

**St. Matthew Lutheran Church
Hanover, PA**



**Where the Welcome is Wide
and the Love is Real**

Sunday, September 29, 2024



St. Matthew

LUTHERAN CHURCH

Where the welcome is wide
and the love is real.

Our Purpose:

Welcoming all as we share God's love.

Our Core Values:

Celebrating together in worship

Deepening our faith in Jesus

Engaging Children and youth

Walking with our neighbors

Embracing one another as God created us

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Name(s): _____

Attending **8:30 or 10:30 a.m.**

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Welcome! Whether you are a long-time member of St. Matthew, a first-time visitor, or somewhere in between, we are thankful you are here today. If you have questions or need visual, audio, or mobility accommodations, please let a name-tagged usher know. We're excited about the many ministries of St. Matt's, and we hope you'll find a way to plug in that makes sense for you!

About today: *We gather as a community for worship around word, wine, and water. Put another way, in worship we meet Christ in scripture proclaimed in speech & song, in the sacraments of Holy Communion and Baptism celebrated or remembered, and in community gathered together.*

Our regular weekend schedule includes Saturday worship at 5 p.m., Sunday indoor worship at 8:30 a.m., and Sunday indoor worship at 10:30 a.m. (livestreamed).

Where the Welcome is Wide and the Love is Real.

This is our focus for worship at all of our services through October 27. You are hearing scripture readings that relate to our mission and core values. In these biblical passages we are meeting Jesus in the stranger, joining the voices of all ages in celebration, praying with the apostle Paul for a deepening faith, noticing how the children move from the margins to the center of Jesus' teachings, meeting neighbors in need and discovering that justification by grace is a way of life where the love is real.

19th Sunday after Pentecost
September 29, 2024

PRELUDE

An Offering of Thanks

Lehenbauer

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please stand as you are able.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Pastor: Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✝ one God,
who forgives all our sin,
whose mercy endures forever.

All: Amen.

Pastor: Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known,
and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of
our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may
perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.

Silence for reflection

Pastor: Most merciful God,

**All: we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free
ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and
deed, by what we have done and by what we have left
undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we
have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of
your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew
us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk
in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.**

Pastor: In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for
us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and
ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority,
I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your

sins, in the name of the Father, and of the ✝ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

All: Amen.

OPENING HYMN

The Church's One Foundation

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Stone/Wesley**

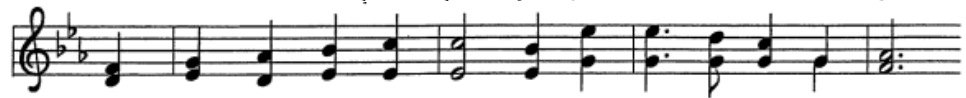
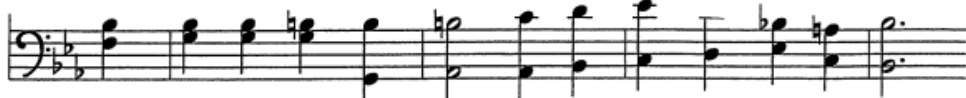
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1 The church's one foun - da - tion is Je - sus Christ, her Lord;
 2 E - lect from ev - 'ry na - tion, yet one o'er all the earth,
 3 Though with a scorn - ful won - der this world sees her op - pressed,
 4 Through toil and trib - u - la - tion and tu - mult of her war,
 5 Yet she on earth has u - nion with God, the Three in One,



she is his new cre - a - tion by wa - ter and the word.
 her char - ter of sal - va - tion one. Lord, one faith, one birth:
 by schisms . . rent a - sund - er, by her - e - sies dis - tressed,
 she waits the con - sum - ma - tion of peace for - ev - er - more;
 and mys - tic sweet com - mu - nion with those whose rest is won.



From heav'n he came and sought her to be his ho - ly bride;
 one ho - ly name she bless - es, par - takes one ho - ly food,
 yet saints their watch are keep - ing; their cry goes up: "How long?"
 till with the vi - sion glo - rious her long - ing eyes are blest,
 Oh, bless - ed heav'n - ly cho - rus! Lord, save us by your grace,



with his own blood he bought her, and for her life he died.
 and to one hope she press - es with ev - 'ry grace en - dued.
 and soon the night of weep - ing shall be the morn of song.
 and the great church vic - to - rious shall be the church at rest.
 that we, like saints be - fore us, may see you face to face.



