

THIS WEEK	
MAY 21:	8:00 AM – Rite I Worship Service 9:30 AM – Contemporary Service 11:00 AM – Rite II Worship Service 2:30 PM – EFM 3:00 PM – MCVN 5:30 PM – SNL for Middle Schoolers 7:00 PM – SNL for High Schoolers 7:00 PM – Executive Committee Meeting 7:00 PM – AA
MAY 22:	9:00 AM – Classroom of Discovery 12:30 PM – All Ages Read Together 6:30 PM – ESOL 7:00 PM – MCVN 7:00 PM – Falcons Landing Old Testament Bible Study 7:30 PM – Free to Live Small Group and Bread of Life Small Group
MAY 23:	9:00 AM – Classroom of Discovery 11:00 AM – Backpack Buddies Packing 7:00 PM – Vestry Meeting 7:00 PM – AA 7:30 PM – Band Rehearsal
MAY 24:	9:00 AM – Classroom of Discovery 12:00 PM – AA 5:30 PM – NA 7:15 PM – Financial Peace University
MAY 25:	9:00 AM – Classroom of Discovery 12:00 PM – Bible Study 7:30 PM – Women's Group
MAY 26:	9:00 AM – Classroom of Discovery 7:00 PM – MCVN
MAY 27:	7:00 AM – Flower Guild 7:30 AM – Men's Group 4:00 PM – Band Rehearsal 5:00 PM – Contemporary Service 7:00 PM – MCVN and AA 10:00 PM – MCVN

ATTENDANCE		
MAY 13 & 14, 2017		
Time or Place	Service	Attend.
Saturday 5:00 PM	RII	45
8:00 AM	RI	22
9:30 AM	RII	159
11:00 AM	RII	130
Faith Factory		44
Sunrise	MP	7

FINANCIAL UPDATE	
AS OF MAY 14, 2017	
Revenue Required for 2017	\$757,771
Revenue Received YTD	\$217,383

CONTACT INFORMATION

Saint Matthew's telephone and fax:
703-430-2121 (phone)
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A nursery for *children* is provided at all four services.

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Darrell Breed, *Junior Warden*
Susie Harding, Nick Hunter, Susan Jones,
David Lathrop, Dan Robertson, John
Thomas, Heather Tomaszek

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY	
MAY 21:	Donna & Kerry Gray
MAY 21:	Lacy & Randy Hurst
MAY 22:	Michelle & Gregory Drew
MAY 22:	Dawn & Colin Deaso
MAY 23:	Sharon & Rick Ferguson
MAY 23:	Kara & Ben Kowalik
MAY 24:	Karla & Matthew Merola

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

SAINT MATTHEW'S CHURCH

May 21, 2017

Welcome...

...to Saint Matthew's. We trust you will find us to be a church of joyful worship, loving community, and vibrant witness to our Lord Jesus Christ. We could not be more excited about all that God is doing in our midst. We are grateful for this opportunity to worship with you today. We look forward to sharing our life with you in whatever way God leads – whether just this Sunday or as a long time member.

Save the Date

May 28 – Park Worship & Picnic
June 2-4 – Family Camping Weekend
June 4 – Baccalaureate Service
June 6 – End of School Year Evening Backpack Buddies Packing
June 18 – Father's Day
June 25-July 1 – Middle School Mission Trip to Clarkesville, GA
July 4 – Independence Day Music & Barbeque
July 15-21 – Adult Mission Trip to Haiti
July 24-28 – Vacation Bible School
July 30 – August 7 – High School Adventure Trip to Montana

Daytime Bible Study

Join us for a six week bible study on Galatians each Thursday at noon. We are using Paul for Everyone: Galatians and Thessalonians by N. T. Wright. We will have an extra copy available for new attendees. Join us any time you are available.

Intercessory Prayer List

The Saint Matthew's intercessory prayer list is for those in or related to our community who are in need of prayer. It is designed so that all members of our community can pray for each other on an ongoing basis. In order to pray for those on the list, simply ask God to be with them and help them in any way needed - God knows what is going on, so we don't need to. Please pray for the following people:

Rick and family, Maniusko Family, Griffin's family, Tricia, Liz, Gladys, Shaunte, Tom, Mary Ann, Judy, Alex and family, Rachel, Brenda, Richard, Robin, Ellie, Lou, Dara, Laura, Anna, Missy, James, Hugh, Sean, Kevin, Mona, Hazel, Brian's family, Debbie, Amanda, Ana, Dan, Cliff, Judy, Adam, Jim, Charles, Nicholas, Fred, David, Rosie Lee, Anige, Michelle, Frank, Barbara, Joe, Anne, Kristen's family, Alina's family, Liisa's family, Hitchcock family, Jonne's family, Don, Jon, Denise, Emma, Jackie's family, Rashana, Scott, Mary, Norfleet & family, Jeanne, Kim, Jake, Kevin, Jen, Troy, Lanie, Becky, Michael, Johnny, Keith, Christina, Mason, Ali, Hazel, Justin, Alan, Virginia, Becky, Stacey, Norm, Nicholas, John, Kathleen, Brian, Marilyn, Christine, Jackie, Allison, Cara, Tom, Bilma, Kim, Marilyn, Gladys, Barbara, Braley & family, Ellie, Zader, Ken, Keegan family, Connie, Tristan, Shelly, Kathy, Marge, Kali, Jack and family, Shannon, Patricia, Deb, Ray, and Charlene.

