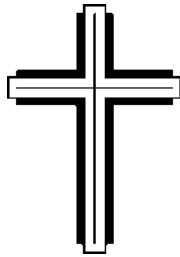


# St. Matthew's Announcements

April 18, 2010



**Financial Update** — Please give your prayerful consideration to the following:

*“Each man should give what he has decided in his heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.” (2 Corinthians 9:7)*

	2009 (\$105,000 as of December 31 <sup>st</sup> )	2010	Total Debt as of March 31, 2010
Current Operating Debt			
January 1 <sup>st</sup> – March 31 <sup>st</sup>	\$93,127.00	\$41,873.00	\$135,000.00

*“Let no debt remain outstanding, except the continuing debt to love one another...And do this, understanding the present time. The hour has come for you to wake up from your slumber, because our salvation is nearer now than when we first believed. The night is nearly over; the day is almost here...clothe yourselves with the Lord Jesus Christ, and do not think about how to gratify the desires of the sinful nature.”  
(Romans 13:8, 11, 12, 14)*

## Stewardship Thought

May the first-fruit offerings that we place on the Lord's altar each week be a true reflection of our love for our one and only Savior, who loved us first as he suffered, died and rose again to win the forgiveness of our sins and to make the rich treasures of heaven ours to enjoy. May God the Holy Spirit give each of us a glad and willing heart as we continue to give our best to support the on-going Gospel Ministry of St. Matthew's and our Wisconsin Synod; a ministry that the Lord of the Church has entrusted to each member of St. Matthew's.

## Dead Sea Scrolls Trip - TODAY

All seats are booked for this activity. The bus will leave the church parking lot at 12:30 p.m. and return approximately 4:30-5:00 p.m. If you have any questions, contact the church office.

**ACTS – Active Christian Teens** – 8th grade through high school Seniors are welcome to come to any of the activities listed and are encouraged to bring friend(s) along. Please mark your calendars with the following dates:

## May 8th – Bowling – “7UP NIGHT”

ACTS will be bowling at Hartbrook Lanes in Hartland on May 8th at 7:00 p.m. “7UP night” means that the 7th grade students are invited to attend this activity. Bowling will cost \$7/person – includes 2 games and shoes.

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

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

See the [www.MoreThan2010.com](http://www.MoreThan2010.com) for more information

Any questions, please contact [smyers@smls.org](mailto:smyers@smls.org), [dschmidt@smls.org](mailto:dschmidt@smls.org)

**ACTS – T-Shirts ARE HERE**—With the ACTS group doing more outside activities we would like the teens to wear T-shirts/Sweatshirts to show that they are representing St. Matthew's. Shirt price is \$13.00 – make check payable to ACTS Youth Group. Stop in the church office to get yours. If you did not place an order for one, we ordered extra so there is plenty for all.

**Did you know?** ACTS has a **Facebook** page. Go to [Facebook.com](http://Facebook.com) and search for St. Matthew's ACTS and ask to be added as a friend. This will keep you up to date on all the activities and any updates that might happen. If you have any questions, contact Pastor Schmidt. **Parents** are encouraged to become a friend on Facebook also to keep in the loop of what is going on in ACTS.

**NEEDED** – Parents - want to have some fun? Are you looking to be involved in a committee that does not take a lot of time out of your busy life? Have we got a deal for you! The ACTS leaders are looking to have an adult join us to help plan activities and attend them if possible. We meet once every 3 month and the activities are generally twice a month. Please contact Pastor Schmidt if you are interested.

### Youth Rally Financial Contribution

Each year the churches in our Synod conduct rally's for our youth in grades 8-12. The purpose of these rallies are to bring our WELS teens together to enjoy time doing social activities and spending time studying and applying God's Word to their daily lives. There are 10 youth and 2 chaperones going on the rally this year from St. Matthew's. The total cost is \$250 for each – totaling \$3,000. To date, the youth have contributed \$100 each and the chaperones are paid for by the ACTS budget. If you would like to offer any amount of financial support to those attending, please make your donation payable to "St. Matthew's Youth Group".

