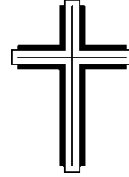


St. Matthew's Announcements
February 14, 2010



Lenten Dinners - We will again be serving Lenten dinners. With 2 church services we will start the serving at 5:00 p.m. Please bear with the groups if they are not quite ready at the end of the first service as church may get over earlier than 5:00 p.m. This is great fellowship and you don't have to cook or do dishes when you get home. The groups serving are as follows:

February 17th – Shepherd's Staff – hamburgers/hot dogs
February 24th - Early Childhood Ministries – lasagna
March 3rd – Choir/Handbells/Praise Team – to be announced
March 10th – Lutheran Boy Pioneers – chili and sandwich
March 17th – Lutheran Girl Pioneers – BBQ sandwiches
March 24th - ACTS group - Pizza Hut pizza and salad
April 4th – EASTER BREAKFAST - starts at 7 a.m. - Ladies Guild will serve the Easter breakfast.

Senior Ministry The Senior Ministry Group will meet this Wednesday February 17 at 1:30 p.m. in the fellowship Center. Our devotion for the week will cover a section of Jeremiah, "Is there a balm in Gilead?" The children of the kindergarten or K-3, 4 will be coming to sing to us, one of the songs they have been taught. There will also be time to partake in games and fellowship. Think about what you would like to cover in our devotional time for the future. If a subject is of interest or a particular Book of the Bible, bring your ideas to the event.

Lenten services begin the same day, so come and enjoy the devotion and fun and stay for the early Lenten Service. A free-will meal will also be served after the service. You can spend the afternoon at St. Matthew's, have your meal prepared for you and still be home before dark. This would be a great time to bring a friend.

2010-2011 3K, 4K, and Kindergarten Enrollment

We are enrolling children for our early childhood programs now. For enrollment information, please contact Laura Lai at llai@smls.org, or 567-5396 ext.46.

Wednesday, February 24 - Early Childhood Choir and Open House

Children from Power Hour, 3K, 4K, and ECE Sunday School will be singing during the 4:00 p.m. service. The same groups will be preparing the dinner being served at 5:00 p.m. We will also be holding an Open House from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. in the 3K/4K and Kindergarten classrooms. Visitors will have an opportunity to speak with Mrs. Lai and Mrs. Ziel about the 2010-2011 school year. For more information, please contact Laura Lai at llai@smls.org, or 567-5396, ext. 46.

Easter for Kids – March 20th – 9:30-11:30 a.m. Following the program there will be a lunch offered for the students and their families. Children 3 years old thru 4th grade are welcome to come. Ask your neighbors, family and friends children to come and hear about the story of Easter. We will have a Bible study, games, craft and an egg hunt for all the kids. There are several volunteers needed – adults to help with registration, parking lot attendants, craft helpers, people to help with the egg filling and hunt. We are also in need of casseroles and desserts. There is a signup sheet in the Fireplace room. Egg Hunt – we are looking for donations of the plastic eggs and any little thing that we would be able to put inside the eggs – like stickers, tattoos, etc. There will be a box labeled EGG HUNT for you to place your donations in.

Doorhanging party for Easter for Kids -Sunday, March 7th from 1-4 p.m.

We will meet in the Fireside room to get your area of distribution, when you are done return to church and there will be a pizza party. Adults and kids are welcome especially if you are 5th grade to college age! A sign-up sheet is posted for this with the Easter for Kids opportunities.

Please be careful! Those of you who have driven back and forth on Wisconsin Avenue know that there is a great deal of work being done on the street and sidewalks. This work is now taking place in front of our property. Please use extra caution when walking on the Wisconsin Avenue sidewalk, as well as when driving out of the parking lot and turning onto Wisconsin Avenue.

Need a little extra exercise? - Parking off site if possible will give you a longer distance to walk into church and will leave room open for those who need to park closer and for our visitors.

Handicapped Parking - Please keep the areas open and free of vehicles for all of our handicapped parking. Please keep the spot in front of the school ramp open as well for our Sunday Bible school students using the ramp going into the school section of the building.

