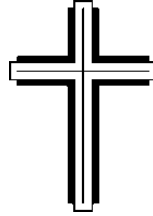


## St. Matthew's Announcements

### March 21, 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](mailto:llai@smls.org), or 567-5396 ext.46.

**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.

**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.

**Youth Ministry** 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. Included in these care packages, our pastors send a letter of spiritual encouragement. We also send other religious material as deemed appropriate. We do not duplicate these materials if we know this student receives it through other means. We would also like to purchase other "like" items for each care package sent out. However, we do individualize at times, as is appropriate for the location this young person is residing. We feel this program is an important addition to our youth ministry by keeping in touch for our young people. In the past, we have gotten positive feedback from the young people and their parents. Also, in the past few years since we started this part of youth ministry, our members have embraced this concept. We try to send a packet to the young people twice a year. We last sent one out in mid-September. We realize our members are going through an economic recession of the likes that a good share of you have never experienced. This is probably the reason we are short of funds for this project currently. If you could help with a donation at this time, 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 ask one of the pastors, or 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! After all, they are the future of our church.**

**Ladies' Guild** All women of the congregation are invited to the Ladies Guild meeting on Wednesday, March 31 at 7:00 p.m. in the fellowship center. Items to be discussed include plans for Easter breakfast.

#### **Fellowship Opportunities**

**Dead Sea Scrolls** April 18th – leave church parking lot at 12:30 p.m.

The bus is full, so if you are still interested in going, please let Amy or Linda know in the church office and your name will be put on a list and you will be contacted if there are any cancellations.

For those of you that are signed up, your money is to **paid in full by March 29th** to the church office. **Checks made payable to St. Matthew's Lutheran Church.**

Schedule for April 18<sup>th</sup> – bus will leave the parking lot at 12:30 and return approximately 4:30-5. If you have any questions, contact the church office.

**MAY 15th – 6:30-9 – Game Night** Want to get out of the house for a couple hours and have some fun and fellowship? Come to game night!

There are always a few tables of Sheepshead and board games. This is open for all ages that can play a game. Please bring a snack to share and a friend(s) to enjoy the fun, beverages will be provided.

#### **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 won't charge you 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 7:00 a.m. to help with cleanup.

**Blood Drive** Routinely we have 4 blood drives each year. We schedule these blood drives in August or September proceeding the year that the blood drives will take place. We **did not** schedule a blood drive in late March or early April this year due to a busy schedule of spiritual events taking place and Easter services and activities. The Blood Center originally penciled us in for March 27 in the preliminary planning in September of 2009, and we immediately told them

that we were going to schedule 3 blood drives in 2010 and would not be scheduling one in March/April. Needless to say, our Blood Center representative sent us written communication acknowledging this, but his people never cancelled it from the schedule. Many of our regular donors have received several notifications that we are having a blood drive on March 27. We have gotten this corrected **and we will not be having a blood drive on March 27th**. We apologize for any inconvenience to you. We want to emphasize that in the 5 years we have been having blood drives, the Blood Center of Wisconsin has always worked with us very professionally both medically speaking and in sincere respect for our donors and staff working on the blood drives. We would like to continue to thank our blood donors (both St. Matthew's members and community donors). Your donation is a *"Priceless Gift"*. It is not only beneficial for the Blood Center (which supplies the blood to our local hospitals in Wisconsin), but it give us a means to introduce these people to St. Matthew's Church and School. How exciting is it that the people of St. Matthew's are reaching out in Christian love to people that need this life saving gift of blood! **Please join us at our next blood drive on Wednesday, August 11.**

**SCRIP** – To date our profit for the current school year is \$1,580.25. Thank you to everyone who is ordering this year!

The money raised at St. Matthew's is distributed - 25% to the tuition assistance fund and 75% to purchasing non-budgeted items. Last year we bought - tables & stools for pre K room; 3 air conditioners and almost \$1,000 went to tuition assistance.

To stop some of the papers in the bulletin, we will now have a supply of order forms in the church office.

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](http://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

If you do not feel comfortable with ordering online, we will continue with the paper method. However, we encourage you to check it out!

**This Week with Our Savior at St. Matthew's**

**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)

**Monday, March 22, 2010**

8:00am SCRIP Orders Due (SMS)  
7:00pm Worship Service (S)  
8:00pm Bible Study (FR)

**Tuesday, March 23, 2010**

6:30am Bible Study (FR)  
6:30pm LP/Buckaroos (SMG)  
7:30pm Eastern Religions Bible Study (FC)  
8:00pm Rejoice! (S)  
9:00pm Bulletin Materials Due (CO)

**Wednesday, March 24, 2010**

8:00am Women's Bible Study (FC)  
9:00am Preschool Power Hour  
10:00am Shorehaven Service (SHC)  
4:00pm Lenten Service/Usher Team #4 (S)  
5:00pm Public School Catechism (L)  
5:00pm Lenten Supper till 6:30pm (FC)  
7:00pm Lenten Service/Usher Team #5 (S)

**Thursday, March 25, 2010**

6:30pm Men's Open Gym (SMG)

**Friday, March 26, 2010**

7:00pm Lower Grade Musical (SMG)

**Saturday, March 27, 2010**

10:00am Bible Information Class  
3:30pm Early Childhood Open House (preschool & K classroom)  
4:00pm Preschool Power Hour Family Event  
7:00pm Road to Emmaus Movie Night

**Sunday, March 28, 2010 – Palm Sunday - Easter Lily Deadline**

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)

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)