



LIVING FAITH

ST. MATTHEW'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

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JANUARY 2011

**CONGREGATIONAL
ANNUAL MEETING,
PART II
SUNDAY, JANUARY 23**

9:45 A.M.

ALL CONFIRMED MEMBERS

**NEW CHURCH OFFICERS FOR
2011**

The following people will steer our congregation this year.

President – Mike Mazzucchi
Vice-President – Steve Zimmerman
Secretary – Julie Moessner
Treasurer – Hugh Miller
Financial Secretary – Pat Hartline

Committee Chairpersons:

Worship & Music – Theresa Tameris
Christian Education – Dave Lambert
Evangelism – Deb Hallgren
Social Ministry – Julie Moessner
Property – Karen Pallansch
Finance & Stewardship- Steve Zimmerman
Day School – Christine Bohannon
Fellowship – Bob Gusberti

Meeting Nights & Times:

Day School – 1st Monday, 7:30 p.m.
Social Ministry – 1st Tuesday, 7:30 p.m.
Finance & Stewardship - 1st Thursday, 8 p.m.
Property – 2nd Tuesday, 7:30 p.m.
Evangelism – 2nd Thursday, 8 p.m.
Worship & Music – 3rd Tuesday, 7:30 p.m.
Fellowship – 3rd Thursday, 7 p.m.
Christian Education – 4th Thursday, 7:30 p.m.

GIFTS OF HOPE

Our congregation supplied \$3,465 for gifts through the Christmas Market in 2010. These gifts provided: bread & milk for the Lutheran Church in El Salvador, books for Southeast Ministry, Our Daily Bread devotional through Lutheran Social Services, services for residents of Fellowship Square, support for the Namibian youth hostel and support for daily operations at the Drop in Center, just to name a few. Thanks be to God!

Gifts of Hope are available year round through the web site: www.giftsofhopemetrodc.org.

Day School Outreach

Day School families gave generously through St. Matthew's during November and December. Food offerings came in can after can, box after box. Families took many of the Operation Turkey bags and boosted the quantity of food St. Matthew's was able to haul to ACTS in the church van before Thanksgiving.

In December many parents took the suggestion to give to "God's Global Barnyard" in lieu of a traditional teacher gift. The animals "given" provide families living in poverty with food, funds and fertilizer – all for a better future. Our gifts will support animal-related projects of ELCA World Hunger. Although the publicity for a \$500 cow stated that "A cow has got it all," (milk, fertilizer, calves and meat) we had more takers for chicks (10 for \$10), \$20 ducks, \$50 goats, \$125 sheep and \$30 pigs, whose publicity promised that, "A pig in a pen is like money in the bank." Altogether \$1,615 was donated.

HOMELESS PREVENTION SHELTER SUPPORT

St. Matthew's will be providing food and serving the evening meals at the Homeless Prevention Shelter the week of **January 16-22**. Please see the poster on the bulletin board to sign up to support this ministry.

Financial Secretary & Treasurer's Report, December 2010

December Giving by Category

Current	\$ 98,641
Benevolence	15,302
Building	17,730
Memorial	445
Pass Through	8,463
Total	\$140,582
Year to Date	\$1,020,391

We were able to meet all of our 2010 Benevolence commitments. \$20,200 has been disbursed through the Samaritan Fund to emergency assistance for utilities, rent, gas, food, car insurance and medicine. We are currently assisting a family with their rent and other needs. Thanks to your gifts, we contributed \$3,344 in designated gifts and Gifts of Hope to the Bill Mehr Drop-in Center, \$1,610 to the Namibian Youth Hostel/Orphanage and provided 16 Adopted Families (94 individuals) with gifts and food for Christmas. The roof replacement fund received donations of \$14,144. Thank you for your faithful support of the life and work of St. Matthew's.



Is Winter getting you down? Mark your calendar for the Fellowship committee's *Winterfest, Wine & Cheese Party*, Sat. Feb. 12th, 7:30 p.m. See the poster to sign up!

NEWSLETTER



ONGOING MINISTRIES

COLLATING: 10:00 a.m., Fridays - January 21 [+ Annual Reports], February 18 [+ Day School Booklet], March 18.

DAYTIME DRIVERS: Monday-Friday 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., Thursday 10:00 a.m. – noon. Call 703/491-2898 if you are interested in participating in this activity.

ACTS THRIFT STORE: Noon to 2:00 p.m., Tuesdays, February 1 and March 1. Call 703/491-2898 for more information.

St. Matthew's Lutheran Day School Tuesday, February 22, 10 a.m.

REGISTRATION OPENS to Congregation Members

Classes begin in September for
3, 4 and 5 year olds
(age by 12/31/11)

Schedule of classes:

9:00 – 11:45 MWF, T/Th, or MTWTh

12:30 – 3:00 MWF or MTWTh

Lunch bunch Thursday & Friday until 1:30

Please call Mary-Catherine Deadman,
703-494-3090 with questions or to
schedule a classroom visit.

Program information and forms may be found
at stmatthewsdayschool.us

**Registration opens to the public
Tuesday, March 1, 10 a.m.**

REMINDER: No Confirmation Weds.,
Jan. 26 due to Prince William County
Schools Exam Week.

REMEMBER: When schools are closed
there is NO Confirmation and NO Bible Study.
Choirs will be notified through their calling
chains.

7th & 8th Grade Youth

Sunday, January 23 – Games Night, 6 – 8 p.m.

Saturday February 26 -- SKI TRIP.

