



# LIVING FAITH

ST. MATTHEW'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

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JULY 2011

## SUMMER MUSIC FEST

July 5<sup>th</sup>-15<sup>th</sup>, 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

July 17<sup>th</sup>, Musical presented at both services

Celebrating its 23<sup>rd</sup> year, the Summer Music program is for children who have completed Kindergarten and older. This year's musical is "The Rock-slinger's Greatest Hit", the story of David & Goliath. Registration forms are on the Information Table and on the web site. Forms can be submitted in the offering plate or in the church office. Cost is \$20 per participant.

Come, sing to the Lord!

## BLOOD DRIVE

Saturday, July 16

St. Matthew's

**PLEASE HELP!** St. Matthew's is hosting a blood drive on Saturday, July 16. If you believe you are eligible, please check the narthex for a sign up poster and fill a slot. If you have any questions, please call Pam Orr at 703-590-7568. THANK YOU!



SENIOR HIGH and  
7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> GRADE YOUTH  
BUSCH GARDENS TRIP

Wednesday, July 20, 8:00 a.m.

See the Poster to Sign Up

Questions: Call Mrs. Kuhn

703-491-2898 or

Pr. Stevenson

703-494-3090

## VCS

### RE-NEW: the Green VCS

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

Mark 4:3

Learn about Jesus.

Help build our community.

Grow as stewards of God's creation.

July 25-29. 9:00 a.m. to noon daily.

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

Registration forms are available  
on the Information Table and on the web site.

Daily offerings will support Lutheran World  
Relief's Quality Seed Program

### SANDWICH & SALAD SUPPER

Thursday, July 28, 7:00 p.m.

Featuring Ripened Fruits of the Earth

Please join us.

Watch the bulletin board for a poster with more  
information and to sign up  
to participate.

## VCS SUPPLY LIST

Please bring new or re-newed items to the  
church office by July 10. Mark them "VCS".

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

## JULY BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

1-Marie Luedke  
 Gloria Bortner  
 Jessica Siciliano  
 Charlie Urick  
 2-John Turnquist  
 3-Dave Moonan  
 5-Kay Melvin  
 Kasey Bushmire  
 6-Scott Nethercutt  
 7-Tabetha Cory  
 Brittany Watson  
 Landon Runnels  
 8-Audrey Miller  
 Trevor Sexton  
 9- Robert Dowling  
 Betsy Lord  
 Amanda Fink  
 Alice Matvay  
 Tom Knock  
 Etty Beck  
 10-Chad Deem  
 Jane Bohannon  
 Samantha Williams  
 12-Alex Wells

### ANNIVERSARIES:

2-Ryan & Jessie Mouw  
 5-Dan & Katherine Oros  
 6-Hal & Ann Deadman  
 -Matthew & Connie Clark  
 7-Mark & Jeanine Robba  
 8-Jon & Carol Crowder  
 9-Dave & Carol Moonan  
 10-Bill & Kris Pfister  
 Bill & Patti McCormack  
 15-Richard & Sharon Riley  
 Larry & Lea Fain  
 16-John & Patty Dorer  
 Scott & Mindy Nethercutt  
 Jane & Dick Gullickson  
 17-Brian & Dorothy Shackelford  
 18-Les & Betsy Minihan

14-Michelle Smith  
 15-Karen Schmidt  
 Laura Dowling  
 Rachel Kanefsky  
 Jeanine Payne  
 16-Amara Nethercutt  
 Doug Doerr  
 Al Schmidt  
 17-Leslie Woessner  
 Gary Olson  
 Lisa Stohs  
 18-Tobin Smith  
 Morgan Bean  
 Ian Hoppe  
 Max Lyreman  
 Austin McElligott  
 Clancy Olson  
 19-Sabrina Chandler  
 Bill Nowell  
 20-Chris Moessner  
 21-Paul Schuessler  
 22-Terrie Sexton  
 Orland Van Bavel  
 Lynda Badger  
 Arlene Brown  
 23-Gabrielle Wilcox  
 Mia Freeman

