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The Timber Times
May 30th, 2024

School News

Mission Offering

Our fourth quarter mission offering is going to the missionary work happening in London. Remember, our goal is \$350 by the end of the school year! So far, we have given 234.44. Thank you! We have today's chapel and the final service on Friday to meet our goal!

8th Grade Grads

Hard to believe the time has come to send you off! A very special congratulations to all our 8th grade graduates — Hannah, Reagan, Ellie, Mae, Caiden, Avalyn, and Liam — may God bless you and keep each of you in his loving arms throughout your next phase of life and into adulthood! Remember all that you've learned about your precious Savior here at St. Matthew — he loves you, he's saved you, and he is always with you. Pray for wisdom and guidance, and stand firm in God's word! We love you!

God Bless Your Summer!

We pray that each and every family has a blessed, relaxed, fun-filled, family-oriented break! Summer packets for the upcoming school year will be sent out in July, so please be on the lookout for those.

Yearbooks!

You have one more day to order a yearbook if you'd like one! I sent home a note today along with the newsletter for the families who have not yet purchased a yearbook. Text/ Call Kayla if you need a copy! (715) 402-0114

K-8 Graduation

Our graduation service this year will be on June 2nd at 1:00PM. The whole school is singing for this service, so please plan to attend. Cake will be served following the service.

Note: the kids will NOT be singing in the church service that morning.

Report Cards

End of year report cards will be handed out at the 1:00PM graduation service.

Art/Talent Show

Calling all talent scouts (or parents and friends!) — please join us next Wednesday evening at 5:30PM for a fun night filled with St. Matthew's very own talented kids! We have many great acts prepared for you, and we hope you can join us!

Last Day of School Info

Please note that our last day of school on May 31st begins **in the church at 10AM**. Following the chapel service, we will have some fun activities planned for the kids. **Please have your children dress in their chapel colors for this day.**

Parents of 1st Graders

We will be handing out bibles to all first graders in the last chapel service Friday, May 31st at 10AM. Please plan to stay for this if possible. Thank you!

Summer Running Club

Our first running club meetup will be this upcoming Tuesday at 9AM! We hope to see you there!

Upcoming Dates

May

31 LAST DAY OF SCHOOL (Starts at 10AM w/ Chapel)

June

2 Graduation Ceremony 1:00PM / Report Card Handout
5 Running Club 9AM—Sky Prairie Park

Summer Worship

St. Matthew's worship services will begin the summer schedule this Sunday. From Memorial Day to Labor Day church will be at 9:00AM. We hope to see you throughout the summer!

24-25 School Calendar

Our calendar for the upcoming school year is available! Please view it online [here](#), or view page 2 for a picture copy of the calendar. Reach out to Mr. Biebert with any questions!

Tuition Agreements

Please be on the lookout in your email for your tuition agreement. Mr. Biebert will be sending these out at the beginning of June — we ask that you review them and make sure everything is signed and set up by June 30. If you have any questions, please reach out to Jacob at (715)402-0094.





St. Matthew Lutheran School 2024-2025 Academic Calendar

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September 2—No School—Labor Day
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September 16-20—MAP testing
September 19—Dads and Donuts
September 20—Early Release—Curriculum Study
September 22—Grades K-8 Sing
September 27-September 29—No School—Church & School Campout
September 30-October 1—Picture Days
October 16-18—No School—District Conference
October 23—Curriculum Study (After School)
October 25—Test or Treat
October 27—Preschool Sing
October 28-31—Conferences After School
October 31—Early Release—Parent Teacher Conferences
November 7—Veteran's Day Program
November 8—No School—Teacher In-Service
November 11—No School—Veteran's Day Observed
November 27-29—No School—Thanksgiving
December 13—Children's Christmas Service 5:30 PM
December 20—Grade School Christmas Parties PM
December 23-January 3—No School—Christmas Break
January 13-17—MAP testing
January 17—Early Release—Curriculum Study (No 3:30 PM Preschool)
January 20—No School—Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
January 23—Moms and Muffins
January 26—Grades K-1 Sing
February 7—Appreciation Dinner
February 7—Early Release—Teacher Work Day (No 3:30 AM Preschool)
February 17—No School—President's Day
February 18—No School—Teacher In-Service
February 19—Curriculum Study (After School)
February 23—Grades 2-5 Sing
February 26—Career Day
March 3-March 7—Book Fair
March 5—Ash Wednesday
March 5—Junior Choir Sing
March 14—Science Competition
March 19-21—No School—Spring Teacher's Conference
March 27—Early Release—Teacher Work Day (No 4:30 AM Preschool)
March 30—Grades 5-8 Sing
April 7-April 11—No School Spring Break
April 17—Early Release—Curriculum Study (No 4:30 PM Preschool)
April 18-April 21—No School—Easter Break
April 27—Grades 3-4 Sing
April 28-May 2—MAP testing
May 7—Curriculum Study (After School)
May 8—Preschool Musical 5:30 PM
May 8—Preschool Musical 5:30 PM
May 15—Early Release—Teacher Work Day
May 16-17—8th Grade Class Trip
May 22—Preschool Graduation 5:30 PM
May 25—Preschool Graduation 5:30 PM
May 26—No School—Memorial Day
June 1—Graduation Service

GRADING PERIODS
October 25 End of 1st Quarter 43 Days
January 17 End of 2nd Quarter 45/88 Days
March 28 End of 3rd Quarter 44/132 Days
May 30 End of 4th Quarter 37/169 Days

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- Beginning/End of School
- No School
- Early Release
- Sing in Church
- Event at School
- Conference
- MAP Testing

The Miracle and Mystery of Faith

Having faith in others doesn't come naturally to us. We instinctively trust ourselves, not others. We learn to mistrust others because so often frail humans are not trustworthy. They don't earn our trust.

But God is always trustworthy, whether we believe that or not. So, our lack of faith in him is not a result of his failures; it's a direct result of the brokenness we inherit from our parents. Jesus could not have been more right when he declared, "Flesh gives birth to flesh." In other words, sinners give birth to sinners. We're sinful from the time our mothers conceive us" (Psalm 51:5). And because we're born sinners, we're also born without true fear of God and true faith in him. We can't help ourselves; we're born spiritually dead (Eph 2:1).

So, how can we ever come to trust God if we're spiritually stillborn at birth? It's both a mystery and a miracle performed entirely by the Holy Spirit. Jesus explained that "the Spirit gives birth to spirit." He means the Holy Spirit, and what does the Spirit do? He gives us new spiritual

life by kindling our faith in God and fanning it into flame.

How does he do it? In so many ways, his work of bringing sinners to faith in Jesus is a sacred mystery. Jesus compared it to the comings and goings of the wind. "The wind blows where it pleases. You hear its sound, but you cannot tell where it comes from or where it is going. So it is with everyone born of the Spirit."

But this much we can know: the Spirit uses God's Word and sacraments, es-

pecially Holy Baptism, to work Christian faith and to save us eternally.

How can a few words and splash of water do such powerful things? Because God can do all things. Why would we trust him if he couldn't?

Prayer:

Jesus, grant me your Spirit through Word and sacrament that I might trust you more each day. Amen.

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[Jesus answered] "Flesh gives birth to flesh, but the Spirit gives birth to spirit. You should not be surprised at my saying, 'You must be born again.' The wind blows wherever it pleases. You hear its sound, but you cannot tell where it comes from or where it is going. So it is with everyone born of the Spirit."

John 3:6-8