



LIVING FAITH

ST. MATTHEW'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

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APRIL 2011



HOLY WEEK - EASTER SERVICES

PALM SUNDAY, April 17, 8:30 & 11:00 a.m. services, SCS 9:45 a.m. During the pre-liturgy, we will have the Blessing of the Palms that help us recall our Lord's triumphant entry into Jerusalem to the shouts of "Hosanna." We will remember the passion of Holy Week according to the reading of St. Luke.



Procession of the Palms

WEDNESDAY in HOLY WEEK, April 20, 7:30 p.m. - A Service of Silence, Meditation, Self-Examination and Communion + You will receive a bulletin to guide you individually through the Order of Service. When you have completed the Silent Order and Communed, you will dismiss yourself with prayer.

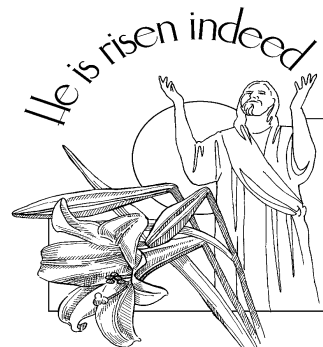


MAUNDY THURSDAY, April 21, 7:30 p.m. - The communion service commemorates the Last Supper Jesus shared with his disciples when Jesus showed his disciples the marks of his Kingdom were Humility and Service. Fifth graders who have attended Pastor's class will receive their First Communion and participate in the foot washing.

GOOD FRIDAY, April 22, 8 p.m. - The Tenebrae Service - a modern version of the ancient Service of Darkness that begins in light and slowly descends into darkness as the candles are extinguished, symbolizing the death of Christ and the consequences of SIN. "Good" Friday because of Christ's death God conquers evil and forgives our sin.



EASTER VIGIL - During this Vigil from 9:00 p.m., Good Friday to dawn on Easter, we will "keep the Word alive" at the foot of the cross, by reading from the Gospel and various prayer litanies appropriate to the passion. Individuals will read for one-half hour periods or more. The Bible and prayer books will be on the altar. When it is your turn, proceed to the altar and relieve the previous reader. A sign-up sheet is posted in the narthex.



EASTER SUNDAY, The Resurrection of Our Lord, April 24 - Sunrise Service, 6:30 a.m. - Easter Breakfast, 7:15 a.m. Everyone is invited to participate. See the sign-up poster in the narthex. Easter Service, 8:30 a.m. - Sunday Church School, 9:45 a.m., egg hunt! - Easter Festival Service, 11:00 a.m.

EASTER LILIES - If you would like to provide an Easter plant for our services, there is a sign-up poster in the narthex. Cost is \$20. You may take the plant home following the 11:00 a.m. service.





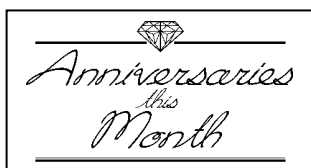
LOOK WHO WAS BORN THIS MONTH

2-Evelyn Langman
Victoria Dowling
Tom Beck
3-Rob Mouw
Wyatt Clark
Richard Schoof
4-Michael Bouchery
Addison Werling
5-Richard Agosta
Cetan Tameris
Jill Keehan
6-Katelyn Fink
Gail Galvan
Michael Reifsnnyder
7-Max Mabardy
David Parrish
8-Chad Bayne

APRIL BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

Christine Gianakaris
Carol Moonan
Amanda Strand
Shane Murphy
9-Brian Shackleford
Addison Martucci
11-Madelyn Nowell
Steve Payne
Daniel Wilcox
12-Christopher Lee
Laurie Brady
13-Lee Schuessler
JoAnne Renton
15-Joseph McManus
Aryona Truesdell
Kerry Sullivan
16-Christine Beck
17-Amanda Mouw
Mindy Nethercutt
Lance Wiprud
Margaret Lee
18-Mary-Catherine Deadman
Melanie Laster
Margarete Miller
19-Kirsten Moessner
Katarina Hinkofer
20-Dylan Miller
Kathleen Richardson
Reid Ouellette
21-Angelina Occhiuzzo

23-Bergen Campbell
24-Mark Crowder
Jennifer Nowell
25-Angela Stageberg
Candra Symonds
Josh Blazek
Collin Keehan
26-Karstin Pfister
Jakob Reifsnnyder
27-Jon Hinkofer
Kathleen Hinkofer
Richard Gullickson
Craig Lockard
Andrew Agosta
Molly Wannamaker
28-Dave Lambert
John Shackleford
29-Ida Baker
Lou Cartwright
Victoria Evans
Brandon Howard
Mike Heimbach
Leigh Ann Colbert
Caleb Sullivan
30-Sue Orndorff
Tessa Wuchenich
Slater Stageberg



3 - Hank & Dot Zahn
4 - Ken & Mary Smith
4 - Bill & Laurie Brady
5 - Brad & Karen Miller
6 - Joan & Bill Anderson

9 - Tom & Kathryn Carpenter
9 - Patrick & Leigh Colbert
10 - Chris & Cecelia Smith
12 - Mort & Linda Tuttle
15 - Debbie & Mike Heimbach
16 - Tom & Judy Siciliano
19 - John & Barbara Quast
25 - Tom & Kathy Meier
27-Richard & Shirley Prue
28 - Gary & Ellen Bliss

Birthdays & Anniversaries

If your birthday or anniversary is in April and isn't listed above, please call the office (703-

494-3090) with the information so the church database can be updated. Thank you.

