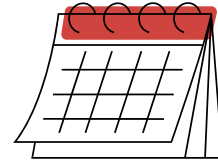




This week

ST. MATTHEW LUTHERAN CHURCH

JULY 13 - JULY 20, 2025



Sun:

Youth Mission Trip Begins
Drive-In Worship (Parking Lot) 8:30 a.m.
Soul Fire Rehearsal 9:45-10:30 a.m.
Worship with Holy Communion (Nave) 10:30 a.m.

Mon:

Discovery Place Camp 9:00 a.m.

Tues:

Discovery Place Camp 9:00 a.m.

Wed:

Discovery Place Camp 9:00 a.m.
Boy Scouts 6:00-8:30 p.m.

Thurs:

Discovery Place Camp 9:00 a.m.

Fri:

Discovery Place Camp 9:00 a.m.

Sat:

Worship Service (Fellowship Hall) 5:00 p.m.

Sun:

Drive-In Worship (Parking Lot) 8:30 a.m.
Worship with Holy Communion (Nave) 10:30 a.m.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Youth Mission Trip to Kentucky

We will be leaving **this Sunday, July 13** at 6 a.m. to meet up with all that are traveling with us in Mechanicsburg. Please keep us in your prayers for safe travels and an unbelievable experience. We want to Thank You again for supporting us with fundraisers and allowing all the youth and young adults to have this experience. They will remember this forever.

We can't wait to come back and share our journey with all of you.

**THANK
YOU**



Seniors Hang Out

Monday, July 21 from 9:00-11:30 a.m.

Looking for a community of mature adults to 'hang out' with? Please come to our Seniors Hang Out! Join us for coffee and cookies, art projects, and board games. Guest speaker: Sgt. Matthew Waltersdorff from the Hanover Borough Police. He will discuss issues of identity theft, 'street smarts,' and emergency preparedness.

Call the church office at 717-637-7101 with any questions.

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Summer Food Collections

The Social Ministry Committee will be collecting food items on the last Sunday of each month during the summer at the drive-in worship service. Items collected in June and July will be donated to God's Meal Barrel. Items collected in August will be donated to Ruth's Harvest.

ITEMS WE ARE COLLECTING:

- July 27: Tuna, Fruit Cups, Mac-N-Cheese
- August 31: Individual/Single Serving Packs of Fruit, Mac-N-Cheese, Cereal Cups

We will have bins available for your items at the Drive in Service.



Rally Day

Join us on **September 21 at 9:30 a.m.** in the lower level to get our Faith Connections year started with our teachers and friends! Play some games, make some music and get ready to dive into some of our favorite Bible adventures! Contact Missy Smith at msmith@stmattlutheran.org with any questions.



Youth Group

All 6-12 graders are welcome to come to Youth Group on the third floor (room 305) on the first and third Sunday of each month from 6:00-8:00 p.m. starting this summer. We will be meeting on **July 27** to go kayaking at Long Arm Dam. We will be skipping the 20th since some will be at LT Camp. If you have questions, contact Tim Peck at youth@stmattlutheran.org.

New date: July 27 will be the new kayaking date from 6:00-8:00 p.m. at Long Arm Dam. We will meet at the boat launch, 1956 Beck Mill Road. Contact Tim Peck at youth@stmattlutheran.org with any questions. ALL ARE WELCOME!



Music Camp
QR Code



Confirmation & High School Youth Connections

Confirmation (grades 6–8) and High School Youth Connections (grades 9–12) are taking a break for the summer.



Lutheran Community for Middle Schoolers

Music Camp

Happening **August 4-8 from 9:00-11:00 a.m.** each day. Kids ages 5-12 can join Ms. Deb for songs and games, have a snack, and learn a musical to be performed in September. This is a free event but registration is required. Scan the QR code above to register. Contact Deb Smith (dsmith@stmattlutheran.org) with any questions.

ALIVE September 26-28, 2025 (All 6-8th Graders)

ALIVE is our annual synod middle-school retreat, scheduled for September 26-28, 2025, at Camp Nawakwa. Congregations from across our synod gather with their adult advisors and youth for this traditionally early fall weekend. There will be large group gatherings with singing led by our ALIVE Alumni Band, theme-centered videos and stories, and games. There will also be small group gatherings, where youth gather with peers and a small group leader, to converse about the theme and its impact in their lives of faith. It's a great event for Confirmation students.

The weekend also includes crafts, games, campfires, free-time, and community-building that allows youth and their adult counterparts time to deepen existing friendships, and create new ones. Inspiring outdoor worship often highlights our last morning together at Nawakwa's famous Upper Temple!

2025 Theme Announced: 'Better Together'

This year's theme, 'Better Together,' comes from among other impulses, the notion of Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King's concept of 'beloved community' and the premise that EVERY human being has value. There is great joy in authentic community, which we strive for at our events, but we are also reminded in scripture that we are rooted in our relationship with Christ, or as the Gospel writer John reminds us, 'apart from me (Jesus), you can do nothing.' In the midst of what sociologists are now referring to as a 'loneliness epidemic,' how can our gathered community help strengthen us for the work of discipleship?

ALIVE DEADLINE: AUGUST 17, 2025

There will be a \$50 fee per person. See Tim Peck for questions or email youth@stmattlutheran.org



CAMP HEBRON - FALL RETREAT

Sponsored By: The Lower Susquehanna Synodical Women's Organization

Friday, Saturday & Sunday, October 24, 25, 26

The retreat theme is: "In the Potter's Hand." Jeremiah 18:1-2. Our leader this year is Lu Ann Wise, a retired health and physical education teacher from the Hempfield School District and Manheim Central School District.

There will be faith renewal in worship, laughter and tears, getting reacquainted with old friends and making new friends, refreshing walks in the outdoors or sitting quietly in meditation. Offering motel-type accommodations including linens, private bath and 5 delicious meals (no cooking for a whole weekend ladies). There will be carpooling from the church lot for those interested. There is also an opportunity for Saturday only registration. See registration form for more info. Forms can be picked up in the church office or on the Hospitality Desk.

Registrations must be postmarked by Monday September 8. For more information call Johnetta Miller, 717-637-4259.