Dead Sea Scrolls Milwaukee Public Museum Trip Our Ladies' Guild and Fellowship Committee have planned a trip to the Milwaukee Public Museum. We will view the Dead Sea Scrolls and the Bible exhibit on Sunday, **April 18th**. Here's what the museum itself is promoting: *Dead Sea Scrolls and the Bible: Ancient Artifacts, Timeless Treasures* brings together archaeological objects and manuscripts to tell a story 2,000 years in the making. Witness actual Dead Sea Scrolls and other early biblical artifacts. The largest temporary exhibit ever produced by the Milwaukee Public Museum, *Dead Sea Scrolls and the Bible* explores the archaeological history of the Holy Land during the period the Scrolls were written, from the third century BC. through the first century AD. The exhibit also tracks the discovery of the first Scrolls and subsequent realization of their extraordinary significance. Due to the interest in the Dead Sea scroll exhibit at the museum, many people have questions about them and their significance. Please see the Dead Sea Scrolls Q & A in our announcements for further information

We have made a reservation for 50 people to view the Dead Sea Scrolls exhibit and will be able to enter the exhibit as a group. The plan is to leave the church at 12:30 and we will be entering the exhibit at 1:45, leaving at approximately 4:00-4:30 p.m.

The prices for the exhibit are as follows – all prices include \$5 for the bus and admission to the entire Museum on that day:

Adults \$29

Seniors (60+), Teens (13-17), College Students with ID \$27

Children (3-12) \$22

CHECKS MADE PAYABLE TO: St. Matthew's Lutheran Church and turned in to the church office

A 45 minute audio tour can be purchased for \$5. Those can be purchased the day of the tour but are better ordered ahead of time to save time/confusion that day.

The IMAX feature Mummies: Secrets of the Pharaohs is being shown at 3:30 and also costs an additional \$5 – not included in above price. If you do choose to go to this, you will not be able to get back into the Dead Sea Scrolls exhibit, but will be able to walk around the rest of the museum until the bus is ready to leave.

Please see the sign-up sheet in the Fireside room.

Martin Luther College – The 61 voice Martin Luther College Choir will present a concert at St. John's church in Watertown, Wisconsin on Friday, February 26th at 7:00 p.m. Please invite your friends, neighbors, and relatives. It promises to be a spiritually edifying and wonderfully inspiring concert.

Upcoming Fellowship Opportunities

March 14 – BOWLING - 3 - 4:30 p.m. – We will be bowling at Hartbrook Lanes on Sunday March 14th. Everyone is invited and there will be bumper bowling for those of you that chose to use it. The cost is \$7 per person and that includes shoes. There will be a signup sheet in the back of church in the Fireside room.

August 13 – 15 - CAMPING - Silver Springs Campground, Rio, WI - Camping anyone? The Fellowship committee is reserving 8 sites at the Silver Springs Campground in Rio, WI – THERE ARE 3 SITES LEFT. This campground has a swimming pool and a lake, playground, volleyball, horseshoes, store, showers, etc. The cost is \$42 a night with water/electric. **They will only hold the sites for 1-2 weeks, so we need to know as soon as possible if you are interested.** Please put your name on the signup sheet in the back of church or contact Dawn Lauterbach at 262-569-7784 or lauterb@sbcglobal.net. Everyone brings their own tents/campers, food, drink, etc. More details will follow as we get closer to the date. Check out their website at silverspringscamp.com

ACTS Ministry:

Youth Rally – July 14th- 17th (Trego, WI)

February 14th – TODAY - registration forms are to be turned in to the church office or mail to 818 W. Wisconsin Ave., Oconomowoc, WI 53066

WELS Northern WI District Youth Rally – MORE THAN CONQUERORS – July 14th–17th held in Trego, WI

See the www.MoreThan2010.com for more information

Everyone should have received the information on the rally via email or regular mail, if you did not contact Dawn Lauterbach.

