

# The St. Matthew Messenger



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## FROM PASTOR YEISER'S DESK:

**“Alleluia! Christ is risen. Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!”** That is the great proclamation of the church during these fifty days of Easter. It is the resounding news that the Christian community shares with the world. We prepared for the Easter celebration during the forty days of Lent — meaning that the forty days of preparation are followed by fifty days of celebrating that for which we were preparing. During Lent we focused on our human frailty, sinfulness and limitation, and said that our amazing God of grace loves us even still. Now we roll out the carpet and talk about the resurrection and what that event means for the world. We are loved and blessed by a God who cares so much for us that he took the sins of the world upon himself on the cross so that we who could never earn our salvation could be saved through the death and resurrection of Christ. Make no mistake about it, the central event of the Christian faith is the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. That unitive event of cross and resurrection is the core of the apostolic preaching; it is also the central celebration of the church's liturgy. It is set forth in the celebration of the Eucharist and in the daily prayer services of morning and evening in our hymnal. It is indeed the focus of the church year.

I hope that you will in great joy, and in thanksgiving to our gracious God, come to celebrate the resurrection

throughout the Easter season and beyond. Be here to receive our Lord as he comes to you in word and sacrament, while giving you the hope, peace, comfort, and guidance that we all seek in the living out of the Christian life. Know that you are loved and cared for by God and us as you live out your lives to the Lord's glory.

Our youth are excited right now about celebrating God's love as they are preparing for Youth Sunday. The youth, under the direction of seminarian Chelsea Miller and their advisors Matt Mann, Jim Hyde and Tim Peck will lead us in worship at both of our services on May 1. I will preside over Holy Communion that morning and am very excited about the worship services that day. Chelsea will preach, youth will do other parts of the services, and in conjunction with Scott and Karen, youth will help lead our singing. I hope to see you there on the Second Sunday of Easter as we, and our youth leaders, celebrate the resurrection.

I appreciate a positive spirit in the air now as we go about being the church in this time and place. God has richly blessed us with innumerable gifts and the promise of salvation; let us unite together in “celebrating God's love; serving in Jesus' name.” God bless you.

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Gracias!

Merci!



Dankeschoen!

Our thanks to the cast of our Wednesday Lenten dramas! You added so much to our understanding of the events of Holy Week. In sharing your eyewitness accounts, you gave us new insight into the personalities of those who came in touch with Jesus just prior to his crucifixion and resurrection. We appreciate all your efforts to make our Lenten season so special!

*Thank you so much for all the hard work that went into making the spaghetti dinner the success that it was. The Fellowship Hall looked lovely and the food was delicious but the best part was the coming together of the congregation in large numbers as a church family, and for a good cause. It was wonderful to have all age groups spend such quality time together. And what an artist the "balloon man" was! Thanks again to everyone – it was a treasured time of fellowship.*

Deb Ruths

**GLAD TIDINGS INDIA –  
USED BIBLE & CHRISTIAN BOOK PROJECT**

Bibles and Christian books sitting on your shelf can transform lives for Christ in India. During the month of May the Evangelism Committee will be collecting used Bibles and Christian books for this very worthwhile project. Glad Tidings India ships these books to India where they are provided to Indians at a nominal cost to ensure that the books are not sold for the waste paper value. This money is then used to print and distribute Bibles in the 21 major languages of India. It also sends many adults to a 10-month Bible content literacy program from which there is a 30% conversion rate to Christianity! There will be collection boxes in the church office, the Gathering Place, and the rear entrance to the church. English dictionaries, encyclopedias and *National Geographic* magazines are also accepted. For further information see the website at: [www.gladtidingsindia.org](http://www.gladtidingsindia.org). Contact Rollie Kunde, 630-9411, if you need your books picked up at your home. Thanks for your participation!!

**SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS** are available in the church office.

*Fryinger Rohrbaugh Music Scholarship*

*Fairy Straley Scholarship*

*\*J.H. Ehlers Scholarship*

*Peck Family Scholarship*

*William H. Pfeffer Jr. Scholarship*

Deadline for all scholarships is June 1.

