



LIVING FAITH

ST. MATTHEW'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

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STEWARDSHIP

Our stewardship emphasis for 2011 "Blessings in Abundance" speaks to our life in God, our engagement with the world and the confidence, hope and trust by which we live as Christians.

We are blessed to remember God's abundance in our lives and how that abundance has encouraged our growth in generosity as individuals and as a congregation of God's people.

Our faithfulness in giving and the sharing of our talents support the worship, learning. Nurture and service that make a difference in our lives and in our community.

Your stewardship packet will contain our proposed ministry and program budget for 2011, the Time and Talent form, the pattern of giving that currently provides our ministry, a growth in giving chart and a commitment card.

Commitment Sunday
Sunday, November 21, 2010



**THANKSGIVING EVE SERVICE
WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 24th
7:30 P.M.**

Please bring a food offering with you.

BIBLE STUDIES

Women's Bible Study
Wednesdays
9:30-11:00 a.m.
Pr. Tarja Stevenson

Weekday Bible Study
Thursdays
10:00-11:30 a.m.
Pr. David Bohannon

Women's Evening Study
3rd Monday of the month
7:30 p.m.

Men's Bible Study
Sundays
7 p.m.
Pr. David Bohannon

ADVENT POTLUCK DINNER SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 28 5:30 P.M.

Congregational potluck dinner to begin the Advent Season; be sure to sign up on the poster in the narthex.

**A voice cries in the wilderness:
"Prepare the way of the Lord, make
straight in the desert a highway for our
God."**



In preparation for the ADVENT SEASON, enclosed with this newsletter is an **ADVENT FRIENDS FORM!**

Please fill out and return by Sunday, Nov. 21st if your family wishes to participate. This will facilitate our assigning names and get the information to you before the first Sunday in Advent, November 28. Thank you.

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES



- 2-Carole Thomas
Jillian Muschler
Wendell Tignor
Bob Wilcox
- 3-Claire Carr
Hal Lambert
Jack Shelkin
- 4-Frank Brown
Sarah Walsh
Sue Wolf
Chloe Ouellette
- 5-Lauren Goldschmidt
Brett Parker
- 6-Amanda Krauss
Ariana Patton
Emily Carr
Emilie Deadman
- 7-Ryan Mouw
Sarah Tamai
- John Rigot
Jana Dillon
- 8-Pat Hartline
Marc Carlson
Robert Gusberti
Paul Laird
- 9- Tom Carpenter
Deborah Hempel
- 11-Lesley Reifsnnyder
Dani Siciliano
Jodi Kline
Sam Shelkin
Max Vanderzyl
- 12-Adam Mouw
- 13-Vince Amato
- 14-Matthew Bouchery
Matthew Clark
Aaron Kanefsky
- 15-Kristopher Hull
Brenda Johnson
- 16-Kate Strand
Shanna Rosario
- 17-Connie Clark
Karen Moonan Wolf
- 18-Sue Ann Cartwright
Erik Knudson
- 19-Kathryn Carpenter
- 21-Susan Kuhn
- Pam Orr
Pat Reynolds
Lawrence Bombay
Cindy Schmitt
- 22-Yuliya Occhiuzzo
- 23-Angela Luedke
Kim Lervold
Susan Phillips
- 24-Sally Cotner
Kelsey Laster
Larry Wiprud
- 25-Kyle Pallansch
- 26-Lynette Gates
Roger Kinneberg
Janelle Jampole
- 27-Keith Cotner
Pierce Schreiber
Jane Tamai
- 28-Steve Debban
Courtney Cresap
Giselle Mueller
- 29-Mark Kuhn
- 30-Christopher Walsh
Frank Henry

ANNIVERSARIES

- 6-Jon & Kathleen Hinkofer
8-George & Pam Orr
8-Richard & Lynn Schreiber
8-Wayne & Lisa Stohs

