



LIVING FAITH

ST. MATTHEW'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Holy Communion

FIRST COMMUNION INSTRUCTION

5th grade children have reached the age for instruction for receiving

the Lord's Supper. If your child is a regular participant in the worship life of the congregation, now is the appropriate time to enroll them for 1st Communion instruction. Student orientation is **Monday, March 1, 7:30 p.m.** A second class is scheduled for **Monday, March 15, 7:30 p.m.** (workbooks should be completed by this date.) The final session is on **Monday, March 22, 7:30 p.m.** and a parent should plan to attend this session. 1st Communion will be **Maundy Thursday, April 1, at the 7:30 p.m. service.** This is an opportunity to talk with your child about the faith that we share, helping to inform the meaning of baptism and the Lord's Supper.

If you have any questions, please call the church office at 703-494-3090.

Men's Breakfast

Saturday, March 6, 8:30 a.m.

**Program: Hell on Earth
(The Extinguishing of the
Iraq Oil Fires)**

Presenter: Steve Zimmerman

**See the poster in the narthex to
sign up.**

THE SIGN OF JONAH

Wednesday Evening Lenten Services

Jonah...for Lent? Sounds fishy, but it's a natural fit. When the Jews asked Jesus for a sign, he said, "I will give you only the sign of Jonah." After three days in the belly of the earth, Jesus rose with the news of God's prodigal grace. This series of special services for Lent, written by seminary professor Dr. Reed Lessing, explores the meaning of "The Sign of Jonah" as we follow Jonah on his journey...and Jesus on his way to the cross.

February 24, 7:30 p.m. – Saved in the storm

March 3, 7:30 p.m. – Our providing God

March 10, 7:30 p.m. – Praying in the belly of the great big fish

March 17, 7:30 p.m. – The God of the second chance

March 24, 7:30 p.m. – About face

Holy Week Services

WEDNESDAY OF HOLY WEEK - A service of Silent Liturgy and Communion, **March 31, 7:30 p.m.** A bulletin will guide you individually through the Order of Service. After you have completed the Silent Order and Communed, you will dismiss yourself with prayer.

MAUNDY THURSDAY - A Communion Service which commemorates the Last Supper Jesus shared with His disciples, **April 1, 7:30 p.m.** Fifth graders who have attended Pastor's class will participate in foot washing and their first communion.

GOOD FRIDAY - The Tenebrae Service **April 2, 8:00 p.m.** A modern version of the ancient Service of Darkness.

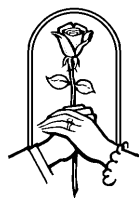


March Birthdays and Anniversaries

1 – Tommy Skelley
Patrick Bliss
Sienna Lambert
Drew Douglas
Kate Hill
2 - Thomas Wilcox
3 - Amy Stone
Jackson DeMott
5 – Maureen Steiner
7 - Charles Luedke
Joanne Leidy
8 - Barbara Leiby
Debbie MacFarlane
Casey MacFarlane
Carl Gill, Jr.
Tana Jackson

9 - Dylan Moyer
11 - Cheryl Mabardy
Diane VanBavel
Dawn Kuhn
12 – Caitlin Bennett
Catherine Deadman
Christopher Dorer
Zachary Zimmerman
13 - Carol Bayne
14 - Paul Moessner
Scott Badger
15 - Pat Victorson
Jennifer Luedke
Madison Petty
16 - Margaret Bundick
17 - Pat Moler
Isabelle Deadman
Kelley Williams
18 - Fred Parker
Michael Lervold
Kathleen Howard
Meghan Brady
19 - John Ball
Barbara Quast

20 - Michael Merk
Lauren Stone
21 - Brian Smith
Lea Fain
Zachary Watson
22 - Andrea Savage
Barbara Jones
Collin Chandler
23 - Elizabeth Dion
24 - Peggy Heffernan
Christian Jacobson
25 - Bonnie Anderson
26 - Heather Strand
Robin Kanefsky
27- Ione Kiedrowski
Richard Agosta
29 - Patti McCormack
Wendy Keener
30 - Cheryl Huntington
Jim Reifsnyder
Hank Zahn



3 – Robert & Vi Freeman
7 - Gretchen & Dan Wilcox
8 – Obediah & Ida Baker
Tom & Etty Beck
10 – Lou & Sue Ann Cartwright
14 - Don & Lana Capps
19 – Eugene & Kate Dovgalyuk
22 – Marty & Paula Mendoza
25 – Frank & Arlene Brown
28 – Dennis & Jana Dillon

ONGOING MINISTRIES

ACTS Thrift Store volunteers, please circle Tuesdays, March 2 and April 6. We work from noon to 2:00 p.m. at the Woodbridge Store. If your schedule permits join us at the Dumfries Cafe at 11:00 a.m. for lunch.