WATCH FOR A SIGN UP SHEET. Meet in the church parking lot at 5:30 AM. Bring \$ for breakfast along the way, lunch, snacks, and fast food dinner on the way home. Check the sign up sheet for information about ski rental and lessons. Costs vary according to ski “package”. Be sure to select the package which best suits your needs. Dress warmly, in removable layers, if possible. Parents, we need a permission slip for your child if you do not have one on file. Questions? Call Mrs. Kuhn at 703/491-2898.

Friday, Saturday, Sunday, March 18, 19, 20 SHEKINAH: SYNODWIDE YOUTH EVENT AT THE 4H CENTER AT FRONT ROYAL, VA. MARK YOUR CALENDAR FOR MAJOR FUN AHEAD. WATCH FOR REGISTRATION FORMS.

SENIOR HIGH YOUTH

Sunday, Jan. 16 – Serve Meal at Homeless Prevention Shelter, 5:30 p.m.

Friday – Sunday, Jan. 28 – 30 – Winter Celebration Synodical Retreat. Speak to Pr. Stevenson for registration information.

Sunday, Feb. 6 – Meeting 6:30-8:30 p.m.

Sunday, Feb. 20 – Meeting 6:30-8:30 p.m.

Friday & Saturday, Feb. 25 & 26 - Ski Trip & Overnight. See Poster to Sign Up.

CHURCH WOMEN’S NEWS

Women’s Evening Study Group will meet 7:30 PM, Monday, January 17, at Susan Kuhn’s (11911 Oakwood Dr. 22192, 703-491-2898). The group will continue its study of The Story of Ruth with chapters 6 & 7. You’re invited to begin a new year sharing discussion with this small group. If you have questions or need study information, please speak to Susan Kuhn or Sue Orndorff.

NEWSLETTER

Women's Steering Committee meeting will be at church, on **Tuesday, January 25, 7:30 p.m.** Bring ideas for spring. We'll work on the **April 1st-3rd Retreat to Signal Knob** and on the **April 29th Mother-Daughter Tea**. All are invited to join this group to plan Church Women activities.

Tuesday, February 8, Cookie Bake, at church, at 7:30 PM. Please call the church office at 703/494-3090 to update student addresses. Addresses are not kept from one year to the next. Care Boxes are sent via USPS.



Save the Date: April 1-3 retreat to Signal Knob. Join us for a weekend of get acquainted games, large and small group discussions, a craft, and music. On Sunday morning, we will celebrate Holy Communion and enjoy brunch at Signal Knob. More information will be in the next newsletter.

Bible Studies

Women’s Bible Study
Weds., 9:30-11 a.m.
Pr. Tarja Stevenson

Weekday Bible Study
Thurs., 10-11:30 a.m.
Pr. David Bohannon

Women’s Evening Study
3rd Mon. of each month, 7:30 p.m.
Led by study group members

Men’s Bible Study
Sun., 7 p.m.
Pr. David Bohannon

Thank You, St. Matthew's

Dear St. Matthew's,

Thank you for your kind and generous support of our Dale City Elementary families.

I have enclosed one student's personal note for you. I heard from so many parents who gave me heartfelt stories of appreciation. One child selected some Matchbox cars and trucks from the gently used toys. When he got home, he asked an older cousin to show him how to play with them because he'd never had any before! His grandmother, his legal guardian, is grateful for these gifts as he begins to develop independent play skills.

On behalf of our students, staff and families, thank you for including us in your outreach.

Sincerely,

Kathy Johnson,
Dale City Elementary Guidance Counselor

The following is the note from the student as mentioned above:

Dear St. Matthew's Church,

Thank you so very much for all the presents. I ♥ them all thank you!! ☺ ☺

Thank you very very much

Prayer Chain



Would you like to be a part of St. Matthew's Prayer Chain? This is a group of people who commit to pray daily for individuals in special need.

The Prayer starts with a request and is passed through the chain "Word for Word" so we all pray the same prayer. This is kept confidential on the chain.

If you are interested in being part of the prayer chain or if you have a prayer concern please call Pam Orr at 703-590-7568.

NEWSLETTER

St. Matthew's Recognizes Boy Scout Sunday

St. Matthew's will recognize Boy Scout Sunday on February 6.

SCOUTING

The purpose of the Boy Scouts of America, incorporated on February 8, 1910, and chartered by Congress in 1916, is to provide an educational program for boys and young adults. The three aims of Boy Scouting are:



Character

A Boy Scout is expected to grow in moral strength and character. We may define this as what the boy is himself: his personal qualities, his values, and his outlook.

Citizenship

A second aim is participating in citizenship. Used broadly, citizenship means the boy's relationship to others. He comes to learn of his obligations to other people, to the society he lives in, to the government that presides over that society.

Fitness

The third aim of Boy Scouting is development of physical, mental, and emotional fitness. Fitness includes the body (well-tuned and healthy), the mind (able to think and solve problems), and the emotions (self-control, courage, and self-respect).

Scouting for boys includes Tiger, Cub, Webelos, Boy and Venture Scouts. In February of 2011, the Troop 1396 and Boy Scouts of America recognize Scout Sunday, which is the first day of Scout Anniversary Week. If your son is active in Scouting and has not yet participated, we'd like to include him in the Scout Sunday activities at Saint Matthew's. If he is not active and is considering joining, please encourage him to become involved in this worthwhile organization. Either way, please call Tom Bortner at 703-497-1280.

Boy Scouts is 101 years young this year.

