

HAPPENING THIS WEEK AT



October 11-18, 2026

Sun.	Worship with Holy Communion (Nave)	8:30 a.m.
	Worship with Holy Communion	10:30 a.m.
	Brodbeck Retirement Recognition (Gathering Place)	11:30 a.m.
	Youth Choir & Bells Rehearsal (Adult Rehearsal Room)	11:45-12:30 p.m.
Mon.	Grief Share (Upper Room)	3:00-4:30 p.m.
Tue.	Junior Choir Rehearsal (Children's Rehearsal Room)	4:30-5:15 p.m.
	Cub Scout Committee Meeting (Girl Scout Room)	6:30-8:00 p.m.
	All Committee Night (Fellowship Hall)	6:00-9:00 p.m.
Wed.	Boy Scout Leader Meeting	6:00-7:00 p.m.
	Boy Scouts	7:00-8:30 p.m.
Thur.	Children's Choir (Children's Rehearsal Room)	4:15-5:00 p.m.
	St. Matthew Ringers Rehearsal (Adult Rehearsal Room)	6:00-7:00 p.m.
	Adult Choir Rehearsal (Adult Rehearsal Room)	7:00-8:00 p.m.
Sat.	Worship with Holy Communion	5:00 p.m.
Sun.	Worship with Holy Communion (Nave)	8:30 a.m.
	Worship with Holy Communion	10:30 a.m.
	Youth Choir & Bells Rehearsal (Adult Rehearsal Room)	11:45-12:30 p.m.
	Youth Group (Third Floor-Youth Suite)	6:00-8:00 p.m.

Faith Connections

Throughout life, God forms our faith through learning, relationships, and rituals. We offer opportunities for some of those faith connections for all ages on Sunday mornings from 9:30 a.m. - 10:20 a.m.

- Splash Class (occasional only) / 9:45-10:15 PrayGround / ages 3 months - 36 months with parent or caregiver
- Confirmation and Youth Classes / Youth Suite / ages 6th through 12th grade
- Generations Class / Parlor / adults / exploring current events through a faith lens



Please join us THIS Sunday, October 11, at 11:30, after the 10:30 service, when we will hold a **retirement recognition** for Dave and Stacy Brodbeck. Stacy was our Office Administrator for the past 17 years, and Dave has been our facilities manager for 2 years. We thank them both for their service to St. Matthew. Join us for refreshments and an opportunity to say thank you!

ADULT MINISTRY

Contact Beth Koontz for more information, bethk9245@gmail.com

Generations Class

Join us from 9:30 a.m. to 10:20 a.m. as we gather in the Parlor (right off the Gathering Place). This class uses a digital resource called *Wired Word*. The leader uses this for discussion on current everyday events and how they connect with scripture and our daily walk in Christian Life.

Seniors Hang Out



Monday, October 19 from 10:00 am-12:00 Session 2

Healthy Steps for Older Adults (HSOA) is a 2-session program. During session 2, we have the participants complete 3 fall risk assessments (with assistance from volunteer spotters), which helps them to understand how at risk for a fall they are. We also teach light exercises to help build strength, stability, and coordination to prevent a fall.

Please join us for fellowship and coffee.

2026 Green Bean Collection!

Help Us Meet Our Goal: 1,000 Cans of Green Beans

October 11-November 1

Benefitting New Hope Ministries Thanksgiving Meal Kits.

If you prefer to make a financial contribution, please note Green Bean Drive in the Memo Line

Any questions, please contact Amy Beck, abeck1976@comcast.net.



Fall Community Meal



Monday October 26, 5:00-7:00pm

Meal: Hot Dogs, Chili, Corn Bread, Chicken Corn Soup

Volunteers Needed: To make chili, corn bread, chicken corn soup, set up, serve, and clean up on the 26th. We will meet at 4:15pm for set up.

*If you are willing to help, please email Amy Beck, abeck1976@comcast.net or the church office, info@stmattlutheran.org.

Reformation Weekend October 24 & 25

Lutherans remember the Reformation at the end of October, when Martin Luther posted his 95 Theses on the door of the Castle Church in Wittenberg, Germany, in 1517, inviting colleagues at the university to debate with him the sale of indulgences by the pope. That was the official beginning of the Reformation, the movement that led many rulers and lands to split from the Roman Catholic Church and form churches like the Lutheran Church.

Commitment Weekend October 24 & 25

At our Reformation observance on October 24 & 25, instead of buying indulgences to support St. Matthew, we'll bring forward our estimate of giving cards and recommit ourselves to supporting the life of our church. Stewardship materials will arrive via mail soon.

All Saints' Weekend October 31 and November 1



As we do every year during worship on All Saints', we will read the names of those from this community who have died in the past year. For all of the other saints in your life whom you would like to remember on that day, please write their names in the book by the baptismal font, and we will read their names also. This could be anyone you know who has died in the past year or much longer ago. On All Saints', there will be a chance for you to light a candle for these saints as well.

Calling All Bakers

On both Reformation and All Saints', we will use loaves of bread at all three services. If you would like to bake for one of these services or a whole weekend, please talk to Penny Rutters or Pastor Goede.



Veterans Breakfast

Sunday, November 8 at 9:40 a.m.

The Youth invite all Veterans and their families to join us for a special breakfast as we honor and celebrate those who have served our country.

We would like to include our Veterans' service photos in a special PowerPoint presentation during the breakfast. If you are a Veteran and would like your photo included, please email your service photo to Deb Smith at dsmith@stmatthlutheran.org.

Please submit your Veteran photo by October 31.