Collators will meet to prepare church mailings on Fridays, March 19, April 23 and May 21. See you in the narthex at 10:00 a.m. Call 703-491-2898 for more information. Many thanks to our collators.

DAYTIME DRIVERS: Call 703/491-2898 to volunteer. We roll WEEKDAYS 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. except THURSDAYS: (only) 10:00 a.m. to noon. Appointments during school and federal holidays are discouraged. Local drop-offs and pick-ups. Mostly round trips. Some one-way. Children may ride along. Most passengers are residents of Fellowship House, a retirement community at Tackett's Mill. A valuable service to neighbors in need.

FROM OUR PASTOR

As part of our Lenten discipline, we would like to remember the needs of the world hunger appeal. Please use your **World**

Hunger Box during prayers at meals or during the evening prayers or family devotions. There are a variety of books available in the narthex for use during your Lenten devotions.

On the Sundays following Easter, you can return the World Hunger Box to church and place it in a collection basket at the altar. Your offerings will support hunger relief and development projects here at home and around the world.

The largest portion of World Hunger money is used by Lutheran World Relief, the overseas development and relief arm of our church. Hunger relief and development in the U.S. is second. A small portion is used for hunger education and advocacy.

This small addition to our Lenten discipline will add to the help we can give to the hungry and deepen the sense of our abundant blessings. This is a matching fund event for Thrivent.

Financial Secretary & Treasurer's Report, January, 2010

January Giving by Category

Current	\$ 67,443
Benevolence	13,081
Building	11,526
Memorial	625
Pass Through	614
Total	\$ 93,289

In January, we paid the monthly congregational benevolence commitments. \$780 has been disbursed through the Samaritan Fund to emergency assistance for utilities and food.

Thank you for your faithfulness in giving as we enter the new year.



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Living Last Supper

On Sunday, March 21, the dramatic depiction of Leonardo da Vinci's famous painting of the *Last Supper* will be presented at both services. Each disciple speaks of his aspirations for the master and wonders if it is "I" that will be the betrayer. Be sure to see this presentation at either the 8:30 or 11:00 a.m. worship services.

Bible Studies

Women's Bible Study
Weds., 9:30-11 a.m.
Childcare provided
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. See the bulletin
Pr. David Bohannon

St. Matthew's Summer Musical
"Table for Five ...thousand!!"
The miracle of the loaves and fishes
July 5-16

Make plans to register for this youth musical experience.

Children who have completed kindergarten through high school are eligible to register.

The music camp will meet Monday through Friday, July 5-9, 12-16 from 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

The youth will present the musical at both services on July 18th.

Parents and teen volunteers are welcome!

Questions? Talk to Kathy Lundgren or email her at lundgrenkl@aol.com.

Look for more information and registration forms in the next newsletter.



WOMEN'S RETREAT TO SIGNAL KNOB
Friday Evening through Sunday Morning
March 12-14

"I Am She Who Prays"

Mark your calendars and plan to attend **Church Women's annual retreat to Signal Knob.** We'll leave St. Matthew's at **6:00 PM on Friday evening, March 12, and return Sunday afternoon.** Bed linens, towels, and all meals will be provided by Signal Knob, but we do take along a few snacks to share Friday evening. Retreat activities will include a variety of prayer and worship experiences as well as opportunities for meaningful conversation, group singing, and a craft. There will also be quiet times for resting and renewal.

Sign up on the poster on the bulletin board. \$140 checks made out to St. Matthew's are due to Birgit Ralston by Sun., March 7
 Depart St. Matthew's parking lot at 6:00 PM on Friday night.
 Return at 1:45 PM on Sunday afternoon.

Questions? Call Susan Kuhn
 (703/491-2898)

Monday, March 15, 7:30 p.m. the Women's Evening Study Group will meet at Sue Orndorff's, 3556 Eskew Ct. 22192, 703-878-4248. We'll be discussing chapters 10-11 of Max Lucado's *3:16 The Numbers of Hope*. Join us for discussion and refreshments. Please speak to Susan Kuhn if you have any questions.

Tuesday, March 23, 7:30 p.m. the Women's Steering Committee will meet to plan the Mother-Daughter Tea and the summer field trip. If you would like to help plan these activities please join us.

