



LIVING FAITH

ST. MATTHEW'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

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JUNE 2011



AFFIRMATION of BAPTISM Sunday, June 12

CONFIRMATION will be celebrated on Sunday, June 12 at the 11:00 service. Following the

service, there will be a congregational reception in Fellowship Hall. See the poster in the narthex to sign up to provide a food item.

God confirms the good work he began in baptism, as now his work is confirmed by:

- Caitlin Bennett*
- Ian Campbell*
- Claire Carr*
- Jonah Clark*
- Matthew Dion*
- Tristin Foley*
- Phillip Gill*
- Kate Hill*
- Allison Kinneberg*
- Emily Moessner*
- Andrew Nesaw*
- Melanie Occhiuzzo*
- Zachary Watson*
- Zachary Zimmerman*

SENIOR HIGH GRADUATES FOR 2011

“Commit your work to the Lord, and your plans will be established.” Proverbs 16:3
We recognize our 2011 high school graduates.



Congratulations to:

- Ellie Brady*
- Tyler Bratton*
- Emily Carr*
- Ty Cresap*
- Jonathan Cyrus*
- Aubrey Foley*
- Matthew Jackson*
- Lauren Kinneberg*
- Kelsey Laster*
- Kirsten Moessner*
- Dylan Moyer*
- Jillian Muschler*
- Kyle Pallansch*
- Jon Schwentner*

ALL CHOIRS LAST REHEARSAL & PARTY, THURSDAY, JUNE 16, 7:00-8:00 P.M.

Ice Cream Party follows rehearsal! Don't miss out. (Cherub, Youth, Teen & Senior choirs.)



Senior Choir End of Year Party – Saturday, June 11, 7:00 p.m. at Deb Baron's, 12847 Valleywood Dr., 22192, 703-494-4281.

A request for all Senior Choir Members: Past or Present: Please return all choir music & folders to the church office by June 19 so we can complete our files.

SUMMER WORSHIP HOURS CHANGE
SUNDAY, JUNE 19th TO 8:30 & 10:00 A.M.
Last Day of Sunday Church School June 12

PARISH PICNIC SUNDAY, JUNE 19

Join us **Sunday, June 19** following the **10 a.m. service** for the Parish Picnic. See the sign up poster on the bulletin board. Wear your picnic clothes to church. Bring your own meat and a side dish or dessert to share. Paper products, grills and lemonade will be provided.



There will be pony rides, moon bounce, games, water balloon toss and more!

Dessert Auction to benefit the Sr. High Youth Trip to Lynchburg to support Habitat for Humanity and the Bill Mehr Drop in Center. Is there a special dessert recipe your family has handed down for generations? Maybe homemade cheesecakes are your specialty or you're famous for your chocolate cake. If so, **sign up to participate in the Dessert Auction. During the picnic, these desserts will be auctioned off to the highest bidder. Sign up on the poster in the narthex and join in the fun.**

ONGOING MINISTRIES

ACTS Thrift Store Volunteers: Final work session until fall will be Tuesday, June 7, from noon to 2:00 p.m. Call 703-491-2898.

COLLATORS: please pencil in summer work sessions. Meet in the church narthex at 10:00 a.m., Fridays--June 17, July 22, and August 19.

DAYTIME DRIVERS: Help us provide round trip transportation to medical and other essential services for area senior citizens with destinations on the eastern end of Prince William County. Most of our passengers are residents of Fellowship House in Tackett's Mill. Children are welcome. Most drives require a 2-hour commitment. Most drivers accept one commitment a month. Schedules vary. We encourage morning or early afternoon appointments. Call 703-491-2898 for more information.

Drivers, please remember to relay vacation schedules to Susan Kuhn.

NEWSLETTER SUMMER MUSIC 2011 July 5-15

**"The Rock Slinger and His Greatest Hit"
The story of David and Goliath**

For children who have completed Kindergarten and older. Registration forms are located on the Information Table in the narthex and on the web. The musical will be presented on Sunday, July 17 at both services.

Calling All Senior High Youth Habitat Sign Up Deadline Approaching

Habitat for Humanity in Lynchburg, VA, June 19 through 24, is a great opportunity to do hands-on work. This year, the Sr. High Youth (current 9th through 12th graders) will work from Monday-Friday repairing homes for needy families.

In the evenings, we go out to eat and do fun stuff in the Lynchburg area.

See the sign up poster in the narthex. The deadline to sign up is June 5. If you have any questions, please speak to Pr. Stevenson.

YOUTH TRIP TO BUSCH GARDENS



When: Wednesday, July 20

**Who: All Current 7th – 12th Grade Youth
Roller Coasters! Water Rides! Shows!**

Watch for a sign up poster with more information.

Come join the fun!