Any questions, please contact smyers@smls.org, dschmidt@smls.org; lauterb@sbcglobal.net

March 7 – 1-4pm DOORHANGING PIZZA PARTY –

We will meet in the Fireside room to distribute the door hangers and your area that they are to be distributed in. After the door hanging there will be a pizza party at church. There is a signup sheet in the Fireside room to give us an idea how many we can expect.

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Winter Carnival - Saturday, February 20, 2010 - 10:00 am- 2:00 p.m.

Come to the Winter Carnival for some great family fun! The Carnival will be held in the school gymnasium and lower grade classrooms. There will be carnival games, face painting, a cool prize booth, great items to bid on in our Silent Auction rooms, and much more! We are looking for the following donations:

Items for the Prize Booth- Unopened McDonald's Toys, "like new" stuffed animals, candy (Ring Pops, Air Heads, Laffy Taffy, mini candy bars)- no gum please.

Cakes for our Cake Walk Game (Cakes can be dropped off Friday (February 19th) or Saturday in the school kitchen.)

Silent Auction Items- Sports memorabilia, tickets to sporting events, movie baskets, sports baskets, services, homemade items, artwork, jewelry, gift certificates to area restaurants and stores.

Be sure to check regularly for an updated Silent Auction List in the school hallway or SMLS newsletter. If you have any questions, please contact Karla Lauersdorf at 262-853-7876. Thank you for supporting St. Matthews Lutheran School! With the generosity of our members, we are able to buy needed items for the school that benefit the children.

Everyone is welcome! Hope to see you there!

Opportunities to Serve in Christ's Church

Martin Luther College is seeking to hire a director of information technology. The director of information technology provides vision, leadership, planning and management for the development, acquisition, implementation and support of information technology and related systems and services in support of the strategic vision of Martin Luther College. For a detailed position description visit the college website at www.mlc-wels.edu/go/dit

Nominations and applications will be accepted until the position is filled. Please email your nomination or resume to Diane Brutlag, MLC Human Resources Officer, at brutladi@mlc-wels.edu. Nominations should include the name of individual, contact information, and qualifications.

Office Position: St. Mark's Lutheran Church in Watertown is seeking someone to do financial accounting and management of business programs for their church and school. This is a part time position with hourly pay. You may direct inquires to (920) 261-7990 or to St. Mark's at (920) 262-8500. Resumes may be submitted to St. Mark's Lutheran Church, 615 Jones Street, Watertown, WI 53094.

This Week with Our Savior at St. Matthew's

Sunday, February 14, 2010

8:00am Communion Service
9:15am Adult/Teen Bible Study
9:15am Sunday Bible School
9:15am Fellowship
10:30am Communion Service

Monday, February 15, 2010

7:00pm Communion Service
8:00pm Bible Study

Tuesday, February 16, 2010

6:30am Bible Study (FR)
1:00pm School House Players (school gym)
6:30pm LGP Pine Car Racing
7:00pm Church Choir
8:00pm Rejoice!

Wednesday, February 17, 2010 – Ash Wednesday

8:00am Women in the Word
9:00am Preschool Power Hour
9:00am Bulletin Materials are due in the church office
10:00am Shorehaven Service
1:30pm Senior Ministry Event (FC)
4:00pm Worship Service/Usher Team #2
5:00pm Public School Catechism
5:00pm Lenten Supper till 6:30pm
7:00pm Worship Service/Usher Team #3
8:00pm Visitor Welcoming Committee Meeting

Thursday, February 18, 2010

6:30pm Men's Open Gym
6:45pm Julian Handbell Choir

**Friday, February 19, 2010 – Cakes for Winter Carnival can be dropped off in school kitchen
Hop for Leukemia**

12:15pm Afternoon Chapel
3:00pm March Newsletter Materials Due
5:00pm Away basketball game –vs- St. Marks, Watertown

**Saturday, February 20, 2010– Cakes for Winter Carnival can be dropped off in school kitchen
Winter Carnival (10:00 a.m – 2:00 p.m.)**

10:00am Bible Information Class

Sunday, February 21, 2010 – Lakeside A Cappella Choir

8:00am Worship Service
9:15am Adult/Teen Bible Study
9:15am Sunday Bible School
9:15am Fellowship
10:30am Worship Service

