



LIVING FAITH

ST. MATTHEW'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

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May 2011

FIRST COMMUNION

We recognize the following young people who participated in their first communion on Maundy Thursday.

To mark this day in their faith journey, the congregation presented Bibles with the children's names and date of their first communion inscribed in them. It is hoped that the Bibles will accompany them in Sunday Church School, Confirmation classes and throughout their growth in faith.



**Bergen Philip Campbell
Elizabeth Ann Marie Dion
Daniel Karson Laird
Cole Joseph Lambert
Madison Eileen Petty
Thomas Joseph Skelley
Alex Robert Stone**

"While they were eating, Jesus took a loaf of bread, and after blessing it he broke it, gave it to the disciples and said, 'Take, eat; this is my body.' Then he took the cup, and after giving thanks he gave it to them, saying, 'Drink from It, all of you; for this is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins.'" Matthew 26:26-28.

First communicants participated in foot washing, as Jesus washed the feet of his disciples. "For I have given you an example, that you also should do as I have done to you." John 15:15

Congregational Meeting

There will be a congregational meeting on Sunday, May 15 starting at 9:45 a.m. Bishop Richard Graham will be here to preach as well as to preside at the meeting. This meeting is open to all confirmed members.

Spring Fling Senior Citizen's Luncheon

The next Senior Citizen's Luncheon is Saturday, May 14 starting at noon. See the poster on the Bulletin Board in the narthex to sign up to provide food, transportation, help serve and chat with our guests. This is an opportunity for families to work together in service to others in our community.



Choirs Make a Joyful Noise to Help ACTS

Make plans to spend a delightful afternoon with ACTS and several of Prince William County's church choirs, including St. Matthew's Senior Choir, at the sixth annual Choir Festival hosted by First Mount Zion Baptist Church in Dumfries on **Sunday, May 15, 3:00 p.m.**

The Admission Fee of one item of non-perishable food will help fill the ACTS Food Pantry. A free-will offering will be received.

Come be blessed and be a blessing to our neighbors in need.

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MAY BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

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| 2-Kevin MacFarlane
Nancy Zimmerman | 14-Tyler Bratton
Sean Lambert | Daniel Scronce
Robert Beck |
| 3-Hal Deadman
Eileen Eckhardt
Sharen Moessner | George Gianakaris | Joanne Carrabis
Thomas Bortner
Julian Kiedrowski |
| 5-Sarah Colbert | 15-Bill Langman
Tony Occhiuzzo | 25-Katie McDaniel
James Miller |
| 6-Lisa Bushmire
Mark Victorson
David Strand
Kyler Rosario | 16-Dorothy Lerch | 27-Cheryl Gordon
Marty Mendoza
Meg Hill
Linda Graham |
| 7-Bill McCormack
Chuck Moler | 17-Michael Heimbach
Leslie Brady
Ashlyn Brady | 28-Charlie Phillips
Mark Chandler |
| 8-Charlene Laird | 19-William Davis
Cole Lambert | 29-Merilyn Davis |
| 10-Karen Miller
Eric Reifsnyder | 20-Kyle Miller
Jake Woessner
Jim Lee | 30-Bruce Anderson
Al Smith |
| 11-Cassidy Minihan
Moir Skelley
Bill Brady | 21-Eileen Goldschmidt
Caroline Strand
Alina Weldon | 31-Bruce Taylor
Kevin Hoppe
Jenna Martucci |
| 12-Diane Wilcox
Joshua Dillon
Ben Amha | 23-Kris Kuhn
Julie Evans
Christopher Wiprud
Jennifer Knick
Amy Stohs | |
| 13-David Bohannon
John Carrabis | 24-Bill Huntington | |

ANNIVERSARIES

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| 3-Bob & Eileen Goldschmidt | 20-David & Christine Martin |
| 10-Jim & Margarete Miller | 24-Don & Deborah Hempel |
| 11-Doug & Corinne Doerr | 27-Jason & Tamera Lerch |
| 12-Chad & Agnes Wells | 28-Rob & Jan Mouw
Rick & Allison McElligott |
| 14-Gloria & Tom Bortner
Wendy & Darrell Morton | 29-Dave & Barb Carr |
| 19-Ralph & Patti Scronce | 31-Evelyn & Bill Langman |



Are we missing your birthday or anniversary? If you should be listed under the birthdays or anniversaries and aren't, please call the church office so our records can be updated. We apologize for omitting you!