ONGOING MINISTRIES

DAYTIME DRIVERS: Do you have approximately 2 hours once a month to drive residents of Fellowship House at Tackett's Mill to local doctors' appointments? Most drives are between the hours of 9:30 a.m. and 2:30 p.m. on weekdays. Children are welcome! Please call Susan Kuhn at 491-2898 for more information. Please consider donating driving time!

ACTS THRIFT STORE VOLUNTEERS:
Tuesdays April 5 and May 3. Call 491-2898 for more information.

COLLATORS: "Hi Ho... Hi Ho... It's Off to Work We Go..." **10:00 a.m. on Fridays, April 15 and May 20.**

St. Matthew's Summer Musical
"The Rock Slinger and
His Greatest Hit"
The story of David & Goliath

July 5-15

Presented at both services on **Sunday, July 17th**. The music camp meets on **Monday, July 5th through Friday, July 15th 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.** (*Attendance at both services is required to participate in the camp.*)

This music experience is open to children who have completed Kindergarten through High School.

Daily sessions include Bible study, prayer, movement exercises, singing instruction, memo-rizing dialogue, decorating T-shirts, making props and fun and fellowship.

Registration begins May 1st. Forms are in-cluded with this newsletter.

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CHURCH
WOMEN

"Sunflowers" will be the theme of this year's MOTHER-DAUGHTER TEA, beginning at 7:00 PM, on Friday, April 29. Please join us for a celebration of the season of new life. Wear a pretty spring dress or other tea attire. Bring a plate of dainty tea treats to share with others. Suggestions include finger foods, small pastries, party sandwiches, fruits, cookies, or hot or cold appetizers. See the bulletin board poster for more information. Enjoy spring songs and rhythmic movement. Participate in a craft activity.

All women of St. Matthew's are invited to this program for daughters as well as for mothers. We are earthly daughters, but we are also daughters of God. You also may wish to reach out and adopt a "daughter" or "mother" for the evening.

Metro Washington DC Women's Spring Convention, Saturday, May 7 at Abiding Presence Lutheran Church in Burke. Join us for a day of worship, fellowship and workshops with women from other churches in the synod. Watch the bulletin board for more information.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

July 25-29

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

Grounded in the Parable of the Sower, ReNew: The Green VBS is an environmentally focused program that inspires participants to grow in faith, have fun, and change the world as they practice the stewardship of creation.

9:00 a.m. to noon daily

**Structured program for children
born by December 31, 2007
through 9th grade.**

Nursery for volunteer staff

Call Susan Kuhn 703-491-2898 to volunteer.

The Bill Mehr Drop-In Center for the Homeless

St. Matthew's supports the Bill Mehr Drop-In Center through our benevolence dollars, meal support, dinners at CiCi's & The All American Steakhouse and designated offerings such as the Personal Care Kits collection. You may wonder exactly what the Bill Mehr Drop-In Center is and how it supports those in need in the county. Below is information from the Center describing their mission.

What We Are

- A daytime program providing a place where homeless men and women can get out of the cold or heat, snow or rain, and meet staff and volunteers who genuinely care about them
- We provide an atmosphere of safety and trust where the homeless are assisted in making life changes
- We've played a key role in helping 20 individuals move from living in tents in the woods without housing

What We Do

We reach out to about 50 homeless men and women each day in Prince William County by providing the following:

- Meals
- Showers
- Clothing
- Employment assistance
- A telephone number and address
- Assistance finding housing
- An on-site social worker/counselor
- Assistance making medical and dental appointments
- Assistance with prescriptions
- Tents, sleeping bags, blankets, coats, hats, gloves and other supplies

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How You Can Help

- Financial donations
- Donate supplies and needed items
- Provide breakfast or lunch items
- Donate professional services or become a mentor

Where We Are

The Drop-In Center is located at 14730 Potomac Mills Road in Woodbridge next to the main PRTC bus terminal.

St. Matthew's provides meal support on a monthly basis. We provide lunch items the 4th & 5th Friday(s) of the month April through October and dinner items the 3rd, 4th & 5th Monday(s) of the month November through March. A sign up sheet is posted each month on the bulletin board with the items to be provided. Thanks to all who support this program.

