



LIVING FAITH

ST. MATTHEW'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

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JULY 2009

SUMMER MUSIC FEST

July 6th-17th, 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

July 19th, Musical presented at both services

Celebrating its 21st year, the Summer Music program is for children who have completed Kindergarten and older. This year's musical is "Life of the Party!", the story of Mary & Martha. Registration forms are on the Information Table and on the web site. Forms can be submitted in the offering plate or in the church office. Cost is \$20 per participant. Come, sing to the Lord!

BLOOD DRIVE

Saturday, July 18

St. Matthew's

PLEASE HELP! St. Matthew's is hosting a blood drive on Saturday, July 18. If you believe you are eligible please check the narthex for a sign up poster and fill a slot. If you have any questions, please call Pam Orr at 703-590-7568. THANK YOU!



**SENIOR HIGH and
7th & 8th GRADE YOUTH
BUSCH GARDENS TRIP
Wednesday, July 22**

See the Poster to Sign Up

**Questions: Call Mrs. Kuhn
703-491-2898 or
Pr. Stevenson
703-494-3090**

VCS

Discovery Canyon

*"I will praise you, Lord, with all my heart
and tell about the wonders you have
worked."*

(Psalm 9:1)

Cavern Crafts, Gully Games, Tunes that Rock!

July 27 - 31. 9:00 a.m. to noon daily.

Structured program for children
born by December 31, 2005, through 9th grade.
Nursery for volunteer staff.

Registration forms available
on the Information Table and on the web site.

Trail-side Cook-out Family Dining Event

Thursday, July 30, 7 p.m.

**Watch the bulletin board for a poster with more
information and to sign up
to participate**

VCS SUPPLY LIST

Please bring these items to the church office
marked "VCS" by July 19:

Kleenex	Yarn, ribbon, lace
Faux fur, feathers	Stickers
Towels	Bandanas
Bandages	
Cardboard tubes – paper towels and bath room tissue	
Aquarium fish nets	
Plain colored fabric	
Crepe paper	
Glue sticks	

JULY BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

1-Marie Luedke
 Gloria Bortner
 Jessica Siciliano
 Charlie Urick
 2-John Turnquist
 3-Dave Moonan
 5-Kay Melvin
 Kasey Bushmire
 6-Scott Nethercutt
 7-Stephen Collins
 Brittany Watson
 Landon Runnels
 8-Christine Martin
 Trevor Sexton
 Audrey Miller
 9- Robert Dowling
 Amanda Fink
 Alice Matvay
 Tom Knock
 ETTY Beck
 10-Bethany Cox
 Jane Bohannon
 Samantha Williams

ANNIVERSARIES:

2-Ryan & Jessie Mouw
 6-Hal & Ann Deadman
 -Matthew & Connie Clark
 7-Mark & Jeanine Robba
 8-Jon & Carol Crowder
 9-Dave & Carol Moonan
 10-Bill & Kris Pfister
 Bill & Patti McCormack
 15-Richard & Sharon Riley
 Larry & Lea Fain
 16-John & Patty Dorer
 Scott & Mindy Nethercutt
 Jane & Dick Gullickson
 17-Brian & Dorothy Shackelford
 18-Les & Betsy Minihan
 21-Bob & Lynette Montgomery

14-Michelle Smith
 15-Karen Schmidt
 Laura Dowling
 Rachel Kanefsky
 Jeanine Payne
 16-Amara Nethercutt
 Doug Doerr
 Al Schmidt
 Kelsey Nicolai
 17-Leslie Woessner
 Gary Olson
 Christine Ryson
 Lisa Stohs
 18-Tobin Smith
 Morgan Bean
 Ian Hoppe
 Max Lyreman
 19-Sabrina Chandler
 Bill Nowell
 20-Chris Moessner
 21-Paul Schuessler
 David Martin
 22-Terrie Sexton
 Orland Van Bavel
 Lynda Badger
 Arlene Brown

NEWSLETTER



23-Gabrielle Wilcox
 Mia Freeman
 Keith Jacobson
 24-Victor Evans
 Madeleine Deadman
 Emily Williams
 25-Matthew Ryson
 Kathy Brown
 26-Matt Dion
 27-Daniel Miller
 28-Josiah Renton
 29-Tina Occhiuzzo
 Sarah Lervold
 Bruce Truesdell
 30- Ann Deadman
 Lydia Nicolai

23-Brian & Marlies Smith
 Yoseph Amha & Rose Abraham
 26-Nancy & Victor Evans
 29-Edward & Agnes Buabeng
 31-Wayne & Linda Debban

If your birthday or anniversary should be listed and isn't please contact the church office so we can update our database.

St. Matthew's Mission Fund

The St. Matthew's Mission Fund is an avenue to support worthy congregational and community projects that are outside the scope of the normal church budget. It is a way to look outside the church and expand our benevolences. In the last five years, \$2,350 has been given to: Roanoke College (\$250 in 2003), Caroline Furnace (\$250 in 2003), an Eagle Scout project (\$250 in 2003), the Center for Immigration and Law (\$250 in 2004), the Prince William Drop-in Shelter (\$350 in 2005 and \$800 in 2008), and Christus Victor Lutheran Church for mortgage assistance (\$1,000 in 2007).

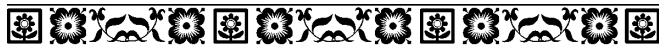
The Mission fund's current value is over \$23,000. We hope to increase its value to over \$25,000 by the end of 2009.