SUMMER OFFICE HOURS

**Beginning June 20 through July 22,
office hours are 9 a.m. to 12 p.m.**

Thank You for Your Support

We received the following 2 thank you notes for our support of organizations in the community.

April 21, 2011

Dear Dave,

Please share our gratitude with the members of St. Matthew's for their wonderful response to the ACTS Membership Drive. St. Matthew's has always been one of ACTS' greatest supporters and we could not accomplish the service to Prince William residents without you.

A special thank you goes to Paul (Moessner) because I'm sure no one got past him without a word about ACTS.

Thank you and may God bless you all. Have a blessed Easter.

Frances (Harris – Executive Director of ACTS)

Note: It's not too late to renew or start a membership to ACTS. Speak to Paul Moessner if you are interested or have any questions.

April 20, 2011

To Whom It May Concern:

On behalf of the Prince William Department of Social Services, I would like to thank you for all of the hard work and dedication that you and your church members have provided to the clients of the Winter Shelter this past season with warm meals as well as many other items of need. This past season went extremely well! We served a total of 215 persons many of whom used the shelter for the entire 5 months. Without your kindness and support, the clients of our Winter Shelter would have gone to bed hungry. Your commitment to helping the homeless in our community is sincerely appreciated.

Once again, thank you for all of your support. More importantly, the clients thank you. And that's really who it's all about.

Sincerely,

Denise Dade
Director, Winter Shelter

NEWSLETTER Drivers Needed

Do you have a Driver's License? Do you enjoy meeting new people? Are you interested in a volunteer opportunity? If you answered yes to any of these questions, then the Social Ministry Committee has just the opportunity for you!

We are looking for volunteers who are willing to provide transportation to and from our Senior Citizen Luncheons. There are two ways to help out: (1) You can volunteer to pick up one or two guests from their homes. There are no special requirements other than a willingness to provide this service. (2) You can register with Fellowship Square House as a van driver and transport residents of that facility to the church. You will need to acquire a copy of your driving record from the DMV and have it on file with Fellowship Square House and you must be under the age of 65. These requirements have to do with their insurance policies.

If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Julie Moessner at (703) 670-7476 or email her at j.m.moessner@gmail.com.

SUMMER ACTIVITIES

Mark your calendars now for these summer time events:

Sunday, June 5 – Sr. Recognition. Cookie reception follows the 11:00 a.m. service.

Sunday, June 19 – Parish Picnic. Following the 10 a.m. service.

Wednesday, July 20 – 7th & 8th Grade and Sr. High Youth Trip to Busch Gardens

Saturday, July 23 – Women's Field Trip

Saturday, July 30 – Father Child Picnic and Potomac Nationals Baseball Game

Note from the Pastor:

Dear friends,

Thank you for your gracious recognition of my recent birthday. Someone asked about that 70 that was next to the "fish" I caught. Frankly, I didn't know that a fish lived that long, but apparently it's true.

At our congregational meeting last Sunday, Brandon Johns was elected to be an Associate pastor with a focus on Youth, Young Adults and Families. Tarja and I are delighted to have our ministry strengthened in these areas as we move into the future. Brandon will begin his work on September 1st. His ordination will be on July 10th in Pennsylvania.

The work on our roof and steeple has been completed and (thank God & Simpson Construction) the leaks are gone.

Thank you for your generous support for the Roof Fund which to date has received \$26,330 beyond what was pledged to our 2011 Ministry Plan.

Yours in Christ+
David

BOOK GROUP

You are invited to join us for conversation and refreshments at 2:30 PM, on Sunday, June 26, at Sue Orndorff's home, 3556 Eskew Ct. 22192, 703-878-4248. The group will discuss best seller The Help by Kathryn Stockett. New participants are welcome. If you're considering participating in Book Group and would like to sit in on a session, please join us. Call Susan Kuhn at 703/491-2898 for more information. See the poster on the bulletin board in the narthex to indicate your participation. Information below is from several internet web sites.

The Help is a [2009](#) novel by [American](#) author [Kathryn Stockett](#). It is about [African American maids](#) working in white households in [Jackson, Mississippi](#) during the early 1960s.

The novel is told from the point of view of three narrators: Aibileen Clark, a middle-aged African-American maid who has spent her life raising white children, and who has recently lost her only son; Minny

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Jackson, an African-American maid whose back-talk towards her employers results in her having to frequently change jobs, exacerbating her desperate need for work as well as her family's struggle with money; and Eugenia "Skeeter" Phelan, a young white woman and recent college graduate who, after moving back home, discovers that a maid that helped raise her since childhood has abruptly disappeared and her attempts to find her have come to nought. The stories of the three women intertwine to explain how life in Jackson, Mississippi revolves around "the help", with complex relations of power, money, emotion, and intimacy tying together the white and black families of Jackson.

