



LIVING FAITH

ST. MATTHEW'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

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SEPTEMBER 2011



BEGINS SEPTEMBER 18
Worship: 8:30 & 11:00 a.m.
Sunday Church School: 9:45 a.m.

BIBLE STUDIES BEGIN
September 19, Monday, 7:30 p.m.
Women's Evening Study Group

September 21, Wednesday,
9:30-11:00 a.m.,
Women's Bible Study
Pr. Stevenson

September 22, Thursday,
10:00-11:30 a.m. - Pr. Bohannon

September 25, Sunday, 7:00 p.m.
Men's Bible Study
Pr. Bohannon

Committee Meetings for September

Fin. & Stewardship, Thurs., Sept. 1, 8 p.m.
Social Ministry, Tues., Sept. 6, 7:30 p.m.
Evangelism, Thurs., Sept. 8, 8 p.m.
Council Mtg., Sun., Sept. 11, 7 p.m.
Property, Thurs., Sept 15, 7:30 p.m.
Fellowship, Thurs., Sept. 15, 7 p.m.
Mission Fund, Mon., Sept. 19, 7:30 p.m.
Worship & Music, Tues., Sept. 20, 7:30 p.m.
Christian Ed., Thurs., Sept. 22, 7:30 p.m.

**CONFIRMATION
ORIENTATION FOR PARENTS
OF
7th, 8th & 9th GRADE
STUDENTS
WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 21
7:30 P.M.**

Confirmation begins Weds., Sept. 28,
5:30-7:30 p.m.

FELLOWSHIP FOR FALL

Mark your calendar!



Fall Wine & Cheese Party, Sat., Sept. 17,
7:30 p.m. Bring an appetizer or snack and
a beverage to share. See sign up poster
for details.

SENIOR CITIZEN LUNCHEON SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 17

See poster to sign up to provide food, serve
and help with transportation.
Questions? Call Julie
Moessner, 703-670-7476.





Birthdays & Anniversaries

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

2- Carla Badger
Shane Jampole
3-Caralyn Lerch
4 -Samantha Smith
Zachary Bombay
5-Vi Freeman
6-Gary Bliss
Paul Laster
Jaelyn Lerch
7-Diana Lyons
Patti Scronce
8-Kate Dovgalyuk
Cory Leckrone
9-Jon Crowder
JoLee DeMott

Benjamin Deadman
10-Dennis Melvin
Amanda Bombay
Mackenzie Chandler
12- Erin Lambert
Michael Fink
Sean Sexton
Aaron Bish
Paul Jampole
13-Rick McElligott
Tony Martucci
14-Charlie Bertrand
Marisa Rigot
15-Eugene Dovgalyuk
Lorene Larson
16-Alex Shelkin
17-Andrew McCormack
Kristin Humphreys
Jake Mendoza
18-Shelley Amato
Mike Jones
Pat Robbins
19-Richard Schreiber
20-Andrew McDaniel
Colby Breitenbach
21-Ty Cresap

22- Betsy Minihan
23-Gillian Clark
24-Tarja Stevenson
Jacob Bushmire
David Galvan
Jessie Mouw
Bruce Leiby
Finn Riedl
25-Ted Bean
26-Tony Johnson
David Carr
Heather Seubert
28-Carl Lay
Hannah Clark
Sam Holbrook
Hal Deadman IV
29-Aaron Deadman
David Matvay
Susan Matvay Asmussen
Joshua Occhiuzzo
30-Ellen Bliss

Anniversary Celebrations:

2- JoLee DeMott & Jhake ElMamuwaldi
3-Mike & Celene Bennett
4-Dorothy & Terry Lerch
5-Chuck & Pat Moler
Michael & Donna Bouchery
8-Craig Gerhart & Marty Reinhart
10-Jeff & Lisa Bushmire
Greg & Jessica Hata
13-Sean & Linda Graham
15-Greg & Heather Seubert
17-Sharen & Paul Moessner
18- Joshua & Yulia Occhiuzzo
20-James & Rebecca Bish
Mark & Beth Kuhn
23-John & Joanne Carrabis
29-Karen & John Pallansch

**Do you have a birthday or
anniversary that is not listed?
Please contact the church office so
we can update our database.**



Choir News!

Door-opener: When the book of Acts (see 16:25-26) reports that Paul and Silas sang in the Philippian jail at midnight, it doesn't record whether they were basses or tenors. It doesn't even report if they sang on key. It simply says they sang. And as they sang, there was an earthquake and the prison doors were opened.

Many of life's doors open more easily when we sing. So why not open some doors by joining the choir?

The **Cherub, Youth and Teen** Choirs meet on Thursday evenings starting on September 8th. The **Preschool Choir** meets on Monday afternoons (4:00 - 4:30 PM) starting in January. I'll be in the narthex between services on September 4th and 11th to answer questions and take registrations.