- 9-Charlie & Susan Phillips
19-David & Kathleen Parrish
21-Lisa & Bruce Truesdell
22-Kristen & Tajr Hull
26-Al & Gail Galvan
29-Carl & Mary Gill



CHOIR NEWS: All choirs will soon begin to learn special Christmas music. This is a good time to add your voice to the group! There's always room for more! **Cherub, Youth, Teen & Senior choirs** will be singing at the **Thanksgiving Eve Service, Weds., Nov. 24, 7:30 p.m.** **NOTE: Change in rehearsal schedules. Cherub, Youth & Teen Choirs** will rehearse **Weds., Nov. 24, 6:45-7:15 p.m.**, **Senior Choir** will warm-up **Weds., Nov. 24, 7:15 p.m.** The **Sr. Choir** will practice **Weds., Nov. 24**, following the service, **8:30-9:30 p.m.** There will be no rehearsals on **Thurs., Nov. 25th**.

Ongoing Ministries

ACTS Thrift Store volunteers, Tuesdays, November 2 and December 7, 12:00 to 2:00 p.m. at the store in Woodbridge. Sort clothes, stock shelves, price merchandise, hang donations, and generally assist store staff and customers during the noon rush hour. Our efforts provide a lunch break for other volunteers and staff. Contact Susan Kuhn for more information, 703-491-2898.

Collators dates: Fridays, November 19 and December 10. Meet at 10:00 a.m. We prepare congregational mailings - newsletters, stewardship letters, Day School information, etc.

Daytime Drivers transport area seniors, especially residents of Lake Ridge Fellowship House to medical appointments nearby on Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. and Thursdays 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. Drivers average one trip a month. Call Susan Kuhn (703-491-2898) to volunteer.

SENIOR CITIZEN THANKSGIVING LUNCHEON SATURDAY, NOV. 20 NOON

Please check the sign-up poster in the narthex to help provide food items, to help serve or to help drive. All food items need to be at church by 10:30 a.m. on the 20th. Thank you!



A Prayer of Thanksgiving

During this season of thanksgiving this prayer, given out during the recent Ministry Fair, reminds us of our call to share the blessings we have received from God.

Dear God,

You have called us to be the people, places, and occasions for sharing the good news of your abundant love. Help us to be generous with your gifts.

Amen+

WHOSE BIRTHDAY IS IT ANYWAY?

It's that time of year when our thoughts turn to others. Through the Social Ministry Committee we provide Christmas presents and a dinner to low-income families. Watch for a poster in the narthex to sign up. Each line you sign on is an item of clothing for adults, and for children two lines, one for clothing and one for a toy. Each line has a minimum value of \$20.00. Our Day School collects toys for the families and our Sunday Church School collects food for their dinners.

ST. MATTHEW'S BOOK GROUP

The next Book Group gathering is Sunday, November 14, 2:30 p.m. at the home of Barbara Leiby, 11828 Rd. 22191, 703-491-3639, next gathering. See the poster on the narthex bulletin board to indicate your participation.

The selection for the November 14 meeting is Cutting for Stone by Abraham Verghese.

"I will not cut for stone," runs the text of the Hippocratic oath, "even for patients in whom the disease is manifest; I will leave this operation to be performed by practitioners, specialists in this art." Verghese is a physician and an already accomplished author. His two nonfiction books [are] My Own Country about AIDS in rural Tennessee, and The Tennis Partner... His commitment to both his professions is admirable: currently a professor at the Stanford University School of Medicine, he also holds an M.F.A. from the Iowa Writers' Workshop.

If you would like additional information, need a ride, or wish to add your name to the contact list, call the church office at 703/494-3090 or Susan Kuhn at 703/491-2898.

Men's Breakfast

Saturday, November 13, 8:30 a.m.

Presenter: Steve Albanese

Topic: "An Insider's View of What is Happening in the Postal Service and Its Future"



CHURCH WOMEN'S NEWS

Church Women have set aside the evening of Tuesday, November 9, beginning at 7:30 PM, to assemble and fill 26 Christmas stockings for Prince William County children in foster care. Special guest Victor Evans will be present to talk about the Foster Care program and the distribution of these gifts.