RE-NEW: the Green VCS July 25-29

Now listen! A farmer went out to scatter seed in a field...
Mark 4:3

*God's creation is a gift we all share.
We live in it together and depend on it together.
Caring for it -- together -- is both a good work
and a collective act of faith.
The Bible is filled with stories and teachings
that reveal our dependence on God
through the bounty of the earth.
In fact, you could hardly tell the story of the chosen
people or hear one of Jesus' parables
without the water, trees, wilderness, animals and
weather that form their backdrop.
Re-New weaves together this rich natural imagery
with engaging activities children love,
resulting in a deeper, more memorable experience
of the Word.*

**REGISTER to RE-NEW with us:
9:00 a.m. to noon daily!**

**RE-NEW offers a structured program for
children born by December 31, 2007
through those who've completed 9th grade.
Registration forms are included in this
newsletter.**

**Additional registration forms are available
on the Information Table and on the church web
site www.stmatthews.us.**

Would you like to help?

Call Susan Kuhn at 703/491-2898 to volunteer.

Offerings collected daily will be contributed to
Lutheran World Relief's Quality Seed Program.

Building on decades of experience working with poor, small scale farming communities and more recent collaboration with researchers, LWR works to address both the supply and demand sides of the seed production system. LWR works with partner organizations to: link farmers with researchers; identify and develop improved crop varieties with the best agronomic, nutritional, technological and commercial potential for adoption; increase farmers' organizations' ability to multiply and process quality seed; improve local marketing and distribution networks to help ensure that quality seeds reach farmers; increase local knowledge of and demand for improved seeds.

RE-NEW SUPPLY LIST

If you'd like to donate new or re-newed items, please label them VCS

and drop them off at the church office by July 10th.

1. Cleaned & sterilized tomato paste cans or baby food jars. These will become molds for making seed starters.
2. Old greeting cards.
3. Fabric scraps.
4. Egg cartons.
5. Aluminum foil.
6. Clear plastic wrap.
7. Paper towels.
8. Cotton balls.
9. Recycled buttons, beads, or bolts.
10. Old crayons.

Join us in the Fellowship Hall on Thursday, July 28th, for a FAMILY STYLE, COMMUNITY SUPPER. Watch the church bulletin board for a poster on which to sign up and more information about what to bring.

Plan to attend the 10:00 AM worship service, on Sunday, July 31.

The RE-NEW community will share a few songs with the congregation.

While we're waiting for the summer fun to begin, here's a little taste of Re-New to enjoy with your family.

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FULL SEEDS TRAIL MIX

*God's love is a seed in me and in you.
Love and seeds are in this delicious snack!*

Get Ready:

- ❖ A variety of edible seeds: sunflower, flax, soy nuts, pumpkin
- ❖ Raisins or dried fruit
- ❖ Granola
- ❖ M&M's or similar chocolate coated candies

Prayer: This may be sung to the tune of "Row, Row, Row Your Boat".

God's love's a seed in me.

I can spread love too.

Thank you for these seeds we eat.

And everything we do!

Financial Secretary & Treasurer's Report, April, 2011

April Giving by Category

Current	\$ 59,627
Benevolence	8,234
Building	15,048
Memorial	100
Pass Through	1,435
Total	\$ 84,444

Year to Date \$355,749

Samaritan Fund assistance for the month of April: \$2,596.49. This includes assistance for rent, child care, utilities, gas, telephone, insurance and car repair. Expended to date in support of Samaritan assistance is \$9,348.27. Thank you for your faithfulness in giving.

Don't forget Dad! Father's Day is June 19





**THE WORKHOUSE ARTS CENTER
SATURDAY, JULY 23, 2011
Church Women's Field Trip**

The Workhouse Arts Center, a program of the Lorton Arts Foundation, is a vibrant cultural community set on 55 acres of land in the former D.C. Workhouse and Reformatory. The workhouse provides a home for more than 100 of the region's finest professional and emerging artists, classes and arts education programs for people of all ages and artistic abilities, cooperative studios, performance and theatre venues, dedicated gallery and exhibition space, and event facilities.

Plan to gather in the church parking lot at 10:30 AM. We will travel across the river to the Workhouse. Galleries and studios open at 11:00 for self-guided tours. Admission is FREE. However, we will also visit the gift shop and Art Supply Store.

We have 1:00 PM reservations for lunch at Fireside Grill in Lorton Station. Prices for soup and salad begin at \$8.50. Entrees start at \$9.25. Flatbread sandwiches begin at \$7.95. You may see the entire menu at www.firesidegrillva.com.

If you intend to participate, please indicate your interest by signing-up on the poster on the church bulletin board. For more information contact Kathy Meier at 703/881-3333.