APOSTOLIC GREETING

Pastor: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

All: And also with you.

(10:30) Please be seated.

(10:30) BIBLE MILESTONE

(10:30) Children second grade and under are invited to meet our children's leader at the baptismal font at the front of the Nave. She will take the children for Children's Church at the "Pray-ground" in the Fellowship Hall. They will hear a Bible story from this week's lectionary in an age-appropriate format and spend some time exploring their faith and creativity together. They will return during the passing of the peace.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: God of all,
In you, we find welcome and love beyond all measure.
You call us to welcome all as you have welcomed us and to love as you have loved us. As we come together celebrating in worship, deepen our faith in Jesus. As we dwell in your word, teach us to engage children and youth, to walk with our neighbors, and to embrace one another as you created us.
In Jesus' name we pray,

All: Amen.

(8:30) Please be seated.

THE READING Psalm 150

¹Praise the LORD! Praise God in his sanctuary; praise him in his mighty firmament!

²Praise him for his mighty deeds; praise him according to his surpassing greatness!

³Praise him with trumpet sound; praise him with lute and harp!

⁴Praise him with tambourine and dance; praise him with strings and pipe!

⁵Praise him with clanging cymbals; praise him with loud clashing cymbals!

⁶Let everything that breathes praise the LORD! Praise the LORD!

Lector: The word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Please stand as you are able.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



Al - le-lu - ia! Lord and Sav - ior: o - pen now your sav - ing word.



Let it burn like fire with - in us; speak un - til our hearts are stirred.



Al - le - lu - ia! Lord, we sing for the good news that you bring.

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to John, the 1st chapter.

All: Glory to you, O Lord.

HOLY GOSPEL: John 1:1-14

¹In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. ²He was in the beginning with God. ³All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being ⁴in him was life, and the life was the light of all people.

⁵The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it. ⁶There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. ⁷He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. ⁸He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. ⁹The true light, which enlightens

everyone, was coming into the world. ¹⁰He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him. ¹¹He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. ¹²But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, ¹³who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God. ¹⁴And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth.

Pastor: The Gospel of our Lord.

All: Praise to you, O Christ.

Please be seated.

THE MESSAGE

**Pastors Kathy Vitalis Hoffman,
Alex Sheppard-Witt, & Faye Snyder**

SERMON HYMN - Verse 1

Welcome
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Zelman



1. Let's walk to- geth - er for a while and
 2. Let's talk to- geth - er of a time when
 3. Let's dream to- geth - er of the day when



ask where we be - gin__ to build a world where
 we will share a feast, _ where pride and pow - er
 earth and heaven are one, _ a ci - ty built of



love can grow and hope can en - ter in, _ _ to
 kneel to serve the lone - ly and the least, _ _ and
 love and light, the new Je - ru - sa - lem, _ where our



be the hands of heal - ing and to
 joy will set the ta - ble as we
 mourn - ing turns to danc - ing, ev - ery

Refrain



plant the seed of peace, _ sing - ing wel - come,
 join our hands to pray, _ sing - ing wel - come,
 crea - ture lifts its voice, _ cry - ing wel - come,



wel - come to this place. You're in - vit - ed to

come and know God's grace. All are wel - come the
 love of God to share _____ 'cause all of us are wel-come here; _
 — all are wel-come in this place. _____

Please stand as you are able.

CONFESSION OF FAITH *Apostles' Creed*

Assisting Minister: Let us confess our faith with the words of the Apostles' Creed.

**All: I believe in God, the Father almighty,
 creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
 who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
 born of the virgin Mary,
 suffered under Pontius Pilate,
 was crucified, died, and was buried;
 he descended to the dead.**

**On the third day he rose again;
 he ascended into heaven,
 he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
 and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
 the holy catholic church,
 the communion of saints,
 the forgiveness of sins,**

**the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

PRAYERS

Assisting Minister: Each petition concludes, “*Lord, in your mercy,*” and the congregation responds, “*hear our prayer.*”

PEACE

Pastor: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

All: And also with you.

(The congregation is invited to greet one another with the words “Peace be with you,” and gestures respecting personal space and comfort levels.)

