

# *Easter Sunday*



**April 5, 2026**

**St. Matthew Lutheran Church**



# St. Matthew

LUTHERAN CHURCH of HANOVER

Where the Welcome is Wide and the Love is Real

***Welcome!*** Whether you are a long-time member of St. Matthew, a first-time visitor, or somewhere in between, we are thankful you are here today. If you have questions or any needs, please let a name-tagged usher know. We hope that you experience God's love during worship today.

## **Our Purpose:**

Welcoming all as we share God's love.

## **Our Core Values:**

**Embracing** one another as God created us

**Celebrating** together in worship

**Deepening** our faith in Jesus

**Connecting with** children and youth

**Walking** with our neighbors

## **Our Goals:**

**Enliven** faith through worship and learning

**Cultivate** shared leadership as disciples of Jesus

**Engage** with children, youth, and families

**Bridge the gaps** with home-insecure neighbors

**Build** authentic relationships across differences

**About today:** *We gather as a community for worship around word, wine, and water. Put another way, in worship we meet Christ in scripture proclaimed in speech & song, in the sacraments of Holy Communion and Baptism celebrated or remembered, and in community gathered together.*

Our regular weekend schedule includes Saturday worship at 5 p.m., Sunday indoor worship at 8:30 a.m., and Sunday indoor worship at 10:30 a.m. (livestreamed).



*Christ is risen! Jesus is alive, and God has swallowed up death forever. Like Mary Magdalene, we recognize the Risen Lord as he calls us by name. This is why we gather: to proclaim, witness, praise, and affirm the liberating reality of Christ's death and resurrection. In word and feast, we celebrate God's unending love, and depart to share this good news with all the world. Alleluia!*

# ***The Resurrection of Our Lord***

***Order of Worship  
8:30 and 10:30 a.m.***

**PRELUDE**

***Lord of the Dance***

**arr. Raney**

***Christ the Lord is Risen Today  
St. Matthew Ringers***

**arr. Wagner**

**WELCOME**

**INTROIT**

***This Joyful Eastertide  
Adult Choir***

**Wood**

*Please stand as you are able.*

**CALL TO WORSHIP** *(Based on Psalm 118)*

Pastor: Alleluia! Christ is Risen.

**All: Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

Pastor: Give thanks to the Lord, for the Lord is good;  
God's mercy endures forever.

**All: Let Israel now declare, "God's mercy endured forever."**

Pastor: I give thanks to you, for you have answered me and you have  
become my salvation.

**All: The stone that the builders rejected has become the chief  
cornerstone.**

Pastor: By the Lord has this been done; it is marvelous in our eyes.

**All: This is the day that the Lord has made;  
let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

*Please turn and face the cross at the back of the church. During the processional,  
continue to face the cross.*

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

*Jesus Christ is Risen Today*

ELW #365

Wesley/Walsh



1 Je - sus Christ is ris'n to - day, Al - le - lu - ia!  
2 Hymns of praise then let us sing, Al - le - lu - ia!  
3 But the pains which he en - dured, Al - le - lu - ia!  
4 Sing we to our God a - bove, Al - le - lu - ia!



our tri - um - phant ho - ly day, Al - le - lu - ia!  
un - to Christ, our heav'n - ly king, Al - le - lu - ia!  
our sal - va - tion have pro - cured; Al - le - lu - ia!  
praise e - ter - nal as his love; Al - le - lu - ia!



who did once up - on the cross, Al - le - lu - ia!  
who en - dured the cross and grave, Al - le - lu - ia!  
now a - bove the sky he's king, Al - le - lu - ia!  
praise him, all you heav'n - ly host, Al - le - lu - ia!



suf - fer to re - deem our loss. Al - le - lu - ia!  
sin - ners to re - deem and save. Al - le - lu - ia!  
where the an - gels ev - er sing. Al - le - lu - ia!  
Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. Al - le - lu - ia!

**EASTER PROCLAMATION**

Pastor: Alleluia! Christ is Risen!

**All: Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

*Please be seated.*

*(10:30) Children second grade and under are invited to meet our children's leader at the baptismal font at the front of the Nave. She will take the children for Children's Church at the "Pray-ground" in the Fellowship Hall. They will hear the Easter story and spend some time exploring their faith and creativity together.*

*Please stand as you are able.*

## HYMN OF PRAISE

*Refrain*



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia.



