

## 23rd Annual Super Bowl Hoagie Sale Time!



Yes, it is that time again. As usual, we will have 4 overstuffed styles to choose from: Cold Cut Style, Ham & Cheese Turkey & Cheese, or Roast Beef & Cheese. Vicki Borreson can be contacted for this year's hoagie price list.

Pick up for the Hoagies will be from 10:00AM to 12:00PM on Saturday, January 31st, or you may pick up your hoagies on Sunday, February 1st after Church.

Please make checks payable to the Luther League. You may pick up an order in the Narthex thru the month of January, or see a member of Luther League. For orders, contact the office or Vicki Borreson 410-335-1870 before January 25<sup>th</sup>.

### Note to Luther League Members:

Hoagie Sale Sleepover is on Friday evening, January 30th at 8PM sharp

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### **Flower and Bulletin Postcards**

Several years ago we started sending out postcards if someone had forgotten to pay for their flowers or bulletins. Since flowers and bulletins are signed up for in January, sometimes you may not remember whether you had paid or not.

In sending the postcard, it is just a friendly little reminder and not intended to offend or embarrass anyone. Sometimes payments are missed!

If there is ever any concern, please feel free to call Nancy Edwards or the church office.

Thank You!

Nancy Edwards, Recording Secretary

## Thanks from The Kulczycki's

Every year we are showered with greetings and love at Christmas time from our brothers and sisters in Christ at St. Matthew Lutheran. Thanks never seems enough to express our appreciation to everyone at St. Matthew. Please know how much we value each and everyone at church.

May this coming year be a blessing to all in personal and family life. May the ministry at St. Matthew continue to seek God's will in our lives and service to others. May we all grow in faith and our relationship with Christ so that we may glorify his name and live according to his example and God's plan.

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## Christmas Events and Programs

Thanks to all who were involved in the Christmas events and programs at St. Matthew during December.

The Angel Tree and Stocking program was a success again this year.

The Christmas Concert by our organist Mark Hurley was well attended and a lot of fun.

The flea market and Christmas bazaar brought a lot of people into the church.

The Sunday School Christmas program and pot luck dinner was wonderful, a perfect precursor to Christmas Worship.

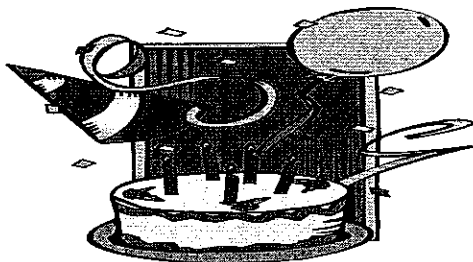
The gathering of the Mustang Club of Maryland with a visit from Santa was very rewarding.

The girl scout regional meeting brought some 120 girls scouts to St. Matthew an impressive gathering of young girls and their leaders.

Along with other regular gatherings and meetings in the fellowship hall, all in all, we host a good many people at any given time, a testimony to the hospitality of St. Matthew.

**January Birthdays**

- 1 Garrett Atkinson  
Matthew Ristau  
Kenneth Warnecka, Jr.
- 2 Michael Jones, Jr.  
Jason Kendall  
Kim Roese
- 4 Jessica Brown  
Ashling O'Callaghan  
Jennifer Parker  
Darlyn Warwick
- 5 Betty Ristau  
Marie Shook  
Jackie Wheeler
- 7 Hunter Green  
Mary Ann Schultze  
Katie Shenk
- 8 Linda Bialozynski
- 10 Allen Himes, Jr.  
Grace Shepherd
- 11 Claire Romine
- 12 Ann Biss
- 13 Richard Ortt, Sr.
- 14 Devin Crum  
Thomas Miller
- 15 George Neil
- 16 Constance Pierson
- 19 Kristin Addison  
Cameron Glenn  
Peggy Green  
Brian Holder
- 20 Margaret Fritter
- 21 Stacy Shaw
- 22 Nathaniel Lewis
- 23 Donna Bursey  
Kathy Frith  
Dawn Lawrence
- 24 Joe Hauer  
Wendy Lailder  
Lawrence O'Donnell, Jr.  
Hollie Goetzke  
Aiden Weis
- 25 Joseph Evans
- 27 Johnny Miconi
- 28 Cameron Cale
- 30 Brandon Jones
- 31 Lisa Miller



**HAPPY RE-BIRTHDAYS**

The following are celebrating the anniversary of their Baptism in JANUARY:

Wilma Blazek, Jim Books, Larry Borreson, Christina Brown, Jessica Brown, Donna Bursey, Trip Carr, Carolyn & George Clavell, Jean Clavell, Keith A. Coppel, Zachary Crogan, Sharon Crum, Nina DeWitt, Shirley Ellsworth, Allison Euler, Richard Faircloth, Jr., Kiersten Fullem, Jack Goetzke, Katie Gibbs, Mae Green, Sarah Haley, Robert Horn, III, Sara Kellogg, Rachel Kelly, Dylan Kendall, Janet Kohajda, Courtney Marshall, Richard McCann, Ashley Miller, Autumn Miller, Brady Miller, John Myers, Jr., Beth Myers, Carley Rey, Claire Romine, Mark Romine, Allen Schuchardt, Mary Ann Schultze, Larry Scott, Marie Shook, Zachary Smith, William Teller, Jr., Helen Tennant, George Ving, Carole Warnecka, Jesse Warnecka, Darlyn Warwick & William Winkler.