If you or someone you care about is in need of Pastoral Care, please do not hesitate to call 703-430-2121.

Requests for Prayer Shawls

To request a prayer shawl for yourself or someone else, please send a request to barocon7@aol.com.

Sunday Night Live for Teens

SNL meets Sunday nights in the trailer. 6th-8th graders are invited to join from 5:30-7:00, and 9th-12th graders from 7-8:30. We'll see you there for relevant teachings, life-changing small groups, wacky activities, and worship.

There are still spots available for the SNL mission trips this summer! SNL Middle School is headed to Clarkesville, GA June 25 – July 1 for some VBS and local housing projects, the price is \$375.

SNL High Schoolers are invited on an once-in-a-lifetime trip to Montana (July 28-August 7) for adventure camping, and working with homeless youth in Spokane. The price is \$625, late fees may apply.

Scholarships are available for both trips so please don't hesitate to ask!
Contact: Elliott@stmmts.org

Baccalaureate Service & Dinner

Sunday, June 4th at 5pm

You're invited to join us on Sunday, June 4th at 5pm as we congratulate our 2017 graduates with a distinctive worship service. Graduates and their families are invited to stay for a special graduation dinner immediately following the service. Graduates, please send your RSVP to the church office at Office@stmmts.org.

Small Hands, Big Hearts Family Team

Bring your elementary-aged children to connect with other families and inspire our children to serve our community. Please save the date for the following events coming up:

June 2-4 - Join us on our annual outdoor adventure! All families from St. Matt's and friends outside of St. Matt's are invited to go camping at Cunningham Falls Campground in Thurmont, MD. Only 1 hour from Sterling, this campground offers lots of fun activities including hiking, cooking over a campfire, and wading in the cool river! RSVP to Nick Hunter at Nick.Hunter@gmail.com.

Sun, June 11 - Join us in the parish hall with Loudoun Coupons for Hope -- we're planning on learning how to use coupons to save, and will purchase some frozen treats to show appreciation for local fire fighters. Please save any ice cream coupons before the 11th!

Sat, June 24 @ 12:00 - Visit the Fire Department to deliver our ice cream treats.

Please RSVP for any of these events Alli Lesser - AlliLesser@gmail.com

Backpack Buddies

Backpack Buddies is currently feeding 220 students at 7 different schools in Sterling and we ALWAYS need help restocking our pantry! Individual-sized: 100% juice boxes/packs, protein (canned tuna, chicken, Vienna sausages, beans, ravioli), snacks (granola or cereal bars, fruit gummies, pudding), shelf-stable milk, Ramen noodles, mac n' cheese, fruit cups.

Consider having your office hold a food drive! I'm happy to assist by providing information, grocery bags to fill or even picking up food. If you have any questions, please contact Hilary: HLLlearning@gmail.com

Join us to pack: **Tuesday, May 23rd and 30th at 11am in the classroom on the hill**

SAVE THE DATE: We need lots of volunteers to help at our end-of-year pack on June 6th at 7pm in the Parish Hall!

Special Treat

Calling all kids! Don't miss church on Sunday, June 11th when Miss Ashly will have a special summer time treat for all our Faith Factory students. It will also be the first day of Summer Faith Factory. Come meet our new summer interns!

Father's Day

Mark your calendar now for Sunday, June 18 when we will celebrate Father's Day here at St. Matthew's. We are looking forward to a special New Mexico inspired tasting in the parish hall after the services and a free gift for all men in attendance.

Vacation Bible School 2017

Maker Fun Factory! A world where curious kids become hands-on inventors who discover they're lovingly created by God! It's time to register for the most awesome week of the summer! Vacation Bible School 2017 will be from **July 24th-28th from 5:30pm-8:30pm for preschoolers – rising 5th graders**. Grab your friends and prepare yourself for a week of innovative inventions, experiments, service, music, creative crafts, games, and so much more!

Dinner will be provided each night. You don't want to miss out on this once in a lifetime VBS experience so participants and volunteers should register online NOW at: <http://www.myvbs.org/stmatts2017>

Flower Dedication

Your dedications for flowers are welcome to remember loved ones, honor birthdays, anniversaries, baptisms, or any special occasion. Please use the cards provided in the pews or advise Miriam in the office.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

MAY 21:	Kelly Anderson
MAY 21:	Connor Harvey
MAY 22:	Chale Jacks
MAY 25:	Theresa Helein
MAY 25:	Emma Hart
MAY 25:	Autumn Buckingham
MAY 26:	Maureen Albrethsen
MAY 26:	Elizabeth Carr
MAY 27:	Lowell Thomas
MAY 27:	Robert Cranson
MAY 27:	Stephanie Burns
MAY 27:	Ejona Alibali
MAY 27:	Joy Mattina

Community Lunch

Thanks to all of you who donated your time, talent or treasure to make the Spring Community Lunch such a success. Your graciousness and hospitality was felt by so many in our community. We look forward to seeing you this fall on Saturday, September 9 and Saturday, November 11th for the final lunches of the 2017 year.

If all of life is truly sacred, God, then help me see the holiness of the everyday tasks of my life:

cleaning house and laughing with friends and eating good food and sleeping through the night.

Amen.

Richard J. Foster
Prayers from the Heart (1994)