

LIVING FAITH

ST. MATTHEW'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

JANUARY 2002

CONGREGATIONAL ANNUAL REPORT MEETING, PART II

SUNDAY, JANUARY 27

9:45 A.M.

ALL CONFIRMED MEMBERS



REMEMBER:

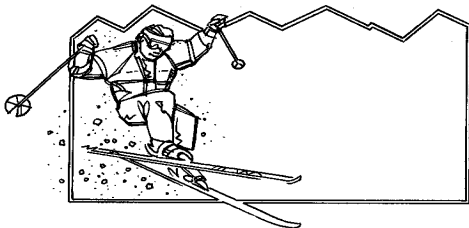
When schools are closed there is NO Confirmation and NO Bible Study. Choirs will be notified through their calling chains.

FASTNACHT 2002!

Mark your calendar--**Sunday, February, 10, 5:30 p.m. "THIS IS MY COUNTRY"** Do you need rehearsal times for Saturday, Feb. 9? CALL 703/491-2898 and reserve now. NO REHEARSALS SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 10. Watch the next newsletter for a list of practice and rehearsal times. SIGN UP YOUR ACT. WATCH FOR A POSTER ON THE NARTHEX BULLETIN BOARD.

SR. HIGH YOUTH SEE THE SIGN-UP POSTER FOR THE SKI TRIP ON

Jan. 25 & Jan. 26



JR. High Ski Trip Sat., Jan 26
See poster to sign up!

CHURCH WOMEN'S NEWS

Monday, January 21 – Women's Evening Study Group, 7:30 p.m., at Carol Moonan's (3191 Darden Dr., ph. 703/491-9634). Pat Hartline will facilitate "Your Kingdom Come." *The kingdom of God works by the gospel. The law says "do this" and "don't do that," addressing itself to the hands, feet, head, and other parts of the anatomy. The gospel says "believe in this," setting out the promises, gifts, and benefits God bestows. The gospel is addressed to the heart, taking hold of us from the inside, from the very center of ourselves, and moving us into relationship with Christ and our neighbors by faith.*

Sunday, January 27 --Women of the ELCA Metropolitan Washington DC Leadership Appreciation Tea 2:00 to 4:00 PM at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, Alexandria. Enjoy refreshments and fellowship. Network with women's leadership from other congregations, share program and administrative goals. This event is for all women, but especially those with congregational leadership responsibilities. Speak to Sue Orndorff (703/878-4248) if you plan to attend and would like to car pool.

Monday, January 28 – Women's Steering Committee, at church, at 8:00 p.m. Bring ideas for Spring. We'll polish the **APRIL 12 & 13 RETREAT** and anticipate the Mother-Daughter Tea.

Looking Ahead:

April 12 & 13 -- The Women's retreat to Signal Knob, Strasburg, VA. will offer excerpts from "**Feasting at Katie's Table**" - a resource to help relate faith to everyday. This educational experience highlights Lutheran understandings and doctrines of God, the Bible, and the world, and

emphasizes that we are **All** theologians everyday and anytime we think about God. The material includes videotape presentations of Dr. Norma Cook Everest, professor of Church and Ministry at Wartburg Theological Seminary in Dubuque, Iowa.

COOKIE BAKE AND CARE PACKAGES

For

**ST MATTHEW'S COLLEGE STUDENTS
AT CHURCH, TUESDAY,
FEBRUARY 19, 2002, 7:30 P.M.**

HERE'S HOW TO HELP:

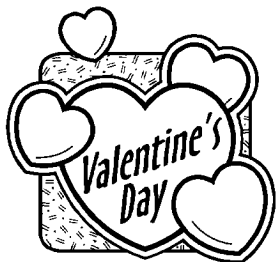
UPDATE YOUR STUDENT'S CURRENT ADDRESS (call 703/494-3090) -- **Parents, please note that UPS accepts only STREET addresses (accompanied by a phone number!) for delivery. Any address to a PO Box or College Station will be sent via USPS.**

PROVIDE: (approximately) **11X8X8 BOXES** (as soon as possible)

COOKIES!!! 4 DOZEN, WRAPPED, BAR COOKIES

TREATS (candies, nuts, drink mixes, raisins, seeds, packets, microwave popcorn packets)

More treats (flavored noodle packets; single-serving puddings, fruit cocktails, or applesauce; crackers; pretzels; chips; bean soup or chili mix; dried fruits; yogurt covered raisins; etc.



A loving touch (little ribbons or stickers are a nice addition to the wrapping)

Valentine treats (are a nice addition also)

HELP PACK!!! (boxes require **sorting, insulating, filling, sealing, addressing, and organizing for mailing**)

QUESTIONS??? CALL: Sue Orndorff (703/494-3090) or Susan Kuhn (703/491-2898)

ONGOING MINISTRIES

COLLATING: 9:00 a.m., Fridays - January 25 [+ annual report], February 22 [+ Day School Booklet], March 22.

DAYTIME DRIVERS: Monday-Friday 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., Thursday 10:00 a.m. – noon.

NEWSLETTER

Call 703/491-2898 (January and March),
703/491-3943 (February and April)

ACTS THRIFT STORE: Noon to 2:00 p.m., Tuesdays, February 5, March 5, and April 2. Call 703/491-2898 for more information.

