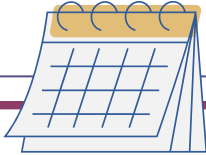




St. Matthew

LUTHERAN CHURCH of HANOVER



THIS WEEK

Sunday

Worship with Holy Communion (Nave) 8:30 a.m.
Faith Discussion Class (Parlor) 9:30-10:20 a.m.
3 yr New Member's Gathering (Fellowship Hall)
..... 9:30-10:15 a.m.
New Members Class (Second Floor) 9:30-10:20 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 (Room 304) 6:00-8:00 p.m.

Monday

Girl Scouts (Girl Scout Rm.) 6:00-7:30 p.m.
GriefShare Group (Second Floor) 6:30-8:00 p.m.

Tuesday

WELCA Bible Study (Second Floor) 2:00-3:30 p.m.
Junior Choir/Handbells (Lower Level) 4:30-5:15 p.m.
SoulFire Rehearsal 5:45 p.m.-6:45 p.m.
Cub Scouts (Gymn) 6:30-7:30 p.m.

Wednesday

Bible Study (Second Floor) 6:30-7:30 p.m.
Boy Scouts 7:00-8:30 p.m.

Thursday

Children's Choir (Lower Level) 4:15-5:00 p.m.
St. Matt Ringers Rehearsal (Lower Level) 6:00-7:00 p.m.
Adult Choir Rehearsal (Lower Level) 7:00-8:00 p.m.

Friday

YWCA Emerge Conference 8:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.

Saturday

Mini-Minister Puppet Rehearsal (Fellowship Hall)
..... 10:00-10:45 a.m.
Worship Service (Fellowship Hall) 5:00 p.m.

Sunday

Discovery Place Sunday
Worship with Holy Communion (Nave) 8:30 a.m.
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Adult Faith Connections/Sunday Morning Classes:

Where Faith and Life Intersect

A discussion class based on current events and how they relate to our faith is held on **Sunday mornings at 9:30-10:20**. All are welcome to come to **the Parlor, located next to the Gathering Place** for conversation and connection. For more information contact Beth Koontz at bethk9245@gmail.com.



Week Day Learning and Fellowship Opportunities for Adults:

Following the Story: Digging Deeper into the Text

All are welcome to join the pastor **this Wednesday at 6:30-7:30 p.m.** as she leads a class on the next story in our Narrative Lectionary. Has it been awhile since you have picked up the Bible? No worries, we are all learning the stories in new ways. For more information contact Pastor Kathy at pastorkathy@stmattlutheran.org or Pastor Alex at pastoralex@stmattlutheran.org or by calling 717-637-7101. You will find the class by entering the glass doors off of Franklin Street and taking the elevator or steps to **the second floor classroom**.

Women of the ELCA Bible Study

All women are invited to attend Bible Study **this Tuesday, October 7 at 2:00 p.m. in the Upper Room on the Second Floor**. Pastor Kathy will be leading the Bible Study "Flourishing In Relationships." This lesson can be found in the *Gather Magazine*. Lesson copies will be available. For additional information call the church office 717-637-4259.

Cyberwomen Group

We're pleased to announce we'll be restarting the St. Matthew Cyberwomen Group on Tuesday, **October 21**. Meetings will be held **6:00-7:30 p.m.** on the third Tuesday of the month at the Panera in North Hanover. **Those who wish to have dinner prior to the meeting, please join us at 5:30 p.m.** No pre-registration is required!



Our focus this year will be on our walk as Christian women in today's society. To do this we'll utilize essays on the BoldCafe.org website as well as other articles of interest. In October we'll be discussing the excellent statement recently issued by ELCA Presiding Bishop Elizabeth Eaton. Use the QR code above to see the statement. We'll be discussing this in conjunction with Jesus' statement in Matthew: "I desire mercy, not sacrifice" which is a follow up to Pastor Kathy's sermon on Abraham and Isaac.