1 Wor-thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us



free to be peo-ple of God. Pow - er and rich - es and wis - dom and

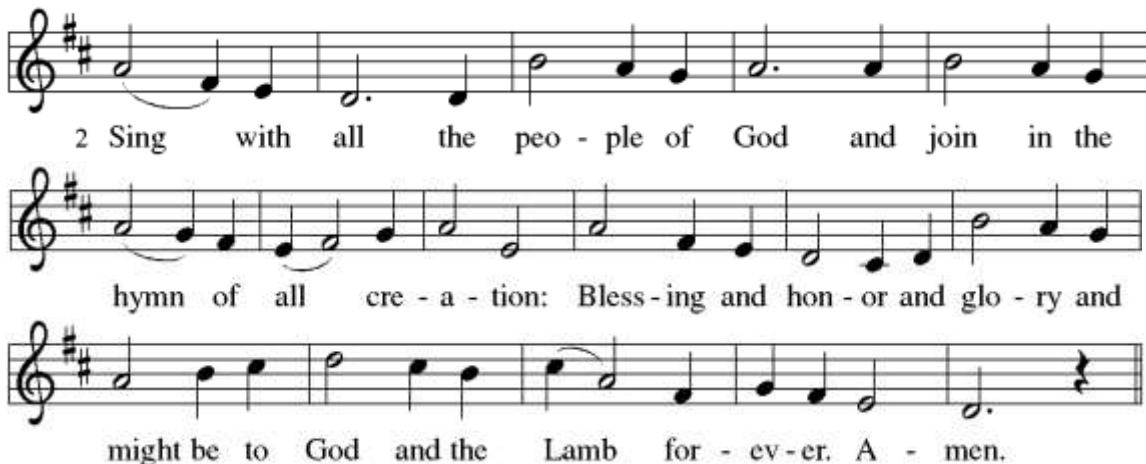


strength, and hon - or and bless-ing and glo - ry are his.

*Refrain*



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia.



2 Sing with all the peo - ple of God and join in the  
hymn of all cre - a - tion: Bless - ing and hon - or and glo - ry and  
might be to God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.

*Final refrain*



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God, for the Lamb who was slain  
has be - gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

**PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Pastor: God of mercy, we no longer look for Jesus among the dead, for he is alive and has become the Lord of life. Increase in our minds and hearts the risen life we share with Christ, and help us to grow as your people toward the fullness of eternal life with you, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**All: Amen.**

*Please be seated.*

## FIRST READING Colossians 3:1-4

<sup>1</sup>So if you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. <sup>2</sup>Set your minds on the things that are above, not on the things that are on earth, <sup>3</sup>for you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. <sup>4</sup>When Christ who is your life is revealed, then you also will be revealed with him in glory.

Pastor: The Word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

*Please remain seated.*

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?  
You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to John, the 20<sup>th</sup> chapter.

**All: Glory to you, O Lord.**

## HOLY GOSPEL: John 20:1-18

Pastor: The gospel of the Lord.

**All: Praise to you, O Christ.**

## EASTER MESSAGE

**Pastor Kathy Vitalis Hoffman**

*Please stand as you are able.*



- 1 Christ is ris-en! Al - le - lu - ia! Ris - en our vic - to - rious head!
- 2 Christ is ris-en! All the sad-ness of our Lent-en fast is o'er;
- 3 Christ is ris-en! All the sor-row that last eve-ning round him lay
- 4 Christ is ris-en! Hence-forth nev - er death or hell shall us en - thrall.



Sing his prais - es! Al - le - lu - ia! Christ is ris - en from the dead!  
 through the o - pen gates of glad-ness he re-turs to life once more;  
 now has found a glo-rious mor-row in the ris - ing of to - day.  
 We are Christ's, in him for - ev - er we have tri-umphed o - ver all.



Grate-ful - ly our hearts a - dore him as his light once more ap - pears;  
 death and hell be - fore him bend-ing see him rise, the vic - tor now,  
 See the grave its first-fruits giv - ing, spring-ing up from ho - ly ground;  
 All the doubt-ing and de - jec - tion of our trem-bling hearts have ceased;



bow - ing down in joy be-fore him, ris - ing up from griefs and tears.  
 an - gels on his steps at-tend-ing, glo - ry round his wound-ed brow.  
 Christ was dead, but now is liv - ing; he was lost, but he is found.  
 hail the day of res - ur - rec - tion! Let us rise and keep the feast.

*Refrain*

Christ is ris - en! Al - le - lu - ia! Ris - en our vic - to - rious head!



Sing his prais-es! Al - le - lu - ia! Christ is ris - en from the dead!

## CONFESSION OF FAITH

### *Apostles' Creed*

Pastor: Let us confess our faith with the words of the Apostles' Creed.

**All: I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried;  
he descended to the dead.  
On the third day he rose again;  
he ascended into heaven,  
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

## PRAYERS

Pastor: Each petition concludes, "*Merciful God,*" and the congregation responds, "*receive our prayer.*"

## PEACE

Pastor: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**All: And also with you.**

*(The congregation is invited to greet one another with the words "Peace be with you," and gestures respecting personal space and comfort levels.)*

*Please be seated.*

*(10:30) Children return from Children's Church.*

MUSICAL OFFERING

*On the Third Day*  
Adult Choir with

Pote

Sue Gross, Marsha Hartman, Mel Scoufalos and Elaine Sheely, Handbells

**Text:** Jesus was crucified. He died and was buried.

On the third day Christ arose.

