOUNCEMENTS



Name Tag Sunday

A reminder that next Sunday, (the 1st Sunday of each month) is Name Tag Sunday, which we hope, with time, will promote camaraderie, and enhance our human connection. Let's enjoy getting to know one another!



Music Camp
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Music Camp

Happening **August 4-8 from 9:00-11:00 a.m.** each day.
Kids ages 5-12 can join Ms. Deb for songs and games, have a snack, and learn a musical to be performed in September. This is a free event but registration is required. Scan the QR code above to register. Contact Deb Smith (dsmith@stmattlutheran.org) with any questions.



Hymn Sing & Ice Cream Social

Mark your calendars for a Hymn Sing and Ice Cream Social on Sunday, August 10 at 4:00 p.m. in the Nave. Enjoy hymns played on piano and organ, with Christian Keller, Deb Smith, and Scott Fredericks pulling out all the stops on the organ!



Youth Group

All 6-12th graders are welcome to come to Youth Group, usually held on the 1st and 3rd Sunday evenings of each month, 6:00-8:00 p.m. However, in July we will not meet on the 20th with several youth away attending Leadership Training. We will meet on July 27 to go kayaking at Long Arm Dam. Meet at the boat launch, 1956 Beck Mill Road at 6:00 p.m. We will finish by 8:00 p.m. If you have questions, contact Tim Peck at youth@stmattlutheran.org.

ALL 6-12th GRADERS ARE WELCOME!



Confirmation & High School Youth Connections

Confirmation (grades 6–8) and High School Youth Connections (grades 9–12) are taking a break for the summer.

Rally Day

Join us on September 21 at 9:30 a.m. in the lower level to get our Faith Connections year started with our teachers and friends! Play some games, make some music and get ready to dive into some of our favorite Bible adventures! This is for kids 3 years old (potty trained) through 5th grade. Contact Missy Smith at msmith@stmattlutheran.org with any questions.



ALIVE September 26-28, 2025 (All 6-8th Graders)

ALIVE is our annual synod middle-school retreat, scheduled for September 26-28, 2025, at Camp Nawakwa. Congregations from across our synod gather with their adult advisors and youth for this traditionally early fall weekend. It's a great event for Confirmation students. The weekend also includes crafts, games, campfires, free-time, and community-building that allows youth and their adult counterparts time to deepen existing friendships, and create new ones.

2025 Theme: 'Better Together'

This year's theme, 'Better Together,' comes from among other impulses, the notion of Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King's concept of 'beloved community' and the premise that EVERY human being has value.

ALIVE DEADLINE: AUGUST 17, 2025

There will be a \$50 fee per person. See Tim Peck for questions or email youth@stmattlutheran.org



CAMP HEBRON - FALL RETREAT

Sponsored By: The Lower Susquehanna Synodical Women's Organization
Friday, Saturday & Sunday, October 24, 25, 26

The retreat theme is: "In the Potter's Hand." Jeremiah 18:1-2. Our leader this year is Lu Ann Wise, a retired health and physical education teacher from the Hempfield School District and Manheim Central School District. There will be faith renewal in worship, laughter and tears, getting reacquainted with old friends and making new friends, refreshing walks in the outdoors or sitting quietly in meditation. Offering motel-type accommodations including linens, private bath and 5 delicious meals (no cooking for a whole weekend ladies). There will be carpooling from the church lot for those interested. There is also an opportunity for Saturday only registration. See registration form for more info. Forms can be picked up in the church office or on the Hospitality Desk. Registrations must be postmarked by Monday, September 8. For more information call Johnetta Miller, 717-637-4259.