If you have questions or want more information about the Drop-In Center, please speak to either Mark Victorson or Julie Moessner.

PERSONAL CARE KITS PROJECT

The Social Ministry Committee is collecting items for Personal Care Kits for clients at the Bill Mehr Drop-in Center again this Lent. Totes will be available in the Narthex beginning March 20. Items will be collected through April 3 and then sorted and delivered to the Center. Each tote will have a list of the items needed, all of which can be purchased at local Dollar stores for around \$20. There will also be a box for general donations. Monetary contributions may be given and the committee will shop for the needed items. Thank you for your continued support of projects helping our neighbors in need.



Announcing the Family Portrait Dates for the St. Matthew's Lutheran Church Directory 2011

It's almost time to make your reservation for your sitting date. In order to get your commitment before the rush into summer and in conjunction with all your family planning and activities, you will soon be provided the opportunity to reserve your sitting date preference for your family photo for the upcoming St. Matthew's Directory.

Starting in May, Olan Mills will be doing their photography in the lower level at St. Matthew's from Tuesday, May 17 through Saturday, May 21. Then again, Friday, June 17 and Saturday, June 18. Times during weekdays will be 2:00-9:20 p.m. and Saturday 9:30 a.m. – 5:10 p.m.

There will be several ways to sign up, including through a personal call to your home, on line, and for several Sundays in the Narthex prior to the photo dates. It is time to be thinking about the date which best suits your family-watch for future announcements, but for now, please try to think about and/or plan a good date for your family. If you have any questions, please speak to Deb Hallgren or Tom Bortner.

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. See the bulletin
Pr. David Bohannon

NEWSLETTER

Financial Secretary & Treasurer's Report, February, 2011

February Giving by Category

Current	\$ 52,665
Benevolence	6,827
Building	12,258
Memorial	150
Pass Through	1,191
Total	\$ 73,091
Year to Date	179,022

Year to date Benevolence expenditures total \$29,137.

The Roof Replacement Fund total as of February 28 is \$18,704.

Thank you for your faithfulness in giving.

Welcome Your New Neighbors

This is the time of year when new families start arriving in our neighborhoods. If you have a new neighbor, consider taking them a New Neighbor Packet available at the Information Table. The packet includes information on programs at St. Matthew's, the current newsletter, and also a listing of several other churches in the Woodbridge area.

Easter Egg Decorating

Included in this mailing is information about the tradition of Easter eggs and some ideas for Christian symbols that can be colored on the eggs. Be sure to look this over and consider talking with your children about these symbols as you color your Easter eggs this year.

SR. HIGH YOUTH

April 3 - 6:30-8:30 p.m. meeting

April 17 – 6:30-8:30 p.m. meeting

April 23 – Deliver Easter Baskets, 11 a.m.

NEWS FROM ACTS



**Feinstein Offers
Another \$1 Million Giveaway
To Fight Hunger**

For the fourteenth straight year, Alan Shawn Feinstein will divide \$1 million among hunger fighting agencies nationwide using it to help them raise funds during March and April, 2011.

The larger donation you make to ACTS - from March 1st to April 30th— the more of the Feinstein money will be added to your donation! These donations can include cash, checks and food items as well as pledges. The million dollars will then be divided proportionately among all agencies (a minimum of \$250 and a maximum of \$50,000 to all participating agencies).

Feinstein's past \$1 million challenges to fight hunger have raised a record \$760 million for agencies nationwide. Your donation toward this campaign makes you a partner in the most successful grassroots campaign to fight hunger of all times. That is something you can take great pride in!

In 2010, ACTS collected almost \$92,521 worth of donations—let's do even better in 2011!

HOT CROSS BUNS

Make this traditional Easter recipe to remember how Christ gave his life for you.

What you need:

- 1 can (12 oz.) evaporated milk
- 1 stick (½ cup) butter, melted
- ½ cup sugar
- Pinch of salt
- 1½ Tablespoons yeast
- 1 egg, beaten
- ½ teaspoon cinnamon
- ½ teaspoon nutmeg
- 5 cups flour
- Icing
- An adult to help

What you do:

1. In large bowl, combine the first eight ingredients.
2. Stir in flour, one cup at a time, to form soft dough. Knead on a floured surface until smooth and elastic (about five minutes).
3. Place in a greased bowl, turning once to grease top. Cover and let rise until doubled (about one hour).
4. Knead out air bubbles. Form six two-inch balls.
5. Place two inches apart on a greased cookie sheet. Cover and let rise until doubled (about 30 minutes).
6. Bake at 375 degrees until golden (13 to 15 minutes). Cool on wire racks.
7. Add icing in a cross shape. Enjoy!