(10:30) *Children return from Children’s Church.*

(8:30) MUSICAL OFFERING *Holy, Holy, Holy* **arr. Miller**
Piano/Organ Duet

(10:30) MUSICAL OFFERING *The Church’s One Foundation* **Althouse**
Adult Choir

GENEROSITY MOMENT

*We celebrate God’s generosity embodied in this community’s time, talents and treasures shared with one another. **Thank you for your presence** in worship today. **Thank you for offering** the “first fruits” of your finances. Offerings may be placed in the baskets near the entrances/exits of the worship space or through online giving on our website. **Thank you for sharing** your spiritual gifts with our church, local, and global communities*

Please stand as you are able.

1 To be your pres-ence is our mis-sion here, to show com-
3 To be your pres-ence is our mis-sion blest, to speak for

pas-sion's face and lis-t'ning ear, to be your heart of mer-cy
all the bro-ken and op-pressed, to be your voice of hope, your

ev-er near,
love ex-pressed, al-le-lu-ia!

THE OFFERTORY PRAYER

Assisting Minister: Blessed are you, O God, maker of all things,

**All: Through your goodness and love,
you have blessed us with these gifts:
ourselves, our time, and our possessions.
Use us, and what we have gathered,
as we walk with our neighbors
and share God's love with the world. Amen.**

THE MEAL**GREAT THANKSGIVING**

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

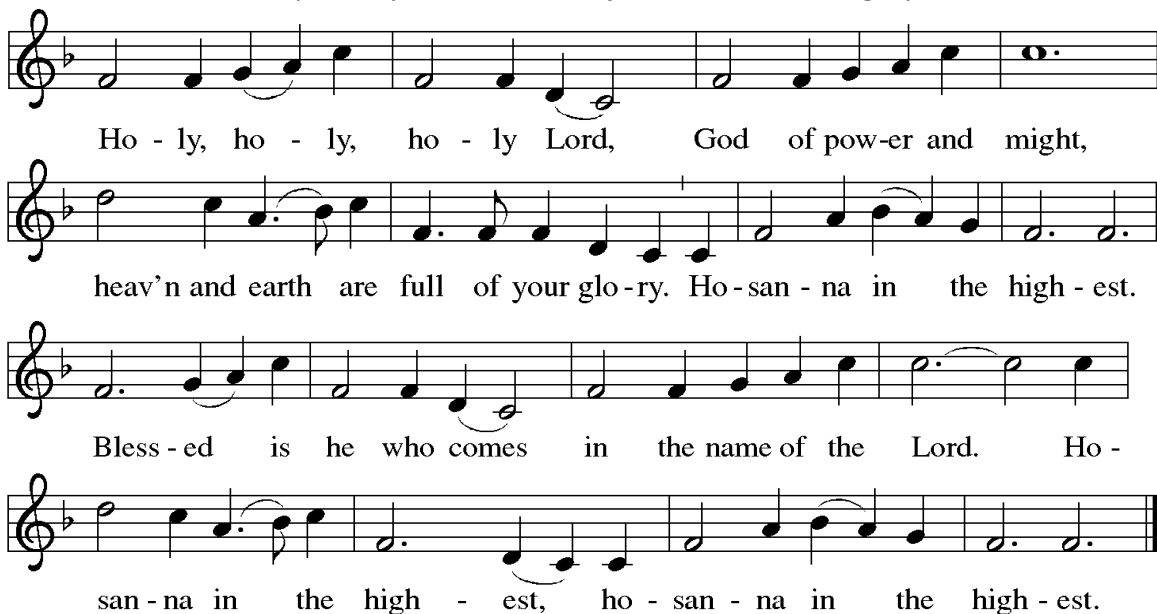
Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them to the Lord.

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

(10:30) Pastor: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy...
...we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and might,
heav'n and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho-san - na in the high - est.
Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -
san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER WITH WORDS OF INSTITUTION

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Pastor: Lord, remember us in your kingdom, and teach us to pray:

All: Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Please be seated.

DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION

All are welcome to the Lord's Supper. The meal is served in three ways. Choose what is appropriate for you.

***Individual packets** are available for those wishing to remain in their pew.*

***If you are unable to come forward**, but would like communion served by the pastor, please let one of the ushers know and the Sacrament will be brought to you at your seat.*

***Continuous manner** – Come forward at the direction of the ushers, take the wafer from the pastor, “The body of Christ, given for you”, and eat it. (Gluten-free wafers are available) Then move to the next station and take one of the cups of wine (red) or grape juice (white) “The blood of Christ, shed for you”, and drink it.*

***Children who do not yet receive communion** are invited to come forward to receive a blessing.*

IN-PEW COMMUNION

Pastor: The body of Christ, given for you.

