

HAPPENING THIS WEEK

April 5 – April 12, 2026

- Sun. Worship with Holy Communion (Nave)8:30 a.m.
Easter Breakfast (Fellowship Hall) 9:30-10:20 a.m.
Worship with Holy Communion (Nave).....10:30 a.m.
No Youth Choir
No Youth Group
- Mon. **Church Office Closed**
Grief Share Group (Upper Room) 3:00-4:30 p.m.
- Tues. Women of the ELCA Bible Study (Upper Room)..... 2:00-3:30 p.m.
No Junior Choir Rehearsal
No SoulFire Rehearsal
- Wed. Boy Scouts..... 7:00-8:30 p.m.
- Thurs. No Choir or Bell Rehearsals
- Sat. Worship with Holy Communion (Fellowship Hall)5:00 p.m.
- Sun. Worship with Holy Communion (Nave).....8:30 a.m.
Faith Connections 9:30-10:20 a.m.
Worship with Holy Communion (Nave).....10:30 a.m.
Youth Choir & Handbells..... 11:45 a.m.-12:45 p.m.
One World, One Beat Concert (Nave)4:00 p.m.

Watch for more info!

May 3 – Hershey Handbell Concert

May 17 – Personal Care Kit Packing

May 24 – 8:30 service moves to the parking lot

May 31 – Community Meal (for more info or to volunteer, contact Amy Beck
at abeck1976comcast.net)

April 19 & 26 - Social Ministry is collecting items for God's Meal Barrel

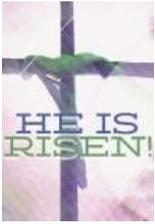
April 26 – What's Up, Zak musical being presented during 10:30 worship service

May 3 – Splash Class for 0-3 year-olds and their parent/guardian

June 28 – Pastor Kathy's last Sunday

August 16 – Hymn Sing and Ice Cream Social

September 27 – Organ Concert with Tyler Conanico-Dilley, Organist



An **EASTER BREAKFAST** of egg bakes and assorted rolls and breads will be available after the 8:30 service, from approximately 9:30 to 10:20 in Fellowship Hall. There will be no Faith Connections.

THANK YOU TO ALL who participated and those who spread the word about our recent successful blood drive. With your help, CPBB screened 39 donors, collected 33 pints of blood, and in turn helped save 99 local lives. Thank you for supporting our tradition of successful blood drives here at St Matthew. We look forward to seeing you at our fall blood drive.



WOMEN OF THE ELCA BIBLE STUDY will be held on Tuesday, April 7 at 2 p.m. in the Upper Room. Pastor Kathy will be leading the Bible study. Lesson copies will be available. For additional information call the church office 717-637-7101. All women are invited to attend!

THE EASTER GARDEN LISTING is available on the Hospitality Desk in the Gathering Place and also from an usher. Thank you to everyone who sponsored flowers. After the cost of the flowers is met, the remainder of the monies will be sent to Hanover Area Council of Churches/Ruth's Harvest. **If you sponsored a flower, you may take a flower with you after the 10:30 service.**



Join us for our next concert, ONE WORLD, ONE BEAT: A concert celebrating peace, unity and love. The concert is Sunday, April 12 at 4:00 p.m. in the Nave. Audience members are asked to bring a food donation for God's Meal Barrel. Some of the performers are; Ethan Draper, Marilyn Gibson, EHMMS Show Choir, Dan Carson, Brody Rummel, and more!



RECEIVING NEW MEMBERS We will officially welcome new members in worship on Sunday, April 19 at the 10:30 service. On that same morning at 9:30, new members are invited to a “welcome breakfast” hosted by our Evangelism Committee. Please contact the office if you are planning to become a member by calling 717-637-7101 or email us, info@stmattlutheran.org or fill out the tear off sheet on page 22 of this bulletin and place in the offering basket. You may contact Pastor Kathy at pastorkathy@stmattlutheran.org or by calling 717-637-7101 ext. 231.

PERSONAL CARE KITS PROJECT

The Women of the ELCA and Intergenerational Faith Connections are collecting items to assemble Personal Care Kits for Lutheran World Relief. People who must flee their homes quickly due to disasters or safety often do not have time to pack essential items. Personal Care Kits can help those in need to maintain personal hygiene, while living away from their homes. The Kits also contribute to a new start for those who can return home.

Each Personal Care Kit includes:

- *One new bath-size towel(approx.52”X27”), dark color recommended
- *Two bath-size bars(4-5oz) of soap (must equal 8-9 oz.) in its original wrapping
- *One adult-size toothbrush in its original packaging
- *One sturdy, wide-toothed comb *One metal nail-clipper

You may drop off items in the designated boxes located in the elevator lobby or the church office. Monetary donations may be made to be used to purchase bulk items (checks should be made payable to *St. Matthew Lutheran Church with Care Kits* in the memo line). **Packing will take place May 17 at 9:30 a.m. and all are invited to help pack the care kits.**



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.

Rising 1st-5th Graders

Limit of 32 participants

Cost: \$50 (Scholarships available)

Join us as we splash into summer for a week-long camp, led by our youth ministry program. Tim Peck along with our youth and young adults put together a fun-filled week of faith and friendship. Kids will explore what a difference Jesus makes in their lives, when they are willing to dive in with him! For more information, contact Tim Peck At youth@stmattlutheran.org or at 717-637-7101 ext. 230



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

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

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

NO Faith Connections or Choir rehearsals this week!

