

Announcements

St. Matthias Benefit Concert for RAD

St. Matthias is holding its 2nd Annual Benefit Concert for RAD on June 10, 2018, at 3 pm. Reception to follow in the Parish Hall. The concert is entitled "Music From The Heart," featuring the Strings and Pearls Harp Duo and the Chancel Ringers (a hand bell choir) of Fellowship Lutheran, Tulsa, OK. All donations received at the door will be given to RAD. Linda Paul and Vicki Smith will have CD's of their harp music for sale after the concert. One male and one female member of the Chancel Ringers have requested lodging accommodations for Sunday night on June 10th. If you are able to help out with lodging for either one please let Rev. Laura know. Thank you.

Missions & Outreach Committee Invitation, June 3, 2018

St. Matthias has a ministry for Missions and Outreach, which decides on where funds accumulated over the past 6 months from Grocery Card income, designated Missions & Outreach donations and 10% of Restricted Pledges are to be donated. We will be meeting, again, before the end of June to decide how the next Missions & Outreach funds should be spent. We would like to invite any of our parishioners, including youth, to join us for this upcoming meeting. If you are not able to attend, your input is always welcome. We only meet a few times a year and do some voting via email.

In the past year, the Missions and Outreach Ministry has donated funds to Tri-Lakes Cares, Feed My Starving Children, RAD (Real Alternative to Drugs & Alcohol), Westside Cares, and The Episcopal Relief & Development Fund for Hurricane Harvey Flood Victims.

We will be holding our meeting on June 3rd after Coffee Hour. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact any of the current ministry members—Amy Agape, Myrna Brewer, Sue Stanton, and Kathy Strom

Save the Dates for Vacation Bible School: Babylon: Daniel's Courage in Captivity

Registration is now open for VBS. It will be held Monday-Friday, June 4-8, from 5:30 to 8:00pm each evening. Registration forms are available on the kiosk at the back of the church and can be turned in to the church office. If you have questions, or would like to help, contact Michelle Olinger at 719-487-3023 or mloliger@gmail.com.

We would love to have helpers on June 2nd at 1pm for decorating for VBS. We can use all talent levels and creativity is appreciated but not needed! We will be needing people to move tables, furniture, walls, and to help to tape things to the walls. Thanks so much in advance for coming to help!

If you would like to help by donating supplies, here is the list of items needed at this time:

- any color 2 liter plastic soda bottles
- 1 large bag of soil (Costco?)
- Mexican rugs/blankets to borrow
- artificial plants/bushes (borrow or donate)
- Sheets

Thank You!

Adult Formation

The Adult Sunday School class is currently studying The Acts of the Apostles using selections from the Good Book Club Bible Study Guide. All adults are welcome to join us.

Confirmation

Confirmands this year will be Grace Zielinski, Raven Agape, and Tom Van Camp. Please put this date on your calendar and make plans to join this celebration. Confirmations/receptions/reaffirmations are done by our Bishop during Regional Confirmations, and the next one is scheduled for 10:00am, Saturday, April 28th at Chapel of our Savior. If you wish to go but need a ride, please contact the church office and let Micky or Rev. Laura know.

Youth Group

Youth Group is on summer break. Please watch the bulletin for any summer youth gatherings. Good luck on finals and enjoy your time off!

Grocery Cards

Please see Bill Clewe after church to purchase Safeway and King Soopers reloadable grocery cards for \$10 each.

Coffee Hour

We are in need of coffee hour providers. The June sheet is now up. There are places to sign up for set up/clean up and/or provide food.

St. Mathias and Tri-Lakes Cares: A Steady and Strong Relationship

As many of you know, St. Matthias has generously supported Tri-Lakes Cares for many years. Through our weekly food pantry donations, to the Giving Tree Ministry, to our school supply drives, you have helped Tri-Lakes Cares not only serve the needy, but to thrive and expand. What you may not be aware of, though, is that TLC is the **only** food pantry and resource organization located in and serving the Tri-Lakes Region. Because of this reality, they are a crucial resource in our area. In addition to their food pantry, TLC also offers financial, medical, and educational assistance to those in need. This dedicated, volunteer-based organization helps people in emergency situations, as well as those with day to day needs, and strives to guide its clients towards a life of self-sufficiency.

St. Matthias supports TLC weekly through our food pantry donations. New food slips (yellow for the month of February) will be in the offering baskets each month. I encourage you to take one, purchase what is listed, and bring the items back to St. Matthias. These items can be deposited in the large basket located behind the last pew, and will be brought to the altar for Reverend Laura to bless during the service. The collected items are then taken by a parishioner to the Tri-Lakes Cares facility for donation, where volunteers are always grateful for our help with this vital ministry.

If you're looking for a way to give back to our remarkable community, or maybe you used to participate regularly in this ministry, but have fallen away recently (like me!), consider re-igniting your desire to open your heart and support this awesome program! Questions? Contact Laura Barkocy at: lbarkocy@hotmail.com Thank you!

To read more about the services Tri-Lakes Cares offers, please visit their website at: tri-lakescares.org

Need an Announcement in the bulletin or eblast?

Send Micky the announcement as you want it to appear to stmatthias@comcast.net by Noon, Wednesday prior to the weekend you want it posted.

NEW! Medical Equipment Lending Closet

Created through the generosity of Vicki Cummings' estate, St. Matthias has established a lending closet of home-use medical equipment. Currently the following are available for loan: transport (wheel-) chair; foldable walker; foam cushion; folding bedtop table; and shower bench. For short- or long-term loans, contact Jim Rosa (719)684-5882. If you can't reach him, call Rev. Laura Beck for help.

Photo Releases

There are photo release forms in the pew racks. Please complete one so that we may use pictures taken at church events in the newsletter/website/publications for St. Matthias. Thank You.

For Those Deployed

We want to pray for those deployed in the fight against Terrorism, especially those in Iraq or Afghanistan. If you have a friend or loved one so deployed, please pass along to us their name (and yours). You may let Micky in the office know - stmatthias@comcast.net.