

ST. MATTHEW'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

LIVING FAITH

FEBRUARY 2002

FASTNACHT

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 10, 5:30 P.M.

"THIS IS MY COUNTRY"

POTLUCK MEAL

Bring a Casserole *or* Pizza *plus* one other item! See bulletin board sign-up.

When you arrive:

Fastnacht volunteers will help **you** and **your food** find a table.

Someone in your dining area will lead **grace**.

Someone will direct you to a **buffet line**.

New friends may greet you at your table, in line, throughout the evening.

CARNIVAL

After dinner:

The Senior High Youth Group welcomes **children under 12** (and parents).

Each child receives **tickets** for each activity.

There are **prizes!**

TALENT SHOW

A ST. MATTHEW'S EXPERIENCE!

SEE IT TO BELIEVE IT!

Join us for an evening of Americana as only St. Matthew's can bring it to you. Meet 2002 *tour guides* from Iowa: "Professor Harold Hill" and "Marian, the Librarian." Visit the church bulletin board--sign up your act--join a group number! NOTE: call 703/491-2898 to arrange rehearsals and special equipment (mikes, tape recorders, piano, tap boards, etc.) **No rehearsals** on Sun., Feb. 10.

FASTNACHT REHEARSAL SCHEDULE:

Sat. February 9

9:00 a.m., Fellowship Hall - K & 1st grades, Lundgren
494-3090/494-9100

9:30 a.m., Fellowship Hall - 2nd & 3rd grades,
Lundgren

10:00 a.m., Fellowship Hall - Women, Lundgren

10:30 a.m., Fellowship Hall -

11:00 a.m., Fellowship Hall -

11:30 a.m., Fellowship Hall - teens, Lundgren

12:00 p.m., Fellowship Hall - teens, Lundgren

12:30 p.m., Fellowship Hall -

1:00 p.m., Fellowship Hall -

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2:00 p.m., Fellowship Hall - Rocks, Laster 590/8849

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Rocks

Sun. 2/03 basement 1:30 - 2:30, Laster

ELCA Emphasis for February:

Multicultural Outreach

The work and emphases of the Commission for

Multicultural Ministries

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

- Elizabeth Legge
- Carl Kline
- 2- Mark Robba
- Grant Dekker
- Frank Mallette
- Karen Pallansch
- 4- Eric Anderson
- Kathleen Badger
- John Carrabis
- Daniel Raynes
- Kenneth Raynes
- David Tassara
- 5- Nancy Evans
- 6- Anton Stecher
- 7- Michael Nowell
- 8- Kathy Turnquist

- Andrew Schwentner
- Sara Graley
- 10-David Anderson
- Diane Jebram
- Matthew Nord
- 11-John Drupa
- Holly Johnson
- Mark Schmidt
- Robert Montgomery
- Stephanie Rowland
- 12-Amy Bogozi
- 13-John McDaniel
- Alyssa Carrabis
- 14-Paul Horn
- Sheryl Post
- Kristen Wilcox

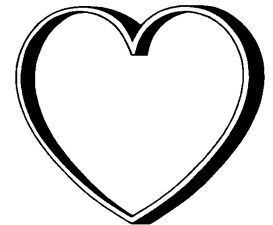
- 15 - Brian Badger
- William Woessner
- Sue Wadsworth
- Rhiannon Hodges
- 16 - Tim Kokan
- Karen Moler
- Ashley Orr
- Julie Moessner
- 17 - Jeanette Crawford
- Jenny Lambert
- Lee Ann Walsh
- Jamie Wrolstad

- Ron Webber
- 18 - Mark Victorson, Jr.
- Les Minihan
- 19 - Navida Wrolstad
- 20 - Greg Brady
- Nathan Doerr
- Shari Olson
- 22 - Chris Lay
- Hannah Bish
- Judy Sicilano
- 23 - Barbara McDaniel
- Katelyn Walsh

- 24 - Perry Stone
- Courtney Dean
- 25 - Kristina Owen
- Rich Krauss
- 26 - Jakob Reifsnnyder
- Daniel Moessner
- Kevne Hull
- 27 - Amy Robbins
- 28 - Jamie Kutchman
- Don Capps

- 1 - John & Kathy Turnquist
- 13 - Bill & Cheryl Huntington
- 14 - Dave & Peggy Heffernan
- 14 - Diane & Orland Van Bavel

- 15 - Debbie & Craig MacFarlane
- 26 - David & Alice Matvay
- 26 - Frank & Harriet Mallette
- 29 - Scott & Carla Badger



DAY SCHOOL REGISTRATION FOR 2002-03
OPENS FOR MEMBERS OF ST. MATTHEW'S



Registration is drawing near!