Children's Faith Connections - Sundays, 9:30 a.m.

Ages 3–5th grade. Our regular Faith Connections will continue through May.

Junior Choir & Bells (3rd-5th grade) - Tuesdays 4:30-5:15 p.m. (Starting up 04/14)

Children's Choir (age 3-2nd grade) - Thursdays 4:15-5:00 p.m. (Starting up 04/16)



Discovery Place Family Fun Night

Discovery Place Preschool is hosting a family fun night on Friday, April 17, 6-8:00 p.m. in the Gym. There will be carnival games, snacks, face painting and a silent auction. Everyone is invited to this Family Fun Night! Bring the kids - the grandkids and friends!

From Discovery Place Preschool

We are looking for themed baskets for our silent auction to be held during our Family Fun Night. Some theme examples are "Family Game Night," "Night at the Movies," "Summer Fun" just to name a few. We are asking that basket donations be brought into the church office by Monday, April 13. Thank you for your continued support!



What's Up, Zak? Musical - April 26, 10:30 a.m.

Join us at our 10:30 service on April 26 as our kids share the Word through their musical, *What's Up Zak?*, the story of Zaccheaus and his encounter with Jesus.

YOUTH MINISTRY

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

NO Faith Connections or Choir Rehearsals this week!

Starting back up next Sunday, April 12:

Youth Faith Connections, Sundays 9:30 am.

Middle School Faith Connections(6th-8th grade) meet for Confirmation in the Youth Suite with Tim.

High School Faith Connections (9th-12th grade) meets for a narrative lectionary discussion with Jeremy and Chris. Donuts and drinks are provided. ALL are welcome. Contact Tim for more information. (No Faith Connections on Easter Sunday)

Youth Bells & Choir (6th-12th Grades)

Meets Sundays with Ms. Deb, dsmith@stmattlutheran.org, 11:45a.m.-12:45 p.m. All youth are invited to be part of making music together! (No rehearsal on Easter Sunday)



Palm Sunday Lunch and Easter Egg Hunt Thank You!

A huge thank you to everyone who helped make Palm Sunday so special. To the youth and parents-you all did an amazing job! And to everyone who baked cakes, helped clean up, or just simply jumped in wherever needed, your support meant so much. We truly appreciate each and every one of you. Thank You!

Blessings,
Tim Peck



Youth Ministry (Continued)

Confirmation Retreat (6th-8th grade) - June 14-19

All Saint's Confirmation camp, Camp Nawakwa

It is a week that you get to experience camp and meet new friends, plus it will give you a fresh way to look at confirmation. This year's theme is **Faith and Doubt**. It is expected that Confirmation students attend this annual retreat at least once during their time in Confirmation - but we encourage participation each year.

Registration Cost - \$50. Registration due April 6.

Mission Trip (9th-12th grade) - July 5-11

We will be partnering again with LutheranHands for our annual mission trip. This year's trip is a bit closer to home - in Philadelphia, PA. It is a week of helping a community that needs help with their homes and surroundings. It is always a rewarding week for all that attend, so mark your schedules to go and serve in Philadelphia with us.



Registration due April 6.

Summer Camps

St. Matthew hosts 3 summer camps for kids throughout the summer. Middle school and high school youth are invited to help with our summer camps for younger kids. Camp leaders get to share their faith in real ways, grow leadership skills, and serve as role models—while still having plenty of fun along the way.



St. Matthew Scholarships applications, grade transcripts and letters of reference are due in the office by May 1 and personal interviews will be held May 11-15. You may apply for most of the scholarships twice. If you have any questions, contact Kit Curlen at kcurlen@comcast.net, OR Contact Judy Porowski

at jbp49@comcast.net. Applications can be found on the website at www.stmattlutheran.org

YOUTH GROUP - April 19 from 6-8 p.m.

All youth in grades 6-12 are invited to an evening of fellowship, faith, and fun! We meet on the 1st and 3rd Sundays of each month from 6-8 p.m. Youth are always welcome to bring friends to join us. We will have snacks and drinks. Contact Tim for questions or more information.

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 interested in **joining St. Matthew** and below is my contact info.

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

Name

Phone Number

E-mail

Mailing Address

April 15 – articles due for our next newsletter covering May, June & July
Please email articles to info@stmattlutheran.org



Seniors Hangout is a ministry to give our senior members a time of fellowship, fun and learning. It includes games, art activities, coffee and cookies, and a speaker. Seniors Hangout is held the third Monday of each month, 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. in Fellowship Hall. The next Hangout will be held on Monday, April 20 with Deb Smith presenting on The Sound of Music and the Holocaust.

Worship Assistant Sign-up form

If you are interested in helping within our worship services, use the QR code to fill out a form or you can find them on the Hospitality Desk. We will have training for those who have never served or those who need a refresher. Please sign up by April 6. We will be creating the schedules for May, June & July.



Instant Church Directory - Reminder for updates



A great benefit of our on-line directory is the ability for our members to enter listing updates and change photos at any time, instantly...well, almost instantly. You may enter your updates from your PC / MAC or smartphone anytime, however they will not appear in the directory until acknowledged by the Administrator, usually the same day. If you have any questions or need help with entering updates or uploading pictures, please reach out to me. I will always be happy to assist you. Mike Jones e-mail: majones91914@outlook.com Cell: 717-965-6680

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