

THE ALTAR FLOWERS have been given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Kimberly F. Peck by her mother and family; and in honor of Gladys Despines' 97th birthday by her daughter Deborah Breuer and family; and in honor of Rhonda J. Gehman on her birthday of April 14 by her parents JoAnn and Ron Smith; and in loving memory of Kenneth L. Utz who passed away April 14 by his children Diana, Bev, Barry, Gene, Cathy and families; and in loving memory of Dalton Schriver by Dorothy Schriver and family; and in loving memory of Joseph and Thelma Cookson by Ron and JoAnn Smith; and in loving memory of Jeffrey Greenholt by Judy, Keith, Julie, Kyle and Maryann Greenholt and families; and in loving memory of Carlynn and John Neiderer by their children Beth, Julie and Meg; and in loving memory of Helen Hartman by Danni, Randy, Emily and Beth; and in loving memory of Ralph E. Heusner and Mrs. Helen Heusner Schaeffer; and in loving memory of Chester and Elizabeth Hoke by their children and grandchildren.

THE BULLETINS have been given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Jeffrey Greenholt by Judy, Keith, Julie, Kyle and Maryann Greenholt and families; and in loving memory of Chester and Elizabeth Hoke by their children and grandchildren; and in loving memory of Margaret (Peg) Peterman who passed away 29 years ago by Duane, Kim, Justin and Jared Peterman; and in loving memory of Ralph E. Heusner and Mrs. Helen Heusner Schaeffer.

PRAYER LIST: In our intercessory prayers we pray for individuals who have offered permission to have their names included. These names will be listed up to a month unless otherwise requested. After that time, prayers will continue for each person through our prayer chain. Newly added names will appear in bold. If you would like to be included in the prayers of the prayer chain **but not listed** in the bulletin, you may contact Beth Koontz at bethk9245@gmail.com or by calling the church office at 717-637-7101.

Pearl Wintrode
Linda Gouker
Ron & JoAnn Smith
Larry Miller
Penny Ritter

Carolyn Rock
Kathy McMaster
Brad Maloney
Thelma Hershey
Jacquie Grenier

Daniel Thompson
Tom Zimmerman
Nancy Leister
Lucas Cherry

HAPPENING THIS WEEK

April 12 – April 19, 2026

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.
	Musical Rehearsal	1:00-1:45 p.m.
	One World, One Beat Concert (Nave)	4:00 p.m.
Mon.	Grief Share Group (Upper Room)	3:00-4:30 p.m.
	Girl Scouts	6:00-8:00 p.m.
Tues.	Junior Choir/Handbells (Children’s Rehearsal Room)	4:30-5:15 p.m.
	All Committee Night	7:00 p.m.
Wed.	Boy Scouts.....	7:00-8:30 p.m.
Thurs.	Children’s Choir (Children’s Rehearsal Room).....	4:15-5:00 p.m.
	St. Matthew Ringers (Adult Rehearsal Room).....	6:00-7:00 p.m.
	Adult Choir (Adult Rehearsal Room).....	7:00-8:00 p.m.
Fri.	Family Fun Night (Gym)	5:00-8:30 p.m.
Sat.	St. Matthew Ringers to Bell Festival	
	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.
	Youth Group (Youth Suite 3 rd Floor)	6:00-8:00 p.m.

The entire church staff would like to thank everyone who helped/participated in any way in our services and meals over the past two weeks. We also thank everyone who sent us cards, prayed for us, and brought goodies to the church office. We cannot do the work we do without many volunteers and we are very grateful for each and every one of you! God Bless!

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



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 **NEXT** 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 18 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.

CYBERWOMEN Use the QR code or the link below for the article for the April meeting of Cyberwomen on Tuesday, April 21 at 6 p.m. at Panera on Eisenhower Drive . All interested in attending are welcome to join us for dinner at Panera at 5:30 pm. This month we are going to focus on Hope.



<https://corechristianity.com/resources/articles/what-is-christian-hope>



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.

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

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

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.

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



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

Starting back up THIS 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.

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!

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.

I want to sincerely thank all of the youth who helped with the services during Holy Week and Easter weekend. You all did an amazing job! From serving as cross bearers, to managing the live video feed and preparing communion-your dedication, reverence, and willingness to serve truly made a difference. We are grateful for each of you!

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

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.**

The Hanover Symphony Orchestra will present “A World Premiere” on Sunday, April 19 at 3:00 PM at the Eichelberger Performing Arts Center, 195 Stock St., Hanover. The concert will feature the HSO Kids as well as the premiere of “Hanover Landscapes” composed by Rossano Galante. Tickets are available at theeich.org.

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.

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