A gift to the fund can be made in any amount. All monies donated to the fund are added to the fund's principal and then only the interest is disbursed. Therefore, your gift to the fund continues to give every year.

As you and your family look at your giving options or encounter situations that you think warrant a special thank offering, we encourage you to make a gift to the Mission Fund.

Also, we are asking for your suggestions on what project or projects are worthy to be considered to receive the Mission Fund donation for 2009.

If you have questions or ideas on projects, please talk with one of the members of the Mission Fund Committee, Sharen Moessner, David Strand, Pat Victorson, Wayne Debban, Greg Brady or George Orr or one of the pastors.



CHURCH WOMEN'S NEWS

Saturday, July 25, you're invited to gather in the church parking lot at 9:00 AM, to car pool to Gunston Hall. Following a brief orientation film beginning at 9:45, we will meet our guide for the "Women on the Plantation" tour. After being directed through the mansion, and we will be able to explore the outbuildings, gardens, and grounds on our own. There are also museum exhibitions and a museum shop.

Gunston Hall was once the center of a 5,500-acre tobacco and wheat plantation. Its owner, George Mason IV (1725-1792), was a fourth generation Virginian who became a senior statesman and one of the era's most influential figures. As author of the Virginia Declaration of Rights, Mason was among the first to call for such fundamental American liberties as religious toleration and freedom of the press. Thomas Jefferson once referred to Mason as "a man of the first order of wisdom."

Mason's home, constructed between 1755 and 1759, is an outstanding example of Georgian architecture. The elaborate carvings of the interior, designed by indentured servant William Buckland, are among the finest creations of artisans working in Colonial Virginia. Mason's "regular" garden, south of the mansion, features the original configuration of gravel pathways, a 250 year old boxwood allée, massive earthen terraces, and vistas of the Deer Park leading to the Potomac River and Maryland shore beyond.

We have lunch reservations for 12:15 PM, at nearby Pane E Vino Ristorante in Lorton Station.

The museum tour costs \$10. Pane E Vino lunch specials cost \$9.99 for soup and salad. This price does not include appetizer, beverage, or dessert. An 18% gratuity will be added to all meals. Other entrees cost up to \$20. Desserts are \$5 -\$7. You may see a sample menu at www.panevino-ristorante.com.

Please indicate your intention to participate by signing up on the poster on the church bulletin board.

Women's Steering Committee, Monday, July 27, 7:30 p.m. All are welcome to help plan the upcoming program year.

Women's Evening Study will be discussing Max Lucado's book 3:16 The Numbers of Hope when the group resumes in September. If you are interested in pre-ordering the book, please sign-up on the poster on the church bulletin board. Payment is due by July 26.

**PRIME TIMERS
SUMMER PICNIC
THURSDAY, JULY 16, 12:30 p.m.**



**Sr. High Youth
Beach Trip
Weds., July 8, 6:45 a.m.
See the Poster to Sign Up**

**Financial Secretary & Treasurer's
Report, May 2009**

May Giving by Category

Current	\$ 59,566
Benevolence	8,269
Building	11,556
Memorial	100
Pass Through	1,778
Total	\$ 81,269

Year to Date \$ 396,525

To date we have given \$59,107 toward our congregation's benevolence commitments. \$4,207 has been given through our Samaritan Fund towards emergency needs for utilities, rent, gas, food, prescriptions and car insurance.

World Hunger Giving - \$2,031 has been contributed to World Hunger including the return of Lenten Boxes. Thrivent will match \$1,600 of these gifts.

Boy Scout Trailer – Donations totaling \$784 have been made to support the purchase of the trailer for the Boy Scouts.

Thank you for your generosity in support of these activities.

Fellowship Winery Tour

Join the fun on a trip to a local winery, Saturday, August 8 for a tour and tasting. Watch the church bulletin board for more information and to sign up.

NEWSLETTER

**Prince William County
Drop-in Center Update**

The Drop-in Center reaches out to about 30 homeless men and women each day. The Center helps these people by providing meals, showers, clothing, employment assistance, assistance finding housing and items that help improve living conditions.

St. Matthew's provides support to the Drop-in Center through benevolence gifts and a meal once a month. During the summer we provide lunch the fourth Friday of the month.

Recently, Thrivent made a grant of \$1,600 to purchase paper products and cleaning supplies for the shelter. Those items have been purchased and are being stored at St. Matthew's until the Center needs them.

There are still supplies needed. If you wish to donate any items listed below, you can bring them to the church and put them in the box in the narthex marked "Drop-in Center."

Instant oatmeal, grits, hot cereal packets, microwave items

Coffee/Creamer/Sugar, Coffee filters/Tea bags

Single serve microwave lunch items and canned items with pull-top lids

Juice, Gatorade or Capri Sun drink packs

Bottled water

Men's white crew socks (long not short) and work socks (size 11-13)

Towels

Tarps

Cough, sinus, flu, cold/congestion/allergy medicines (non-alcohol) such as Dayquil, Sudafed, Ibuprofen, cough drops/lozenges, antacids

Foot powder

Band-aids, peroxide, antibiotic ointment

Disposable razors (double edge not single edge) and shaving cream

Deodorant

Insect repellent

Large flashlights

Feminine products

Washcloths

Men's T-shirts L, XL, 2XL and 3XL

Toothpaste and toothbrushes