If you would be willing to sew two stockings, please pick up a pattern packet by calling the church office at 703/494-3090 or by speaking to Kathy Meier.

All women are encouraged to contribute gifts for children ages 4 and up, and to help sort donations and stuff stockings on November 9. Here are some suggestions for stocking surprises: books, candy, stuffed toys, washable markers, coloring books, crayons, games, dolls, trucks, lotion, lip balm & gloss, socks, notepaper and pen. However, shoppers need not be limited to these items. Let your hearts be creative.

At this meeting we will be electing officers for 2011.

Women's Evening Study The third Monday evening of each month, the Women's Evening Study Group gathers in participant homes to share conversation and light refreshments. Currently the group is reading and discussing two chapters a month from Joan Chittister's book, **Ruth, 12 Moments in Every Woman's Life**. The next session will be **Monday, November 15, beginning at 7:30 PM**. Come, sit in for a session and share the fellowship. We will gather at Linda Mazzucchi's house, 13393 Gandall Ct. 20112. Call Susan Kuhn at 703-491-2898 if you'd like more information, need a ride, or wish to add your name to the contact list.

**Sr. High Youth
Congregational Dinner
Under the Sea
Sunday, November 21, 5:30 p.m.**

Come support the Sr. High Youth and their trip to work for Habitat for Humanity

Freewill offering.

Sign Up on the Poster on the Narthex Bulletin Board to indicate your participation.



Sr. HIGH YOUTH NEWS

Sunday, Nov. 21- 5:30 p.m. Congregational Dinner

Sunday, Nov. 28 - Advent Dinner; service project for youth/basement

Sunday, Dec. 5 – 6:30-8:30 meeting

Saturday, December 18 – Holiday Party

Wednesday, Dec. 29 – Ice Skating

CONFIRMATION MEALS FOR NOVEMBER

<u>DATE</u>	<u>MEAL</u>	<u>COOKS</u>
3	Chicken Nuggets	Barb Carr Cindy Campbell Carolyn Wixson
10	Hoagies	Leslie Kinneberg Charlene Laird Amy Stone
17	Holiday Turkey	Tina Occhiuzzo Mindy Nethercutt Janelle Jampole
24	NO CONFIRMATION	

7TH & 8TH GRADE YOUTH NEWS MARK YOUR CALENDARS...

**Friday – Sunday, Nov. 5-7 Confirmation
Retreat**

**Sunday, November 28: Advent Dinner;
service project for youth in basement**

Wednesday, December 29: Ice Skating



INCLEMENT WEATHER POLICY

With the return of cold weather you need to be prepared for an occasional change of plans.

When county schools are closed on a particular day, there is NO Wednesday morning Bible Study, NO confirmation. Sometimes bad weather develops late in the afternoon--affecting activities such as church women's programs and choirs. When it's necessary to cancel an activity for church women, we'll call the names on the sign-up sheet; choirs will call through their phone chains. If you're not signed up for church women, call before you set out, Sally Cotner 703-878-4716 or Susan Kuhn 703-491-2898. Questions about choirs? Call Mrs. Lundgren, 703-494-9100.

Extra-Ordinary Sunday Prayer

The prayer below was written by the 3rd grade Sunday Church School class for Extra-Ordinary Sunday. The theme for the day was Follow.

Heavenly Father,

Help me to follow your teachings.

Help me share my **F**aith with others.

Teach me to be kind to **O**thers.

Let me **L**end a helping hand
and **L**ive peacefully with my
neighbors.

We will **O**ffer food to others.

We will **W**orship our God.

In Jesus' name we pray,
AMEN+

Gifts of Hope

Gifts of Hope is a well loved part of Christmas in many Lutheran congregations in the Washington metro area. This year, as always, every penny spent on a Gift of Hope goes to the organization delivering the gifts. Come see this year's exciting new catalog at the "Market Table" in the narthex. Included is a Christmas card and an insert describing your gift. [Great gifts for teachers, friends and grandparents!]