\*The *Ehlers* Scholarship is given to students who plan to enter church-related vocations.



**Spaghetti Dinner – a grand success!**

Our April Spaghetti Dinner Organ Fundraiser, attended by 180 people was a delicious, fun and helpful event as we joined together in fellowship with a purpose. Over the six-day period around the dinner and including the response from dinner we collected \$40,000 for the organ renovation. Many people also contributed towards our dinner with their time and talents. Special thanks to the Terry Bell family, Steve Bell, the Tom Bell family, Josie Luckenbaugh, Mary Ellen Pennewill, Allison Luckenbaugh, Kathy Smith, Hannah Luckenbaugh, Warren Miller, Ardis and Rollie Kunde, Judy Alwine, Joan Epley, Zachary and Lorelei Williams, Tim Peck, Ginger and John Myers and their Evermore Farms for donating the meat, our anonymous donor for sponsoring the balloon man - a major hit with the children (and adults), the Saturday night worship attendees who helped set up the room, all the choir members who assisted in serving and clean-up, the sexton staff and our music staff. Everyone enjoyed the large salad bar, tasty spaghetti, the ice cream sundae bar, and a good time with fellow members. Thank you for another great event with our St. Matthew family!





### Organ Renovation and Fund Update

The contract has been signed for our 1.3 million dollar, 3-year organ renovation project. The Austin Organ Company is already working in their organ shop on various parts needed for our instrument. The new console will be designed over the next few months and is expected to take a year to build. In January, several organ workmen will move to Hanover for two years to do the daily tasks required for rewiring the instrument (10,000 feet of wiring) and re-leathering the thousands of parts. Our project will be one of the largest organ renovations in United States history and is very involved. Thousands of the 14,341 pipes will be removed, cleaned, and some reconstructed. We hope to have our organ playing through much of the renovation, but there will be a period when the organ will be disconnected to install the new console. We may have a temporary organ provided by the company to use for worship. This is a very exciting time for our church as we prepare our fine instrument for current and future generations of worshippers.



We are off to a good start with our organ renovation fund with approximately \$44,000 given in the past two weeks toward our congregational goal of at least \$300,000. Pledge/one time donation cards and envelopes are available on the table in the Gathering Place or from the church office. Please remember to note on the memo line of your check "Organ Fund."

Our sincere thanks to all those who have already made a donation or pledge toward the renovation.

### Senior Singers Concert at Utz Terrace

Our newly formed Senior Singers will present a program at the Lutheran Home at Utz Terrace on Tuesday, June 14 at 7:00 p.m. The group will offer songs we have sung in worship and a number of old standards including: "Let Me Call You Sweetheart," "In My Merry Oldsmobile," "Blue Moon," "Thanks for the Memories," "You're a Grand Old Flag," among others. We will invite the residents to join us in several favorites.



The Senior Singers have really enjoyed their new group and invite others to join us on Fridays at 11 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Many of the members also have lunch together following rehearsal. Thank you, Singers, for your enthusiasm, music and dedication to St. Matthew.

### Children's Choir Concert at Utz Terrace

All of our children's choirs will join to present a concert on May 10 at 7:00 p.m. for the residents of the Lutheran Home at Utz Terrace. The children will offer music they presented in worship plus the music from the Pops Concert including the music from "The Sound of Music" with a number of the children in costume. The residents have greatly enjoyed our yearly program.



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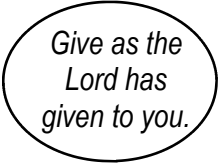
You determine the frequency of your gift: weekly, semi-monthly or monthly.

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**SIMPLY GIVING** is a reliable, safe way to put your stewardship plan into action.

To sign up for this free service pick up a **Simply Giving** brochure found at the information and/or hospitality desk or church office, and return the completed form to Richard Trostle in the church office.

Direct questions to Richard Trostle, 637-7101.



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## ***VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL***

It is all about **HOPE—Having (God-given) Options Present Everyday.**

Open to all three year olds through 6<sup>th</sup> graders  
We will gather in HOPE from 9:00 to 11:30 a.m.