He ascended into heaven and sitteth at the right

Hand of God the Father Almighty.

He will come again to judge the living and the dead,

His kingdom will have not end. Christ is risen from the dead,

He is risen as He said, He is alive, Alleluia!

Christ has conquered death and sin, died for us our souls to win.

He is alive, alleluia!

**GENEROSITY MOMENT WITH ANNOUNCEMENTS** *In response to God’s generosity we offer our selves, our time and our financial support as signs of God’s gracious love. Offerings may be placed in the baskets near the entrances/exits before or after worship, or through online giving on our website. See the QR code on the back of the bulletin. You may also text-to-give at 717-613-6204. Thank you for sharing your spiritual gifts with our church, local, and global communities.*

*Please stand as you are able.*

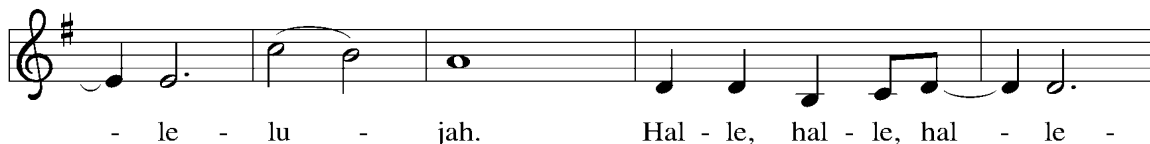
Offertory

*Halle, Halle, Hallelujah*

(Sing Twice)



Hal-le, hal - le, hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le, hal - le, hal -



- le - lu - jah. Hal - le, hal - le, hal - le -



lu - jah. Hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le - lu - jah.

## OFFERTORY PRAYER

Pastor: Risen One,

**All: you have gathered us around your table of grace  
along with these gifts we bring.**

**Come among us again,**

**breathe your life into us,**

**and enliven us with this meal,**

**that we may live as your risen body in the world. Amen.**

## THE MEAL

### GREAT THANKSGIVING

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

**All: And also with you.**

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

**All: We lift them to the Lord.**

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**All: It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Pastor: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy.....we praise your name  
and join their unending hymn:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might,  
heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry.  
Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes



in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

## **EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER WITH WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

### **LORD'S PRAYER**

Pastor: Lord, remember us in your kingdom, and teach us to pray:

**All: Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.**

### **INVITATION TO COMMUNION**

#### **DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION**

*All are welcome to the Lord's Supper. The meal is served in two ways: by coming forward for intinction or by individual packets for those who wish to remain in their seats. Choose what is appropriate for you. If you are unable to come forward, but would like communion served by the pastor, please let one of the ushers know and the Sacrament will be brought to you at your seat.*

***Children who do not yet receive communion*** are invited to come forward to receive a blessing.

#### **IN-PEW COMMUNION (WITH PACKETS)**

Pastor: The body of Christ, given for you.

**All: Amen. (Eat wafer)**

Pastor: The blood of Christ, shed for you.

**All: Amen. (Drink wine)**

**COMMUNION ANTHEM*****All Hail the Power*  
Men's Chorus**

arr. Krogstad

**COMMUNION HYMN*****The Day of Resurrection!*****ELW #361**  
Neale/Hartig

1 The day of res - ur - rec - tion! Earth, tell it out a - broad,  
 2 Let hearts be purged of e - vil that we may see a - right  
 3 Now let the heav'ns be joy - ful, let earth its song be - gin,  
 4 All praise to God the Fa - ther, all praise to Christ the Son,



the pass - o - ver of glad - ness, the pass - o - ver of God.  
 the Lord in rays e - ter - nal of res - ur - rec - tion light,  
 the round world keep high tri - umph and all that is there - in.  
 all praise to God the Spir - it, e - ter - nal Three in One!



From death to life e - ter - nal, from sin's do - min - ion free,  
 and lis - t'ning to his ac - cents, may hear, so calm and plain,  
 Let all things, seen and un - seen, their notes of glad - ness blend;  
 Let all the ran - somed num - ber fall down be - fore the throne,



our Christ has brought us o - ver with hymns of vic - to - ry,  
 his own "All hail!" and hear - ing, may raise the glad re - frain.  
 for Christ the Lord has ris - en, our joy that has no end!  
 and hon - or, pow'r, and glo - ry as - cribe to God a - lone!

*Please stand as you are able.*

## POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Pastor: Living One,  
in this feast you have made yourself known to us.  
Send us now to tell of your wonders,  
sing of your glory,  
and proclaim your risen life  
to a wounded and weary world.

