

# LIVING FAITH

ST. MATTHEW'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

OCTOBER 2003

## FAMILY HAYRIDE & COOKOUT!

Sat., Oct. 11

4-8 p.m.

\$5 per person



Old Mine  
Ranch-  
Hayride and  
Chili

### Contest!

Does your family have a secret chili recipe that is handed down the best around? Well if so, join us for our annual hayride and potluck! We've added a new feature this year: The First Annual St. Matthew's Chili Cookoff Contest! If you are interested in vying for bragging rights, see the sign up poster and reserve your contest spot right away!

There will be plenty of fun activities for kids of all ages: hay-bale maze, swings, antique fire engine, farm animals, and a good old-fashioned hayride to name a few. We will also share a pot-luck meal together.

**COMMUNITY SERVICE  
COMBINED BLOOD DRIVE  
WITH OLD BRIDGE UNITED  
METHODIST CHURCH AND ST.  
ELIZABETH ANN SETON**

**Saturday, October 11**

**10 a.m.-12 p.m**

**St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Church  
12805 Valleywood Drive**

If you would like to participate, see the sign up poster or call the church office.

*"Let God Lead as you Gather and Give"* is the theme for our 2003-04 Stewardship emphasis. As people of faith we will use this time for prayer and reflection to help us respond to God's leading about how we will give and serve out of the abundance of God's grace.

Our personal stewardship is always in response to God's good gifts...a proportionate return that represents the strength of our life in Christ. As we "Let God Lead" our gathering and giving will be reflected in our rich commitments to life in God's world and the mission and ministry of our life in Christ.

### Our Stewardship Calendar

#### Stewardship Meetings

(Members are asked to attend one meeting)

Sunday, October 19, 3 p.m. and 7 p.m.

Monday, October 27, 7:30 p.m.

Tuesday, October 28, 7:30 p.m.

Thursday, October 30, 7:30 p.m.

#### CONSECRATION SUNDAY

**Sunday, November 16, 8:30 & 11 a.m.**

Commitment cards and Time & Talent sheets returned during worship services.

**CONGREGATIONAL MEETING  
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 14, 9:45 a.m.**

Review Stewardship Response

Vote on 2004 Ministry Program

Elect Church Council and Mission Endowment  
Committee Members

Sponsored through the Blood Donor Services of the INOVA Health System.

## OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

1-Jeffrey Bushmire Richard Krauss Joseph Boothe	10-Mark Lundgren 11-Sarah Peterman Steven Muschler Alex Stone	22-Sonia Douty 24-Erik Larson Shannon Bailey
2-Kayla Reeseey	13-David Matvay	25-Alphonse Abadir Gavin Tameris Tyler Parker Kaethe Moessner Bill Woessner
3-Betty Gould Brennan Robbins Julie Schwentner	14-Christine McDaniel 15-Carolyn Smith Patricia Wild	26-Obediah Baker, III 27-George Orr 28-Eric Crowder Barbara Carr
4-Christine Bohannon Lisa Butler	16-Christian Johnson Kathy Lundgren	29-Eric Turnquist Charles Fice Linda Smith
5-Ruby Abadir Gary Eckhardt	17-Michael Tallman Nancy Joseph	30-Nicole Dowling Kailey Hoppe
6-Michael Cartwright	19-Brandt Nethercutt Kevin Bloom	31-Andy Wagliardo Andrea Truesdell
7-Lauren Dost Lynn Schreiber	20-Helen Baumgardt John Stageberg Craig Gerhart Gretchen Wilcox	
8-Danielle Bouchery 9-John Dorer Erin Smith Marion Camealy Michele Dowling Lisa Truesdell	21-Mary Ann Hansen Taylor Petty	

### ANNIVERSARIES:

1-Ken & Karen Welch  
4-Dave & Kathy Lambert  
4-John & Bridget Dean  
6-Clarence & Diana Lyons  
7-Steve & Bridget Dopp  
8-Neal & Jay Melvin  
8-Paul & Melanie Laster  
10-Robert & Laura Dowling

13-Bruce & Carol Taylor  
13-Robin & Mitchell Kanefsky  
16-Jim & Lyn Badger  
17-Mike & Barbara Jones  
23-Christel & Michael Merk  
26- Kathy Brown & Ted Bean  
28-James & Brenda Young



### NEED A BABY-SITTER??

The following names are members of our congregation who are in Jr. and Sr. high who baby-sit.