Summer Music “The Rock Slinger and His Greatest Hit”

Three thousand years ago, a shepherd boy faced an overwhelming enemy on a battlefield, armed with only a sling, a staff and a courageous faith in God. The message – thirty centuries later – is still fresh: Though we may tremble in our weakness, there is no darkness that God cannot overcome. This musical presents this message with humor, energy and joy!

This musical will be presented at both services on July 17th. The music camp meets on Tuesday, July 5 through Friday, July 15th from 9:00 a.m – noon. Please consider enrolling your child in our 23rd annual music camp. This is a unique opportunity for your child to enjoy the fellowship of working in a multi-age group on musical skills, Bible study, art activities and dancing.

Registration is open to children in the congregation who have completed Kindergarten through High School. **Please register by June 15th to guarantee their enrollment and allow for adequate planning time.**

Participants will decorate a T-shirt (provided) to be used as part of their costume.

Parent volunteers play an essential role in the camp. We'll have a sign-up sheet for volunteers on the first day of camp.

Attendance at both services is required to participate in the camp.

Registration forms are available on the information table in the narthex and on the website.

**Don't forget
Mother's Day
Sunday, May 8**



Mother's Day

NEWSLETTER Teen Choir presents Godspell On May 22 at Both Services

The Teen Choir will present choral selections from the rock musical “Godspell” on Sunday, May 22nd at both services. The musical was originally performed in the 1970’s as an updated version of the Gospel’s lessons filled with song and dance numbers. Godspell was received as rousing entertainment in the tradition of other rock operas such as “Jesus Christ Superstar”. In the musical, John the Baptist gathered a diverse band of youthful disciples to follow and learn from the teachings of Jesus. They formed a roving acting troupe that sang about the parables through the streets and landmarks of New York City. We look forward to sharing the message of Jesus Christ with the congregation in this joyful and energetic musical.



Mark Your Calendars for these events:

**Sr. High Graduate Recognition, Sunday, June 5
Confirmation, Sunday, June 12 at the 11:00 a.m. service. Reception follows. Look for a sign up poster.**

Last day of Sunday Church School, June 12

SUMMER SCHEDULE begins Sunday, June 19, 8:30 & 10:00 a.m. worship services

PARISH PICNIC -Sunday, June 19 following the 10:00 a.m. service.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Volunteer at the **ACTS Thrift Store Tuesdays, May 3 and June 7, from noon to 2:00 p.m.** Sort donations, stock and straighten shelves while store personnel and other volunteers break for lunch.

Collators meet in the church narthex at 10:00 a.m. on **Fridays, May 20 and June 17.**

Daytime Drivers: Provide transportation for area senior citizens. Drive to doctors’ appointments and other essential services in Eastern Prince William County. Children welcome. Flexible hours. Call 703-491-2898 for more information or to volunteer.



CHURCH WOMEN NEWS

Summer Field Trip Saturday, July 23. Plans are being made to visit the Lorton Workhouse followed by lunch in either Lorton or Occoquan. Watch the bulletin board and future newsletters for information about the Women's Summer Field Trip.



**SENIOR HIGH YOUTH
CARWASH
SATURDAY, MAY 21
STARTING AT 10:30 AM**

Come support our youth as they prepare for their trip to Lynchburg to support Habitat for Humanity.