**Monday, June 20 - Friday, June 24**

The Rev. Daniel M. Yeiser, Ph.D., Senior Pastor 634-4025 (cell phone), 793-8059 (Home)  
The Rev. Arthur L. Ruths, D.D., Pastor Emeritus  
The Rev. Dr. E. Edward Keyser, and The Rev. Jack R. Hoffman, Cong. Visitation Pastors  
Miss Jan M. Davis, A.i.M., Minister of Christian Education  
Mr. Scott G. Fredericks, Minister of Music  
Mrs. Karen L. Buckwalter, A.i.M., Associate Minister of Music  
Chelsea Miller, Seminarian

CHURCH COUNCIL MARCH MOTIONS  
AND SPECIAL NEEDS DISBURSEMENTS

March 15, 2011

Motion: To file the Treasurer's Report for audit was made by Bob Curlen; seconded by Al Lundquist; and passed.

Motion: To accept the following request from Pastor Yeiser: I respectfully ask the council for permission to advertise, over the next sixty days, this year's Great Strides Walk, which is being held on May 21. People may participate in this battle against Cystic Fibrosis by walking, raising funds, or both was made by Nan Sterner; seconded by Warren Miller; and passed.

Motion: To accept the following request from Bruce Myers: Use the St. Matthew gymnasium for Christian fellowship activities of sport and

game playing was made by Steve Bell; seconded by Diane Hoffman; and passed.

Motion: To adjourn at 9:09 p.m.; was made by Sandy Little; seconded by Diane Hoffman; and passed.

**Special Needs Disbursements  
February**

World Hunger	\$2,000
LSS - SCP	1,000
ELCA Disaster Response	400
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$3,400</b>

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***"Mayday, Mayday, Mayday!"***

The above words really have nothing to do with the month of May except for using "May" as a part of the words.

They come from a French phrase which means ***"come and help us!"*** and have become an international code asking for help for airplanes and ships in trouble and danger.

***"Come and help us"*** may be what many of us are thinking and saying in light of today's gloomy economic conditions. Sadly, too many people are losing their jobs and homes and others are pulling back on their spending and giving because of what is happening financially.

***"Why would God allow this?"*** is a question on the hearts and minds of many people, including faithful Christians. First of all, God did not cause this present condition. It is rather the result of some unwise behavior by many people in the business, financial and political realms. Perhaps we need to frame the question more like this: ***"What might God be trying to tell and teach us during such economic times as these?"***

One thing that He may be trying to teach us is to distinguish more carefully and thoughtfully on the difference between our wants and needs. More often than not we have what we need but don't have everything that we want. The desire to have everything is what gets us into financial difficulty.

Another thing that God may be teaching us is to concentrate more on what is really most important. The truth is that God has already come to answer our ***"Mayday, Mayday, Mayday!"*** call by sending His only-begotten Son to be our Savior. Romans 8:32 offers us the assurance of God's care and concern for us: ***"He who did not spare His own son, but gave Him up for us all—how will He not also, along with Him, graciously give us all things?" (NIV).*** Jesus in His Sermon on the Mount (Matthew 6:25-34) encourages us not to be overly concerned with material things because our Heavenly Father knows what we need when it comes to food, clothes, shelter and such things. Will God fulfill all our wants? Probably not, but He will take care of our needs. Because of this assurance Jesus instructs us to ***"seek first God's kingdom and His righteousness and all these things will be given to us as well." (Matthew 6:33 NIV).***

So, in troubling times like today's economy, we can live with the blessed assurance that God loves us and will take care of us so that we can live as His faithful stewards and continue to support generously the work of His church. Nothing done or given for the support of God's work is ever done or given in vain! Or, to put it another way, ***"God's work done in God's way will never lack for God's supply!"***

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**DISCOVERY PLACE SUNDAY** will be celebrated at the 10:45 a.m. service on May 15. We are inviting all our Discovery Place Pre-school families to join us that morning.