Jenny Lambert	490-4175
Sarah Frieslander	492-1513
Julie Evans	494-8627
Sarah Peterman	494-3092
Katelynn Greene	670-2916
Rachael Orndorff	878-4248
Carrie Scronce	494-0354
Katie McDaniel	221-1439
Adrienne Laster	590-8849

If anyone else would like to add their name to our list, please let Sue Orndorff know. Thank you.

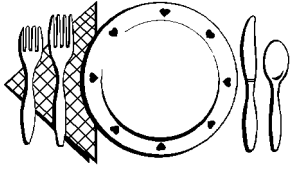


### MUSIC NOTES:

It's not too late to join one of St. Matthew's Choirs. Talk to Kathy Lundgren or plan to attend a rehearsal.

Preschool Choir begins, Monday, Oct. 7, 4:00-4:30 p.m.

**Let us make a joyful noise!**



## FELLOWSHIP - TABLES OF EIGHT

One of our most popular Fellowship events is the "Tables of Eight." These are 8 person dinner parties held in homes. You host 1 time and you visit 3 times. Each time there are different people in your group. A great way to meet new people or renew old acquaintances. After the sign ups are completed, each twosome is assigned a number and the numbers are randomly grouped into tables of 8 people for all four dates. This assignment assures that each twosome host only 1 time and that each twosome not be grouped with another twosome more than 1 time.

The assignments for all four dates will be mailed to each participant by November 1st and you will be notified 2 weeks prior to each of the 3 remaining dates. The host twosome is requested to call the other 3 twosomes to arrange the menu and time. If one of the twosomes cannot make it, the host will call Evelyn Langman to find a substitute.

If you are not the host, you will be assigned to bring a vegetable, a salad and rolls or a dessert. The hosts provide the main course and beverages.

In order to make this a successful event, a twosome should sign up as full participants if they are reasonably sure of being able to attend at least 3 of the 4 scheduled dates. Also, they must be able to handle a dinner party of 8 at their homes. The sign-up sheet requests you identify which of the dates you will be able to host.

If you cannot meet these criteria or if you wish to participate as a single, please sign up as a substitute. (Last year, the substitutes **frequently** had the opportunity to participate.)

Our first date is **Nov. 1, 2003**—other dates for 2004 are Jan. 10, Feb. 7 and March 13. See the poster for more information. Sign up by **Oct. 12!**

## ONGOING MINISTRIES

Are you planning your fall calendar to include service to our congregational and neighboring community? Volunteer opportunities include --

**ACTS Thrift Store** -Volunteer at the ACTS Thrift Store from noon to 2:00 p.m. on **Tuesday, October 7**. Would you like to join us for lunch at the Dumfries Cafe? We meet there at 11:00 a.m. Volunteer tasks include sorting, dusting, straightening, and organizing.

**Collators** -Circle **Fridays, October 3, 17 and 24** as our work dates this month to collate newsletters and stewardship letters. Meet in the church narthex, at 9:00 a.m. Join us for coffee at the Bagel Bakery when we've finished our tasks.

**Daytime Drivers** - A Special Thank You to our Daytime Drivers. This is a much-appreciated service to the residents of Fellowship House, a retirement community in Tackett's Mill. We drive round trip to medical appointments on the eastern end of the county. We suggest that appointments be arranged for weekdays between 10:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. We could use your help. Most drive once a month. Could you serve as a substitute driver, telephoned occasionally after the rest of the list has been called?

Call 491-2898 for more information about any of these ministries.



## FALL WORKDAY

**Saturdays, October 11 & 18  
8:30 a.m.-12 p.m.**

See the sign up poster in the narthex to indicate your participation as we prepare the church and grounds for the fall and winter. Projects to be done include: Spread mulch, clean filters, wash windows, clean storm water management area, eat donuts.

notions of the Christian faith, both in their own attempts to live as they should and in their hopes of imparting credible beliefs to their children (Oppenheimer).’ How can the Bible stories commonly shared with children equip them to face the troubled world in which they will have to live?