**Calling All Golfers
The Tony Tallman Memorial Golf Classic
Is Coming Soon!**

**Sunday, May 22
2:00 p.m. Shotgun Start**

**Forest Greens Golf Club
Triangle, VA**

Whether you're new to the game or have a swing like Arnold Palmer's, all are invited to chase the little white ball. Cost is \$60.00 payable to Nancy Zimmerman by May 15th. 19th Hole activities at the club following the last group's finish.

Silent Auction to benefit the Bill Mehr Drop-in Center.

NEWSLETTER PRACTICE YOUR SMILE THE PHOTOGRAPHER IS COMING!!

We are excited to announce that we have contracted with Olan Mills to produce a new pictorial directory of all our families.

Our photography will take place at the church May 17 – 21 and June 17 - 18. Weekday hours are 2 – 9:30; Saturday hours are 9:30 – 5:10. Please make an appointment that suits your family's schedule. **If you are available during the afternoon, please consider one of those appointment times.** You will be photographed and see your proofs immediately.

You may make your appointment at the church or, for a limited time, may do so on line. To make an on line appointment, go to www.signup.olanmills.com, use the church phone number as your password, provide all the requested information, and select your date and time.

Sign up sheets will be available at the church for your convenience from April 26 through May 8. After that date everyone who has not made an appointment will receive a phone call to help them get a convenient date and time. Everyone will receive a reminder call the day before they are scheduled for photos.

We are counting on everyone to participate so our directory will be complete and useful both for existing members and especially for those who join us in the future. Each participating family will receive a free directory and a free Olan Mills 8 x 10 of their favorite pose. There is no obligation to purchase additional portraits, although you may if you wish.

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

Welcome New Members



Please welcome the following families who recently joined St. Matthew's.

Jackie Anderson

Greg & Jessica Hata

Jennifer Stuever

Gram & Katie Watts; Molly

Chad & Agnes Wells; Alex

RE-NEW: the Green VCS

July 25-29

Now listen! A farmer went out to scatter seed in a field...

Mark 4:3

EXPLORE GOD'S WORD THROUGH JESUS' PARABLE OF THE SOWER.

LEARN ABOUT GOD'S CREATION AND WHAT WE CAN DO TO CARE FOR IT.

MEET STEWARDS OF THE ENVIRONMENT. MAKE NEW FRIENDS AND HAVE A GREAT TIME.

9:30 a.m. to noon daily

Structured program for children

born by December 31, 2007

through those who've completed 9th grade

Nursery for volunteer staff

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

Go Green Playdough Recipe

Here is a simple recipe for playdough. When you make your own, you can mix your own colors and you can even do things like add seeds one day and then have a fresh seedless batch the next day. You can also put out tools like dough cutters, rollers, and plastic knives.

Mix: 3 cups (.7L) of flour, 1.5 cups (.35 L) of salt, 6 teaspoons (30 ml) of cream of tartar, 3 tablespoons (45ml) of vegetable oil, and 3 cups (.7 L) of water together in a large pot.

Stir: constantly over medium heat until a dough ball forms by pulling away from the sides.

Knead: in food coloring to make different colors. Store in a plastic bag or container.

Go Green Eco-Bowling

This is a simple game created from reusable materials.

Get Ready:

-- 10 bowling pins (aluminum can, milk jugs, plastic bottles, wadded-up used aluminum foil)

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-- a recycled ball (wad of newspaper or magazine pages, a bottle filled with tap water)
-- long, narrow, flat surface suitable as the bowling lane (outside, hallway)
-- score sheets and pencils

1. Create a bowling ball(s) from wadded paper or bottles filled with tap water. If other suggestions for making a ball seem fun, are eco-friendly, and safe, give it a try.
2. Set up pins in a designated lane space.
3. Bowl!! Form teams in the spirit of friendly competition.
4. After several rounds, change the pin set-up (stack, pyramid-style, in a circle, or straight line).
5. Encourage players to create their own pin configurations of rules for more fun!



