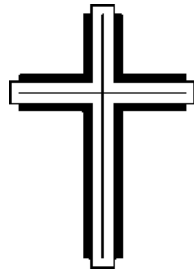


St. Matthew's Announcements
July 4, 2010



“I am not commanding you, but I want to test the sincerity of your love...For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sakes he became poor, so that you through his poverty might become rich.”
(2 Corinthians 8:8 – 9)

Operating Deficit Update – Six months into our “2010 Ministry Plan”, the overall operating deficit of our congregation is \$165,000. Due to our continuing “Operating Debt”, the following changes in our ministry plan may need to be considered by the Boards and Leaders of St. Matthew’s in the near future:

- Increased tuition costs for our school families
- Reductions in salaries and benefits for Called and hired staff
- Elimination of positions among our Called and hired staff
- Reduction in our congregational support of Lakeside Lutheran High School
- Reduction in our congregational support of our Wisconsin Synod
- Reduction in our congregational support of students attending one of our Synod’s Ministerial Education schools (“Workers Training Subsidy”)

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

	2009 <i>(\$105,000 as of December 31st)</i>	2010	Total Debt as of June 30, 2010
Current Operating Debt			
January 1st – June 30th	\$69,893.00	\$95,107.00	\$165,000.00

In response to this, the following plans for this coming fall are being discussed by various Boards of our congregation and the Church Council:

Sunday, September 26th: We will conduct a “*Back to the Black*” Sunday on this weekend. During each of our worship services, we will bring before the Lord a special offering with the goal of eliminating our current operating debt. Leading up to this Sunday, we will share a series of Bible Studies to review for ourselves what God’s Word says to us about Stewardship.

October 24th – November 21st:

“Christian Discipleship Spiritual Growth and Renewal”

- Christ’s Love Compels Us to an Obedient Life
- Christ’s Love Compels Us to Grow in Grace and Knowledge
- Christ’s Love Compels Us to Grow in Serving
- Christ’s Love Compels Us to Grow in Giving
- Christ’s Love Compels Us to Grow in Telling

“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)

A Stewardship Thought from Dr. Martin Luther — “Therefore we must use all these things upon earth in no other way than as a guest who travels through the land and comes to a hotel where he must lodge overnight. He takes only food and lodging from the host, and he says not that the property of the host belongs to him. Just so should we also treat our temporal possessions, as if they were not ours, and enjoy only so much of them as we need to nourish the body and then help our neighbors with the balance. Thus the life of the Christian is only a lodging for the night, since we have here no continuing city, but must journey on to heaven, where the Father is.”

Please look for further information and details to be shared with you in the coming weeks. Continue to take this matter to the Lord in your prayers, as each of us considers how we may serve our Lord and Savior with the best of our time, talents and treasures.

“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)

Stay in the Word while on vacation. As you plan your summer vacation please keep in mind that the church office would be happy to help you locate a WELS church in the area you will be vacationing. Contact the church office to obtain this information by calling 262-567-2418 ext. 25 or 32. Also remember that we do offer a Monday night service at 7:00 p.m.

High School/College Students The church office is looking for information from our high school and college age students. Contact the church office with the name of the school that you will be attending along with your school address. This information will be used by the church office only. You may email this information to Linda Grunewald at linda@smls.org or contact the church office at 262-567-2418 ext. 25.

Lutheran Girl Pioneers is in need of leaders and council members for 2010-11 school year. Open positions are Sunbeams Leader (gr. 1-2), Trailblazers Leader (gr. 5-6), President, and Caravan Counselor/Secretary. You need not have girls in LGP to participate. Won't you please prayerfully consider serving in this valuable organization? Contact the church office for details.

"The Footsteps of Paul" is a tour of the Holy Land being organized by retired Pastor, Eugene Kock. There is more information available for you on the bulletin board in the back of Church. You may also contact Pastor Kock directly for the information at: pastorkock@yahoo.com

Fellowship Opportunities

Sunday, August 29th

8:00 a.m. Church service at St. Matthew's
10:00 a.m. Church service at Ski Slide Park
11:30 a.m. Lunch to be served at Ski Slide Park

Our Annual Church Picnic on August 29th will be held at Ski Slide Park. Lunch will be served at 11:30. Everyone is asked to bring a dish to pass and what they want to drink. The following will be supplied: meat, buns, plates, napkins, utensils & condiments. A baseball game is being planned for after lunch. There will be one team that is for high school age-40 and the other is over 40. A signup sheet for each team will be outside the church office. Even if you don't want to play, bring your folding chairs and come to cheer the participants on.

Blood Drive Wednesday, August 11th 2:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.

St. Matthew's Church will be sponsoring a community blood drive on Wednesday, August 11th. This blood drive will be held in the Mobile Unit from the Blood Center of Wisconsin, which will be parked in the church parking lot. Because the Blood Center needs a facility where the temperature is cool for the medical equipment, due to the summer temperatures and the fact that our school gym is not air conditioned, the Blood Center will use the mobile unit as we did the last two summers. This drive will be doing regular blood donations. No platelet or red cell donations will be taken. We have been notified that we have qualified to participate in the "Summer Scholarship Blood Drive". When you donate, you will be given the opportunity to win a scholarship to the college of your choice from BloodCenter of Wisconsin. Community members, including teachers, families and friends can donate on behalf of an eligible student to increase the student's chances to be awarded a scholarship. We have several young people that actively donate blood. When you donate, if you do not have a designated choice of a scholarship recipient, we can give you names. Our members and friends in the community have been amazing in repeatedly coming to donate at our blood drives. However, people have surgeries, donate at work, and move out of our area. Therefore, we are constantly looking for new donors. Won't you consider donating? If you would like to make an appointment, please stop in the church office between services or contact Linda Grunewald during the week (262) 567-2418 ext. 25 or email: Linda@SMLS.org.

This Week with Our Savior at St. Matthew's

Sunday, July 4, 2010 – Happy 4th of July!

- 8:00am Worship Service (S)
- 9:15am Adult/Teen Bible Study (FC)
- 9:15am Summer Vacation Bible School (SMS)
- 9:15am Fellowship (FR)
- 10:00am Worship Service (S)

Monday, July 5, 2010 – Church Office Closed

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

Tuesday, July 6, 2010

- 6:30am Bible Study (FR)
- 8:00pm Rejoice! (S)
- 9:00pm Bulletin Materials Due (CO)

Wednesday, July 7, 2010

- 10:00am Shorehaven Service (SHC)

Thursday, July 8, 2010

- 5:30pm Board of Outreach
- 7:00pm Church Council

Friday, July 9, 2010

- 9:00am Play Group/Bible Stories at Imagination Station

Saturday, July 10, 2010

- 7:30am Men's Bible Study (FC)

Sunday, July 11, 2010 – School Registration Packets Available

- 8:00am Communion Service (S)
- 9:15am Adult/Teen Bible Study (FC)
- 9:15am Summer Vacation Bible School (SMS)
- 9:15am Fellowship (FR)
- 10:00am Communion Service (S)

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)