

St. Matthew's Announcements

March 14, 2010



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.

Early Childhood Easter Story Time will be Thursday, March 18, from 6:00 to 6:45 p.m. in the preschool room. Children ages 2 to 4 years of age are invited to come with a parent or caregiver to hear a Bible story, listen to stories, and complete a craft. We will also have a light, nutritional snack. Bring a friend and join us for a fun evening together. Please refer any questions and RSVP to Laura Lai at 567-5396, ext. 46, or send an email to llai@smls.org.

Easter for Kids – March 20th – 9:30 -11:30 a.m. 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 Easter egg hunt for all the kids. Please see insert for more details.

Pastor Schultz will be away this week. Cheryl and he will be visiting pastor's brother in Albuquerque NM, returning Lord-willing next Sunday night.

Easter Lilies Would you like to help beautify the church for Easter? A \$10.00 contribution will help defray the cost of the lilies for Easter. Forms can be found on the credenza in the back of church. If paying with a check please make it payable to St. Matthew's Ev. Lutheran Church and put your envelope number on the check. Please place this form and the payment in an envelope and mark it for "Easter Lilies". Place the envelope in the offering plate. Deadline for contributions is Sunday, March 28, 2010.

Easter Sunday is just around the corner and Ladies' Guild needs your help and support for the Easter breakfast. Various items such as hard-boiled eggs, rolls, ham, etc. are needed to make this special breakfast complete. Sign-up sheets can be found in the fireside room for those willing to donate these items. Please drop your items off in the kitchen by 9:00 a.m. on

Saturday, April 3rd as Ladies' Guild will be preparing the dishes planned for Sunday morning at that time.

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.

Care Packages Continuing our ministry to our young people, **we would like to send care packages out as soon as possible.** Churches on a whole tend to lose young people after they are confirmed. Our church is no exception. 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). ***Let's show our young people what an important part they are to our ministry here at St. Matthew's!***

Spring Cleaning and Organization of Basement Closet We would like to clean and organize the closet that is located in the Fellowship Center. Currently our extra tables and chairs are located in this closet. These tables and chairs are used for Bible study and luncheons. We would like to make sure this area is clear of any boxes or items that may be in the way. If you or your group have some items anywhere in this room that you would like to remain in storage there, please note that on a piece of paper and tape it to the box. Please list what the item is and what it is used for and the name of your group. These items will be kept and stored in this room. Please have these items marked by Saturday, May 1, 2010. At that time a final disposition will be made of any unmarked items by the Board of Trustees. If you have any questions please contact George Zaferos at 567-3214, ext. 24.

St. Matthew's Lower Grade Musical The lower grades (4K-4) are doing the musical "Goin' Buggy" on Thursday, March 25th at 1:00 p.m. and Friday, March 26 at 7:00 p.m. The children have been working very hard on their parts and are excited to perform for you. Please join us for a fun evening. Grandparents, family and friends are all invited.

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. We have made a reservation for 50 people and will be able to enter the exhibit as a group. We will leave the church at 12:30 and enter the exhibit at 1:45, returning at approximately 4:00-4:30 p.m.

The price (including bus and admission to the entire Museum): 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. Bring them 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.

Library News This month the library committee would like to introduce you to a new book on parenting. *Patient Parenting – Raising Your Kids in the Shadow of the Cross* is an easy read which touches on many aspects of raising children in these times. The author, John Juern, demonstrates that God's Word does have practical application in today's home life. He covers topics such as depression, ADHD, potty training, homework, spanking, time-outs and much more. Mr. Juern recognizes that raising healthy children depends on solid Christian parenting done in the shadow of the cross.

The library committee would also like to inform you that we are planning to do an inventory in April. We would appreciate it if everyone would check their homes for any library items and please return them by April 1st. This would help us tremendously in doing an accurate

inventory. **Thank you** for all of your help in accomplishing this task. May you be blessed this Lenten season.

Upcoming Fellowship Opportunities

August 13-15 - Camping - Silver Springs Campground, Rio, WI

Due to the great response, we have reserved more camp sites – 10 families have signed up - **THERE ARE 5 SITES LEFT**. Please call the campground to reserve your site - 1-877-992-3538 – reservation is under Dawn Lauterbach. They will ask you for a credit card #, but will not charge your card until the camping weekend.

Campground has a swimming pool and a lake, playground, volleyball, horseshoes, store, showers, flush toilets, etc. The cost is \$42 a night with water/electric. 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 24 – Lenten Dinner

ACTS will be serving Pizza Hut pizza at the Lenten dinner. Please arrive at 4:30 p.m. to help setup/serve and cleanup.

If your name ends in A-L bring a salad and M-Z bring a dessert.

April 4th – Easter Breakfast

ACTS has been asked to help serve/clean up for the Easter breakfast. Please come at 7:00am to help with cleanup.

Luther Prep School Sacred Spring Concert will be held today at 2:00 p.m. in the school gymnasium.

Organization of Wisconsin Lutheran Seniors

Joint the Rock River OWLS on Tuesday, March 16, as they view the DVD called "Speaking the Truth in Love to the Mormons" This video will better equip you to talk to the Mormon missionaries when they come to your door.

The meeting will be held at St. John's Lutheran Church (lower level) 304 N. 6th Street in Watertown. It will begin at 1 p.m. with dessert and close with a short business meeting.

This Week with Our Savior at St. Matthew's

Sunday, March 14, 2010

- 8:00am Communion Service (S)
- 9:15am Adult/Teen Bible Study (FC)
- 9:15am Sunday Bible School (SMG)
- 9:15am Fellowship (FR)
- 10:30am Communion Service (S)

Monday, March 15, 2010

- 7:00pm Communion Service (S)
- 8:00pm Bible Study (FR)

Tuesday, March 16, 2010

- 6:30am Bible Study (FR)
- 6:30pm LGP/Sunbeams (SMG)
- 7:00pm Church Choir (S)
- 7:30pm Eastern Religions Bible Study (FC)
- 8:00pm Rejoice! (S)
- 9:00pm Bulletin Materials Due (CO)

Church Office (CO)
Loft (L)
Fellowship Center (FC)
Fireside Room (FR)
Preschool Room (PR)
Sanctuary (S)
Shorehaven Health Center (SHC)
St. Matthew's Gym (SMG)
St. Matthew's School (SMS)

Wednesday, March 17, 2010

- 8:00am Women's Bible Study (FC)
- 9:00am Preschool Power Hour
- 10:00am Shorehaven Service(SHC)
- 1:30pm Senior Ministry Event (FC)
- 4:00pm Lenten Service/Usher Team #2 (S)
- 5:00pm Public School Catechism (L)
- 5:00pm Lenten Supper till 6:30pm (FC)
- 6:00pm Teen Mentor Meeting (L)
- 7:00pm Lenten Service/Usher Team #3 (S)

Thursday, March 18, 2010

- 6:00pm Early Childhood Easter Story Time (PR)
- 6:30pm Elder's Call Night
- 6:30pm Men's Open Gym (SMG)
- 7:00pm VBS/Soccer Camp Planning Meeting (FC)

Friday, March 19, 2010

- 12:15pm Afternoon Chapel (S)
- 3:00pm April Newsletter Materials Due (CO)

Saturday, March 20, 2010

- 9:00am Easter for Kids till 11:30am
- 10:00am Bible Information Class

Sunday, March 21, 2010 – Lutheran Boy Pioneer Sunday

- 8:00am Worship Service (S)
- 9:15am Adult/Teen Bible Study (FC)
- 9:15am Sunday Bible School (SMG)
- 9:15am Fellowship (FR)
- 10:30am Worship Service (S)