HAPPENING THIS WEEK AT

St. Matthew
LUTHERAN CHURCH of HANOVER

November 1 - 8, 2026

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.
	Phantom of the Opera feat. Organist Tedde Gibson (Nave)	4:00 p.m.
	Youth Group (Youth Suite)	6:00-8:00 p.m.
Mon.	Seniors Hang Out (Fellowship Hall)	10:00-12:30 p.m.
	Grief Share (Upper Room)	3:00-4:30 p.m.
	Girl Scouts (Girl Scout Room)	6:00-7:30 p.m.
Tue.	Junior Choir Rehearsal (Children's Rehearsal Room)	4:30-5:15 p.m.
	SoulFire Rehearsal (Nave)	5:45-6:45 p.m.
	Women of the ELCA Bible Study (Second Floor, Upper Room)	6:00-7:30 p.m.
Wed.	Boy Scouts	7:00-8:30 p.m.
Thur.	Children's Choir Rehearsal (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.
	Christmas Concert Rehearsal (Adult Rehearsal Room)	8:00-9:00 p.m.
Sat.	Tiny Tunes with Mrs. Smith (Children's Rehearsal Room)	12:00-12:45 p.m.
	Worship with Holy Communion (Fellowship Hall)	5:00 p.m.
Sun.	Worship with Holy Communion (Nave)	8:30 a.m.
	Veterans Breakfast (Fellowship Hall)	9:40-10:15 a.m.
	Worship with Holy Communion	10:30 a.m.
	Congregational Meeting (Nave)	11:30-12:15 p.m.
	Youth Choir & Bells Rehearsal (Adult Rehearsal Room)	11:45-12:45 p.m.
	Pajama Storytime (Second Floor, Upper Room)	5:00-6:30 p.m.



THIS SUNDAY – YOU DON'T WANT TO MISS THIS!

St. Matthew Lutheran Church of Hanover presents:

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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Congregation Meeting
This announcement serves as official notice of our Congregation Meeting on Sunday, November 8, immediately following the late worship service (approximately 11:30 a.m.). The purpose of the meeting is to approve a budget for 2027 and elect four new council members and a youth representative. During the Faith Connections hour (9:30- 10:15 a.m.), members of the Finance Committee will be in the Upper Room to answer questions regarding the budget. All voting (active) members of the congregation are asked to attend this important meeting.

NEW: Welcome Pew



As a sign of good hospitality, we will be implementing a Welcome Pew on Sunday, November 15th during our 10:30 a.m. service. This pew, staffed with volunteers, would be for visitors who would like to get to know people in the congregation as well as those who may be feeling lonely and would welcome company. The pew will be marked with a "Welcome Pew" sign, as well as a box of tissues at either end. It would be offered as a choice not a requirement for new people. If you see some unfamiliar faces in the Welcome Pew, make sure to welcome them to St. Matthew!

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.

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 and light a candle for each one on the back altar.
For all of the other saints in our lives whom we will remember on that day, there will be a chance for anyone to light small candles for these saints as we read their names. There will be candles for this purpose on tables by the font and the lectern.

Join us for Seniors Hang Out
Monday, November 2: Cards, games, coloring, cookies, coffee, and fellowship with each other

Monday, November 16: Andy Smith, artist (he will speak about his art style). **Visual Realia** is



the online presence of Andrew T. Smith, one of only a few professional clay monoprint artists, a grant navigator, and a nonprofit board member in south-central Pennsylvania. Before his visual artist work, he was a 32-year public school music educator. He also curates and runs the Gallery at the Old Post Office in Hanover, PA.

Andy has shown his monoprints in solo, group, and juried exhibits throughout Pennsylvania and Maryland. Recent solo clay monoprint exhibits included Gallery @ 227, The Grotto, York's Out Door Country Club, and the Adams County Arts Council. The collaborative group exhibit, *unentitled*, was displayed in Gettysburg at the Adams County Arts Council and in York at Marketview Arts.

WOMEN/ELCA BIBLE STUDY will be held **Tuesday, November 3, 6 - 7:30 p.m.** in the Upper Room, enter elevator lobby and go to the 2nd floor. All women are welcome to attend. Pastor Geode will be leading the Bible study lesson found in the fall *gather* magazine. Lesson copies will be available. All women are invited to attend and bring a friend along too. For additional information call the church office, 717-637-7107.

Find out more about the Women of the ELCA by going to this website: www.LSS-ELCA.org. Go to *Mission Partners* at the top of the home page and then scroll down to *Women of the ELCA LS SWO*.

Veterans Breakfast

Sunday, November 8 at 9:40 a.m. in Fellowship Hall.

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.



Hanover Public Library Book Sale



The Friends of the Guthrie Memorial Library are hosting a used book sale! Held in the library's Bare Center (basement level), the sale will be on Thursday, November 12 from 10 am to 5 pm; Friday, November 13 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.; and Saturday, November 14 from 10 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Bring your Friends Membership Card and get a FREE book!

GRIEFSHARE®

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. Registration deadline is November 10.
Scan the QR Code below to register.





ST. MATTHEW COOKIE WALK RETURNS

Saturday December 5, 9:00-11:00 a.m. in Fellowship Hall

HELP NEEDED:

- Cookie Bakers (we are asking you to make 6 dozen cookies)
- Set Up-Friday December 5-6:00pm
- At the Cookie Walk-we will need volunteers to help oversee the
- Cookie tables and to put the cookies in the shoppers boxes, to refill



If you are willing to bake cookies, or help at the cookie walk, please let either the office, info@stmattlutheran.org or Amy Beck, abeck1976@comcast.net know.