Plan to join us **Tuesday, April 13, at 7:30 pm,** for a program about Bulgaria. From April 2007 through June 2009, St. Matthew's own Eric Crowder and his friend Beckie Bailey served there as Teaching English as a Foreign Language volunteers. Beckie taught in Krainitsi, a village in southwest Bulgaria. Eric taught in

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northern Bulgaria, in Ruse -- the fifth biggest city in the country. They each look forward to sharing their experiences living and working in Bulgaria for 27 months.

Mother-Daughter Tea, Fri., April 30, 7 pm.

Mark your calendars for this evening of fun & fellowship. All women of the church are invited! More information will be in the April newsletter and on the bulletin board.

Walk Humbly With Your God is the theme of the Synodical Women's Organization's Spring Convention which will be held on May 1, 2010 at St. Mark's, Springfield, Virginia. Our keynote speaker will be Metro DC Synod Bishop Richard H. Graham. Throughout this day of worship, learning, stewardship and fellowship we will explore issues of justice with Lutheran Social Services/ National Capital Area Refugee and Immigrant Service, Love Thy Neighbor and the Metro DC Anti-Racism Education Team. There will also be a discussion of the women in the Bible and how they inspire us to live a life of courage to do justice at home, work, in the community and in our church.

CONFIRMATION

There are NO CONFIRMATION MEALS during Lent. Classes begin at 6:30 p.m. Students and parents are encouraged to participate in the Lenten services immediately following Confirmation classes at 7:30 p.m.

Confirmation meals resume April 7.

As a reminder, if public schools are closed or if after-school and evening activities are cancelled due to inclement weather there is no Confirmation.

PARKING FOR CONFIRMATION

Parents, help keep traffic moving by parking in the lined spaces while awaiting passengers.

7th & 8th GRADE YOUTH

**March 19 - 21 – SHEKINAH!
SYNODWIDE EVENT AT THE
4H CENTER, FRONT ROYAL, VA**

Shekinah comes from a Hebrew word meaning "to dwell". *Shekinah* is the word for that cloud and pillar of fire by which God guided Moses' people through the wilderness. The word acknowledges God's dwelling among us. Because of its meaning, *Shekinah* was the word selected to be the name of the annual, Metro DC synod-wide youth event for 7th & 8th graders.

SHEKINAH takes place at the 4H Center in Front Royal, VA. This year the weekend will be March 19, 20, 21.

The dormitory style 4H Center sits among apple orchards in the verdant, rolling hills of Virginia's Piedmont. A Large Group, of up to 300 youth, gathers in a conference center with a stage, audio visual equipment, and a live band. Small Groups of 8 to 10 of these same youth also gather in smaller meeting areas to talk, play games, and enjoy a variety of hands on activities.

From within the larger **Shekinah** community, St. Matthew's youth meet briefly each evening for "Family Time" and a chance to process each day's events. "How soon can we go again?" is one question often asked by first time participants at **Shekinah**.

Call Pr. Stevenson at 703/494-3090 for more information.



SR. HIGH YOUTH

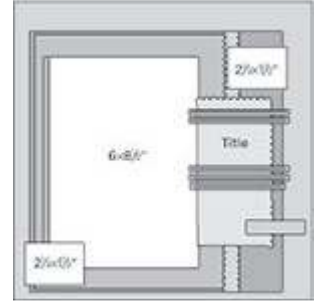
Mark your calendars for the following activities

- March 7 – meeting, 6:30-8:30 p.m.
- March 21 – Service project 6:30-8:30 p.m.
- April 3 – Deliver Easter Surprises

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Let's get Scrappy!

How about a get together on a Sunday afternoon where we can work on scrapbooks together? Join us on Sunday, March 21 any time between 1-6 p.m. in the church lower level. Bring your pictures, scrapbooks and tools and let's hang out together! Maybe share some snacks and ideas, and some fun! Can't wait to see you there! Please sign up on the poster in the narthex so we know how many tables to set up.



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BAOBAB BLAST

God's Great Get-Together!

July 26 through 30

9:00 a.m. to noon daily

Structured program for children

born by December 31, 2006

through 9th grade.

Nursery for volunteer staff

Call Susan Kuhn 703-491-2898 to volunteer.

Mystery Totes

What do tote bags have to do with Lent? The Social Ministry Committee invites you to participate in a Lenten Love Offering during the first few weeks of Lent. When you see the tote bags appear in the narthex, we hope you will pick one up and help us fill the tote with love. Watch for more details to follow!

