# MARCH 17, 2024 CONNECT

# **EVENTS & NEWS**

#### **HOLY WEEK SERVICE TIMES**

Maundy Thursday Service -6:30PM

Good Friday Family Style Service -5PM | Good Friday Service 6:30PM

Easter Sunrise Service 7AM | Easter Morning Services (identical) - 8:30AM & 10:45AM

SCAN ME

to sign up for any of these



Please join us promptly at 10 a.m. in the Sanctuary for a short Family Easter "He is Risen!!!" message followed by a massive Egg Hunt outside. We will also have a special egg hunt room perfect for the littlest kiddos.

# WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP COOKIE NIGHT April 25, 7PM - 9PM

Join us in the Fellowship room at St Matthew Thursday, April 25th for a cookie decorating night! Kelly from KC Kookies will teach us the ins and outs of creating fabulously frosted cookies. You will take home 5 cookies you've learned to frost yourself. DEADLINE for registration is \*April 3\* to allow Kelly enough time to gather all the supplies we'll need. \$20 per person.

#### HELP US FILL SOME EASTER EGGS

It's that time of year again and we could use your help filling some eggs. LOTS OF EGGS! You can fill them with candy, stickers, tattoos, toys, money, etc. Grab a bag of empty eggs in the commons to take home and fill. Bring the filled eggs back to church and put in the contained marked "Filled Eggs". We need ALL DONATIONS by Sunday, March 24th (one week before Easter). Your help is so appreciated!

#### PRAISE AND PLAY

#### Tuesdays, 10 AM - 11:15 AM

Join us in February for "Love You, Jesus". Come learn about how wide, long, high and deep is the love of Jesus for you too! There will be lots of singing, crafts, snacks, and tons of fun in the gym with our toys (scooters, bounce house, gymnastic equipment, musical instruments and more). Most importantly, we will learn a Bible point, passage, and song of the month. Cost is free. Please pre-register and invite your friends!

#### **SPRING CLEAN UP**

## Saturday, April 13th (Rain date April 20th)

Have you wanted to serve the God of the Universe but didn't know how? Please join us April 13th as we come together as a congregation and body to honor our God through the beautification of the place he gave us to worship him in. We'll Start at 8 but feel welcomed to come at 9. Bring a rake and a smile!

#### **VERSITI MOBILE BUS DRIVE CURTAILED**

The Versiti Blood Center has notified St. Matthew Lutheran Church, that the Blood Center will no longer provide the "Mobile Bus" Blood Drive. Cost-cutting is a primary factor in this decision. Members who still wish to donate may do so by calling the Center at 616-774-2300 or go online to Versiti Blood Center of Michigan/ Grand Rapids.

# **WINTER GROUPS & CLASSES**

#### SENIOR HIGH YOUTH GROUP

#### Sundays at 7PM

Students from high schools all around our community converge at St Matthew to explore their faith. We strive to create an environment where students can be transparent, experience authentic friendships with their peers, and navigate what it means to follow Jesus as a high school student.

#### **HEAD TO HEART CONFIRMATION**

#### Mondays at 7 PM

n Head  $\hat{2}$  Heart, students in 6th - 8th grade prepare for Confirmation by learning the nuts-n-bolts of the Lutheran faith (head) while practicing how to live out that faith (heart) through service and fellowship opportunities.

#### **WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY**

#### Thursdays, 9 AM

Now studying the book of Matthew. Materials will be provided. Let us know if you need childcare.by signing up In the churchcenter app.

# LUTHERANISM 101

#### Sundays at 9:45 AM,

Join Pastor Meyer in the fellowship hall for a study of Lutheran doctrine and theology. Whether a long time Lutheran or new to the faith, this class will provide a picture of the rich tapestry of the Lutheran tradition.

#### **MEN'S BIBLE STUDY**

### Wednesdays, 6:30-7:30 AM Online

Our Men's Class is going through a Bible Study on the book of 2<sup>nd</sup> Peter on Zoom. For more information or a Zoom link, email Michael Martin at mjnitram@gmail.com.

#### STEPHEN MINISTRY

God does not intend for us to struggle alone. There's a Stephen Minister waiting to walk alongside you. If you or someone you know would benefit from a Stephen Minister, please contact the Church office at info@stmatthewgr.com

The First Reading: Revelation 3:7-13 (pg. 1220)

The Second Reading: Hebrews 5:1-10 (pg. 1190)

The Holy Gospel: Mark 10:32-45 (pg. 1006)

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