Our goal is to raise $1800 to pay the remaining tuition for Scarlett and Nahomy.

Scarleth Zuleyma and Nahomy Natasha are two girls at the Hope Academy in Guatemala that St. Matthew's sponsors their education. For 2026, the sponsorship is $150 a month for each girl. We have already paid the first half of the year for both girls and our goal with the Cookie Walk is the raise the remaining $1800 to cover the tuition for the remainder of the school year for both of these girls.

Tuesday's Community Meal and Trunk or Treat

A huge shout out to all of the volunteers that made Tuesday's Community Meal and Trunk or Treat a huge success! Thank You! Thank You! Fellowship Hall and the parking lot were alive with lots of "ghosts and goblins" enjoying a delicious meal with candy for dessert. These events would not happen without the support of all of you, so thank you!

MUSIC MINISTRY

Contact Ethan Draper for more information, *edraper@stmattlutheran.org*

Christmas Concert Festival Choir



Interested in participating in our Christmas concert, scheduled for December 20th? Join our Festival Choir which will join our Adult Choir and sing several pieces during this program. Additional rehearsals are scheduled below, and all singers are encouraged to attend as many of these rehearsals as they can:
November 5, November 19, December 3, December 17 at 8:00 p.m.
Dress Rehearsal: Saturday, December 19 at 10:00 a.m.
Concert: Sunday, December 20 at 4:00 p.m.

YOUTH MINISTRY

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

Trunk or Treat



A Huge Thank You for making our Trunk or Treat a Smashing Success!

What an incredible evening! This past Monday, our community truly came alive as **150 to 200 children and adults gathered together** to explore the creatively decorated trunks and enjoy roasting marshmallows over the fire.

We want to extend a heartfelt thank you to everyone who poured their imagination into creating such memorable, inventive trunks for the kids.

An equally massive thank you goes out to our phenomenal volunteers. This Trunk or Treat and Community Meal would not have been possible without your hard work, dedication, and energy. Thank you for making this night a safe, joyful, and huge success for our entire community!

Youth Group

Our next Youth Group meeting will be Sunday, November 1st 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!

There will be **no Youth Group on Nov. 15th**, get some rest after the Lock-In weekend!

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! Start time will be 5:30 p.m.
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.

Intergenerational Ornament Making

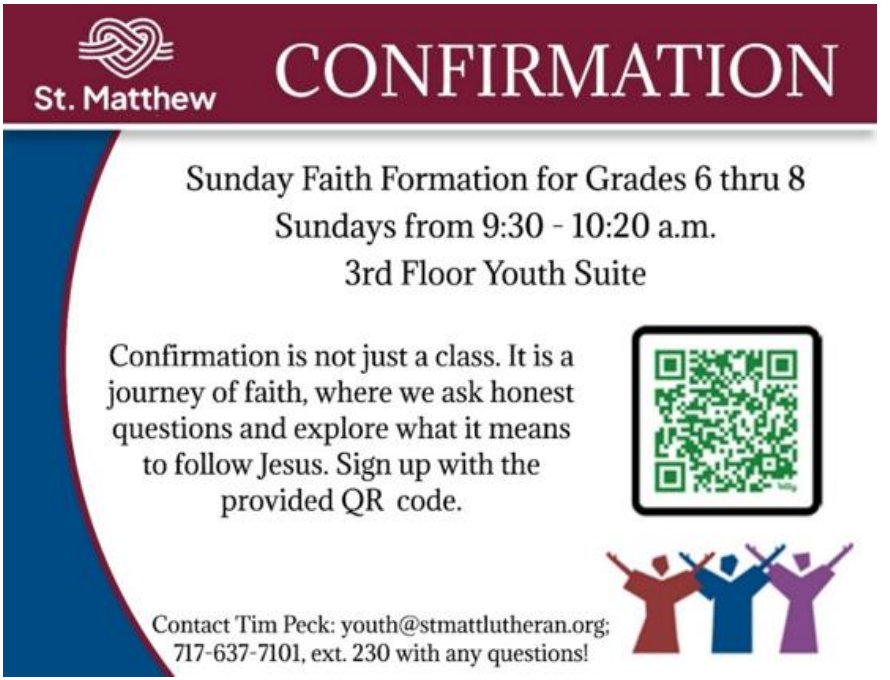


On November 15th during Faith Formation time 9:30-10:20 we will be helping to make Christmas ornaments for the Cheer Bags. So see all youth and their families to help spread this activity for many shut-in's. It is a great time to work beside old and young. Confirmation class will be meeting upstairs in youth suite and going down together.
Join us as we make Christmas ornaments for the Cheer Bags. What a joy to work side by side with our friends of all ages as we create something that will spread joy to many! Confirmation class will be meeting upstairs in the Youth Suite and will go together.

Cookie Making Evening



Join us on **November 29th from 6:00-8:00 p.m.** as we come together to make cookies for the church's Cookie Walk! Bring your favorite cookie dough and recipe, and enjoy a fun evening of baking, fellowship, and delicious treats.
Parents and guardians are welcome and encouraged to attend to help supervise and spend time with the youth.



CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

Contact Missy Smith for more information, *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.

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! For more information, please contact Deb Smith at dsmith@stmattlutheran.org.

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