FINANCIAL SECRETARY AND TREASURER'S REPORT FOR DECEMBER 2001

INCOME:

<u>CURRENT</u>	<u>BENEVOLENCE</u>
\$70,162.93	\$ 11,230.73
<u>SAMARITAN</u>	<u>BUILDING</u>
\$ 2,381.74	\$17,457.81
<u>MEMORIAL</u>	<u>PASS THRU</u>
\$ 1,625.00	\$ 267.00
<u>TOTAL</u>	
\$103,125.21	
<u>2001 YEAR-TO-DATE TOTAL</u>	
\$890,728	

The congregation ended the year on a strong note.

Several families were able to catch up on their pledges during December and the deficit changed from \$51,511 split over 90 family units to \$33,992 split over 69 family units. Thank you for your response.

Status of 2002 pledges- as of December 31, 166 pledges have been received totaling \$555,439 for a weekly individual average pledge of \$64.35 reflecting a growth of \$5.01 over 2001 average weekly pledge.

End-of-the-year turnover money will be distributed as follows: \$28,500 to ELCA Metro Synod, \$250 to Namibia, \$1200 to the seminary in Russia, \$1200 to Gettysburg seminary, \$200 to World Hunger, \$3350 to ACTS, \$910.95 to Lutheran Social Services, and \$2500 to Fellowship Square foundation. We have fulfilled \$107,055 of our \$110,610 benevolence budget.

As of 12/31/01 our loan balance with Lutheran Brotherhood Mortgage is \$1,911,520.27.

2001 end of the year statements will be mailed out shortly.

God has truly blessed our congregation with a commitment to go and spread the gospel. Thank you for your faithfulness in giving. +



**Sunday Jan.
27, 9:45 a.m.
PLANNING
YOUR**

**SUMMER
VACATION**

Music Institute - July 8-July 19. The musical will be presented at the services on Sunday, July 21.

Vacation Church School - July 29-Aug. 2.

7th & 8th Grade Youth

Saturday, January 26 -- SKI TRIP TO WHITE TAIL. WATCH FOR A SIGN UP SHEET. Meet in the church parking lot at?? AM. Bring \$?.00 for breakfast along the way, ski rental, lunch, snacks, and fast food dinner on the way home. Ski lessons are extra. Check the sign up sheet for price. Dress warmly, in removable layers, if possible. Parents, we need a permission slip for your child if you do not have one on file. Questions? Call David Lambert at 703/490-4175.

Saturday, February 23 – **Baltimore Aquarium.** Sign up on the poster in the narthex. Call Mrs. Lambert (703/490-4175) for more information.

March 8,9,10 – SHEKINAH! SYNODWIDE YOUTH EVENT AT THE 4H CENTER AT FRONT ROYAL, VA. MARK YOUR CALENDAR FOR MAJOR FUN AHEAD. WATCH FOR REGISTRATION FORMS.

Saturday, March 16 -- Movie, Pizza, Games

Saturday, April 27 – “CLUE” Progressive Mystery Dinner. Parents, we need drivers and host homes for APPETIZERS!!! MAIN DISH!!! DESSERT!!!

Begins at 6:30 p.m. Less than an hour at each location. Hints. Riddles. Surprises.

Could you impersonate MISS SCARLET? COLONEL MUSTARD? MR. GREEN? MRS. PEACOCK? PROFESSOR PLUM? MRS.

WHITE? Simple costumes that you create yourself. Travel to each location to assist with solving the mystery. Lots of fun. Call Susan Kuhn 703/491-2898 to volunteer.

GIFTS OF HOPE

Our congregation supplied \$4,185 for gifts through the Christmas Market in 2001. These gifts went to provide: 7 roofs for earthquake victims in El Salvador, 13 backpacks and school supplies for refugee children, food for 8 needy families, medical care for 4 low-income families, lunch for 150 children in El Salvador, eyeglass replacement for 4 residents of the National Lutheran Home, 21 goats or ostriches for Namibian farmers, 19 tutoring sessions for children in foster care, 13 books and balls for southeast ministry, parenting skills for 10 residents of N Street Village, 6 holiday turkeys through Lutheran Social Services, 17 Bible story books for southeast ministry, 17 hymnals in the Dama-Nama language, 26 ice cream treats for Fellowship Square Foundation and Christmas toys for 85 homeless children, just to name a few! Thanks be to God!

**DAY SCHOOL REGISTRATION
OPENS TO THE CONGREGATION**

Monday, Feb. 25, 10 a.m.

Registration is for the 2002-2003 school year. Classes are available for 3, 4 and 5 year olds; MWF a.m., MWF p.m., T/TH a.m. or MTWF p.m. If you have any questions please call Mary-Catherine Deadman, 703-494-3090.

**Registration opens to the public
Monday, March 4, 10 a.m.**

**Is Winter
getting you
down? Mark
your calendar
for the
Fellowship
committee's**



***WINTER CELEBRATION, Wine &
Cheese Party, Sat. Feb. 2nd, 7:30 p.m.,
at the Merk's. See the sign up poster!***



College News

Shannon Baily graduated from Virginia
Commonwealth University on 12/8/01.
Congratulations!!