April 2011 Calendar
Check Church Bulletins and Bulletin Board
for additional information

Women's Retreat	Leave Fri., April 1, 6 p.m.
Sr. High Youth	Sun., April 3, 6:30-8:30 p.m.
Men's Bible Study	Sun., April 3, 7 p.m.
PreSchool Choir	Mon., April 4, 4-4:30 p.m.
1 st Communion Class	Mon., April 4, 7:30 p.m.
Volunteers to ACTS	Tues., April 5, 12-2 p.m.
No Social Ministry Committee	Tues., April 5
Women's Bible Study	Weds., April 6, 9:30-11 a.m.
Confirmation	Weds., April 6, 6:30-7:25 p.m.
Lenten Service	Weds., April 6, 7:30 p.m.
Sr. Choir	Weds., April 6, 8:15 p.m.
Bible Study	Thurs., April 7, 10-11:30 a.m.
Cherub Choir	Thurs., April 7, 6:15-6:45 p.m.
Youth Choir	Thurs., April 7, 7-7:45 p.m.
Teen Choir	Thurs., April 7, 8-8:45 p.m.
Finance & Steward- ship Committee	Thurs., April 7, 8 p.m.
Spring Workday	Sat., April 9, 8:30 a.m.
Tables of Fellowship Setting 4	Sat., April 9
Church Council	Sun., April 10, 7 p.m.
PreSchool Choir	Mon., April 11, 4-4:30 p.m.
Mission Fund Committee	Mon., April 11, 7:30 p.m.
Property Committee	Tues., April 12, 7:30 p.m.
Women's Bible Study	Weds., April 13, 9:30-11 a.m.
Confirmation	Weds., April 13, 6:30-7:25 p.m.

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Lenten Service	Weds., April 13, 7:30 p.m.
Sr. Choir	Weds., April 13, 8:15 p.m.
Bible Study	Thurs., April 14, 10-11:30 a.m.
Staff Meeting	Thurs., April 14, p.m. 12:30
Cherub Choir	Thurs., April 14, 6:15-6:45 p.m.
Youth Choir	Thurs., April 14, 7-7:45 p.m.
Teen Choir	Thurs., April 14, 8-8:45 p.m.
Evangelism Committee	Thurs., April 14, 8 p.m.
Collating	Fri., April 15, 10 a.m.
Sr. High Youth	Sun., April 17, 6:30-8:30 p.m.
No PreSchool Choir	Mon., April 18
1 st Communion with Parent	Mon., April 18, 7:30 p.m.
No Worship & Music Committee	Tues., April 19
No Women's Bible Study	Weds., April 20
No Confirmation	Weds., April 20
Service of Silence	Weds, April 20, 7:30 p.m.
Sr. Choir	Weds., April 20, 8:15 p.m.
No Bible Study	Thurs., April 21
Cherub Choir	Thurs., April 21, 6:15-6:45 p.m.
Youth & Teen Choirs	Thurs., April 21, 6:45-7:15 p.m.
Maundy Thursday Service	Thurs., April 21, 7:30 p.m.
Good Friday Tenebrae Service	Fri., April 22, 8 p.m.
Easter Vigil	Fri., April 22, 9 p.m. through Sun., April 24, 6:30 a.m.
Easter Breakfast Set Up	Sat., April 23, 9 a.m.
Sr. High Youth Deliver Easter Gifts	Sat., April 23

<p>The Resurrection of Our Lord</p>	<p>Sun., April 24, Sunrise Service, 6:30 a.m. Easter Breakfast, 7:15 a.m. Worship Service, 8:30 a.m. Sunday Church School, 9:45 a.m. Worship Service, 11 a.m.</p> <p>Communion Celebrated at all Services</p>
<p>No PreSchool Choir</p>	<p>Mon., April 25</p>
<p>Women’s Bible Study</p>	<p>Weds., April 27, 9:30-11 a.m.</p>
<p>Confirmation</p>	<p>Weds., April 27, 5:30-7:30 p.m.</p>
<p>Sr. Choir</p>	<p>Weds., April 27, 8 p.m.</p>
<p>Bible Study</p>	<p>Thurs., April 28, 10-11:30 p.m.</p>
<p>Prime Timers</p>	<p>Thurs., April 28, 12:30 p.m.</p>
<p>Cherub Choir</p>	<p>Thurs., April 28, 6:15-6:45 p.m.</p>
<p>Youth Choir</p>	<p>Thurs., April 28, 7-7:45 p.m.</p>
<p>Teen Choir</p>	<p>Thurs., April 28, 8-8:45 p.m.</p>
<p>Christian Ed. Committee</p>	<p>Thurs., April 28, 7:30 p.m.</p>
<p>Set Up for Mother Daughter Tea</p>	<p>Fri., April 29, 4 p.m.</p>
<p>Mother Daughter Tea</p>	<p>Fri., April 29, 7 p.m.</p>