Financial Secretary & Treasurer's Report, September 2010

September Giving by Category

Current	\$ 54,646
Benevolence	9,102
Building	15,989
Memorial	0
Pass Through	6,761
Total	\$ 86,498

Year to Date \$ 683,850

To date we have given \$113,536 toward our congregation's benevolence commitments. \$11,038 has been given through our Samaritan Fund towards emergency assistance for utilities, rent, gas, food, car insurance and prescriptions. We are currently assisting a family with their rent and other needs.

Thank you for your faithfulness in giving to our parish ministries and community outreach.

Pat Hartline, Financial Secretary

Hugh Miller, Treasurer

**Mini Walk to Support ACTS
Fannie Mae Help the Homeless
Sunday, November 14, 12-2 p.m.
Watch for more information in the narthex
and in upcoming bulletins.**



**BOY SCOUT
TROOP
&
VENTURE CREW
1396
ANNOUNCE THEIR
FIFTH ANNUAL
CHRISTMAS TREE SALES**

St. Matthew's Lutheran Church
Parking Lot

Starting Friday, November 26th, we will offer beautiful Nova Scotia Balsam Fir trees for sale. If you intend to buy a live tree this Christmas Season, please consider buying from Troop 1396.

Some very good reasons:

- Support the Boy Scouts (St. Matthew's sponsored troop).
- Our prices are very competitive.
- Sales lot is right here at St Matthew's.
- Your purchase will help fund wholesome activities for young men and women in our community.
- With each purchase, our Scouts will give the butt of your tree a fresh cut, professionally wrap it for transport, and mount it atop your vehicle.
- Buy your tree early and take your pick from the best on the lot. These are very good quality trees.
- ALSO: Consider purchasing a tree for an organization or family in need. Troop 1396 will provide free delivery to your favorite charity.

Consider Becoming an Usher

Ushers are one of the first contacts for our worshippers, whether they worship every Sunday or are visiting for the first time. Ushers serve at either the 8:30 or 11:00 service for a month at a time. New ushers are always welcome! Youth who have been confirmed are encouraged to serve as ushers. If you are interested in being part of the usher team, contact Bryan Orndorff, 703-878-4248.

St. Matthew's 2011 Directory Planning is Underway

St. Matthew's and the Evangelism Committee is pleased to announce that the reservation dates for the St. Matthew's 2011 Church Directory family portraits have been scheduled to start in May 2011. The last directory was published in 2008.

We have contracted with Olan Mills and have reserved a total of 7 days. Reservations will be available for five consecutive days in May: Tuesday, May 17 – Saturday, May 21. Two additional days, Friday, June 17 and Saturday, June 18 have been strategically selected at the end of the school year but before most vacations start.

While May 2011 seems like a long way off, with the Thanksgiving, Christmas, New Year's, Lent, Easter and much more in between, now is the time to begin planning a good date to have your family portrait taken.

Much more information will be coming over the next several months, but the committee wanted you to have these dates as early as possible.

If you have any questions about the directory, please speak to Tom Bortner.

ACTS of Kindness Silent Auction

Saturday, November 13

6:30 p.m.

Christ Chapel

Tickets: \$10.00 per person

Call Kathy Graydon for tickets
or information

703-441-8606 X212

November 2010 Calendar

(See bulletin and posters on narthex bulletin board for more details)

PreSchool Choir	Mon., Nov. 1, 4-4:30 p.m.
Volunteers to ACTS	Tues., Nov. 2, 12-2 p.m.
Social Ministry Committee	Tues., Nov. 2, 7:30 p.m.
Women's Bible Study	Weds., Nov. 3, 9:30-11 a.m.
Confirmation	Weds., Nov. 3, 5:30-7:30 p.m.
Sr. Choir	Weds., Nov. 3, 8 p.m.
Bible Study	Thurs., Nov. 4, 10-11:30 a.m.
Staff Meeting	Thurs., Nov. 4, 12:30 p.m.
Cherub Choir	Thurs., Nov. 4, 6:15-6:45 p.m.
Youth Choir	Thurs., Nov. 4 7-7:45 p.m.
Teen Choir	Thurs., Nov. 4,