On Monday, February 25, at 10:00 a.m., registration opens to members of the congregation and to those families with children currently enrolled.

If you have a child who will reach his/her 3rd, 4th, or 5th birthday by December 31, 2002, and you're planning to enroll in St. Matthew's Lutheran Day School, consider taking advantage of this early registration date.

To obtain information about the school, or to arrange a visit for you and your child, call the church office (703-494-3090) and ask to speak to Mary-Catherine Deadman.

NOTE: Registration opens to the **community** on **Monday, March 4, at 10:00 a.m.** and continues until all spaces are filled. Though some openings remain into the summer months, other classes fill in the opening days of registration, so don't tarry if you want your choice of days and times.

**SR. CITIZEN
LUNCHEON**

**SATURDAY,
February 23**

NOON

SEE POSTER TO HELP
PROVIDE FOOD ITEMS
AND TO HELP SERVE.

ONGOING MINISTRIES

Lend a hand at the **ACTS Thrift Store** on **Tuesday, February 5, from 12:00 to 2:00 p.m.** Other dates include, Tuesdays, March 5, April 2, May 7 and June 4.

Our help enables the store staff to break for lunch. We help sort, stock, dust, market, and do whatever else needs to be done. If you'd like to join us, we meet for lunch across the street at the Dumfries Cafe at 11:00 a.m. Call 703-491-2898 for more information.

Daytime Drivers transport residents of Fellowship House in Tackett's Mill to medical appointments on this end of the county. Most of our trips are to the Opitz-Route #1 "medical strip." We ask our riders to try and schedule appointments on weekdays between 10:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m., avoiding Thursday afternoons whenever possible. Could you offer two hours a month to this service? Call (March)703-491-2898 or (February & April)703-491-3943 for more information.

Collators, meet in the church narthex at 9:00 a.m. on Fridays, Feb. 22 and March 22. New collators are always welcome. We provide "on the job" training. Call 703-491-2898 for more information.

We still collect **Stamps for the National Lutheran Home**. Each year we ship a box to Rockville. Remember not to trim away too much of the envelope. That's the job for NLH residents. Leave at least a 1-inch border of envelope around the stamp; or better yet, tear the envelope and submit only the portion with the stamp. No torn stamps please. Stamps of unusual denominations and stamps from other countries are particularly welcome.



NLH also accepts picture post cards--the whole card, not just the stamp. Call 703-491-2898 for more information.

Our heartfelt sympathy to the Wolff family as they mourn the death of son, Andrew.

Andrew Robert Wolff of Lake Ridge, Virginia died January 14, 2002 in a car accident. Andrew was born December 15, 1985 in Heidelberg Germany to Lt. Col. Robert and Karen Wolff. The Wolff's moved to Lake Ridge in 1989 where he grew up.

Andrew was a sophomore at Hylton High School where he was active in the Auto Tech program and the business club. Andrew was a die hard Cleveland Indians fan, the New Jersey Devils was his favorite hockey team and he always wore his Baltimore Ravens sweatshirt when the Ravens played.

A natural born athlete, Andrew played hockey with the Prince William hockey team, he was a baseball and football player, a wrestler, and he acquired a good golf swing. Andrew was a member of St. Matthew's Lutheran Church where he participated in various youth activities.

Andrew is preceded in death by his father, Lt. Col. Robert Wolff; he was a devoted son to his mother Karen; a best friend and buddy to his brother, Tim; a pesty but terrific little brother to his sister Alexis and like a son to his step-father Bob Barnhart.

The Interment Service will be held at Arlington National Cemetery on January 28, 11:00 a.m. Those attending are asked to meet at 9:15 a.m. at Mountcastle Funeral Home, 4143 Dale Blvd., Dale City, VA.