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Keith Jacobson  
 24-Victor Evans  
 Madeleine Deadman  
 Emily Williams  
 25-Kathy Brown  
 26-Matt Dion  
 Alex Joseph  
 27-Daniel Miller  
 28-Joey Renton  
 29-Tina Occhiuzzo  
 Sarah Lervold  
 Bruce Truesdell  
 30- Ann Deadman

21 – Mike & Krysten Urchick  
 23-Brian & Marlies Smith  
 Yoseph Amha & Rose Abraham  
 26-Nancy & Victor Evans  
 31-Wayne & Linda Debban

**If your birthday or anniversary should be listed and isn't please contact the church office so we can update our database.**



St. Matthew's  
Annual

*Tournament*

Tony Tallman

Charity Memorial

## A Note of Thanks

Thank you for supporting the Silent Auction this year! You helped to raise over **\$3,700** to support the Bill Mehr Prince Wil-

liam County Drop-In Center for the Homeless by bidding on items donated by businesses in our community. We were able to meet our goal and surpass last year's fundraiser! Please be sure to show our appreciation to the more than 50 businesses who so generously gave to support this effort by patronizing them: Auto Spa Carwash, Bed, Bath & Beyond, Bloom, Festival Cleaners, Giant, Gold's Gym, Gymratzz, Massage Envy, Michael's Flowers, Nail Design, Palm Beach Tan, Pet Nutrition Center, Potomac Nationals, Safeway, Tackett's Mill Car Wash, Therapeutic Massage with Rebecca Bryant, True Colors Nails, WalMart, Wegman's, The Wild Bird Center of Lake Ridge. The following restaurants provided gift certificates: The All American Steakhouse, Bistro L'Hermitage, Brixx, Carrabba's, Cheeseburger in Paradise, Chili's, CiCi's, Dunkin' Donuts, Giorgio's, Glory Days Grill, IHOP, Jerry's Pizza, La Capilla Mexican Restaurant, Macaroni Grill, Madigan's, Okra's Louisiana Bistro, On The Border, Panera Bread, Papa Petrone's Take 'n Bake, Red Robin, and Zoë's Kitchen. The following golf courses provided greens fees: Aquia Harbor, Bristow, Broad Run, Forest Greens, Old Hickory, Osprey's, Tee'd Off Indoor Golf, and VA Oaks. Thank you to our church family members for their donations: La Madeleine Gift Certificate (Vi Freeman), Mary Kay (Nancy Zimmerman), Pampered Chef (Barbara McDaniel), Scentsy (Kathleen Hinkofer), and gifts from Carol Moonan and Mark Victorson. Thanks also to Sally Cotner, Tina Occhiuzzo and Sue Orndorff for helping to collect the donations. Finally, a special note of thanks to Thrivent Financial for Lutherans for providing a matching grant of \$1,000, and golf balls and tees for our golf tournament. Your support is greatly appreciated!



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## CHURCH WOMEN'S NEWS

**Saturday, July 23, you're invited to gather in the church parking lot at 10:30 AM, to car pool to The Workhouse Arts Center in Lorton, VA.**

The visit will include self-guided tours of the galleries and studios and browsing in the gift shop. We have 1:00 PM reservations for lunch at the Fireside Grill in Lorton Station. Lunch prices begin at \$10.00. Check out [www.firesidegrillva.com](http://www.firesidegrillva.com) to see a menu with more information. Please indicate your intention to participate by signing up on the poster on the church bulletin board.

**Women's Steering Committee, Tuesday, July 26, 7:30 p.m.** All are welcome to help plan the upcoming program year.

## Father/Children Outing Cookout & Potomac Nationals

### Baseball Game

**Saturday, July 30, 4:30 p.m.**

**Rain or Shine**

Fathers and children of all ages are invited to meet at St. Matthew's at 4:30 on Saturday, July 30 for games and a picnic. All food is provided. The group will caravan to the Potomac Nationals game where they will sit together as a group to enjoy the game and fireworks.