	8-8:45 p.m.
Finance & Stewardship Committee	Thurs., Nov. 4, 8 p.m.
Confirmation Retreat	Fri., Nov. 5 – Sun., Nov. 6
Work Day, Part 2 (if needed)	Sat., Nov. 6, 8:30 a.m.
Tables of Fellowship #1	Sat., Nov. 6
Extra-Ordinary Sunday, Grades 4, 5 & 6	Sun., Nov. 7, 9:45 a.m.
Men's Bible Study	Sun., Nov. 7, 7 p.m.
PreSchool Choir	Mon., Nov. 8, 4-4:30 p.m.
Property Committee	Tues., Nov. 9, 7:30 p.m.
Church Women	Tues., Nov. 9, 7:30 p.m.
Women's Bible Study	Weds., Nov. 10, 9:30 – 11 a.m.
Confirmation	Weds., Nov. 10, 5:30-7:30 p.m.
Sr. Choir	Weds., Nov. 10, 8 p.m.
Office Closed for Veterans day	Thurs., Nov. 11
No Cherub, Youth or Teen Choirs	Thurs., Nov. 11
Evangelism Committee	Thurs., Nov. 11, 8 p.m.
Men's Breakfast	Sat., Nov. 13, 8:30 a.m.
ACTS Silent Auction	Sat., Nov. 13, 6:30 p.m.
ACTS Help the Homeless Mini-walk	Sun., Nov. 14, 12-2 p.m.
Book Group	Sun., Nov. 14, 2:30 p.m.
Council	Sun., Nov. 14, 7 p.m.
PreSchool Choir	Mon., Nov. 15, 4-4:30 p.m.
Women's Evening Study Group	Mon., Nov. 15, 7:30 p.m.
Worship & Music Committee	Tues., Nov. 16, 7:30 p.m.
Women's Bible Study	Weds., Nov. 17, 9:30-11 a.m.
Confirmation	Weds., Nov. 17, 5:30-7:30 p.m.
Sr. Choir	Weds., Nov. 17, 8 p.m.
Bible Study	Thurs., Nov. 18, 10-11:30 a.m.
Prime Timers	Thurs., Nov. 18, 12:30 p.m.
Cherub Choir	Thurs., Nov. 18, 6:15 – 6:45 p.m.
Youth Choir	Thurs., Nov. 18, 7-7:45 p.m.
Teen Choir	Thurs., Nov. 18, 8-8:45 p.m.
Fellowship Committee	Thurs., Nov. 18, 7 p.m.

NEWSLETTER

Collating	Fri., Nov. 19, 10 a.m.
Sr. Citizen's Lunch Set up	Fri., Nov. 19, 6 p.m.
Sr. Citizen's Lunch	Sat., Nov. 20, noon
Commitment Sunday	Sun., Nov. 21 Donut & Bagel Reception follow- ing each worship service
Sr. High Youth Congregational Dinner	Sun., Nov. 21, 5:30 p.m.
Advent Friends Forms Due	Sun., Nov. 21
PreSchool Choir	Mon., Nov. 22, 4-4:30 p.m.
No Women's Bible Study	Weds., Nov. 24
No Confirmation	Weds., Nov. 24
Cherub, Youth & Teen Choirs	Weds., Nov. 24, 6:45 – 7:15 p.m.
Thanksgiving Eve Service	Weds., Nov. 24, 7:30 p.m.
Sr. Choir	Weds., Nov. 24, 8:30 p.m.
Set up for Advent Dinner	Sun., Nov. 28, 2 p.m.
Advent Dinner	Sun., Nov. 28, 5:30 p.m., 7-12 grade youth Service Project