

HAPPENING THIS WEEK

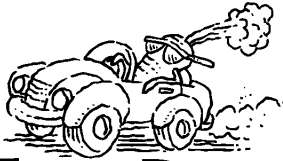
April 19 – April 26, 2026

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.
	Musical Rehearsal	1:00-1:45 p.m.
	Youth Group (Youth Suite).....	6:00-8:00 p.m.
Mon.	Senior Hang Out (Fellowship Hall)	10:00 a.m.-12:30 p.m.
	Grief Share Group (Upper Room)	3:00-4:30 p.m.
	Girl Scouts	6:00-8:00 p.m.
Tues.	Junior Choir/Handbells (Children’s Rehearsal Room)	4:30-5:15 p.m.
	SoulFire Rehearsal	5:45-6:30 p.m.
	Cyber Women (Panera)	6:00-7:00 p.m.
Wed.	Boy Scouts.....	7:00-8:30 p.m.
Thurs.	Children’s Choir (Children’s Rehearsal Room).....	4:15-5:00 p.m.
	St. Matthew Ringers (Adult Rehearsal Room).....	6:00-7:00 p.m.
	Adult Choir (Adult Rehearsal Room).....	7:00-8:00 p.m.
Sat.	Musical Dress Rehearsal	10:00-11:30 a.m.
	Worship with Holy Communion (Fellowship Hall)	5:00 p.m.
Sun.	Worship with Holy Communion (Nave).....	8:30 a.m.
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RECEIVING NEW MEMBERS We will officially welcome new members in worship **this** Sunday, April 19 at the 10:30 service.

OUR APRIL FOOD COLLECTION Items will be collected Sunday, April 26, and will be delivered to God's Meal Barrel on the Andrea Saturday, May 2.



FOOD DRIVE

Items Being Collected:

Pasta and Sauce

Canned Fruits and Veggies

Mac-n-Cheese

Canned Tuna

Cereal

CYBER WOMEN Use the QR code for the article for the April meeting of Cyber Women **THIS** Tuesday, April 21 at 6 p.m. at Panera on Eisenhower Drive. All interested in attending are welcome to join us for dinner at Panera at 5:30 p.m. This month Pastor Kathy and Pastor Faye will focus on Hope.



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 will be held this Monday 10 a.m.-12:30 p.m. in Fellowship Hall. **Deb Smith** will be presenting on *The Sound of Music* and the Holocaust.

MAY COMMUNITY MEAL

Sunday May 31, 3:00-5:00 p.m.

Meal: Hot Dogs, Sloppy Joes, Mac-n-Cheese, Dairy Dan's Ice Cream

WE NEED YOU!!!

Donations Needed: Hot Dogs, Sloppy Joes, Hamburger Rolls, Hot Dog Rolls, Mac-N-Cheese, Juice Boxes

Volunteers Needed: Set Up from 2-3 p.m., Serve Meal and Help Keep Tables/Lawn Clean 3-5 p.m., Help with Games/Crafts 3-5, and Clean Up 5-6 p.m.

If you are willing to donate items or volunteer, please email either the church office info@stmattlutheran.org, or Amy Beck abeck1976@comcast.net.

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

Contact Missy Smith for more information, msmith@stmatlutheran.org.

Children's Faith Connections - Sundays, 9:30 a.m.

Ages 3–5th grade. Our regular Faith Connections will continue through May 3.

Junior Choir & Bells (3rd-5th grade) - Tuesdays 4:30-5:15 p.m.

Children's Choir (age 3-2nd grade) - Thursdays 4:15-5:00 p.m.

Join us on Sunday, May 3, at 9:30 in the Lower Level to celebrate a great year of Faith Connections. As we end for the summer, we want to take the time to thank our Faith Connections teachers for their time and ability to

help our kids learn about God's word. We will have music time with Ms. Deb and then talk about some of the stories we learned over the year. We want to take this time to reflect and see how we have used these lessons in our everyday experiences. We are looking forward to seeing you there!



Splash Class- Sunday, May 3, will be our last Splash class for the season. Please join us in the Pray Ground at 9:45-10:15 as Ms. Lindsay and Mr. Adam share some music time and activities with our families with 3 months old to 3 year old kids.

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.

The musical will be held in place of the sermon for Sunday, April 26 at the 10:30 service.

YOUTH MINISTRY

Contact Tim Peck for more information, youth@stmattlutheran.org

Youth Faith Connections, Sundays 9:30 am.

Middle School Faith Connections(6th-8th grade) meet for Confirmation in Fellowship Hall 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.

Youth Bells & Choir (6th-12th Grades) Meets Sundays with Ms. Deb, dsmith@stmattlutheran.org, 11:45a.m.-12:45 p.m. All youth are invited to be part of making music together!

YOUTH GROUP – This Sunday, 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.

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.

On May 17 at our 10:30 service, our youth will be leading us in worship! We will also take time to celebrate all graduates, whether they've finished high school, college or another program.



Graduates: We are proud of your hard work and look forward to recognizing this important milestone for you! Please send Tim a picture and a write-up about yourself. There will be a booklet with the pictures, information and accomplishments included.



St. Matthew Scholarship 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, OR Contact Judy Porowski

at jbp49@comcast.net. Applications can be found on the website at www.stmattlutheran.org.

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 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 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 or at 717-637-7101 ext. 236.

Sign up for each camp on the website, www.stmattlutheran.org

The Hanover Symphony Orchestra will present “A World Premiere” on Sunday, April 19 at 3:00 PM at the Eichelberger Performing Arts Center, 195 Stock St., Hanover. The concert will feature the HSO Kids as well as the premiere of “Hanover Landscapes” composed by Rossano Galante. Tickets are available at theeich.org.

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