SENIOR HIGH YOUTH

Mark your calendars for the following activities:

Sunday, May 1 – Meeting 6:30-8:30 p.m.

Sunday, May 15– Pizza & Game Night,, 6-8 p.m.

Saturday, May 21 – Car Wash

Sunday, June 19 – **Friday, June 24** Habitat for Humanity. Leave Sunday, 5 p.m. For Youth who have completed 9th grade.

Watch for more information in the bulletin and on the bulletin board!

7th & 8th Grade Youth

Pizza & Game Night, Sunday, May 15, 6-8 p.m..

May Confirmation Meals

4	SLOPPY JOES	*1. 2. Vi Freeman 3. Ouellette
11	PIZZA	*1. Kevin Tamai 2. Nesaw 3. John Carrabis
18	HOT DOGS	*1. Chris Moessner 2. Barb McDaniel 3. Vi Freeman
25	HOAGIES	*1. Leslie Kinneberg 2. Charlene Laird

Shhhh! Silent Auction In Process

An auction is like a sale--you have a chance to buy items that have been donated by local businesses. We have many items available... gift certificates to local restaurants, greens fees and merchandise! You get a chance to buy an item by making a bid, that is, you offer an amount of money that you would be willing to pay. Another person may want the same item and offer more money, making a higher bid. You will need to check the bid sheets frequently and increase your bid for the items that you want. At the end of the auction, the person with the highest bid goes home with the item.

The Bill Mehr Drop-In Center will be the beneficiary of money raised from this auction. Thrivent Financial for Lutherans will be matching up to \$1,000 raised.

Auction items will be displayed in the narthex several Sundays in May and at the Golf Outing on May 22. There will be a bid sheet next to each item. When you see an item you want, write your name down on the bid sheet and how much money you are bidding.

Bidding will be accepted until 30 minutes after the last completed round at the golf outing. Once the silent auction is closed, no further bids can be made. The highest bidder will be announced and notified.

NEWSLETTER ST. MATTHEW'S BOOK GROUP

The next Book Group gathering is Sunday, May 1, 2:30 p.m. at the home of Jan Mouw, 12715 Knightsbridge Rd, 22192, 703-878-3259. See the poster on the narthex bulletin board to indicate your participation.

The selection for the May 1 meeting is The Girl with the Pearl Earring by Tracy Chevalier.

With precisely 35 canvases to his credit, the Dutch painter Johannes Vermeer represents one of the great enigmas of 17th-century art. The meager facts of his biography have been gleaned from a handful of legal documents. Yet Vermeer's extraordinary paintings of domestic life, with their subtle play of light and texture, have come to define the Dutch golden age. His portrait of the anonymous Girl with a Pearl Earring has exerted a particular fascination for centuries--and it is this magnetic painting that lies at the heart of Tracy Chevalier's second novel of the same title.

Girl with a Pearl Earring centers on Vermeer's prosperous Delft household during the 1660s. When Griet, the novel's quietly perceptive heroine, is hired as a servant, turmoil follows. First, the 16-year-old narrator becomes increasingly intimate with her master. Then Vermeer employs her as his assistant--and ultimately has Griet sit for him as a model. Chevalier vividly evokes the complex domestic tensions of the household, ruled over by the painter's jealous, eternally pregnant wife and his taciturn mother-in-law. At times the relationship between servant and master seems a little anachronistic. Still, Girl with a Pearl Earring does contain a final delicious twist.

St. Matthew's Mission Fund

St. Matthew's established the Mission Fund to support congregational and community projects that are consistent with the ongoing mission of the church and to support the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America through its outreach programs and Mission Investment Fund. The Mission Fund is intended to enhance specific programs of the church mission and ministry beyond the scope of the annual church budget.

