

HAPPENING THIS WEEK

May 31 – June 7, 2026

- Sun. Outdoor Worship with Holy Communion (Parking Lot)8:30 a.m.
Worship with Holy Communion (Nave).....10:30 a.m.
Kids Acting Rehearsal (Fellowship Hall) 1:00-1:45 p.m.
Community Meal (Fellowship Hall).....3:00-5:00 p.m.
- Tue. Women of the ELCA Bible Study.....2:00 – 3:30 p.m.
SoulFire Rehearsal 5:45-6:30 p.m.
- Wed. Prayer Chain Meeting.....10:30 a.m.
Kids Acting Rehearsal (Fellowship Hall).....6:00-6:45 p.m.
- Sat. Kids Acting Rehearsal (Fellowship Hall) 10:00-10:45 a.m.
Worship with Holy Communion (Fellowship Hall)5:00 p.m.
- Sun. Outdoor Worship with Holy Communion (Parking Lot)8:30 a.m.
Worship with Holy Communion (Nave).....10:30 a.m.
Youth Rehearsal for Fundraiser.....11:45 a.m. – 12:45 p.m.
Youth Fundraiser Spaghetti Dinner (Fellowship Hall) 4:00-6:00 p.m.

ALL ARE INVITED TO JOIN US FOR OUR MAY COMMUNITY MEAL

This Sunday May 31, 3:00-5:00 PM

Meal: Hot Dogs, Sloppy Joes, Mac-n-Cheese, Dairy Dan's Ice Cream

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

**Volunteers Needed: Set Up from 2-3 p.m., Serve Meal and Help Keep
Tables/Lawn Clean 3-5 p.m., Help with Games/Crafts 3-5, Clean Up 5-6 p.m.**



THE 8:30 SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICE has moved outdoors for the season. Join us for worship in the parking lot and on the area behind the church. Tune your car radio to FM 101.5 to hear the service or bring your lawn chair and

sit on the grassy area to hear in-person. This is an informal worship service. Join us for outdoor worship this summer.

WOMEN OF THE ELCA BIBLE STUDY will be held **Tuesday, June 2, at 2:00 p.m.** in the Upper Room, (enter elevator lobby and go to the 2nd floor.) All women are welcome to attend. Pastor Kathy will be leading the Bible study lesson found in the *gather* magazine, session two: *"I am More Than One Thing."* Lesson copies will be available. For additional information call the church office, 717-637-7107.

VBS VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

We need you to help make Illumination Station a huge success this year! If you are able to help, even part time, we have a place for you! VBS runs from Monday, June 22 to Thursday, June 25 9:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. Please fill out our volunteer form through the QR code provided. If you have any questions, please contact Missy at msmith@stmattlutheran.org.



FINANCIAL GIFT FOR LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF

Our congregation is invited in giving an *above and beyond financial gift* to help alleviate the heavy burdens placed on children in crisis. Could we raise \$10,000 to specifically help the children in Lebanon and Ecuador? Up to \$5,000 from the outreach account will be matched to your gifts.

As we are faced with the devastation of war, the tragedies of disasters and the persistent poverty in the world, we often feel helpless. In this case we have the trusted avenue to help through Lutheran World Relief. All of these gifts go directly to the places in need.

To give and to have your gift matched, please designate the gift to St. Matthew with *LWR-children* in the memo line, or go to www.stmattlutheran.org and give online.

YOUTH MINISTRY

Contact Tim Peck for more information, youth@stmattlutheran.org

Church Day Camp - Pool Party

Get ready to make a splash this summer! Join us for a fun-filled week of day camp packed with games, activities, faith and friendships.

- June 8-12, 2026
- 9 a.m. – 3 p.m.
- Grades 1-5
- Limited to 32 campers
- Cost: \$50
- To sign up go to our website at www.stmattlutheran.org and scroll till you see Day Camp.



We want every child to have the chance to attend. If cost is a concern, please reach out to: Tim Peck youth@stmattlutheran.org

Join us for youth group throughout the year! We gather for fun, faith, and community.

- Meets the 1st & 3rd Sunday of each month
- 6 – 8 p.m
- Youth Building, 3rd floor - room 304 (Youth Suite)
- Open to all youth entering 6th - 12th grade

Dinner Theater Youth Fundraiser for the Mission Trip

Mark your calendars for **June 7, 2026 at 4 p.m.** Join us in Fellowship Hall where you will be served a spaghetti dinner, while being entertained in between courses by skits performed by our own youth, Church Council and staff! Many thanks to Deb Smith for writing and producing the show!

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

Contact Missy Smith for more information, msmith@stmattlutheran.org.

Attention **kids ages 5 and up**, please join the **Summer St. Matthew Acting Troupe**. Participants will learn short skits to perform at local day cares, library, etc. Rehearsals are: Sunday, May 24 from 1-1:45 pm/Saturday, May 30 from 10-10:45 am/Sunday, May 31 from 1-1:45 pm/ Weds, June 3 from 6-6:45 pm/Saturday, June 6 from 10-10:45 am. Contact Deb Smith for more information.

VBS: Illumination Station

June 22-25 9:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Rising PreK-5th Graders - *Preschoolers must be at least 4 years old by Sept 1, 2026 AND be potty trained.*

Cost: Free! Lunch is provided. Join us as we shine a light on who Jesus is! Experience what it truly means for Jesus to be the Light of the World (John 8:12). Through

engaging stories, songs and activities, children will encounter a powerful Gospel message that brings them out of the shadows and into the light of God's truth.

For more information, contact Missy Smith at msmith@stmattlutheran.org or at 717-637-7101 ext. 232.



Music Camp

August 3-7 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

Rising K-5th graders

Cost: Free!

Join us for a week of music, creativity and faith! Through singing, dancing and performance, children will explore the story of God's love and bring it to life on stage. All

summer campers will rehearse and perform in a faith-based musical this September — a joyful celebration of the gifts God has given us and has called us to share! For more information, contact Deb Smith at dsmith@stmattlutheran.org or at 717-637-7101 ext. 236.

Sign up for each camp on the website, www.stmattlutheran.org



Does the world seem cold and hard? YOU can make it better by becoming a St. Matthew Visiting Minister! After a brief training session, you will visit your assigned care receiver once a month. VM's have necessary peer and leader support. Pray and see if God is leading you to share in this caring ministry. For more info, or to sign up, call the church office, 717-637-7101, or email Pastor Faye at nicksong@comcast.net.

VISITING MINISTER SIGN-UP FORM

If you're interested in signing up to be a Visiting Minister, please fill out this form and place in the offering basket.

Name

Phone Number

INFORMATION UPDATE FORM

Please fill out the pertinent part(s) for you, tear off this page and put in the offering basket or email the church office at info@stmattlutheran.org.

_____ I'd like to receive _____ e-mail updates and/or _____ newsletter in the mail. (Provide name, e-mail, and/or mailing address)

_____ I am a member of St. Matthew and below is updated contact information.

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