**SUPPORT YOUR
LOCAL ANGELS
(Softball team, that is)**

It's summer time and that means softball! Come to the softball fields at Pfitzner Stadium and cheer on St. Matthew's Angels.

Sat., June 4 – 1:30 & 2:30 p.m.

Fri., June 10 – 6:30 & 7:30 p.m.

Sat., July 9 – 9 & 10 a.m.

Fri., July 15 – 6:30 & 7:30 p.m.

Sat., July 16 – 1:30 & 2:30 p.m.

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Fill the Container Drive To support Youth Hostels in Namibia

The Metro Washington, D.C. Synod is conducting a collection drive for goods to be supplied to the children in youth hostels located within the Evangelical Lutheran Church in the Republic of Namibia synod, our sister synod. These hostels provide food, housing, basic healthcare, and supervision for 1,650 children between the ages of 5 and 15, in locations near public schools. The children, often from very rural areas and/or orphaned due to HIV/AIDS are already vulnerable. Without these hostels, they risk losing access to an education as well.

From June 5 through June 19, we will be collecting items from the list below, which will be combined with donations from other churches in the synod and sent to Namibia in early July.

Suggested Items to Donate

Clothing

- Gently used and washed items for both boys and girls ages 5-15
- Gently used sneakers or sandals, new flip-flops
- Ball caps & hair accessories

Children's Books – English is the official language of Namibia

- Picture books, easy readers or chapter books in good condition
- Non-fiction resources written within the last 10 years
- Children's Bibles

School Supplies

- Paper, notebooks, construction paper
- Pencils, markers

Health Kits - New items only

- Bars of soap
- Toothpaste & toothbrushes
- Band aides

Toys – No battery operated items please

- Deflated soccer balls (this will allow for more room for shipping)
- Air pump
- Jump ropes

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- Cars
- Dolls
- Nerf toys

Miscellaneous Items

- Blankets
- Bedding for a twin size mattress
- Fax machine in good working condition
- Washable fabric (at least 1 ½ yards in length) to be used to make clothing and bedding.

Items collected through June 19 will be sorted by category to help expedite the packing process at the drop-off center. Watch the church bulletin for information on the date and time St. Matthew's will be sorting and packing donations.

Packed items will be taken to Bethel Lutheran Church and shipped to Namibia during the week of July 11th.

If you have any questions about this project, please contact the church office and speak to Sue Orndorff.

Thank you in advance for your support of this project.

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June 2011 Calendar

See Bulletin for Updates

Confirmation	Weds., June 1, 5:30-7:30 p.m.
Senior Choir	Weds., June 1, 8 p.m.
Bible Study	Thurs., June 2, 10-11:30 a.m.
Cherub Choir	Thurs., June 2, 6:15-6:45 p.m.
Youth Choir	Thurs., June 2, 7-7:45 p.m.
Teen Choir	Thurs., June 2, 8-8:45 p.m.
Fin. & Stew. Committee	Thurs., June 2, 8 p.m.
Softball Games	Sat., June 4, 1:30 & 2:30 p.m.
Extra-Ordinary Sunday Grades 4, 5, 6	Sun., June 5, 9:45 a.m.
Senior Recognition	Sun., June 5, Reception following 11 a.m. service
Volunteers to ACTS	Tues., June 7, 12-2 p.m.
Confirmation, 9 th Grade Only	Weds., June 8, 6:30-7:30 p.m.
Senior Choir	Weds., June 8, 8 p.m.
Bible Study	Thurs., June 9, 10-11:30 a.m.
Cherub Choir	Thurs., June 9, 6:15-6:45 p.m.
Youth Choir	Thurs., June 9, 7-7:45 p.m.
Teen Choir	Thurs., June 9, 8-8:45 p.m.
Softball Games	Fri., June 11, 6:30 & 7:30 p.m.
Set up for Confirmation Reception	Sat., June 11, 9 a.m.
Senior Choir Party	Sat., June 11, 7 p.m.
Last Day SCS until September	Sun., June 12, 9:45 a.m.
Confirmation	Sun., June 12, 11 a.m. Service. Reception following service
Mission Fund Committee	Mon., June 13, 7:30 p.m.
SCS Teacher Dinner	Weds., June 15, 7 p.m.
All Choir Rehearsal	Thurs., June 16, 7-8 p.m.
Collating	Fri., June 17, 10 a.m.
Summer Worship Schedule Begins	Sun., June 19, 8:30 & 10 a.m. Worship
Parish Picnic and Dessert Auction	Sun., June 19, following 10 a.m. Worship Service
Sr. High Youth to Habitat for Humanity	Sun., June 19 through Fri., June 24
Summer Office Hours Begin	Mon., June 20, 9 a.m. - noon