## ADULT SCS CLASS OFFERINGS

There are five adult Sunday School Class offerings. Below are summaries of two of those classes. Summaries of all 5 classes are posted on the bulletin board outside of the church office.

### **“The Birth Narratives” - facilitated by John Turnquist, Keith Kuhn and Darrell Morton**

This year’s class will be divided into two sessions. First, we will explore the wonder of the birth narratives, both reveling in their striking similarities and exploring their differences. In addition to renewing our life-long familiarity with these two accounts, our goal is to enhance the beauty and power of the Christmas season for each of us and to better appreciate the witness of the Matthean and Lucan evangelists. If we hold to the “schedule”, we will complete our study of the birth narratives by the end of the calendar year, and beginning in January 2004, and using a series of lectures by Dr. Luke Timothy Johnson, we will study the life and work of the Apostle Paul. To say that Paul was a “giant” of the early church is an understatement of Goliath-like proportions, but understanding Paul the man helps us all to understand better his message to each of us. Because we will spend a lot of time with biblical sources, we will have Bibles in the classroom. However, we suggest that, if you are someone who likes to take notes, bringing your own Bible each Sunday certainly will facilitate that preference.

### **“Faithful Parenting and Family Living” - Facilitated by Mary-Catherine Deadman & Kim Triplett**

“When my child asks about God, where do I begin?”

“For people of faith, part of their responsibility is to pass on that faith in good order to the next generation. . . . It should be a matter of concern to all of us who call ourselves Christians that so many people are being crippled by inadequate

This year the class with Faithful Parenting and Family Living as its focus will explore how parents can use some of the most familiar Bible stories to teach our children the nature of God and His Son, Jesus Christ. Beginning with the parable of the Prodigal Son, we will use a series of Biblical texts and personal reflections to:

- increase our understanding of each story,
- suggest issues in our family and our children’s lives addressed by its message,
- share ways to bring Biblical teachings into the real world where we and our children live each day, a biblical plan for raising secure, loving children . . . and a book you need to read!”

## BOOK GROUP NEWS

The next Book Group meeting is Sunday, November 9, 2:30 p.m. at Susan Kuhn’s, 11911 Oakwood Drive, ph. 703-491-2898. The selection for this month is “Hanna’s Daughters”. *Sweeping through one hundred years of Scandinavian history, this luminous story follows three generations of Swedish women—a grandmother, a mother, and a daughter—whose lives are linked through a century of great love and great loss.*”

## PICTURES

Picture This Studios will be taking Day School pictures in October. Congregational members are invited to have their children’s pictures taken on Thursday, October 16 at 12:30 p.m. The package consists of one 8x10, two 5x7’s, and 16 wallets for \$22. The pictures will be back in time for Christmas mailing.

Betsy Kelly



# Women's Fellowship

## CHURCH WOMEN'S NEWS

**Tuesday, October 14, at church, 7:30 PM.**  
**"A Fragile Safety Net: Refugees Caught in a Web of Conflict."** Pat Victorson will share insights on immigration issues including her work at the Immigration Law Center. Join us as we learn of the plight of immigrants and ways we can help these neighbors in need.

**Monday, October 20, 7:30 p.m.,** the **Women's Evening Study Group** will meet at **Susan Kuhn's (11911 Oakwood Dr, ph. 703-491-2898)** to begin a study of the book "Can You Drink the Cup" by Henri J.M. Nouwen.

Nouwen uses the image of Holding, Lifting and Drinking the cup to articulate basics of the spiritual life. Contact Sue Orndorff to get a copy of the book to read Part 1, Holding the Cup, in preparation for the study.

**Monday, October 27, at 8:00 p.m. Women's Steering Committee.** Join us as we plan programs for early 2004, including the annual retreat and Mother Daughter Tea.

**Tuesday, November 11, at church, 7:30 p.m., Holiday Craft Workshop.** Watch for more details in the upcoming newsletter.