Seniors Hang Out

Join us at our next Seniors Hang Out on **Monday, October 20 at 10 a.m.** Deb Smith will be giving a presentation on the Salem Witch Trials! There will also be games, art projects, and cookies. It's a perfect way to spend a chilly October day!

New Member Class - This Week!

This is a great way to connect with others, for us to get to know you better, and to learn more about who we are and how we live out our faith together. Whether you're ready to join or just exploring, you're welcome to come! **Classes meet at 9:30 a.m.**, after the 8:30 a.m. service **on the Second Floor**. If you're interested or have questions, reach out to Pastor Kathy (pastorkathy@stmattlutheran.org) or Pastor Alex (pastoralex@stmattlutheran.org).

✚ **October 5** – Lutheran Living

📖 **October 12**– The Bible & Our Faith

We will officially welcome new members in worship on Sunday, October 19 at the 10:30 a.m service, with a breakfast beginning around 9:30 a.m.



Attention Youth

This Sunday evening, **October 5, from 6:00-8:00 p.m.** in the third floor youth suite is our youth group meeting. Troy will be getting baptized at approximately 6:30, so join us in supporting Troy this evening. After his baptism we will have the normal meeting on the third floor with games, discussions, and fellowship. The next youth group meeting is on **October 19**.
ALL 6-12th GRADERS ARE WELCOME!

ALIVE

Despite the rain, we had a great weekend! On Sunday, the sky cleared and the lovely sun shone for our worship with friends and family at Upper Temple. Through our experiences in and with our assembled community, the weekend theme "Better Together" helped us concentrate on our relationship with God in Christ Jesus. We talked about how God calls us to care for and love one another. Thanks for all the prayers during the weekend.



Scan Me to Register for
Faith Connections

Faith Connections for Kids

It's that time of the year again! Kids ages 3 years old - 5th grade are invited to join us in enjoying music, Bible stories, and fun activities in the **Lower Level from 9:30-10:20 a.m. on Sunday mornings**. Please register your child using the QR code above.



Discovery Place Sunday

Next Sunday, October 12, at the 10:30 service, please join us in welcoming our Discovery Place Preschool families. With 60 kids enrolled in the preschool this year, we are excited to see these smiling faces. We will be donating all of the loose change offerings to the preschool to help them with ongoing supply needs throughout the year. Thank you all for the amazing support that you give these kids and teachers!



Candy Donations

There is a donation box at the elevator area and one in the Gathering Place if you would like to donate individually wrapped Halloween candy for our Trunk or Treat. This fun event has been growing so any donation is appreciated!



Trunk or Treat and Community Meal

We'll have a delicious meal and a safe place for everyone to enjoy themselves on **October 27 from 5:30-7:00 p.m.** It is time to begin organizing your trunk design and volunteering for the Community Meal as we get closer to the event date. Contact Tim Peck (youth@stmattlutheran.org) with questions about Trunk or Treat. Contact Amy Beck (abeck1976@comcast.net) for volunteering at the Community Meal. Let Tim Peck know if you will be there with a decorated trunk.

2025 Corn Drive: September 28-November 1

We will be collecting cans of corn to be donated to New Hope Ministry for their Thanksgiving Meal Kits. Our goal will be 1,000 cans of corn. You can drop off corn in the designated box in the Gathering Place. If you would like to make a financial contribution, please put "Corn Drive," in the Memo Line and drop your check off in the church office.



Time to Get Packing!

It's that time again! **November 1** – time for our biennial Community Meal Packing Event generously hosted here at St. Matthew. What began in 2012 as a congregational event has mushroomed into a community happening. In the previous six events, over ½ million meals have been packed and shipped around the world to help feed those in need, particularly school-age children. This year Hanover Against Hunger, a local non-profit organization which coordinates the event, has expanded its mission to financially support local food relief organizations such as God's Meal Barrel and Ruth's Harvest. BUT, we need your help – your hands and your donations. Stop by the display table in the Gathering Place or use the QR code above to register and/or donate.

Just 40¢ provides one more meal. Please come join us.

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Meal Packing