Daylight Savings Time starts Sunday, March 14, 2 a.m. Don't forget to set your clocks ahead one hour before going to bed Saturday evening so you're on time for church Sunday morning.



BLOOD DRIVE
SATURDAY, MARCH 20
ST. ELIZABETH ANN SETON

Giving the *Gift of Life* is safe and simple. Most healthy people can be blood donors. In about one hour, donors complete a short medical history; have temperature, blood pressure and hemoglobin measured; recline comfortably for 5-10 minutes while donating; and enjoy refreshments before leaving. Only disposable, single-use products are used to collect blood. You cannot get AIDS giving blood.

To give blood, you must be 16 years old with a signed Inova Blood Donor Services Consent Form signed by a parent or guardian or be 17 years old or older. Be in generally good health, you must be well (no symptoms of illness including colds) for 3 days and 110 pounds minimum.

There are restrictions based on European travel and residence – you may not donate blood or platelets if your visits or residence matches or exceeds the total accumulated time during the stated periods in the listed countries.

- European Countries for ≥ 5 years (1980-present): Albania, Austria, Belgium, Bosnia-Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Croatia, Czech Republic, Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Republic of Ireland, Italy, Liechtenstein, Luxembourg, Macedonia, Montenegro (former Republic of Yugoslavia), the Netherlands, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Serbia, Slovak Republic, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, United Kingdom.
- Geographic Deferral for United Kingdom ≥ 3 months (1980-1996): England, Northern Ireland, Scotland, Wales, the Isle of Man, the Channel Islands, Gibraltar, and the Falkland Islands.
- Military Travel Deferral: Total time of 6 months or more associated with a military base in: From 1980-1990 in Belgium, Germany, the Netherlands;

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- From 1980-1996 in Spain, Portugal, Turkey, Italy and/or Greece.

These travel restrictions exclude many people who could otherwise give. If you are an eligible donor, please consider giving of your time and donate blood – the gift of life.

Look for a poster in the Narthex to sign up for one of the St. Matthew's time slots. If you have any questions please speak to Pam Orr.

98th Anniversary of Girl Scouts of the United States of America

At the turn of the century, in this country and abroad, it was thought that children needed certain kinds of education that the schools couldn't or didn't provide. This led to the formation of a variety of youth groups, many with the word "Scout" in their names. Scouting evolved during the early 1900s through the efforts of adult leaders dedicated to bettering youth. These pioneers of the program conceived outdoor activities that developed skills in young people and gave them a sense of enjoyment, fellowship, and a code of conduct for everyday living.

In Girl Scouts, girls discover the fun, friendship and power of girls together. Through a myriad of enriching experiences, such as extraordinary field trips, sports skill-building clinics, community service projects, cultural exchanges and environmental stewardships, girls experience physical and mental growth. Girl Scouting helps girls develop to their full individual potential; relate to others with increasing understanding, skill and respect; develop values to guide their actions and provide the foundation for sound decision-making; and contribute to the improvement of society through their abilities, leadership skills and cooperation with others.

Today there are over 3.6 million Girl Scouts — 2.7 million girl members and 928,000 adult members. Through its membership in the World Association of Girl Guides and Girl Scouts, GSUSA is part of a worldwide family of 10 million girls and adults in 145 countries.

As the Girl Scouts of the USA enters the new millennium, we would like to thank the Girl Scouts and all their volunteers for 98 years of dedicated service to our communities and nation. If you are interested in Scouting but not presently involved, or if you know of a young man or woman who would like to become involved, please talk to one of the Scouts or leaders today. Girl Scouting has a web site <http://www.girlscouts.org/>.

