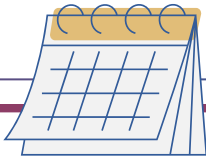




St. Matthew

LUTHERAN CHURCH of HANOVER



THIS WEEK

Sunday

Worship with Holy Communion (Nave) 8:30 a.m.
Music Camp Performance (Fellowship Hall) 9:45 a.m.
Worship with Holy Communion (Nave) 10:30 a.m.
Confirmation Family Night (Room 304) 6:00-8:00 p.m.

Monday

Seniors Hang Out (Fellowship Hall) 10:00 a.m.-12:30 p.m.
Girl Scouts 6:00-8:00 p.m.
GriefShare Group (Second Floor) 6:30-8:00 p.m.

Tuesday

SoulFire Rehearsal 5:45-6:45 p.m.
Cub Scouts (Gym) 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

Saturday

Mini Ministers Puppet Rehearsal (Fellowship Hall)
.....10:00-10:45 a.m.
Sandwiches on Saturday (Fellowship Hall) 2:30 p.m.
Worship Service (Fellowship Hall) 5:00 p.m.

Sunday

Worship with Holy Communion (Nave) 8:30 a.m.
Rally Day (Lower Level) 9:30 a.m.-10:20 a.m.
Bible Translations Class (Second Floor) 9:30-10:20 a.m.
Worship with Holy Communion (Nave) 10:30 a.m.
Youth Choir/Handbells Rehearsal (Lower Level)
..... 11:45 a.m.-12:45 p.m.
Youth Group (Room 304) 6:00-8:00 p.m.



Adult Faith Connections/Sunday Morning Classes Begin September 21

Rally Day is also for Adults who can enliven their faith through learning!
Grab a cup of coffee and refreshments and head to one of these two classes:



Words Matter: What Bible Translation is Best?

Some folks may remember a time when the King James Version was the Bible. Saint Matthew has been using the New Revised Standard Version, but now there is an Updated Edition of it. Sometimes a different translation is read in church. Why are there so many Bible versions? Does it make any difference? What Bible translation is best? Pastor Mark Vitalis Hoffman, Professor of Biblical Studies at United Lutheran Seminary, will be leading a study to answer these questions and more. The sessions will be held on **Sundays, September 21 and 28 at 9:30-10:20 a.m. in the Upper Room on the second floor.** All are welcome!

Where Faith and Life Intersect

A discussion class based on current events and how they relate to our faith will be held on Sunday mornings at 9:30-10:20. All are welcome to come to the Parlor, located next to the Gathering Space 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: Jacob Steals a Blessing

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.



Seniors Hang Out

Our next Seniors Hang Out is **this Monday, September 15 at 10:00 a.m.** We’ll be traveling to the Sheppard Farm to brush the furry cows. There is a waiver to sign before going to the farm. We’ll meet at St. Matthew at 10:00 a.m. for coffee and cookies, and then travel to the farm.



Sandwiches on Saturday
Saturday, September 20, 2:30 p.m.

All are welcome to participate in an important outreach! After bagging lunches we head out into the community to meet our neighbors. Donations of granola bars, small bags of chips or brown paper bags can be brought to the designated box in the Gathering Place or by the elevator doors. Any questions, please contact Amy Beck, abeck1976@comcast.net or Pastor Alex, pastoralex@stmattlutheran.org.



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.

New Member Class

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.



Scan Me to Sign-Up
to Serve



Serve in Worship

Each week, our worship services are shaped by the gifts of many. From reading scripture to offering a warm welcome at the door, each role matters. That's why we're refreshing how we schedule volunteers, starting with four key roles: **Greeter, Assisting Minister, Lector, and Communion Assistant**. You'll see other worship roles listed on the sign-up form. You can still sign up for them, and we will contact you about those as we begin scheduling them. Worship comes alive when we share it together. If you'd like to serve this fall, sign up by **October 1** to be part of the November and December schedule for those first four roles. The rest will follow soon!



Children's Musical Performance

The children's musical, The Case of the Reluctant Innkeeper, is **this Sunday, September 14 at 9:45 a.m. in Fellowship Hall**. Please join us for Christmas in September as we listen to our children sing and tell the story of Christ's birth.

The Music Ministry is for ALL!

Please consider joining one of our music groups in praising God through song - no experience necessary! There are schedules in the Gathering Place. If you have questions, please contact Deb Smith at dsmith@stmattlutheran.org.

Children's Choir

Children's Choir begins **September 18 from 4:15-5:00 p.m.**
Rehearsal is in the downstairs children's choir room.
ALL are welcome!

Music for the Homebound

Deb Smith, Interim Minister of Music, would like to provide music for our homebound congregation members. Deb will go to their home and play music for about 1/2 hour. She will bring her own keyboard. If you are interested or know someone who is interested, please call the church office at 717-637-7101 and leave your name and phone number.



Attention Youth

Last Sunday's swim party at the Smiths' was a fantastic way to round off the summer. We talked, ate, and, of course, got soaked in the pool. We even made s'mores! We are really grateful to the Smith family for letting us use their pool.

The next youth meeting is scheduled for **September 21, from 6:00-8:00 p.m. on the third floor**, in the youth suite. Join us to see what games, discussions, and lesson we will be covering.

Confirmation 2025-2026 begins with Family Night

This Sunday, September 14 at 6:00 p.m.

The whole family is invited to join the students for food, fun and information related to how our kids faith will grow through Confirmation. Whether your student is in 6th, 7th or 8th grade, this gathering is a must for a great beginning to the year. Use the QR code below to sign-up. Contact Pastor Alex at pastoralex@stmattlutheran.org or Youth Ministry Director, Tim Peck, at youth@stmattlutheran.org with questions.

Scan Me to Sign-Up for
Confirmation & Family Night



ALIVE

We have middle school youth going to Alive in 2 weeks. Please keep them in your prayers that the weekend makes a huge impact in their lives and keeps the flame of their faith burning strong.



🎉 **Rally Day is coming – NEXT Sunday, September 21!** 🎉

We're kicking off a brand-new year of Faith Connections (Sunday School) for all ages!

- Kids age 3–5th grade will gather in the lower level for music with Ms. Deb, time with their teachers, and a fun first day of activities!
 - Ages 3–2nd grade will dive into the SparkHouse curriculum.
 - 3rd–5th graders will open their brand-new Bibles: God's Stories as Told by God's Children!
- 6th–8th graders meet in the third floor Youth Suite for Confirmation.
- 9th–12th graders will be in the third floor Youth Suite for High School Faith Connections.

Come ready to grow in faith, connect with friends, and celebrate the start of a new year together! 🌟



Scan Me to Register for
Faith Connections

Faith Connections Registration

As we are getting ready for Faith Connections to start, we are asking for you to register your kid(s). This is information for us to make sure we have your child in the correct place and have your emergency information. Thank you and we are looking forward to seeing you **next Sunday, September 21!** Use the QR Code above to register.



Splash Class- Sunday, September 28 from 9:45-10:15 a.m. in Fellowship Hall

Have you been wondering what comes after being "splashed" in the waters of Baptism? This baby and me type class is for families with kids 3 months-3 years old to explore in the fun ways of what comes next