Kathy Lundgren
703-494-9100

Lundgrenkl@aol.com

Choir	Age group	Rehearsal day & time
Preschool	3-5 years	Mon., 4:00 - 4:30 PM
Cherub	K - 2nd	Thurs., 6:15 - 6:45 PM
Youth	3rd - 6th	Thurs., 7:00 - 7:45 PM
Teen	7th - 12th	Thurs, 8:00 - 8:45 PM

Attention! Summer Musical Participants!!

Please remember we are presenting "The Rock Slinger and His Greatest Hit" for the Senior Citizen's Luncheon, Saturday, September 17. Please be at church at 11:30 wearing your t-shirt and jeans. We should finish the musical by 1:30 pm. There is a rehearsal Saturday, September 10, 9-10 a.m. RSVP to Kathy Lundgren by September 6th at 703-494-3090 or LundgrenKL@aol.com

NEWSLETTER

SUNDAY CHURCH SCHOOL CLASSES ARE FOR ALL AGES

SCS begins **Sept. 18, 9:45 am.** There are classes for children nursery age through 100! All are welcome to attend!



Sunday Church School Staff for 2011-2012

Nursery	Sarah Louise Dunn
3 & 4 Year Olds	Lisa Bushmire Jane Bohannon
5 Year/Kindergarten	Barbara & David Carr
1 st Grade	Lisa Knudson Lesley Reifsnnyder
2 nd Grade	Evelyn & Bill Langman
3 rd Grade	Sue Orndorff Vi Freeman
4 th Grade	Doug & Helen Baumgardt Bryan Orndorff
5 th & 6 th Grades	Gretchen Wilcox Tony Occhiuzzo Janet Woessner
7 th /8 th Grades	Susan Kuhn Dave Lambert Jeff Bushmire
9 th -12 th Grades	Pr. David Bohannon
Adult	Pr. Tarja Stevenson Mary-Catherine Deadman Mark Victorson Steve & Nancy Zimmerman
Young Adult	Pr. Brandon Johns
Music	Kathy Lundgren
Storyteller	Pat Victorson
Financial Assistant	Connie Clark
Copier Assistant	Rob Mouw
Coordinator	Jan Mouw

Registration Forms for new SCS students will be in the bulletin Sept. 11 & 18.

Adult Class Summaries will be available at the Registration Table Sept. 11 & 18.

PRIME TIMERS

The Prime Timers are a group of retired people who like to get together and have fun! This energetic group meets on the third Thursday of each month (unless the church calendar calls for a change in schedule).

The first event of the program year will be Thurs., Sept. 22, 12:30 p.m. for lunch at Westminster. Come join the fun! If you have any questions, please speak to Molly Parker.



MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES

Each fall we invite your support of ongoing congregational ministries. Are you new to the area? Ready to get involved? Call 491-2898 for more information.

Tuesday, Sept. 6 volunteer from noon to 2:00 p.m. at the ACTS Thrift Store in Woodbridge. Provide a lunch break for staff and other volunteers while sorting, straightening and generally lending a hand.

Friday, September 23, meet in the narthex at 10:00 a.m. to collate, sort and bundle the church newsletter and other church mailings.

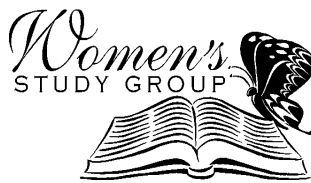
Daytime Drivers - St. Matthew's provides emergency transportation to medical appointments for residents of Fellowship House, a retirement community in Tackett's Mill. Do you have wheels you're willing to share? To volunteer call Susan Kuhn, 703-491-2898.

Dear St. Matthew's Lutheran Church,

My Lord, what a morning! Thank you all so much for the wonderful celebration of our year together! I really appreciate all of the gifts and the kind words that were shared with me, both spoken and written. I have saved all of your cards in a special gift box so that I can look back on them from time to time. Again, thank you for all of your support and encouragement throughout the year. It was a joy to be with you and I look forward to visiting with you all soon. Until then....God's peace, my love.

~Nicole

NEWSLETTER CHURCH WOMEN'S NEWS



Tuesday, September 13, 7:00 p.m. You're invited to participate in the annual **Get Acquainted Salad Supper** at Barbara Leiby's house, 11828 Antietam Road.,

22192, 703-491-3639. Bring a favorite appetizer, salad or dessert. Learn about program plans for the upcoming year. See the sign up poster for details and to indicate your participation.

WOMEN'S EVENING STUDY GROUP

You're invited to join us **Monday, September 19, at 7:30 PM**, at Susan Kuhn's home, 11911 Oakwood Dr., 22192. We will begin our discussion of Counterfeit Gods by Timothy Keller. In preparation for the discussion, read the Introduction. Copies are available in the church office.