The children's sermon will include the song "Jesus Loves Me," sung by all the children on the first verse and by the entire congregation for the remaining verses. We look forward to warmly welcoming our "DP" families to worship with us.

**A CHILDREN'S SERMON** will be offered on May 15 at the 8:00 and 10:45 a.m. services. All children through the sixth grade are invited to experience God's Word spoken especially for them at this time. Come and see which stained-glass window we do this month!



**BOOK STUDY** **THE READING GROUP** encourages all our readers to pick up "The Help" by Kathryn Stockett. You'll become entwined in the lives of Skeeter, a 22 year old graduate of Ole Miss, who takes on a special writing project; Aibileen, a black maid raising her 17<sup>th</sup> white child; and Minny, a maid with a reputation who finds work with a new boss-lady with secrets of her own. We'll meet on Monday, July 18, to discuss the many levels of this book.

**VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL** is all about "HOPE" this summer! From Monday, June 20 to Friday, June 24, we'll hear about "hopeful" stories from the Bible. We'll also live out that hope by doing service projects for others. For one project, we'll need about 200 new plastic soap dishes, the kind with a lid either hinged or that can come off. We are also looking for packages of individually wrapped band-aids (medium size), moist towelettes and lip balm. Please bring items to the church office by June 12. Thank you!



**YOUTH GROUP** invites all 7<sup>th</sup> through 12<sup>th</sup> graders to the Sunday afternoon adventures planned for May. May 1 and 15 will be Youth Group at the church from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. There will be an end of year picnic at Codorus Park on Saturday, May 28. (Rain date is Sunday, May 29.) Watch your bulletin and for announcements from Matt Mann about specific details.

**YOUTH SUNDAY** takes place at both services on May 1. Our youth, with the help of Chelsea Miller, our seminarian, have put together an exciting service that offers praise and prayer in a new way. While our youth are always part of our services, this Sunday they will take on leadership roles to share their gifts and talents with us.

**VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL** is all about **HOPE—Having (God-given) Options Present Everyday**. Open to all three year olds through 6<sup>th</sup> graders, we'll gather in HOPE from 9:00 to 11:30 a.m., Monday, June 20 through Friday, June 24. Our three year olds will enjoy age-appropriate activities in their own classroom in the education building. Our four year olds through 6<sup>th</sup> graders will participate at various stations throughout the morning, including music, crafts, Bible story-telling, snacks and much more. This year we are adding a service station to our rotation. Please see our announcement about soap dishes and more! Some of our children will take a field trip to deliver these special packages and to learn more about the needs of the homeless in our community.

A registration form is included in this Messenger. Please complete one for each child and return it as soon as possible. Early registration makes planning much easier!

Please note that there is space at the bottom of the form for youth in the 7<sup>th</sup> grade or older and adults to register to help in many ways during VBS. Again, signing up for a staff position early helps our planning immensely! Even if you can't be here every day, please indicate the days you can attend.

**THE CHICKEN MARCH** brought in \$450.98 the week before Easter. As our Messenger is being printed, the March is concluding on Easter day. We look forward to seeing how many chickens will march off to families in need through Heifer International. Watch for our total amount and thank you to all who have contributed to a great cause!

We will celebrate our "Chicken March" success on Sunday, May 22, during the 10:45 a.m. service. You'll be able to learn more about Heifer International and you'll get to stand up and sing and dance with us. Now who can resist "wagging a tail feather or two" to praise God for these chickens?





**THE FROGS ARE CALLING  
PLEASE JOIN THEM!**



On a cool spring evening we can hear "spring peepers" croaking and they are calling the FrOGS to come join them at the Gettysburg Seminary. Will you go and help make a strong community of supporters?

May is FrOGS (Friends of Gettysburg Seminarians) month at St. Matthew, and during the month we of the Parish Education Committee (PEC) are trying to raise \$3,000 for the seminary to use for projects that will benefit the students.

This year the seminary will be using the money toward a major renovation project at the chapel. The aging heating/cooling system has been breaking down frequently and instead of patching the system it will be replaced with a geothermal system which will be green and more economical. This project will be completed this summer.