The family requests donations to Hylton High School Auto Tech Department, 14051 Spriggs Rd, Woodbridge, VA 22193, in lieu of flowers.

PRAYER CHAIN

Would you like to be a link in a Prayer Chain at St. Matthew's?

St. Matthew's has three prayer chains. If you are interested in being part of this chain please contact Pam Orr (703-590-7568), she coordinates the chains for the evangelism committee.

DID YOU KNOW????

Summer Music Fest. July 8 through July 19. Musical will be presented at both services on Sunday, July 21.

Vacation Church School. The program will run from 9:00 a.m. through noon, July 29 through August 2. Plan to participate. Call 703-491-2898 to volunteer for teaching, crafts, refreshments, administration, etc.

Dates For Sr. High Youth

Feb. 3 - Superbowl Party, 6:30-8:30 p.m. Bring snacks to share

Feb. 17 Meeting, St. Matthew's at 6:30 p.m.

Feb 9 Set up for the Fastnacht Carnival (after Teen Choir rehearsal at 12:30 p.m.) Lunch will be provided.

Feb. 10 **Fastnacht (we need all Sr. High Youth to help with the Carnival)**

March 3 & 17 Meeting, St. Matthew's at 6:30 p.m.

ATTENTION 7th & 8th GRADE YOUTH:

Registration forms for **Shekinah**, a synodical 7th & 8th grade youth retreat held the weekend of **March 8-9-10** are available at Sunday Church School, confirmation, and youth group. Registration is due by Feb. 6th. Call 703-491-2898 for more information.

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

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.

CHURCH WOMEN'S NEWS



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)

Friday & Saturday, 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.

EVENING STUDY GROUP

The women's evening **Study Group** will meet at Sue Orndorff's, 3556 Eskew, ph. 703-878-4248, on **Monday, February 18, at 7:30 p.m.**

UR NEW PHOTO DIRECTORY

The new photo directories are arriving, a few boxes at a time! Look for them in the narthex in the next couple of weeks. You'll find your directory alphabetically labeled with your name. If you do not locate one with your name on it, please call Lyn at 703-494-3090. Thank you.

ACTS MEMBERSHIP MONTH

February is ACTS Month. Be sure to stop by the table in the narthex and see Hal Deadman to become a member or renew a membership.

CONFIRMATION MEALS

February 2002

<u>Date</u>	<u>Meal</u>	<u>Cooks</u>
6	Hoagies	Donna Bouchery Marty Reinhert 494-1479 Tamara Dolphin 497-1182 Sonia Douty 491-1237

Have you paid your meal fee for the 2nd half of the year?? \$25.00 is due. Please make checks payable to David M. Bohannon. Thank you.

NEW PARKING PATTERN FOR CONFIRMATION

Attention Confirmation Parents: Drivers picking up students are reminded to park in the lined spaces to await passengers.

?The Bells Are Ring--ing for . . .?

—not me and my gal. If you hear bells ringing while entering the church—it's the alarm! If the alarm should be set off while you are entering the church please call the numbers listed by the phone in the hallway. That way the security company will know it's a false alarm and cancel the police. We are charged \$25 for each false alarm up to 3, after that we are charged \$50 per false alarm. If you need a refresher course to disarm the alarm please speak to Pr. Bohannon.

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

St. Matthew's Recognizes Boy Scout Sunday Tom Bortner

St. Matthew's has a number of adults and youth that are associated with Scouting. Both Boy and Girl Scouts celebrate their anniversaries each year, with Boy Scouting in February and Girl Scouting in March.

St. Matthew's will recognize the Boy Scout anniversary through scout participation in church services on **Sunday, February 3, 2002**, which kicks off Anniversary Week, to include the actual anniversary day of Feb. 8. Scouts will serve as ushers, lectors, acolytes and greeters. If your scout is interested in helping, please call Tom Bortner at 703-497-1280.

The Boy Scouts of America is a private not-for-profit corporation, which was chartered by the United States Congress in 1910. The Boy Scouts of America was incorporated to provide a program for community organizations that offered effective character, citizenship, and personal fitness training for youth. The ideals of Boy Scouting are spelled out in the Scout Oath, the Scout Law, the Scout Motto, and the Scout Slogan, which support the aims and ideals of Scouting: Duty to God, Duty to Country, and Duty to Self. Over 5 1/2 million youth and adults will join in celebrating the Boy Scouts of America's 90+ years of service to the community.