In the event of rain, the group will have the cookout and play games in the basement.

See the poster on the narthex bulletin board to sign up and for more information.

If you have any questions, contact Dave Lambert.

## World Hunger Offering

**As of June 12, a total of \$2,618.88 has been contributed to World Hunger through our Lenten boxes. Additional boxes may be brought to the church office.**

**Thank you for your generosity!**

***“I thank my God every time I remember you, constantly praying with joy in every one of my prayers for all of you, because of your sharing in the gospel from the first day until now.”***

***Philippians 1:3-5***

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ!

As I type this, I know that I am down to only seven Sunday's at St. Matthew's. I CAN NOT believe how quickly this year has gone by. They say that time flies when you're having fun and that has been the honest to goodness truth. What a year it has been and I owe a huge thank you to all of you for helping to make it the incredible year it has been – thank you!

You have provided me with an opportunity that has had a tremendous impact on me and on my role as a leader in the church. There have been challenges and growing edges that I have needed to explore and that would not have been possible without this year to learn. It has also been a year for me to continue to discern my call to ministry and I have discovered two things. The first, it is a continual discernment process. Making the decision to enter seminary did not automatically remove any and all questions or doubts that I would have about who I am and who God is calling me to be. The second, I do feel very much called to ordained ministry. One of my most fervent prayers coming in to this year was that throughout the year I would feel affirmed in my call and leave feeling ready for what is to come.

I do not profess to know everything there is to know about being a pastor, BUT I do feel much more prepared and much more confident in my ability to do this work. I will remain forever grateful for this time of formation and for the opportunity to be in THIS place – working, serving, learning, worshiping – with all of you.

So, what's next for me? I look forward to my final semester in Gettysburg and completing my studies in January. After which, I will have a bit of time to rest, relax and get geared up for the spring assignment process. I hope to stay somewhat in the area and plan to list Metro DC, Delaware-Maryland and Lower Susquehanna Synods as my

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preference for first call placement. At that point, I leave it up to the Spirit to do its work and look forward with great anticipation to where God is calling me next. I will be eager to tell you all about it!

I spoke to a dear pastor/mentor/friend of mine just as I was getting this letter started. I asked her “how do I say ‘goodbye’ to this congregation who has come to mean so much to me?” She reminded me of how difficult it can be and then asked me what it was I wanted to leave with you. My answer: gratitude and love. I have this overwhelming sense of gratitude and love for you and for all you have done. I have felt very much a part of the St. Matthew's family and I am so thankful for all of your love, support and prayers. You have truly been a blessing!

I pray mightily that God's blessings continue to abound here in this place and that you would continue in your strong and faithful witness to this community. Until we meet again, dear sisters and brothers.....

God's peace and my love,  
*Nicole*

**Fellowship Theater Outing**  
**Saturday, August 6**  
**Doors Open 6:00 p.m.**

***Nonsense***

Cost \$45 plus gratuity per person  
RSVP and Payment Due July 24

See the poster on the bulletin board to sign up and for more information.

**PRIME TIMERS**  
**SUMMER PICNIC**  
**THURSDAY, JULY 14, 12:30 p.m.**

## Bill Mehr Drop-in Center Update

The Drop-in Center reaches out to about 30 homeless men and women each day. The Center helps these people by providing meals, showers, clothing, employment assistance, assistance finding housing and items that help improve living conditions.

St. Matthew's provides support to the Drop-in Center through benevolence gifts and a meal once a month. During the summer we provide lunch the fourth (and fifth) Friday(s) of the month.

Supplies are needed. If you wish to donate any items listed below, you can bring them to the church and put them in the box in the narthex marked "Drop-in Center."