**JANUARY SCHEDULES**

**Altar Guild**

Debbie Cargile & Tina Hauer

**Money Counters**

No schedule as of this date

**Nursery**

No schedule as of this date

**Ushers**

**Early Service**

- 1/4 Jim Books
- 1/11 George Diepold & Phil Muller
- 1/18 Charles Brundick, Randy Cargile & Boyd Crouse
- 1/25 Jim Books

**Late Service: Open**

**Worship Assistants & Acolytes**

<b><u>Early</u></b>	<b><u>Late</u></b>
1/4 Mike Gosnell	Sandy Stromberger
Michael Napolillo	Sarahann Borreson
1/11 Lynn Stevens	Cheryl Vourvoulas
Sarah Grumbine	Jackie Skwarek
1/18 Diane Fletcher	Bertha Deck
Shannon Cargile	Rebecca Kavanaugh
1/25 Dick Ortt	Betty Ristau
John Myers	Shay Cale

# Pew News

## 2009 Member Offering Envelopes



The 2009 Offering Envelopes will be in the Fellowship Hall for the entire month of January. If you do not see your name, please contact the Church Office.

2008 Envelopes will be accepted until January 11, 2009.

We realize not everyone likes to use envelopes, but they are important for the Church financial record-keeping. If you are unable to pick up your envelopes, please let us know so other arrangements can be made.

Please remember to use your initial offering envelope for \$3.00. This helps the church defray the cost of the envelopes.

Also, please inform the office of any changes to your family or address so we may keep accurate records. We are also asking for e-mail addresses as a way of communication. If you wish to have church correspondence sent via e-mail, please contact the office with your e-mail address.

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**Newsletter Deadline is January 16, 2009**, please be sure to have all information in before this date to ensure placement into the **February Newsletter**.  
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**Our Baptism for Life Class**, that is required before a baptism, is held here with Pastor John on the first Wednesday of each month. January's class will be held on January 7th @ 7PM. Our **Baptism Sunday** is the Fourth Sunday of the month. January's Sunday for Baptism is January 25th at either service. If you are interested, please call the office at 410-335-4210.  
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### Building Expansion Meeting

A meeting will be held on Tuesday, January 6<sup>th</sup> at 7PM for anyone interested in helping with our new building project. We have elected to go ahead with plans for expanding the Narthex, and replacing the existing heating and air conditioning systems in the Fellowship hall and Sanctuary.  
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### January Council Meeting

January Council Meeting will be held on Tuesday, January 13th at 7PM. All are welcome!  
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### December Memorials

In Loving Memory :

*"I am the resurrection and the life," says the Lord; "He who believes in me, though he die, yet shall he live, and whoever lives and believes in me shall never die."*



#### Memorials given in memory of:

**Calvin Clavell** by George & Carolyn Clavell-Scholarship Fund.

**Lois Weddle** by George & Carolyn Clavell - Scholarship Fund.

**Flora & Howard Adams** by Gerge & Carolyn Clavell-Scholarship Fund.

**Beulah & Fred Habicht** by Fred & Yetive Habicht - Fellowship Fund.

**Viola & Edwin Hull** by Fred & Yetive Habicht - Fellowship Fund.

**Mildred Schaeffer** by Dennis & Darlyn Warwick - Visitation Group Ministry for Shut-ins.

**St. Matthew Evangelical Lutheran Church**  
Member of Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

**Pastor: Rev. John M. Kulczycki**

**Office Hours: Monday thru Friday, 9 AM to 1 PM**

**Sunday Worship: 8:30 AM, 11 AM &**

**7PM Contemporary Service**

**Sunday School: Sundays at 9:45 AM (Sept. to June)**

**stmatoffice@aol.com**

### Church Council 2009

President	Gordon Yarbrough	410-344-1125
Appointed Treasurer	Helen Tennant	410-661-0686
Evangelism & Emilie Cargile		410-335-3279
Missions	Marlys Hettinger	410-335-5897
Disaster Relief	Mel Bauernfeind	410-335-0750
Fellowship	Pam Keller	410-335-7226
Financial Secretary	Mike Gosnell	410-391-4425
Parish Education	JoAnn Gibbs	410-335-6887
Property	Tim Stevens	410-335-5379
Recording Secretary	M. Schultze	410-335-3190
Sign/PR	Donna Jones	410-335-1494
Social Concerns	Kim Sullivan	410-630-2645
Shoebox Ministry	Donna Krach	410-686-3262
Stewardship	Bill/Wendy Laidler	410-344-1318
Worship	Kathy Duvall	410-335-5444
Youth	Katie Gibbs	410-335-6887

### Staff

Choir Director	Pam McCracken	410-335-9212
Organist	Mark Hurley	410-931-2007
Secretary	Kathy Duvall	410-335-5444

### Council News

Welcome new and old council members. We look forward to a new year under the leadership of Gordon Yarbrough as president. Tim Stevens has taken responsibilities as property chair, Mike Gospel as finance Secretary, Kathy Duvall as worship chair, Kim Sullivan with Diane Fletcher as Social Concerns chair, Mel Bauernfeind on Disaster Relief.

