

HAPPENING THIS WEEK AT



St. Matthew

LUTHERAN CHURCH of HANOVER

June 28 – July 5, 2026

- Sat. NO EVENING WORSHIP
- Sun. NO 8:30 WORSHIP
Worship with Holy Communion (Nave)..... **(NOTE DIFFERENT TIME)...10:00 a.m.**
- Tue. Church Office Closes at Noon
- Wed. Acting Troupe Rehearsal (Fellowship Hall)5:15-5:45 p.m.
Boy Scouts 7:00 - 8:30 p.m.
- Thur. Church Office Closes at Noon
- Fri. Church Office Closed
- Sat. NO EVENING WORSHIP
- Sun. Youth leave for mission trip
Outdoor Worship with Holy Communion (Parking Lot) 8:30 a.m.
Worship with Holy Communion (Nave)..... 10:30 a.m.

The church office will close at noon on Tuesday, June 30, for a staff function.

FAREWELL TO PASTOR KATHY

Today is Pastor Kathy's final service before her retirement. Following the service there will be a farewell reception held in Fellowship Hall. We wish her all the very best of life in her retirement!

JUNE & JULY COLLECTION FOR SOCIAL MINISTRY COMMITTEE

We are mixing things up a little bit this month. Sunday June, 28, the Social Ministry Committee will be collecting items for the women's shelter. Items needed are:

- Feminine Hygiene Products
- Baby Wipes
- Shampoo/Conditioner
- Baby Lotion
- Razors/Shaving Cream
- Baby Shampoo/Conditioner
- Body Wash/Lotion
- Baby Bath Soap
- Deodorant
- Kids Activity Books
- Toothbrush/Toothpaste
- Crayons
- Diapers (Newborn to Toddler)

We will have collection bins in the Gathering Place and by the elevator lobby. Thank you in advance for helping this ministry and the guests in the shelter.

FINANCIAL GIFT FOR LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF

Our congregation is invited in giving an *above and beyond financial gift* to help alleviate the heavy burdens placed on children in crisis. Could we raise \$10,000 to specifically help the children in Lebanon and Ecuador? Up to \$5,000 from the outreach account will be matched to your gifts.

As we are faced with the devastation of war, the tragedies of disasters and the persistent poverty in the world, we often feel helpless. In this case we have the trusted avenue to help through Lutheran World Relief. All of these gifts go directly to the places in need.

To give and to have your gift matched, please designate the gift to St. Matthew with *LWR-children* in the memo line, or go to www.stmattlutheran.org and give online.

PRIDE EVENT

St. Matthew: Where the welcome is wide and the love is real. Look for our table at the Little Fox Pride Event at Wirt Park this **Sunday, June 28 from 2:00 -8:00 p.m.** We will be sharing our ministry and glitter blessings. Sharing the love of God with all our neighbors.

PLEASE NOTE

The **church office will be closing at 12:00 p.m. this Tuesday, June 30** for a staff event. In honor of July 4th the Church Office will be **closing at 12:00 p.m. on Thursday, July 2**, and will be **closed on Friday, July 3.**



WELCOME, PASTOR MICHAEL!

Please join us in welcoming our new interim pastor, Pastor Richard Michael. We look forward to him joining our congregation on Sunday, July 5. Below you can find a brief bio about our new addition!

Pastor Michael is a native of Hanover. He has served congregations in Pennsylvania, West Virginia and Staten Island, NY. Just prior to retirement he was interim chaplain for three years at Wagner College, Staten Island. Since retiring in 2011, he has served interim pastorates for the Florida-Bahamas Synod and the Lower Susquehanna Synod. He has two sons, four grandsons, and one great-grandson. He and his wife, Bonnie McCourt have been married 19 years. (It all began at a funeral.)

Bonnie and Pastor Michael are members of St. James Lutheran Church in Gettysburg. He looks forward to sharing this brief time with St. Matthew.



We're hitting the streets (and our own parking lot!) for the Snack Town Street Fair! We are proud to once again host a **FREE Kid Zone** as a gift to the community, made possible by generous sponsors Atomic Bounce House and Talk of the Town Entertainment and our church's commitment to hospitality. You'll also find our **Evangelism Team** at the table on the street in front of

the church, ready to greet neighbors with a smile, and **Hanover Against Hunger** nearby serving up ice cream and sharing their mission. Come out, pitch in, and be part of this day of fun and connection! Whether you can serve, share, or simply stop by—we'd love to have you with us!

SENIORS HANG- OUT

Monday July 20 from 10:00 a.m. -12:00 p.m. Please join us for cookies, coffee and fellowship. Our very own Mya Maloney will give a presentation on her trip to the Netherlands.



Music Camp

August 3-7 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

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@stmatlutheran.org or at 717-637-7101 ext. 236.

Music Opportunities for the Summer!



We will have a **SUMMER CHOIR** two Sundays this summer on **July 19** and **August 23**. This is an opportunity for anyone (no experience required!) to come and sing in this low-commitment choir. We will gather at 9:30 a.m. in the Adult Rehearsal Room, learn a simple anthem, and share it with the congregation during the 10:30 a.m. worship service. No need to sign-up...just join us on those Sunday mornings! If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Ethan Draper.

THE ANNUAL HYMN SING will return on **Sunday, August 16 at 4:00 p.m.** - mark your calendar for this event which has become a tradition in our community!

JOIN THE HYMN SING FESTIVAL CHOIR! Sign up now for the festival choir for our Hymn Sing on August 16 at 4:00 p.m. Rehearsals for the festival choir will be on August 9 at 12:30 p.m. and August 16 at 2:30 p.m. (the day of the hymn sing). With questions, email Ethan Draper at edrapeer@stmatthlutheran.org.



To register, use the QR code or fill out this form:

<https://stmatthewlutheranchurch.breezechms.com/form/HymnSingChoir2026>



New Education Opportunity: Singing Hymns (old *and* new) Confidently!

This summer there will be a two-week adult education series between the two services (9:30 a.m. - 10:20 a.m.) on **August 2 and 9** about hymn singing. This class will discuss a brief history of hymnody, how congregational singing impacts our faith, and will work on ways to sing hymns confidently...both hymns you know *and* new hymns we may introduce! Being able to attend both classes is not a requirement, so feel free to just attend one if you are able. If you have any questions, contact Ethan Draper.

YOUTH MINISTRY

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

YOUTH GROUP

We gather for fun, faith, and community.

- Meets the 1st & 3rd Sunday of each month from 6:00- 8:00 p.m.
- Youth Building, 3rd floor - room 304 (Youth Suite)
- Open to all youth entering 6th - 12th grade

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

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

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