Our fund was established in 1998, distributed its first gift in 2000 and has grown to its current value of \$41,618. Gifts to the fund may be in the form of cash, securities, gifts designated as memorials trust, be-

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ACTS THRIFT STORE: DUMFRIES

The ACTS Thrift Store located in Dumfries is experiencing a sharp decline in donations at this time. With the coming of Spring, it is a good time to clean out your closets and storage bins and donate those clothing and household items that others can use.

Please donate your gently used clothing (CLEAN) and toys by dropping them off directly at the Thrift store or small donations may be dropped off at church for delivery to the store.

If you have large items and/or furniture to be donated you may call ACTS at 703-221-3298 to arrange for pickup.

Store Donation Hours (Dumfries Store Only):

Tuesday - Friday: 10:00AM - 6:00PM

Saturdays: 10:00 AM- 4:00PM

Day School Registration On-Going

Registration for the 2011-2012 Day School Year is continuing. There are still spaces available. If you are interested in enrolling your child, stop by the church office or call and ask to speak to Mary-Catherine Deadman. Children need to be 3 years old by December 31 of this year and potty trained to attend. 2-day, 3-day and 4-day classes are available.

quests or life insurance naming St. Matthew's Mission Fund as the beneficiary or, with Church Council approval, real and personal property. A gift can be made in any amount. All gifts donated to the fund will remain in the fund – only the interest earned is distributed. In this way, your gift will continue to “give” year after year.

The Mission Fund is administered by a committee of five individuals elected by the congregation. Those persons are Hal Lambert, Sally Lay, Brian Smith, Kathy Brown and Pat Victorson. In addition, George Orr assists with the accounting for the fund and Pastor Bohannon is a committee advisor.

All financial distribution recommendations are presented to and must be approved by the Church Council. Over the years, distributions have been made to such organizations as the Bill Mehr Drop-in Center, Roanoke College, Caroline Furnace Lutheran Camp & Retreat Center, Thomas Lowe (Eagle Scout), Center for Immigration Law, Christus Victor Mission, and Church Army.

If you are interested in helping secure the success of St. Matthew's mission and to give a gift that will continue to give in the years to come, please contact Pastor Bohannon, George Orr and any member of the Mission Fund Committee.

Drop In Center Updates

St. Matthew's, through activities sponsored by the Social Ministry Committee, provides support to the Drop-In Center. Below is an update on some of those projects.

Personal Care Kits

The Social Ministry Committee is pleased to report that, due to your generosity and faithfulness, St. Matthew's was able to donate 35 complete Personal Care Kits to the Bill Mehr Drop-in Center.

Drop in Center Meal Support

Beginning in April and continuing through October, we will be providing lunches for the Bill Mehr Drop-in Center on the 4th and 5th Fridays of the month. Currently, the Center serves approximately 35-45 clients per day for the noon meal. Look for a sign up sheet posted on the board in the narthex indicating items needed for the meal(s). Please prayerfully consider how you can assist us in this endeavor.

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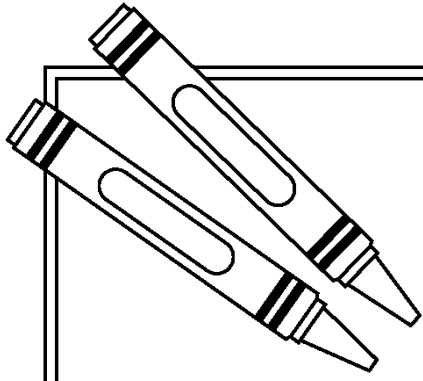
May 2011 Calendar