COUNCIL & COMMITTEES FOR 2002

Enclosed with this newsletter is the list of the council, officers and committees. If you would like to join a committee please contact the appropriate council person or attend the committee meeting.

Here are explanations of our ministry areas and the committees that support them along with their meeting nights and times.

Ministry areas are defined with the committee that relates to that interest. Members may choose to be on any of the following committees. These committees support the worship and work of St. Matthew's.

Worship - Worship and Music Committee

Provides leadership in worship; coordinates music, reviews services, coordinates special services (Lent, etc.), supports Altar guild, ushers, acolytes, lectors, communion assistants, plans and provides decorations for Christmas and Easter.

Learning - Christian Education Committee

Coordinates Christian education opportunities; Sunday Church School, Day School (oversight by separate standing committee), Vacation Church School, 1st communion, confirmation, youth activities, Men's and Women's programs, family

programs, Bible studies, seminars, Advent and Lenten programs, staffing and support, library and audio-visuals.

Witness - Evangelism Committee

Welcomes visitors to St. Matthew's, encourages visitors to return and participate in church family. Promotes congregation in the community. Supports greeters, visitation, flocks, cookie welcome, new member orientation and sponsor program, and advertising.

Service - Social Ministry Committee

Maintains liaisons with Social Agencies (i.e. ACTS, etc.); keeps current our awareness of community needs. Plans and supports Senior Citizen luncheons, Christmas program, provides for emergency needs, transportation, Homeless Shelter support, financial and volunteer support for social ministry projects.

Support - Finance and Stewardship Committee

Promotes Stewardship among the members, prepares budget, advises on financial issues and funds management, supervises financial secretary and treasurer, advises on insurance, conducts audit of church and day school, visits new members and introduces them to St. Matthew's Stewardship program.

Fellowship Committee - Plans and supports social activities; picnic, Easter breakfast, Christmas reception, congregational activities for all ages.

Property Committee- Oversees maintenance, improvements, security, and use of property; landscaping, work days, decoration.

COMMITTEE MEETING NIGHTS

1st MONDAY - DAY SCHOOL, 8 p.m.

3rd MONDAY - MISSION ENDOWMENT, 7:30 p.m.

1st TUESDAY - SOCIAL MINISTRY, 8 p.m.

2nd TUESDAY - ACTS BOARD, 7:30 p.m.

3rd TUESDAY - SCS TEACHERS (August meeting)

3rd TUESDAY - EVANGELISM, 7:30 p.m.

4th TUESDAY - WORSHIP AND MUSIC, 8 p.m.

1st THURSDAY - FINANCE & STEWARDSHIP, 8 p.m.

2nd THURSDAY - PROPERTY, 8 p.m.

3rd THURSDAY - FELLOWSHIP, 8:00 p.m.

4th THURSDAY - CHRISTIAN ED, 8 p.m.

MID-WEEK LENTEN SERVICES

Wednesdays, 7:30 p.m.

THE STONES WOULD SHOUT

**Wednesday,
February 13,
7:30 p.m.**

A service of communion and ashes.

When some complained about the children's praises on Palm Sunday, Jesus replied, "If these were silent, the stones would shout." Each of the services in this series considers two biblical references to stones, and seeks to learn their lessons.

Weds., Feb. 20 - "Am I my brother's keeper?" asked Cain after slaying Abel. Jesus asks whether one would give a stone to a child who asks for bread. Both deal with hardness of heart.

Weds., Feb. 27 - "Look to the rock from which you were hewn." Like Isaiah's hearers, slaves making bricks in Egypt needed assurance that the God of their ancestors was still truly present.

Weds., Mar. 6 - Dealing with fearsome foes, David uses a stone to defeat Goliath, while Jesus refuses the temptation of the old evil foe to turn a stone into bread.

Weds., Mar. 13 - The walls of Jericho tumbled for those who trusted the Lord. Jesus warns that for those who fail to do so, "not one stone will be left upon another."

Weds., Mar. 20 - At Sinai, the Law was given on two stone tablets. At Gabbatha ("The Pavement") stands One who has come to fulfill the Law.