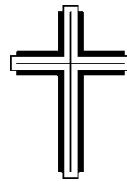


St. Matthew's Announcements
February 21, 2010



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 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.

Creation/Evolution DVD The DVD's of Dr. Lenz's Bible class are now available in the library and can be checked out. He has divided the class into 5 DVD's. Evolution Part 1, Evolution Part 2; Flood and Fossils Part 1, Flood and Fossils Part 2; and Sharing Christ with a Secular Word. He also donated a 6th DVD of the 2009 Live Nativity. All of these can be found with our other DVD's in the library on the left side next to the check out area. The spines are black but the titles are on the front. ENJOY!!!

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.

Special Guests with us today: Lakeside Lutheran High School A Cappella Choir

We're thankful to Director, James Buege and the Lakeside singers who are with us this morning, proclaiming God's Word in song. A door offering will be taken to thank the Lord for the gift of these young people, and to enable the Lakeside Lutheran High School Choir to continue their ministry of music as they travel to area congregations to proclaim the Gospel in worship services.

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.

College/High School Care Packages Continuing our ministry to our military, college and high school young people, we would like to send care packages to our college and high school members. We have sent out military packages recently, so we will not be doing that right at this time. We want our young people to know what an important part they are to this congregation. After all, our youth are the future of our congregation. Churches on a whole tend to lose young people after they are confirmed. We want to keep our students "in the Word" and growing in faith. We would like to purchase like items for each care package sent out. If you would be willing to donate to this effort, please place your donation in the blue box on the table outside the church office. If you have any questions about the details of this program, please contact Linda Grunewald in the church office (567-2418 ext. 25). Thank you in advance for helping us show our young people what an important part they are to our ministry here at St. Matthew's!

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**. We're pleased to announce that retired seminary Professor Jeske, of Watertown, will be guest presenter at our Bible study on the Dead Sea Scrolls, Sunday, April 18th. He had been to Jerusalem to see the Dead Sea Scrolls during his seminary teaching days. Professor Jeske was one of the Old Testament translators of the NIV and has vast knowledge of the importance of the Dead Sea Scrolls, so he'll give a very fitting presentation during our Bible class.

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 reserved 8 sites at the Silver Springs Campground in Rio, WI – THERE ARE 3 SITES LEFT. 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 contact Dawn Lauterbach at 262-569-7784 or lauterb@sbccglobal.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:

March 7 – 1-4 p.m. 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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This Week with Our Savior at St. Matthew's

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

Monday, February 22, 2010

8:00am SCRIP Orders Due
7:00pm Worship Service
8:00pm Bible Study

Tuesday, February 23, 2010

6:30am Bible Study (FR)
6:00pm LP Pine Car Race with Zion Church & Reformation
7:00pm Ladies Guild
7:00pm Church Choir
8:00pm Rejoice!

Wednesday, February 24, 2010

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
4:00pm Lenten Service/Usher Team #4
5:00pm Public School Catechism
5:00pm Early Childhood Catechism
5:00pm Lenten Supper till 6:30pm
7:00pm Worship Service/Usher Team #5

Thursday, February 25, 2010 – A-Boys basketball tournament at St. Paul's, Ixonia (2/25-2/28)

6:30pm Men's Open Gym

Friday, February 26, 2010 – NO SCHOOL

Saturday, February 27, 2010

10:00am Bible Information Class

Sunday, February 28, 2010

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

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

Registration forms are to be turned in asap 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 e:mail or regular mail, if you did not contact Dawn Lauterbach. Any questions, please contact smyers@smls.org, dschmidt@smls.org, lauterb@sbcglobal.net.

SCRIP – Next order is tomorrow – Monday, February 22nd. Thank you to everyone who is ordering this year! To date our profit for the current school year \$1,422.47. The money raised at St. Matthew's is distributed - 25% to the tuition assistance fund and 75% to purchasing non-budgeted items.

Did you know??? The profit of your scrip order is tax deductible. At the bottom of your order blank the tax deductible amount you can claim will be indicated when you receive your order.

To order online:

1. Go to www.shopwithscrip.com
2. Select Family Sign Up – Create Account
3. You will need the organization enrollment code - 72FL455E6154
4. Follow the registration questions
5. Pay online – follow directions or by check – order on line, money to school office by date order is placed

Advantages of ordering online:

1. You will be able to deduct the total due from your checking or savings account electronically.
2. You don't have to manually fill out the order form.
3. You don't have to make sure to get your order in to the office.

If you do not feel comfortable with ordering online, we will continue with the paper method. An order form can be picked up in the school or church office. However, we encourage you to check it out!

Any questions – please contact:

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