As more funds become available they plan to make the front entrance handicapped accessible as well as add more restrooms which are also handicapped accessible.

In this issue of the *Messenger* you will find an envelope for your gift. Cash is fine or a check written to "Lutheran Theological Seminary at Gettysburg." Please place "FrOGS" on the memo line of your check. Envelopes can be placed in the offering plate or given to the church office from May 1 through May 31. If you lose your envelope, just place your gift in a plain envelope marked "FrOGS."

If just 300 members gave \$10, we would reach our goal of \$3,000. Please support the FrOGS and pray for the seminary. Contact Joan Scott, 637-6303, or [jsscott1125@embarqmail.com](mailto:jsscott1125@embarqmail.com) with any questions.



**ST. MATTHEW LUTHERAN CHURCH'S VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 2011  
MONDAY, JUNE 20 THROUGH FRIDAY, JUNE 24, 9:00 TO 11:30 A.M.**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: (home) \_\_\_\_\_ (cell) \_\_\_\_\_ (for contact during VBS hours)

Please register child by current age or by last grade completed. Penguins will participate in age-appropriate activities in one classroom. Polar Bears through Grizzly Bears will experience different stations throughout the day. Weather-permitting, we will take our Whales through Grizzly Bears on a field trip to the Changing Lives Shelter, one block away.

Penguin (3 year old) \_\_\_\_\_

Polar Bear (4 yr old) \_\_\_\_\_

Buffalo (completed Kind.) \_\_\_\_\_

Caribou (2<sup>nd</sup>/3<sup>rd</sup> grade) \_\_\_\_\_

Seal (5 yr old, entering Kind. in fall) \_\_\_\_\_

Whale (1<sup>st</sup> grade) \_\_\_\_\_

Grizzly Bear (4<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> grade) \_\_\_\_\_

Allergies or other medical issues we should be aware of: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Congregation: \_\_\_\_\_

I GIVE MY PERMISSION FOR THE VBS STAFF TO OBTAIN MEDICAL HELP IN CASE OF AN EMERGENCY.  
I ALSO GIVE MY PERMISSION TO TAKE MY CHILD WITHIN WALKING DISTANCE FOR FIELD TRIPS.

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Signature of Parent/guardian)

Please mark one T-shirt size: \_\_\_ child small \_\_\_ child med \_\_\_ child large  
\_\_\_ adult med \_\_\_ adult large \_\_\_ adult XL \_\_\_ adult XXL

For youth in grades 7-12 and adults, please indicate how you can help us HOPE!

GROUP LEADER/TEACHER: \_\_\_ CRAFTS: \_\_\_ SERVICE PROJECT: \_\_\_ STORYTELLER: \_\_\_ SERVING SNACKS: \_\_\_

REGISTRATION AT VBS: \_\_\_\_\_



**PENTECOST IS JUNE 12** – You may again purchase red geraniums to be placed in the Chancel to highlight this important festival for just \$3.50 per plant. You will have the option of donating your geranium(s) to be planted around the Church and Education Building or taking your plant(s) home. Please return the form to the church office by May 17. No listing will be printed.

**GERANIUMS FOR PENTECOST**

\_\_\_\_\_ # of plants                      Total enclosed \_\_\_\_\_

Please check one:

\_\_\_\_\_ Use my plant(s) as needed.                      \_\_\_\_\_ I will take my plant(s) immediately after the 10:45 service.

\_\_\_\_\_ I will help plant the geraniums around the church on Sunday, June 12 at 1 p.m.

\_\_\_\_\_ I will help with summer gardening (deadhead/watering) on a rotating basis.

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE \_\_\_\_\_ ENVELOPE NO. \_\_\_\_\_



**A HEALTHY BODY AND MIND HELP  
PROMOTE A HEALTHY SPIRIT**

Are you an athlete who wants to connect with members at church? Perhaps you are a former athlete looking to get back in shape? Or maybe you just want to get a little more physically active? No matter your current level of physical fitness, St. Matthew invites you to join us for a night filled with fun, fellowship and physical activity.