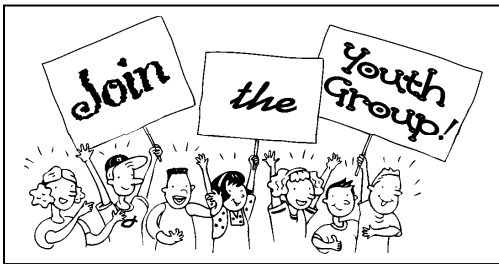
Keller is a pastor and critical thinker who opened Redeemer Presbyterian Church in Manhattan in 1989. Following the economic meltdown in 2008, he wrote Counterfeit Gods. He noted that fortunes, marriages, careers, and a secure retirement had disappeared for millions of people in a matter of months. Many who had placed their faith in lesser gods like success, true love, or a particular life style were left feeling lost, alone, disenchanted, and resentful. Keller reminds us that society's lesser gods can not provide all that is needed from the one God capable of wholly satisfying our hearts' cravings.

See the poster on the bulletin board in the narthex to indicate your participation. If you have any questions, please speak to Susan Kuhn.

WOMEN'S STEERING COMMITTEE - Join us **Tuesday, September 27 at church, at 7:30 PM**, to review current church women's programs and to anticipate future needs. Suggestions and new ideas are useful in helping to shape the ministries by and for St. Matthew's women. Questions? Concerns? Speak to Kathy Meier.

A Need for Volunteers in the Church Nursery

The church nursery welcomes young children up to 3 years old who are not ready to participate in the worship service. For some of our visitors, the nursery is one of the first places they meet the members of St. Matthew's. The nursery is staffed by volunteers, both adults and teens 7th grade and up. We are in need of additional nursery volunteers. If you are interested in serving in the nursery please call the church office. Thanks for your support!



YOUTH GROUP NEWS

Senior High Youth

- Sept. 10 Car Wash, 10 a.m.
 Sept. 11 Parents Meeting for National Youth Gathering, following 10 a.m. service
 Sept. 18 Meeting, 6:30-8:30 p.m.

7th & 8th Grade Youth

- Sept. 25 Pizza & Games, 6-8 p.m.

Babysitters: From time to time the church office gets requests for names of babysitters. If you would like your name to be included on the list, call the church office (703-494-3090) & speak to Mrs. Orndorff.



DO YOU HAVE A STUDENT AWAY AT SCHOOL?

Here are a few ideas to keep in mind:

- Send several short notes a month instead of one long letter.
- Forward any mail they receive at home. Don't save it for their next visit.
- Clip items from your newspaper about their old high school, friend, or local event. This will help them feel connected with home.
- Periodically send some pocket money. Students appreciate quarters for laundry or a few dollars to buy a treat. Send stamps so they can send a letter home.
- Don't forget family photos.
- Phone calls help--a friendly voice can lighten the most stressed spirit.
- Send a "HUG" by tracing the hands of everyone in your family and taping them together into a chain. You can also trace your hand to send as a "pat" on the back.
- Send a good morning or good night IM. Let them know you're thinking about them at the start and end of the day.
- Write down a Bible verse or two as encouragement. The college years can be difficult for even the most spiritually mature young Christian, which is why making your mail a ministry to your college-age children will help them bridge that uncertain gap to the future.

REMINDER: Parents please give the church office your student's address at school so newsletters can be sent. We do not keep college addresses from one year to the next. Please call to provide an address for your student, even if it is the same as last year. Thank you.



Senior High Youth Car Wash

**Saturday, September 10
Starting 10 a.m.**

**Come support our youth!
Proceeds will support the trip to the
National Youth Gathering
New Orleans
July 2012**

COME OUT FOR DINNER AND SUPPORT

**THE BILL MEHR
DROP IN CENTER
Thursday, Sep 15**

The All American Steakhouse (near Safeway) is donating **20%** of all food purchases made by family & friends directly to the Drop in Center! This offer is valid from 11:30am until closing. "To Go" food is included! Simply present the flyer included in the newsletter.

ACOLYTES



**We invite you to serve as
an Acolyte in our church
community!**

If you are in **4th grade or higher,**
at least 57" (4'9") tall
and are interested, you must
attend the training.

Please watch for the sign up poster in
the narthex to attend.

If you have questions please call Nancy Zimmerman
703-670-8155

NEWSLETTER

ST. MATTHEW'S DAY SCHOOL

REGISTRATION continues for the '11-'12 school year with openings for 3, 4, and 5 year olds, 2, 3, or 4 sessions per week. Lunch Bunch on Thursdays and Fridays begins in October.

For information, call the office and ask for Mary-Catherine Deadman. You can also check the web at www.dayschool.stmatthews.us to read program information, newsletters, and print out necessary forms. The office is open for registration from 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Monday – Friday.