If you have submitted a photo in the past, there is no need to send it again. Deb still has your photo on file.



We look forward to gathering together as we give thanks for the service and sacrifice of our Veterans.

GRIEF SHARE®
SURVIVING THE HOLIDAYS

Saturday, November 14, 2026 at 10 AM – 12 PM

St. Matthew Upper Room #201

**A helpful, encouraging seminar for people facing the holidays
after losing a loved one.**

The seminar will help you with...

- Being prepared for surprising emotions that may hit over the holidays
- What to do about traditions and possible changes
- How to handle holiday parties and invitations
- How to survive awkward moments with other people
- Where to find comfort, strength, and hope in a seemingly hopeless time

Attendees will receive a Survival Guide with practical tips, encouraging words, journaling ideas, and daily help throughout the holiday season. There is no cost.

For more information or to register, call Pastor Faye Snyder at 717-637-7101, Ext 225 or email nicksong@comcast.net. Deadline November 10.

MUSIC MINISTRY

Contact Ethan Draper for more information, edraپر@stmattlutheran.org

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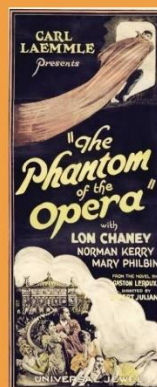
Silent Film with Organ Accompaniment feat. organist Tedde Gibson

Sunday, Nov. 1
at 4:00 p.m.
Reception to follow



Maryland-based Tedde Gibson performs live accompaniment to silent films across the country.

Mr. Gibson will accompany the 1925 classic *Phantom of the Opera* starring Lon Chaney, which will be a unique and unforgettable experience.



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YOUTH MINISTRY

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

Youth Group

Our next Youth Group meeting will be Sunday, October 18th in the Youth suite on the third floor, room 304, from 6 – 8 p.m. We would love to see you there! If you are in 6th through 12th grade, come and bring a friend! All Are Welcome!


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CONFIRMATION

Sunday Faith Formation for Grades 6 thru 8
Sundays from 9:30 - 10:20 a.m.
3rd Floor Youth Suite

Confirmation is not just a class. It is a journey of faith, where we ask honest questions and explore what it means to follow Jesus. Sign up with the provided QR code.



Contact Tim Peck: youth@stmattlutheran.org;
717-637-7101, ext. 230 with any questions!



Youth Needed

We will need youth to be Cross Bearers and Torch Bearers on these weekends!

- Reformation Sunday October 25th at both services (3 youth at each service)
- All-Saints Sunday November 1st at both services (3 youth at each service)

Please let Tim Peck know which service you would like to serve at.

youth@stmattlutheran.org 717-476-9920

Trunk or Treat



Just a reminder that **on October 26th** we will be having Trunk or Treat from 5:30-7:00 p.m. Get your trunk ideas starting to brew and come enjoy a safe and fun evening at St. Matt's parking lot. Let Tim Peck know if you want a space reserved!

We have candy donation boxes for Trunk or Treat in the elevator lobby area and in the Gathering Place. Thank you to everyone who donates to this wonderful evening.

Any questions, ask Tim Peck youth@stmattlutheran.org or call 717-637-7101 ext. 230. All are Welcome! GET IT ON YOUR CALENDAR!

St. Matthew Lutheran Church of Hanover

Join Us for a Meal
That'll Stick to Your Ribs,
Before Our Trunk or Treat Event!



Hot Dogs • Chili • Cornbread

Fall Community Meal
Monday, October 26
5:30 - 7:00 PM
Fellowship Hall



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LUTHERAN CHURCH OF HANOVER

Youth Lock-In 6-12th grade

Put it on the calendar for November! A lock-in for all 6-12th graders. We will have a cook off, games, lessons, midnight worship, and lots of fun, right here in our church!



Please mark November 13 and 14th for this event! More details will be coming soon. Contact Tim Peck youth@stmattlutheran.org, 717-476-9920 for questions.

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

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

Bible Milestones

If you weren't able to make our Bible Milestones event last Sunday and need to pick up your Bible, please contact Missy Smith, msmith@stmattlutheran.org.

GLOW



During the 10:30 service, all children ages 3 years old to 5th grade are invited to GLOW (God Lights Our Way.) They will gather at the back of the Nave to participate in a lesson and activity after the first prayer and return before communion. Our 3-5 year olds will be in the Pray Ground in Fellowship Hall. Kindergarten-2nd grade will be in the Faith Connections room in the Lower Level and 3rd-5th graders will be in the

Children's choir room in the Lower Level. Please contact Missy Smith with any questions, msmith@stmattlutheran.org or 717-637-7101, ext. 232.

The Adult Faith Formation classes will continue at 9:30-10:20 on Sundays, along with Confirmation class for 6-8th graders.

Fall Programs for Children



Tiny Tunes | Sat., Nov. 7; 14; 21 - 12:00-12:45 p.m.

Join us in the Children's Choir Room for music, games, songs, and instruments for children ages 2 1/2-4 years old.

Pajama Storytime | Sunday, November 8 - 5:00 pm

Join Ms. Lindsay, Mr. Ethan, and Ms. Deb in the Upper Room for a meal (chicken nuggets, cookies, etc.) followed by songs and stories.

Music JAM (Jesus and Me) | Saturday, November 14 - 9 to 11 am

Kids in K-4 grade are welcome to join us in the in the Children's Choir Room for a morning of singing, music games, playing instruments, making their own instrument, and snack.



These programs are FREE but registration is required. Scan the QR Code to register!

INFORMATION UPDATE FORM

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