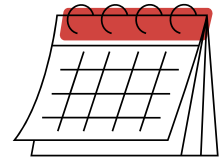




This Week

ST. MATTHEW LUTHERAN CHURCH

MARCH 9 - MARCH 16, 2025



Sun:

Worship with Holy Communion (Nave) 8:30 a.m.
 Faith Connections 9:30 a.m.
 Worship with Holy Communion (Nave) 10:30 a.m.
 Youth Choir/Handbells (Rehearsal Room)
 11:45 a.m.-12:45 p.m.
 Black Rose Chorale Rehearsal (Nave) 7:00-8:30 p.m.

Mon:

Girl Scouts 6:00-7:30 p.m.
 GriefShare (Upper Room) 6:30-8:00 p.m.

Tues:

Jr. Choir & Handbells 4:30-5:15 p.m.
 Cub Scouts (Gym) 6:30-7:30 p.m.
 All Committee Night (Fellowship Hall) 7:00-9:00 p.m.

Wed:

Boy Scouts 6:00-8:30 p.m.
 Lent Dinner Church (Fellowship Hall) 6:00-7:00 p.m.

Thurs:

Children's Choir 4:15-5:00 p.m.
 Adult Bells 6:00-7:00 p.m.
 Adult Choir 7:00-8:00 p.m.

Fri:

Sat:

Discovery Place Craft Fair (Fellowship Hall).....
 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.
 Adult Bells (Nave) 1:00-2:00 p.m.
 Worship Service (Fellowship Hall) 5:00 p.m.

Sun:

Worship with Holy Communion (Nave) 8:30 a.m.
 Usher Meeting (Nave) 9:30 a.m.
 Faith Connections 9:30 a.m.
 Worship with Holy Communion (Nave) 10:30 a.m.
 Youth Choir/Handbells (Rehearsal Room)
 11:45 a.m.-12:45 p.m.
 Youth Group (Room 304) 6:00-8:00 p.m.
 Black Rose Chorale Rehearsal (Nave) 7:00-8:30 p.m.



Pastor's Class Beginning This Sunday March 9

Revelation: It's about Time

Pastor Mark Vitalis Hoffman, Professor of Biblical Studies begins a Bible Study series on Revelation for the Faith Connections Pastor's Class at **9:30-10:20 a.m.** in the 2nd floor Upper Room. You will find the room by using the elevator or steps by the back entrance. This is a timely study for all of us as we live in an age of anxiety. There are many reasons for this but more important than ever, we need to have the big picture in mind. The book of Revelation gives that to us. All are welcome! For more information contact Pastor Kathy at pastorkathy@stmattlutheran.org or 717-637-7101.



Men's Chorus is back!

Our first rehearsal will be **this Thursday, March 13** from **7:45 p.m.-8:30 p.m.**, and we will be singing for Easter Sunday. Please join us! For more information, please email Deb Smith (dsmith@stmattlutheran.org) or Ben Boellner (bboellner@stmattlutheran.org).

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Faith Connections for Children

Kids ages 3 years old - 5th grade can join us in some music, Bible stories and activities in the Lower Level from **9:30-10:20 a.m.** on Sunday mornings.



Discovery Place Preschool's Annual Spring Craft Fair!

March 15, 2025 from 9am - 3pm

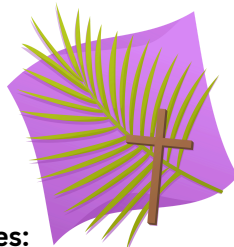
Come enjoy: a bake sale, local small businesses and vendors, home decor, a silent auction, food trucks, face painting (9 a.m. - 12 p.m.), a story time for children (10:30 a.m.), and a St. Matthew Mini Ministers puppet show (11:30 a.m.). This event happens once a year, so don't miss out! Admission is free and proceeds go directly towards Discovery Place Preschool.

For vendor registration or more information:
discoveryplacehanover@gmail.com

If anyone would be able to donate baked goods for the Bake Sale, they can be dropped off on Friday, March 14 at the church office.

Lent 2025: All We Need

This year's theme, "All We Need," invites us to explore what we need to survive and thrive—individually, as a church, and as a community. With guidance from Barn Geese Worship, we'll reflect on scripture's insights into our deepest needs.



Lenten Worship Themes:

- March 8/9: The Need to Embrace Vulnerability
- March 15/16: The Need for Sleep
- March 22/23: The Need for an Advocate
- March 29/30: The Need for Change
- April 5/6: The Need for Beauty
- Palm & Passion Sunday (April 12/13): Jesus Needs Our Help
- Holy Week (April 17-19): The Need for Love, Protection & New Life
- Easter Sunday (April 20): The Need to Rejoice

Dinner Church Returns!