St. Matthew "Sports Night" will meet in May on the 9th and the 23rd. The time will be spent in the church gymnasium where we will gather and participate in a variety of sports and activities to include: basketball, volleyball, soccer and ultimate Frisbee.

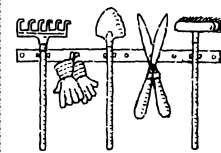
The primary aim of this program is to promote physical activity while helping participants to connect with other members and build lasting relationships. We look forward to seeing you on Monday!

**What:** A Sports Night to include: basketball, volleyball, soccer and ultimate Frisbee (rotating week to week)

**Where:** St. Matthew Gymnasium

**Who:** All members of the congregation 16+ years of age are invited. If you are under 16 and would like to attend, please bring a guardian.

**Questions:** Bruce Myers, 717-634-8127, blmftax@yahoo.com



**Help Us Maintain the Church Grounds**

**Saturday, May 14**, will be a "mulch spreading day" here at St. Matthew Church! Please consider helping as we work to maintain our beautiful church grounds.

The more people helping, the shorter the time it takes to spread the mulch around the church building and the administration building. Bring your rakes and shovels (lightweight snow shovels work very well) and join us for a morning of work and fellowship! There will be a skid loader available to get the bulk of the mulch to the different areas. We will begin working at 10 a.m. and the rain date is May 21.


Thank you to Rollie Kunde for painting the hallway in the Admin Building! It has certainly brightened up what was a dreary space!

# Many, many thanks!

We had so many ways to worship our risen Lord during this time from Palm Sunday weekend, through Holy Week and Easter weekend, and we appreciate all who made it possible. Thank you to Rollie Kunde and the Evangelism Committee for the postcard which went out to over 500 homes in a specific quadrant of Hanover. The postcard included St. Matthew regular worship times during the year and also the many worship services available during Holy Week and Easter weekend.

For Palm Saturday and Sunday to happen we had Paul & Phyllis Fry, Linda Staub and Ken Warner, who cut and prepared the palm crowns on Friday, April 15. This prepared the way for the group of 13 people, led by Linda Staub, who came in Saturday, April 16 to make over 650 palm crosses! These were handed out Saturday evening and Palm Sunday! Thank you also to Jan Davis and Scott Fredericks for our festive procession with all the Sunday School children and young Children's Choirs at the 10:45 service on Palm Sunday.



 **Prayer Vigil** Holy Week began with the Evangelism Committee providing a peaceful environment for prayers and meditations at the Prayer Vigil on Tuesday. Thank you to the SAW Committee for providing a mid-week meal before our Holy Wednesday service; the Altar Guild and Communion Preparers, under the direction of Penny Rutters and Martha Hempfing, who prepared our altars at each service and especially for the set-up of the communion tables in Fellowship Hall for Maundy Thursday.

Many thanks to Karen Buckwalter and her team of 18 members who made the Easter Vigil possible.

Thank you to those St. Matthew members who helped plan and those who ushered at the Community Good Friday service.


Thanks to Scott Fredericks, Ardis and Rollie Kunde who set up the Easter garden. Close to 80 people enjoyed our Easter breakfast under the excellent leadership of Bill Ritter and his cooks and clean-up crew.

The lovely planters at our church doors filled with beautiful flowers were donated by Karen and Dennis Axline.



We also thank Terry Bell, Linda Kasic and Matthew Doll for their work behind the scenes for **every** event that occurred including setting up the candelabra for the Easter Vigil.

♪ ♪ Thank you to Scott Fredericks and Karen Buckwalter and our many choirs, soloists and musicians who provided the beautiful music all through our Lent and Holy Week worship services. ♪ ♪

Thank you to the office staff for the fine work on the eleven different bulletins for the worship services. Thank you to Helen Pernice for typing the lily list, and  **Bulletins** to Ed Bream who was available in the office for many hours to help with running the bulletins and stuffing all the inserts.

Thank you to Josie Luckenbaugh and the Welcome Place helpers for providing the coffee hours at different times during the week.