All: Amen. *(Eat wafer)*

(Pause)

Pastor: The blood of Christ, shed for you.

All: Amen. *(Drink wine)*

LAMB OF GOD



1 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;
2 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;
3 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;



you suf-fered death our lives to save: have mer-cy now, we pray.
you set us free from guilt and grave: have mer-cy now, we pray.
e - ter-nal peace with God you made: give us your peace, we pray.

(10:30)

Rise Up O Church With Singing Adult Choir

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Rise up, O Church! Rise up with singing! Rise up, O Church with singing!
Created by the Father and built by God alone, we are a sanctuary,
a house of living stones.

We are a holy temple, His sacred dwelling place. Rise up, O Church, with singing!
Go forth to live in praise! With Christ as our foundation, in confidence we stand
To do the work before us, to be His feet and hands. We are a holy people through
Jesus Christ, the Son. Rise up, O Church, with singing! Go forth to serve as one!

The Spirit moves with power to build God's church within,
restoring and refining a mighty rushing wind.

We have a holy calling from darkness into light.

Rise up, O Church, with singing! Rise with singing! Go forth to be His bride!

Rise up and praise the Father, rise up and praise the Son,
rise up and praise the Spirit,

The blessed Three in One! Rise up, O Church, with singing!

Give glory to His name,

And praise our Lord Almighty, forever and the same! Rise up, O Church!

COMMUNION HYMN

Earth and All Stars

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Brokering



1 Earth and all stars! Loud rush - ing plan - ets!
 2 Trum - pet and pipes! Loud clash - ing cym - bals!
 3 En - gines and steel! Loud pound - ing ham - mers!
 4 Class-rooms and labs! Loud boil - ing test tubes!
 5 Knowl-edge and truth! Loud sound - ing wis - dom!



Sing to the Lord a new song!
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Hail, wind, and rain! Loud blow - ing snow - storm!
 Harp, lute, and lyre! Loud hum - ming cel - los!
 Lime - stone and beams! Loud build - ing work - ers!
 Ath - lete and band! Loud cheer - ing peo - ple!
 Daugh - ter and son! Loud pray - ing mem - bers!



Sing to the Lord a new song!
 Sing to the Lord a new song!
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 Sing to the Lord a new song!

Refrain



God has done mar - vel - ous things.



I too sing prais - es with a new song!

POST-COMMUNION BLESSING

Pastor: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you
and keep you in his grace.

All: Amen.

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Assisting Minister: Holy God, you have welcomed us to this meal
and fed us with dignity at your table.
Send us now to welcome others
and to embrace one another with your love and peace.
Through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.

BLESSING

Pastor: The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy.
The Lord look upon you with favor and give ☩ you peace.

All: Amen.

SENDING HYMN

Go to the World

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1 Go to the world! Go in - to all the earth.
 2 Go to the world! Go in - to ev - 'ry place.
 3 Go to the world! Go strug - gle, bless, and pray;
 4 "Go to the world! Go as the ones I send,



Go preach the cross where Christ re - news life's worth,
 Go live the word of God's re - deem - ing grace.
 the nights of tears give way to joy - ous day.
 for I am with you till the age shall end,



bap - tiz - ing as the sign of our re - birth.
 Go seek God's pres - ence in each time and space.
 As ser - vant church, you fol - low Christ's own way.
 when all the hosts of glo - ry cry, A - men!"



Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

DISMISSAL:

Assisting Minister: Go in peace. Share the love of God.

All: Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Now Thank We All Our God

Manz

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Please note: Music for this service is covered under CCLI # 1000682 –
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Our warm thanks to all those assisting in our worship services this morning:

- Musicians Adult Choir, Ben Boellner, Deb Smith,
..... Craig Nickerson, Guest Organist
- Altar Flower Delivery Doris Deitzel
- Altar Guild Penny Rutters, Bonnie Williams
- Assisting Minister.....8:30 Diane Hoffman-Neil, 10:30 Mike Jones
- Children’s Church Leader..... Melissa Smith
- Communion Assistants8:30 Sara Staub, Lee Baughman
..... 10:30 Randy Kline, Carolyn Markle
- Communion Preparers..... 8:30 Meredith Staub, Sara Staub
.....10:30 Deb Anker, Diane Hoffman-Neil
- Couriers.....8:30 Sara Staub, Lee Baughman, 10:30 Carolyn Markle
- Greeters8:30 Ken & Gloria Koontz, Ardis Kunde
..... 10:30 Barry & Lori Unger, Kim Beard
- Lector 8:30 Karen Sowers, 10:30 Raegan Ross
- Live Stream Doug & Jane West
- Ushers8:30 Team 3 – Darlene Klenk, Terry Badman, Tyler Klenk,
Barb Rupp, Dirk Wildasin
10:30 Team 4 – Steve Rutters, Tom Cramer, Dennis Koontz,
Chris Raubenstine, Kelli Reed, Penny Rutters
- Welcome PlaceJoAnne Hilbert

THE ALTAR FLOWERS have been given to the Glory of God and in honor of Linda Gouker for donating her kidney to me on September 28, 2004 by her daughter Kathy Miller; in honor of Kathy Miller by her parents on the 20th anniversary of her kidney transplant on September 28; in loving memory of Paul Wheeler who would have celebrated his 88th birthday on September 29 by his wife Linda.

THE BULLETINS have been given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Paul Wheeler who would have celebrated his 88th birthday on September 29 by his wife Linda.

PRAYER LIST: In our intercessory prayers we pray for individuals who have offered permission to have their names included. These names will be listed up to a month unless otherwise requested. After that time, prayers will continue for each person through our prayer chain. Newly added names will appear in bold. If you would like to be included in the prayers of the prayer chain **but not listed** in the bulletin, you may contact Beth Koontz at bethk9245@gmail.com or by calling the church office at 717-637-7101.

Dan Weigle	Tom Zimmerman	Ella Hostetter
Tom & Laurel Bell	Amy Beck	Caitlin Sheppard-Witt
Josie Luckenbaugh	Gloria Stauffer	Nancy Leister
Harold Kepler	Kinsley Byers	Johnetta Miller

DEATHS:

Sandra Smith
Tom Shields

RECOMMENDED SCRIPTURE READINGS for the week beginning September 29:

Sunday: John 1:1-14	Thursday: Galatians 3:23-29
Monday: 1 Peter 1:3-9	Friday: Romans 8:1-11
Tuesday: 1 John 2:18-25	Saturday: Luke 16:14-18
Wednesday: Matthew 18:6-9	

Attendance:	(09/21)	5:00 p.m. Service	34
	(09/22)	8:30 a.m. Service	74
		10:30 a.m. Service	126
	(09/16-09/22)	Online views	106
		Total	340

A SERVICE OF CELEBRATION AND CHRISTIAN BURIAL was held for Sandra Smith here at St. Matthew Church on Saturday, September 28. Though we celebrate the departure of her life to be with the Lord, we also include in our prayers of support the members of her family and all who are bereaved.

A SERVICE OF CELEBRATION AND CHRISTIAN BURIAL will be held for Tom Shields here at St. Matthew Church on Tuesday, October 1. Though we celebrate the departure of his life to be with the Lord, we also include in our prayers of support the members of his family and all who are bereaved.

A SERVICE OF CELEBRATION AND CHRISTIAN BURIAL will be held for Curtis Hoff here at St. Matthew Church on Friday, October 4. Though we celebrate the departure of his life to be with the Lord, we also include in our prayers of support the members of her family and all who are bereaved.

Your Donations at Work

Sorry this announcement is so late, but wanted those who contributed to our trip to Guatemala this year to visit the Hogar Miquel Magone Orphanage and Hope Academy to know how your generosity was used. You purchased seven toilets and sinks, faucets and other supplies to install them, 8 gallons of paint, a new welding machine and various paint brushes and masking tape. These items will be used in the new Technology Center that is being built at the orphanage. Classes will be held there when completed to teach such job skills as welding and motorbike repair. There will also be a machine shop and bakery. We raised just a little over \$1,000 but your generosity will be blessed many times over. Thank you again for your support.

- Bobbie and Charley Lidard



Great job to Noah's Rockin' Ark Adventure. The kids were fabulous! Thank you to the parents and families, our adult and youth helpers, to all who attended the show, and for all who supported us through prayer. Special thanks to Nadine and Lee Baughman for creating our set!

- *Deb Smith, Associate Minister of Music*

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