Looking for Volunteer Drivers

Volunteers are needed to drive two of our parishioners to worship services on a rotating basis. If you are interested, please contact Marie Luedke at mluedke066@gmail.com or 703-304-3968. Thanks for your help!

Book Group News

The Book Group will meet on October 2, 2:30 p.m. at Pat Knock's house. We will kick off the new year of reading with The Paris Wife by Paula McLain.

The Book Group meets in members' homes for refreshment and to discuss the current selection. New members are always welcome. See the poster on the bulletin board to indicate your attendance at the next meeting.

If you have any questions, please speak to Susan Kuhn.

September 2011 Calendar

(See the bulletin & board for more details)

Finance & Stewardship Committee	Thurs., Sept. 1, 8 p.m.
Office Closed for Labor Day	Mon., Sept. 5
Volunteers to ACTS	Tues., Sept. 6, 12-2 p.m.
Social Ministry Committee	Tues., Sept. 6, 7:30 p.m.
Sr. Choir	Weds., Sept. 7, 8 p.m.
Cherub Choir Begins	Thurs., Sept. 8, 6:15-6:45 p.m.
Youth Choir Begins	Thurs., Sept. 8, 7-7:45 p.m.
Teen Choir Begins	Thurs., Sept. 8, 8-8:45 p.m.
Evangelism Committee	Thurs., Sept. 8, 8 p.m.
Summer Music Rehearsal	Sat., Sept. 10, 9-10 a.m.
Sr. High Youth Car Wash	Sat., Sept. 10, 10 a.m.
Sr. High Youth Parent Meeting for National Youth Gathering	Sun., Sept. 11, following 10 a.m. worship service
Council	Sun., Sept. 11, 7 p.m.
Church Women Get Acquainted Supper	Tues., Sept. 13, 7 p.m.
Sr. Choir	Weds., Sept. 14, 8 p.m.
Staff Meeting	Thurs., Sept. 15, 12:30 p.m.
Cherub Choir	Thurs., Sept. 15, 6:15-6:45 p.m.
Youth Choir	Thurs., Sept. 15, 7-7:45 p.m.
Teen Choir	Thurs., Sept. 15, 8-8:45 p.m.
Fellowship Committee	Thurs., Sept. 15, 7 p.m.
Property Committee	Thurs., Sept. 15, 7:30 p.m.
Set up Sr. Citizen Luncheon	Fri., Sept. 16, 6 p.m.
Sr. Citizen Luncheon	Sat., Sept. 17, noon
Fellowship Fall Celebration	Sat., Sept. 17, 7:30 p.m.
Fall Worship Schedule Begins	Sun., Sept. 18 Worship 8:30 & 11 a.m. SCS 9:45-10:40 a.m.

NEWSLETTER

Sr. High Youth	Sun., Sept. 18, 6:30-8:30 p.m.
Mission Fund Meeting	Mon., Sept. 19, 7:30 p.m.
Women's Evening Study Group	Mon., Sept. 19, 7:30 p.m.
Worship & Music Committee	Tues., Sept. 20, 7:30 p.m.
Women's Bible Study Begins	Weds., Sept. 21, 9:30-11 a.m.
Confirmation Parent Orientation	Weds., Sept. 21, 7:30 p.m.
Sr. Choir	Weds., Sept. 21, 8 p.m.
Bible Study Begins	Thurs., Sept. 22, 10-11:30 a.m.
Prime Timers	Thurs., Sept. 22, 12:30 p.m.
Cherub Choir	Thurs., Sept. 22, 6:15-6:45 p.m.
Youth Choir	Thurs., Sept. 22, 7-7:45 p.m.
Teen Choir	Thurs., Sept. 22, 8-8:45 p.m.
Christian Ed. Committee	Thurs., Sept. 22, 7:30 p.m.
Collating	Fri., Sept. 23, 10 a.m.
Fall Synod Assembly	Sat., Sept. 24
7 th & 8 th Grade Youth	Sun., Sept. 25, 6-8 p.m.
Men's Bible Study	Sun., Sept. 25, 7 p.m.
ACTS Board	Tues., Sept. 27, 7:30 p.m.
Women's Steering Committee	Tues., Sept. 27, 7:30 p.m.
Women's Bible Study	Weds., Sept. 28, 9:30-11 a.m.
Confirmation Begins	Weds., Sept. 28, 5:30-7:30 p.m.
Sr. Choir	Weds., Sept. 28, 8 p.m.
Bible Study	Thurs., Sept. 29, 10-11:30 a.m.
Cherub Choir	Thurs., Sept. 29, 6:15-6:45 p.m.
Youth Choir	Thurs., Sept. 29, 7-7:45 p.m.
Teen Choir	Thurs., Sept. 29, 8-8:45 p.m.