Yours in Scouting, Tom Bortner, March 2010

Calendar for March 2010
See the Weekly Bulletin Calendar
for Updates

Day School Registration opens to the Community	Mon., March 1, 10 a.m.
PreSchool Choir	Mon., March 1, 4-4:30 p.m.
First Communion Orientation	Mon., March 1, 7:30 p.m.
Volunteers to ACTS	Tues., March 2, 12-2 p.m.
Social Ministry Committee	Tues., March 2, 7:30 p.m.
Women's Bible Study	Weds., March 3, 9:30-11 a.m. Childcare provided
Confirmation	Weds., March 3, 6:30-7:25 p.m.
Lenten Service	Weds., March 3, 7:30 p.m.
Sr. Choir	Weds., March 3, 8:15 p.m.
Bible Study	Thurs., March 4, 10-11:30 a.m.
Cherub Choir	Thurs., March 4, 6:15-6:45 p.m.
Youth Choir	Thurs., March 4, 7-7:45 p.m.
Teen Choir	Thurs., March 4, 8-8:45 p.m.
Living Last Supper Rehearsal	Thurs., March 4, 7:30 p.m.
Finance & Stewardship Committee	Thurs., March 4, 8 p.m.
Men's Breakfast	Sat., March 6, 8:30 a.m.
Girl Scout Sunday	Sun., March 7
Extra-Ordinary Sunday, Grades 1, 2, & 3	Sun., March 7, 9:45 a.m. Parents invited to attend
Sr. High Youth	Sun., March 7, 6:30-8:30 p.m.
Men's Bible Study	Sun., March 7, 7 p.m.
PreSchool Choir	Mon., March 8, 4-4:30 p.m.

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Property Committee	Tues., March 9, 7:30 p.m.
Women's Bible Study	Weds., March 10, 9:30-11 a.m. Childcare provided
Confirmation	Weds., March 10, 6:30-7:25 p.m.
Lenten Service	Weds., March 10, 7:30 p.m.
Sr. Choir	Weds., March 10, 8:15 p.m.
Bible Study	Thurs., March 11, 10-11:30 a.m.
Staff Meeting	Thurs., March 11, 12:30 p.m.
Cherub Choir	Thurs., March 11, 6:15-6:45 p.m.
Youth Choir	Thurs., March 11, 7-7:45 p.m.
Teen Choir	Thurs., March 11, 8-8:45 p.m.
Living Last Supper Rehearsal	Thurs., March 11, 7:30 p.m.
Evangelism Committee	Thurs., March 11, 8 p.m.
Women's Retreat	Fri., March 12, 6 p.m. – Sun., March 14
Council	Sun., March 14, 7 p.m.
PreSchool Choir	Mon., March 15, 4-4:30 p.m.
First Communion Class	Mon., March 15, 7:30 p.m.
Women's Evening Study	Mon., March 15, 7:30 p.m.
Worship & Music Committee	Tues., March 16, 7:30 p.m.
Women's Bible Study	Weds., March 17, 9:30-11 a.m. Childcare provided.
Confirmation	Weds., March 17, 6:30-7:25 p.m.
Lenten Service	Weds., March 17, 7:30 p.m.
Sr. Choir	Weds., March 17, 8:15 p.m.
Bible Study	Thurs., March 18, 10-11:30 a.m.

Prime Timers	Thurs., March 18, 12:30 p.m.
Cherub Choir	Thurs., March 18, 6:15-6:45 p.m.
Youth Choir	Thurs., March 18, 7-7:45 p.m.
Teen Choir	Thurs., March 18, 8-8:45 p.m.
Fellowship Committee	Thurs., March 18, 7 p.m.
Living Last Supper Rehearsal	Thurs., March 18, 7:30 p.m.
Collating	Fri., March 19, 10 a.m.
7 th & 8 th Grade Youth Shekinah	Fri., March 19 – Sun., March 21
Blood Drive, St. Elizabeth Ann Seton	Sat., March 20
Living Last Supper Rehearsal	Sat., March 20, 4 p.m.
Tables of Eight	Sat., March 20
Scrapbook Group	Sun., March 21, 1-6 p.m.
Sr. High Youth Service Project	Sun., March 21, 6:30-8:30 p.m.
Men's Bible Study	Sun., March 21, 7 p.m.
PreSchool Choir	Mon., March 22, 4-4:30 p.m.
First Communion Class with Parent	Mon., March 22, 7:30 p.m.
Women's Steering Committee	Tues., March 23, 7:30 p.m.
Women's Bible Study	Weds., March 24, 9:30-11 a.m. Childcare provided
Confirmation	Weds., March 24, 6:30-7:25 p.m.
Lenten Service	Weds., March 24, 7:30 p.m.
Sr. Choir	Weds., March 24, 8:15 p.m.
Bible Study	Thurs., March 25, 10-11:30 a.m.
Cherub Choir	Thurs., March 25, 6:15-6:45 p.m.
Youth Choir	Thurs., March 25, 7-7:45 p.m.

Teen Choir	Thurs., March 25, 8-8:45 p.m.
Christian Ed. Committee	Thurs., March 25, 7:30 p.m.
No PreSchool Choir	Mon., March 29
No Women's Bible Study	Weds., March 31
No Confirmation	Weds., March 31
Service of Silence	Weds., March 31, 7:30 p.m.
Sr. Choir	Weds., March 31, 8:15 p.m.