



ST. MATTHEW

Messenger

Celebrating
69
years

The Newsletter of St. Matthew Evangelical Lutheran Church - February 2026

Great Is His Faithfulness

In June 2026, we at St. Matthew Evangelical Lutheran Church will celebrate our 70th Anniversary. Through God's infinite mercy and love, we are given life. He has sustained us as a church through many trials and tribulations. He has kept us going even when we worried about our survival. It is in God's faithfulness that we have placed our hope.

In our celebrations, we will consider those who were responsible for creating the base on which we have built what we are today. As we ponder the journey that shaped us, we reflect on the rich promises of God. God has remained faithful to St. Matthew as He walked with us through every crisis. We depend on Him for strength and guidance. He will never fail us!

We are grateful to Pastor Hollinger and our sixty-nine charter members who embarked on a journey of faith to form St. Matthew. They embarked on this journey humbly and with serious consideration of the responsibilities they were accepting. The most important consideration was the call that God had given them.

St. Matthew has faced many challenges and uncertainties throughout our history. In those challenging and uncertain times, God's love and faithfulness have borne us through to a place of peace. We as a congregation have been blessed and amazed to see how God has sustained us.

As we have walked across the threshold of our years past, we ask God to enlighten us with the knowledge of how to greet the future openly and eagerly. Lord, help us create plans that will bring out the best in us as individuals and as a congregation. May we fulfill your purpose for our lives. We have been blessed by what God has already done here at St. Matthew, and we trust that God will guide us in right direction into the future.

Great is thy faithfulness!

Allena Sperry
Council President

SMALL GROUPS

Chair Yoga

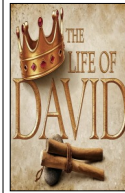
Chair Yoga meets every Monday at 11:00 AM in the Luther Hall.

CRAF-TEA

The Craf-Tea group will meet on the 4th Friday of the month. The meeting in February will be February 27, 2026 at 10:00 am. Contact Linnea Grosse at (706) 392-8697 for more information.

Bible Study

Weekday Bible Study meets in the Fellowship Hall from 10:15 - 11:30 a.m. each Tuesday reading and discussing the scriptures for the coming Sunday.



"David through the eyes of those who knew him" led by Pastor Taylor and Rabbi Beth Schwarz. This study continues February 4th and February 11th at 6:00 pm in Luther Hall.

LENT WORSHIP SCHEDULE

18
FEBRUARY

ASH WEDNESDAY
5:30 PM

25
FEBRUARY

MIDWEEK LENT SERVICE
5:30 PM

4,11,
18,25
MARCH

MIDWEEK LENT SERVICE
5:30 PM



2
APRIL

MAUNDY THURSDAY SERVICE
7:00 PM

3
APRIL

GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE
7:00 PM

4
APRIL

HOLY SATURDAY SERVICE
10:00 AM



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LUTHERAN CHURCH

4026 MACON ROAD
COLUMBUS, GA 31907



UPCOMING EVENTS



1 SHANNON GARDNER
20 MATT BONAHER
21 SANDRA CRAVEN
21 ISABELLE CLARK
24 CHARLOTTE OWEN
28 PENNY DAVIS

FEBRUARY

Birthday Celebration: February 1, 2026 after worship service in Luther Hall.



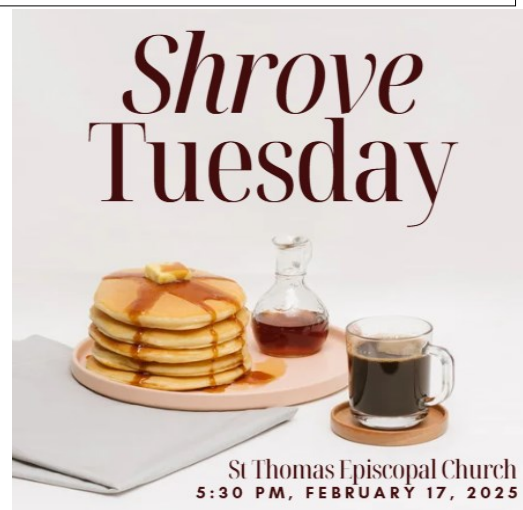
February 1, 2026 - Tackle Hunger Potluck! Please sign up on the list in the Narthex to bring your favorite tailgate food! Food and monetary donations will go to Brown Bag of Columbus.



Join us at St Thomas
Episcopal Church
2100 Hilton Ave
Columbus, GA

February 15th
Contemplative Worship
Service at 5:00 pm

February 17th
Shrove Tuesday
at 5:30 pm





AVAILABLE

DO YOU WANT TO KNOW?

If you want to review
Council Meeting minutes,
please contact the office!