## CONFIRMATION MEALS FOR OCTOBER

### 1 Hot Dogs

Kathy Farrell  
 Laura Moessner  
 Kristin Gudnason

### 8 Tacos

\_\_\_\_\_ *call 491-2898 to volunteer*  
 Karen Welch

### 15 Pizza

John Farrell  
 Sue Orndorff  
 Melanie Laster

### 22 Hoagies

Jodi Norman  
 Lisa Muschler  
 Marny Willey

### 29 Lasagna

\_\_\_\_\_ *call 491-2898 to volunteer*  
 Lisa Muschler  
 Marny Willey

*Attention confirmation parents: As you can see, there are several cooking slots still available. Please call the above number to volunteer your help for these or other meals or to request a copy of the Confirmation Cook Book. Many thanks for your gracious service.*

## CONFIRMATION RETREAT

**NOV. 14, 15, & 16**

**Caroline Furnace, Luray**

Registration forms will follow shortly.

## 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> GRADE YOUTH

**Schedule for 2003-2004**

**Mark your calendars for these events**

Friday-Saturday, October 3-4 – Belvedere  
 Plantation & Overnight at Church

Saturday, October 25 – King's Dominion

Tuesday, December 30 – Movie Matinee & Ice  
 Cream

Saturday, January 24 – Ski Trip

Sunday, February 22 – Fastnacht Games Galore

Friday-Sunday, March 5-7 – Shekinah

Saturday, March 27 – Progressive Mystery  
 Dinner

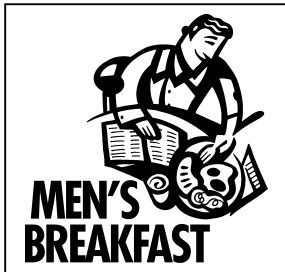
Saturday, April 24 – "The Great Race"

**SENIOR HIGH YOUTH-**

Sunday, Oct. 5 – Parents Night, 5:30 p.m.  
Sunday, Oct. 19 – Meeting TBA  
Sunday, Oct. 26 –Congregational Dinner  
Sunday, Nov. 2 – Meeting, 6:30 p.m.  
Sunday, Nov. 16 – Meeting, 6:30 p.m.  
Sunday, Nov. 30 – Advent Dinner  
Fri. - Sun. Dec. 5-7 – Chrysalis  
Friday, Dec. 12 - Christmas Party, 6:30 p.m.  
Sunday, Dec. 14 - SCS Program, 6 p.m.

contact the church office to be added to the mailing list. Mark your calendars for the following dates. All events start at 12:30 p.m. at church. Watch the newsletter and bulletins for more information.

Thurs., Oct. 16  
Thurs., Nov. 20  
Thurs., Dec. 18 - Christmas Party  
Thurs., Jan. 15  
Thurs., Feb. 19  
Thurs., Mar. 18  
Thurs., Apr. 15  
Thurs., May 20



**Men's Breakfast**  
**Saturday, October 4,**  
**8:30 p.m.**  
**Guest Speaker: Buddy**  
**Sims**  
**“Combines Air Opera-**  
**tions Center”**

LtCol Sims was the Chief, Time Sensitive Targeting, at Prince Sultan AB, Saudi Arabia & Al Udeid AB, Qatar from 18 Dec 02-3 May 03 and directed the Air Campaign time sensitive targeting for Operation South Watch, Operation Enduring Freedom and Operation Iraq, Freedom. He was recalled to USAF active duty from retirement in Vail, CO to 8<sup>th</sup> Air Force, Barksdale AFB, LA in May 2002. LtCol Sims served previously in the USMCR from March 1962-Sept. 1965, USAF January 1967-January 1989 and had two tours in Vietnam as a Forward Air Controller in 1968 and B-52 bomber in Linebacker in 1972. See the sign up poster in the narthex to indicate your attendance at the breakfast.

**Prime Timers**

The Prime Timers are a group of retired people who like to get together and have fun! This energetic group meets on the third Thursday of each month (during the program year.) If you would like to be part of this group or if you have a parent who has recently moved to the area,

**Lutheran Marriage Encounter Weekend**  
**A Weekend of Discovery. . .A Lifetime of**  
**Love**

Lutheran Marriage Encounter is 44 hours where married couples can get away from jobs, kids, chores, and phones—and focus only on each other. If you'd like greater depth, growth and enrichment in your relationship, you'll like the difference a Lutheran Marriage Encounter weekend can make!

November 7-9, 2003 Baltimore, MD  
For details call 1-800-235-1010 or email  
handzomi@erols.com.

**Reformation Sunday**  
**October 26, 2003**