Bottled water  
Gatorade  
Disposable razor blades  
Foot powder  
Anti-fungal cream  
Cup-of-soups  
Insect repellent/Calamine lotion  
Antibiotic ointment for cuts & scrapes  
Coffee/cream/sugar  
Tea  
Socks  
Grits  
Juices  
Microwave meals  
Paper towels  
Paper plates  
Chili  
Chips  
Garbage bags – 55 gallon size

Thank you for your on-going support of the Bill Mehr Drop-in Center.

## Senior High Youth Mark Your Calendars

**Mark your calendars now for these 2 upcoming events in August:**

**Pool Party – Saturday, August 13**

**Prepare & Serve Meal for Hilda Barg Center – Sunday, August 21.**

**Watch for more information in the August newsletter and for sign up posters on the narthex bulletin board.**

## Financial Secretary & Treasurer's Report, May 2011

May Giving by Category

Current	\$ 60,551
Benevolence	8,481
Building	11,401
Memorial	100
Pass Through	1,056
Total	\$ 81,589

Year to Date \$ 402,467

To date we have given \$69,895 toward our congregation's benevolence commitments. \$3,334 has been given through our Samaritan Fund towards emergency needs for utilities, rent, gas, food, prescriptions and car insurance.

**July 2010 Calendar**  
**See Bulletin and Bulletin Board for**  
**Updated Information**

Summer Music	Mon., July 5, 9 a.m. – noon
Summer Music	Tues., July 6, 9 a.m. – noon
Summer Music	Weds., July 7, 9 a.m. – noon
Sr. High Youth Beach Trip	Thurs., July 8, 6:45 a.m.
Summer Music	Thurs., July 8, 9 a.m. – noon
VCS Staff Orientation	Thurs., July 8, 8 p.m.
Summer Music	Fri., July 9, 9 a.m. – noon
Softball Games	Fri., July 9, 6:30 & 7:30 p.m.
Council Picnic	Sun., July 11, 5:30 p.m.
Summer Music	Mon., July 12, 9 a.m. – noon
Summer Music	Tues., July 13, 9 a.m. – noon
Church Women	Tues., July 13, 7:30 p.m.
Summer Music	Weds., July 14, 9 a.m. – noon
Summer Music	Thurs., July 15, 9 a.m. – noon
Summer Music	Fri., July 15, 9 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.
7 <sup>th</sup> & 8 <sup>th</sup> Grade and Sr. High Youth Silent Football Fest	Fri., July 15, 7 – 9 p.m.

Blood Drive at St. Matthew's	Sat., July 17
Fellowship Softball Outing	Sat., July 17
Summer Musical Presented	Sun., July 18, 8:30 & 10 a.m. worship services
Book Group	Sun., July 18, 2:30 p.m.
7 <sup>th</sup> & 8 <sup>th</sup> Grade and Sr. High Youth to Busch Gardens	Weds., July 21, leave 7:30 a.m.
Prime Timers	Thurs., July 22, 12:30 p.m.
Collating	Fri., July 23, 10 a.m.
Farewell Reception for Vr. Johns	Sun., July 25, following 10 a.m. worship service
VCS Set up	Sun., July 25, 2 p.m.
Vacation Church School	Mon., July 26, 9 a.m. – noon
Vacation Church School	Tues., July 27, 9 a.m. - noon
Women's Steering	Tues., July 27, 7:30 p.m.
Vacation Church School	Weds., July 28, 9 a.m. – noon
Vacation Church School	Thurs., July 29, 9 a.m. – noon
VCS Family Dinner	Thurs., July 29, 7 p.m.
Vacation Church School	Fri., July 30, 9 a.m. - noon
Father/Child Cookout and Baseball Game	Sat., July 31, 4:30 p.m.

***Farewell***  
***to Vicar Brandon Johns***  
***Sunday, July 25***  
***following 10:00 a.m. Service***

*Vicar Brandon Johns' last Sunday with us is July 25. He is headed back for his final year at the Lutheran Theological Seminary at Gettysburg. Join us as we wish him a fond farewell and God's blessings as he continues his studies.*

*We'll gather in the nave for a cake and punch reception following the 10:00 worship service.*

***Go in Peace***