Finance Committee Report

	December 2025	Year to Date
Income	\$27,168	\$169,961
Expenses	\$15,169	\$206,278
Difference	\$11,199	\$(36,317)



Prayer Requests

Business Prayer Requests

Mr. Pizza
Quality Inn
Smoke Buddy's
Days Inn
Enterprise
Master Kleen
Octapharma Plasma
Kamoree's Beauty Salon
Broken Tarot Tattoo & Piercing
Beaute' Matrix
5 Fourteen
DQ
Freedom Adult Day Center
Transformation Salon
Menzie Dance Company
Frankie's Hair Design
AMG Financial
Acceptance Auto
Phuong's Tailor Shop
Walgreen's
USPS
Peachtree Immediate Care
Hidden Lake Bottle Shop
Vance Brooks Funeral Service
Striffler Hamby Funeral Service
El Carrizo
M. Bland Salon
Chevron
Grace Apostolic Church
#1 Nails
Mario's Tire's
Mariner Finance
Diamond Kutz


Gold Teeth World
Apparel King & More
Hollywood Barber Shop
The Cell Plug
Title Max
JD Wings
Burger King
Animal General Hospital
Klose Kutz
Xpert Tax Service
Bi-City Driving School
Sunset Finance
Kee J's
Angel's Nails
Y & J Health
Hidden Lake Grocery
Beauty Queen
Brewster's
Waffle House
E & S Clothing
One Financial
Tasha's Dance & Prep
Bargain Furniture
Dollar General
Citgo
Landmark
McKibben Insurance
Rooster's Beer & Wine
Woodville Apartments
Beal Wellness

The Armed Forces, their
families, & victims of war
The ministries of St. Matthew
Bishop Yehiel Curry
Bishop Kevin Strickland
Southeastern Synod Staff
Pastor Taylor Burton Edwards
Pastor Rachel Zarnke
St Matthew Congregational
Council
Laura Alexander
Carol Bingemann
Isabelle Clark
Randy Craven
Myrna & Ken Hoag
Marga Miller
Charlotte Moore
Traudel Mosely
Debby Owen
Dorothy Redden
Gary Anderson
Eric & Tinisha Bryant
Jean Clemmons
Nancy Edmundson
Lynn Funck
Brandy Garnett
Sandy Gibbs
Moses Glidden
Estrella Gonzales
Doris Grier
Grigsby Family
Laura Jett
Norma Kilby
Ken Korn
Emma Kump
Robert Lowe
John & David Lucas
Michelle Matthias

Brady Meeks
Lynne Meinhold
Tim Moore
Debi Nelson
Vincent Pawlowski
Beth Price
Mark Purushotham
Tiffany Richardson
Dayna Ryan
Shirley Scott
Dou Shizhen
Ricky Skinner
Amanda Steinagel
Sara Steinagel Sturgis
Fred Turpin
Charlie VanHousen
Dawn VanHousen
Martha Zimmerman

Venezuela
Gaza
Palestinian People
Israel
Ukraine
People of Russia
Somali Refugees
Jewish community in
Australia
People of Minneapolis
Beth Israel
Congregation in
Jackson, MS
Family of Renee
Good
Family of Alex Pretti
Eastern Congo
People of Nigeria

HELLO February

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 - Fourth Sunday after Epiphany Children's SS-9:30 Worship 10:30 AM Communion Tackle Hunger & Birthday Celebration	2 Chair Yoga 11:00-LH Al-Anon/AA 8:00 pm - LH	3 Bible Study 10:15AM FH	4 Interfaith Bible Study 6:00 - LH	5 Al-Anon/AA 8:00 pm - LH	6	7
8 - Fifth Sunday after Epiphany Children's SS-9:30 Worship 10:30 AM Communion Memorial Committee Meeting 12:00	9 Chair Yoga 11:00-LH Al-Anon/AA 8:00 pm - LH	10 Bible Study 10:15AM FH Finance Committee Meeting 4:00-FH	11 Interfaith Bible Study 6:00 - LH	12 German Klub 5:30 LH Al-Anon/AA 8:00 pm - LH	13	14 
15- Transfiguration of our Lord Children's SS-9:30 Worship 10:30 AM Communion Contemplative Service 5:00 pm at St. Thomas	16 Chair Yoga 11:00-LH Al-Anon/AA 8:00 pm - LH	17 Bible Study 10:15AM FH Shrove Tuesday 5:30 pm at St. Thomas	18 Ash Wednesday Service - 5:30 pm	19 Council Meeting 5:00 PM-FH Al-Anon/AA 8:00 pm - LH	20	21
22- First Sunday in Lent Children's SS-9:30 Worship 10:30 AM Communion	23 Chair Yoga 11:00-LH Al-Anon/AA 8:00 pm - LH	24 Bible Study 10:15AM FH	25 Midweek Lenten Service 5:30 pm	26 Choir Rehearsal 5:30 pm Al-Anon/AA 8:00 pm - LH	27 Craf-Tea 10-12 - LH	28

Contact Us . . .

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Visit us on the web at
www.stmatthewcolumbusga.com

Worship: Sundays at 10:30 am.
YouTube is also available

[https://www.youtube.com/
@st.matthewlutheranchurch4457](https://www.youtube.com/@st.matthewlutheranchurch4457)

OFFICE HOURS

Tuesday/Thursday 2:00 PM - 5:00 PM

Friday - 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM

St. Matthew Evangelical Lutheran Church Mission Statement

*Reach in
to grow in Christ
Reach up
to worship God
Reach out
to welcome and witness*

Staff . . .

Pastor

Reverend Taylor Burton Edwards
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