Thank you to Doris Deitzel and her crew who delivered the Easter garden flowers to various church members. Close to 40 plants were delivered and we thank them for taking their time to bring Easter to members who may not be able to be here to celebrate with us.

As always we thank the many behind the scenes volunteers who help us each and every week of the year. As St. Matthew continues to *Celebrate God's Love and Serve in Jesus' Name* we thank all who make it possible for us to do that as a community of believers.

## Preschool News



The preschool year is quickly coming to an end. We have had a wonderful preschool year! Our last day of classes is Friday, May 13 with graduation for our four and five year old students at 7:00 p.m. that same evening. If you would like to see a snapshot of what we are about, come on in and watch graduation. It will make you smile. ☺

I am very excited about the preschool families being invited to 10:45 a.m. church on Sunday, May 15. Parish education is heading this up, so look for more information to be coming from Jan Davis. I hope this service is well attended by church members and preschool families alike. Enrollment for the upcoming 2011/2012 preschool year is going very well. We do, however, still have a few openings in our two year old classes and our four year old classes. Please mention us to your neighbors, friends, and family who may be interested in preschool for their children.

I want to thank everyone who participated in the Giant A+ Rewards program. My goal was to get to \$1,000 and we just about made it. Because of your participation, Discovery Place Preschool will receive \$930 in May to be spent, as needed, in our continuing efforts to make this preschool the best it can be. Thanks, again!

Our preschool board has seen some changes this year, as is always the case when this thing called life takes people in different directions. I want to thank Joan Hiner, Barb Thomas and Jane West for serving on the board. We are better because of what each of you brought to the table each month and will always appreciate your contributions. The board also lost another

very dedicated and valuable member. Vicki Wildasin has been, in some way, shape or form, a part of Discovery Place since its inception about ten years ago. Most recently, she has served as Chair of the board and her support, insight, historical knowledge, and professionalism has been absolutely invaluable to me and the preschool as a whole. Thank you, Vicki, for EVERYTHING you have done for Discovery Place Preschool. While you might not be serving on the board any longer, and are on to new and exciting things, I know where to find you. ☺

As a result of the changes to the board membership, we are trying something new. Instead of having our board meetings at lunchtime, we are holding them on the fourth Monday of each month at 6:30 p.m. in the evening. With this change, we are hoping to attract some members who would like to serve, but work during the day or have schedules that do not permit them to attend lunchtime meetings. If you are one of those persons, please feel free to call me if you would like to learn more and/or be a board member. You can reach me in at the church office, 637-7101 ext. 233, at home, 632-2569, or at [klrudisill@yahoo.com](mailto:klrudisill@yahoo.com).

God is present at Discovery Place, and I pray for His blessings as we end this year and His guidance as we plan for the future.

In His service,  
*Kris Rudisill*, Director

### Giving to the Glory of God

#### Summary of Parish Ministry Giving through April 10

(Does not include mortgage, special needs, world mission.) This summary reflects the amount needed for budgeted expenses without using the approved portfolio withdrawals.

Week #	Amount Needed Each Week For Expenses	Amount Given This Week	Plus Or Minus This Week
15	\$16,306.00	\$11,474.00	(\$4,832.00)
	Amount Needed To Date For Expenses	Amount Given Year To Date	Plus Or Minus Year To Date
15	\$244,590.00	\$170,307.00	(\$74,283.00)



Join our Great Strides Team!!!  
-walking to raise money for Cystic Fibrosis Research-  
St. Matthew will be walking  
on the morning of  
May 21st  
at Indian Rock Dam Elementary!

We need walkers and sponsors!!!

Help us make CF stand for CURE FOUND!!!

Go to [www.cff.org/great\\_strides/christyeyaiser](http://www.cff.org/great_strides/christyeyaiser) to register or donate online.

OR

Watch for our table in the narthex in May to register and/or donate to this effort.

For questions or information call Christy or Pastor at 793-8059  
Donations payable to Cystic Fibrosis Foundation (CFF)

We need everyone's support to make our 4th year our best ever!!!