**All: Amen.**

## BLESSING

Pastor: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

**All: Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

Pastor: The God of resurrection power,  
the Christ of unending joy,  
and the Spirit of Easter hope  
✝ bless you now and always.

**All: Amen.**

*(During the recessional, please turn to face the cross as it passes your pew.)*

RECESSIONAL

*Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds*

ELW #367  
Strodach/Köln

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1 Now all the vault of heav'n re - sounds  
 2 E - ter - nal is the gift he brings,  
 3 Oh, fill us, Lord, with daunt - less love;  
 4 A - dor - ing prais - es now we bring



in praise of love that still a - bounds: "Christ has  
 there - fore our heart with rap - ture sings: "Christ has  
 set heart and will on things a - bove that we  
 and with the heav'n - ly bless - ed sing: "Christ has



tri - umphed! He is liv - ing!" Sing, choirs of  
 tri - umphed! He is liv - ing!" Now still he  
 con - quer through your tri - umph; grant grace suf -  
 tri - umphed! Al - le - lu - ia!" Be to the



an - gels, loud and clear! Re - peat their song of glo - ry  
 comes to give us life and by his pres - ence stills all  
 fi - cient for life's day that by our lives we tru - ly  
 Fa - ther, and our Lord, to Spir - it blest, most ho - ly



here: "Christ has tri - umphed! He is liv - ing!"  
 strife. "Christ has tri - umphed! He is liv - ing!"  
 say: "Christ has tri - umphed! He is liv - ing!"  
 God, all the glo - ry, nev - er end - ing!



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

**DISMISSAL**

Pastor: Go in peace. Praise the Lord. Alleluia!

**All: Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**

**POSTLUDE**

***Toccata from Symphony no. 5***

**Widor**

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Please note: Music for this service is covered under CCLI # 1000682 –  
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***Our warm thanks*** to all those assisting in our worship services this morning:

- Musicians ..... St. Matthew Ringers, Adult Choir, Men’s Chorus,  
Deb Smith, Ethan Draper
- Altar Guild ..... Deb Kline, Penny Rutters
- Communion Assistants ..... 8:30 Irvin Sowers, Karen Sowers  
10:30 Randy Kline, Ellen Shenk
- Communion Preparers..... 8:30 Meredith Staub, Sara Staub  
10:30 Hallie Doll, Carolyn Markle
- Couriers.....8:30 Stephanie Klasek, Irvin Sowers Jr.  
10:30 Beth Szymanski
- Greeters ..... 8:30 Maria Martin, Debby Seibert  
10:30 Kim Beard, Martha Hempfing
- Live Stream (10:30)..... Hailey Bucher
- Ushers ..... 8:30 Team 1: Tom Shultz, Bob & Kit Curlen, Sean Huston, John Mancini  
10:30 Team 3: Darlene Klenk, Tyler Klenk, Henry Miller, Barb Rupp,  
Beth Szymanski, Dirk Wildasin

**THE ALTAR FLOWERS** have been given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Ralph J. Bollinger by his daughter Kim Beard; and in loving memory of Robert L. Weisensale by the family; and in loving memory of Bill Miller by his wife Lois; and in loving memory of Wilmer Rohrbaugh by granddaughter Sally A. Staub.

**THE BULLETINS** have been given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Joseph Mihalich by David, Kelli and Adam Reed; and in loving memory of Wilmer Rohrbaugh by granddaughter Sally A. Staub; and in loving memory of our 58<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary which would have been April 7, and Ed's birthday which would have been April 3, by his wife Barb. Ed will be looking down on me.

**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](mailto:bethk9245@gmail.com) or by calling the church office at 717-637-7101.

Ron & JoAnn Smith  
Larry Miller  
Carolyn Rock  
Kathy McMaster  
Brad Maloney  
Thelma Hershey

Jacque Grenier  
Jil Manga  
Mike Mummert  
Nathan Martin  
Daniel Thompson

Barbara Larson  
Betty Bond  
Tom Zimmerman  
Nancy Leister  
Lucas Cherry

## 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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:dsmith@stmattlutheran.org) or at 717-637-7101 ext. 236.

**Sign up for each camp on the website, [www.stmattlutheran.org](http://www.stmattlutheran.org)**

## CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

Contact Missy Smith for more information, [msmith@stmatthlutheran.org](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:kcurlen@comcast.net), OR Contact Judy Porowski

at [jbp49@comcast.net](mailto:jbp49@comcast.net). Applications can be found on the website at

[www.stmattlutheran.org](http://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.

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***INFORMATION UPDATE FORM***

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**April 15 – articles due for our next newsletter covering May, June & July**  
**Please email articles to [info@stmattlutheran.org](mailto: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](mailto:majones91914@outlook.com) Cell: 717-965-6680

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