### Fellowship Opportunities

**May 15th – Game Night 6:30 – 9:00 p.m.** - 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.

### **June 26th - Brewer's Game**

Last year we filled one bus, this year we are going to try to fill two buses. We have reserved 100 tickets - so please help us fill the buses! The cost is **\$25 per person** (\$20 for the ticket and \$5 for the bus ride).

Also, **to help defray the price of the tailgating food/supplies** (meat/buns, condiments, plates, silverware, etc) supplied by the Fellowship committee we are asking an additional **\$3 for a Single - \$5 for a Couple; \$10 for a Family**

We are asking that each family bring a dish to pass and their own beverages. There is room enough under the seats on the bus for you to fit a small cooler.

TICKETS are upper deck – Section 437 – third base side in the first rows of the upper deck, look online and you can see that they are better seats than last year.

**BONUS** - the first 10,000 kids 13 and under will receive a Pennant featuring the Brewers Glove logo from the 1980's.

We will leave the church parking lot at 10:30 a.m. since the game is at 3:00 p.m. That will give us plenty of time to tailgate and get in to the game. You will want to bring a chair to use while tailgating.

Signup sheet is in the fireside room. *GO BREWER'S!!!!*

### **August 13-15 - Camping - Silver Springs Campground, Rio, Wisconsin**

All sites are booked for our group, if you are still interested, you will need to call the campground to see if they have any available sites. 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](http://silverspringscamp.com).

### Update from Thrivent Financial for Lutherans

Those who have utilized Thrivent's matching gifts programs in the past know that the company is phasing out its matching gifts through the "Giving Plus Program". They will be replacing it with a new program. Members of Thrivent Financial will receive information about this new program from Thrivent.

Our congregation still has one last opportunity to receive a match from Thrivent as part of the old "Giving Plus Program", if we receive gifts towards "St. Matthew's Lutheran School." Gifts designated for the school will enable us to receive a match from Thrivent of up to **\$4,970.00** if we receive a total amount of **\$9,940.00** in designated gifts from members. The gifts will be used for the on-going operation of our school. You need not be a member or policy holder of Thrivent Financial to give toward this special program as it winds down. We simply need to receive an amount totaling \$9,940 for the school **BY THE END OF MAY** to be eligible for the \$4,970 match, which is ½ of the total gift given. If the Lord moves you to give for our school's ministry in this way, please place your gift in the "Special Offering" envelope you will find in your envelope packet (or some other envelope) making the gift payable to "St. Matthew's Lutheran School."

Those who have financial products with Thrivent are encouraged to note the ballot in the April edition of the Thrivent Magazine. This is an opportunity to direct some funds to two WELS organizations listed on the ballot: "The WELS Committee on Relief" (which gives aid to those suffering from natural disasters) and "The WELS Humanitarian Fund" (which funds medical and other needs among people where our foreign missionaries carry out their ministry). Please take the time to fill out the ballot from the April edition of Thrivent Magazine.

**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 567-2418, ext. 24.

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

### **Sunday, April 18, 2010**

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)  
12:30pm Dead Sea Scroll Exhibit

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

### **Monday, April 19, 2010**

#### **Pastor's Conference**

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

### **Tuesday, April 20, 2010**

#### **Pastor's Conference**

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

### **Wednesday, April 21, 2010**

8:00am Women's Bible Study (FC)  
9:00am MOM's Group at Children's Play Gallery in Delafield  
10:00am Shorehaven Service (SHC)  
1:30pm Senior Ministry Event (FC)  
4:00pm Public School Catechism (L)  
6:30pm Elders' Call Night

### **Thursday, April 22, 2010**

**7:00pm CONGREGATIONAL MEETING**

### **Friday, April 23, 2010**

7:00pm SMLS Fine Arts Concert (SMSG)

### **Saturday, April 24, 2010**

9:00am Digital Outreach Seminar till 1pm

### **Sunday, April 25, 2010 – Examination Sunday (8am A-M; 10:30am N-Z)**

8:00am Communion Service (S)  
9:15am Adult/Teen Bible Study \***Reception for Confirmands** (FC)  
9:15am Sunday Bible School (SMG)  
9:15am Fellowship (FR)  
10:30am Communion Service (S)  
1:00pm LWMS Rally in Richmond, WI