See the Weekly Bulletin Calendar for Updates

Book Group	Sun., May 1, 2:30 p.m.
Sr. High Youth	Sun., May 1, 6:30-8:30 p.m.
Volunteers to ACTS	Tues., May 3, 12-2 p.m.
Social Ministry Committee	Tues., May 3, 7:30 p.m.
Women's Bible Study	Weds., May 4, 9:30-11 a.m.
Confirmation	Weds., May 4, 5:30-7:30 p.m.
Sr. Choir	Weds., May 4, 8 p.m.
Bible study	Thurs., May 5, 10-11:30 a.m.
Cherub Choir	Thurs., May 5, 6:15-6:45 p.m.
Youth Choir	Thurs., May 5, 7-7:45 p.m.
Teen Choir	Thurs., May 5, 8-8:45 p.m.
Finance & Stewardship Committee	Thurs., May 5, 8 p.m.
Synod Assembly	Fri., May 6 & Sat., May 7
Mother's Day	Sun., May 8
PreSchool Choir	Mon., May 9, 4-4:30 p.m.
Council	Mon., May 9, 7 p.m.
Property Committee	Tues., May 10, 7:30 p.m.
Women's Bible Study	Weds., May 11, 9:30-11 a.m.
Confirmation	Weds., May 11, 5:30-7:30 p.m.
Sr. Choir	Weds., May 11, 8 p.m.
Bible study	Thurs., May 12, 10-11:30 a.m.
Staff Meeting	Thurs., May 12, 12:30 p.m.
Cherub Choir	Thurs., May 12, 6:15-6:45 p.m.
Youth Choir	Thurs., May 12, 7-7:45 p.m.
Teen Choir	Thurs., May 12, 8-8:45 p.m.
Evangelism Committee	Thurs., May 12, 8 p.m.
Set up Sr. Citizen Lunch	Fri., May 13, 6 p.m.
Sr. Citizen Lunch	Sat., May 14, noon

Congregational Meeting	Sun., May 15, 9:45 a.m.
ACTS Choir Concert	Sun., May 15, 3 p.m.
7 th & 8 th and Sr. High Youth	Sun., May 15, 6-8 p.m.
PreSchool Choir	Mon., May 16, 4-4:30 p.m.
Day School Committee	Mon., May 16, 7:30 p.m.
Directory Pictures	Tues., May 17 – Sat., May 21
Worship & Music Committee	Tues., May 17, 7:30 p.m.
Women's Bible Study	Weds., May 18, 9:30-11 a.m.
Confirmation	Weds., May 18, 5:30-7:30 p.m.
Sr. Choir	Weds., May 18, 8 p.m.
Bible Study	Thurs., May 19, 10-11:30 a.m.
Prime Timers	Thurs., May 19, 12:30 p.m.
Cherub Choir	Thurs., May 18, 6:15-6:45 p.m.
Youth Choir	Thurs., May 18, 7-7:45 p.m.
Teen Choir	Thurs., May 18, 8-8:45 p.m.
Fellowship Committee	Thurs., May 18, 7 p.m.
Sr. High Youth Car Wash	Sat., May 21, 10:30 a.m.
Golf Outing	Sun., May 22, 2 p.m.
PreSchool Choir	Mon., May 23, 4-4:30 p.m.
Women's Bible Study	Weds., May 25, 9:30-11 a.m.
Confirmation	Weds., May 25, 5:30-7:30 p.m.
Sr. Choir	Weds., May 25, 8 p.m.
Bible Study	Thurs., May 26, 10-11:30 a.m.
Cherub Choir	Thurs., May 26, 6:15-6:45 p.m.
Teen Choir	Thurs., May 26, 8-8:45 p.m.
Christian Ed. Committee	Thurs., May 26, 7:30 p.m.
Office Closed in Observance of Memorial Day	Mon., May 30

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Just for **KIDS**

A legacy of faith

You're blessed when you have a mother, a grandmother or any relative or friend who passes down a strong faith to you. In the Bible, Timothy was influenced by his grandmother and mother.

Complete 2 Timothy 1:5 (NIV) below by filling in the blanks with the correct vowel.

VOWELS: 1 = a 2 = e 3 = i 4 = o 5 = u

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2 TIMOTHY 1:5 (NIV)