Wednesdays at **6:00 p.m.** (starting March 12), featuring a meal and healing service reflecting the previous Sunday's theme. Hosting the dinners this year are:

- March 12 - Music and Worship
- March 19 - Finance and Evangelism
- March 26 - Faith Formation
- April 2 - Social Ministry
- April 9 - Council

All are welcome to journey with us this Lent!
 Contact either Pastor Kathy (pastorkathy@stmattlutheran.org) or Pastor Alex (pastoralex@stmattlutheran.org) for more information!



Youth Group

Our next Youth Group (6-12th grade) is next **Sunday, March 16**, in the Youth Suite on the third floor (304) from **6:00-8:00 p.m.** All are welcome!



Confirmation & High School Youth Connections

Confirmation (6th-8th grade) and High School Youth Connections (9th-12th grade) will meet **this Sunday, March 9**, in the Youth Suite on the third floor (304) from **9:30-10:20 a.m.**



LutheranHANDS Mission Trip to Kentucky Information Meeting

On **March 16 at 5:00 p.m.**, in the Youth Suite (304) we will be giving information about the mission trip this summer. This trip is in the Sandy Valley Region of Kentucky. The cost of the trip will include everything from travel, food, and lodging. We'll be helping with flood relief and recovery and working with the Christian Appalachian Project. The dates are July 13-18, 2025. This is for all youth going into 9-12th grade and young college aged adults. Contact Tim Peck for questions at youth@stmattlutheran.org or call the church office at 717-637-7101 ext. 230.

Dates to Remember:

March 21, 2025 - Newsboys at the Appell Center in York, PA . All are welcome to join!

June 16-20, 2025 - Day Camp will be at St. Matthew again! More details coming soon!

June 23-26, 2025 - Vacation Bible School will be back at St. Matthew again this summer! More details to come!



Hope for Hanover - Hub Day

- **March 18 from 1:00-7:00 p.m.**
- At First Church of Hanover (200 Frederick St, Hanover, PA, 17331)
- An all in one Services stop where you will find multiple Agencies & Services to support you and your loved ones in need



Bowling

Come for an afternoon of bowling at the South Hanover Lanes on **March 30 at 1:00 p.m.** Please register using the QR code above by March 27. Families and friends are invited!



Coffee House for Youth

There will be another Coffee House on **March 23** in the Youth Room (304) on the third floor. It will follow the Pajama Storytime and will take place from **6:00-8:00 p.m.** All 6-12th graders are welcome! Bring friends and enjoy karaoke, coffee, hot cocoa, and conversation with your peers.



Easter Egg Hunt

Our annual Easter Egg Hunt, will be held on Palm Sunday, **April 13, after the 10:30 service.** We will be having a lunch and then will hold the egg hunt. Donations of bags of individually wrapped candy and plastic eggs are needed. There will be boxes for the candy and plastic eggs in the Gathering Place and the church office.

The deadline to bring candy is April 6.

Want to learn more about St. Matthew?

Our next New Member Class is coming up. 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 **7:00 p.m., after Dinner Church**, on the following Wednesdays:

March 26 – The Bible & Our Faith

April 2 – Lutheran Living

April 9 – Orientation & Building Tour

We will officially welcome new members in worship on Sunday, April 27 at the 10:30am service, with a breakfast beginning around 9:30am. If you're interested or have questions, reach out to either Pastor Kathy (pastorkathy@stmattlutheran.org) or Pastor Alex (pastoralex@stmattlutheran.org).

We would love to connect with you!



Personal Care Kits Project: Around the World and Here Too in the USA

The Women of the ELCA and the 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. 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 in May.



St. Matthew Women's Retreat

“Meant for each other: the Good Book and the ‘Book’ of nature”

Come and enjoy a day of fellowship, spiritual renewal, sharing, and fun! Join us for a day apart with other women and our guest speaker, Pastor Ann Dentry, a new member of St. Matthew, on **Saturday, March 22, 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.**, in the Upper Room (take the stairs or elevator to the second floor). Coffee and tea will be served in the morning and lunch will be provided. Cost is \$25. Sign-up forms will be on the hospitality desk and in the back of the bulletins. Space is limited. Sign up by 3/15/25. Contact Sue Covert at cvtstew@aol.com with any questions.