Marlys Hettinger and Emily Cargile will continue to work together on Evangelism, Helen Tennant as acting treasurer, Bill and Wendy Laidler will continue on Stewardship, Pam Keller on Fellowship, Joann Gibbs on Parish Education, Katie Gibbs on youth. Mary Ann Schultze as recording secretary and Donna Jones on PR/Signs.

Thank you to Jim Anders, Marion Utter and Tina Hauer who have faithfully served over the past 6 years. Thank you as well to those who will be serving the ministry through these leadership roles. Our congregation could not function without these dedicated people.

Keep our leaders in your prayers as we face a new year. One of the concerns the council will be addressing will be the replacement of our boiler and need reconfiguration of the space between the church sanctuary. We will also pay attention to the giving patterns of our members during these challenging economic times and seek to provide means and ways to study the bible and grow in spiritual maturity and strength.

#### Flood Buckets for Texas Hurricane Victims

are being assembled by the Disaster Relief Committee. The effects of a hurricane linger for many years and the work to rebuild is stressful! Please consider helping our fellow hurricane victims with some relief. We have received a donation of 24/5 gallon buckets and would like to fill them. A completed bucket and a list of items needed are on display in the Narthex. Please consider helping our fellow disaster victims. Thank you for your continued support of our disaster relief efforts!

#### Congratulations!

**Ian Crum** graduated from West Virginia University on December 14, 2008 with a degree in Aerospace Engineering. He will remain in Morgantown, WV while he looks for a job in this field.

### "Enjoy the City" Coupon Books

These coupon books are on sale thru the Boy Scouts. This is similar to the "Entertainment Book". For more details or to purchase a book, please contact Donna Himes at 410-335-8469 or Donna Jones at 410-335-1494.

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**Food Pantry** is low on canned meats, peanut butter and jelly, soups, and boxed and bagged non-perishable items such as stuffing, potatoes, pastas, rice, cereals, gravy packets, etc. In preparation for the holiday baskets, please consider donating these items.

#### ECUADOR MISSION TRIP 2008

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**We are not done!** Our work in Ecuador has only begun! The project at Santos Pamba and continual support to Pan de Vida are alive and well. Please consider a monetary donation to the Mission Fund throughout the year, or designate a memorial in a loved one's name on behalf of the Mission Fund. Thank you to all who continue to support our Mission Fund. All donations are tax deductible.

**Hot Dog and Bake Sale** has been postponed to March 7, 2009 at the Carroll Island Wal-Mart from 9am to 3PM. Donations of baked goods will be accepted during the first week of March.

**Sponsor a Child** Give the greatest gift to a child—an education! Sponsorship for a child is \$125 for the school year. This program is thru RCE International and was introduced to us thru Kim Hughes. She has a blog page that highlights Santos Pamba. Please visit her site at [www.kimecuador.blogspot.com](http://www.kimecuador.blogspot.com). Santos Pamba is still waiting for approval thru Compassion, so while we wait, we can still give the gift of an education to the children of the community of Santos Pamba. Please call the office for a Sponsorship form or pick one up in the Narthex. Please indicate if you prefer a boy or a girl. Thank you for your support!

#### The Community of St. Dysmas

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St. Dysmas is a prison ministry that helps those who are oppressed, brokenhearted, captive and imprisoned in the correctional institutions of Maryland. To help this community, please contact: **The Community of St. Dysmas, A congregation of the ELCA in the MD State Correctional System, 5010 Briarcliff Road, Baltimore, MD 21229-1351, 410-233-7897.**

**E-mail: [stdysmas@toad.net](mailto:stdysmas@toad.net)**

**Website: [www.toad.net/~stdysmas](http://www.toad.net/~stdysmas)**

## ATTENTION ALL SCRAPBOOKERS!

If you have loads of pictures – now is a chance to get them put in albums. Come to St. Matthew's on Saturday, January 10<sup>th</sup> for a fun day of cropping, scrapping and fellowship.

**\*THERE IS NO BUYING OR  
SELLING OF PRODUCTS.\***

Bring all your own materials and share with your neighbors. Most of us have all kinds of tools and ideas to share. It will be from 10:00AM to 8:00PM. Cost is \$15.00 and we will be using long tables in the Fellowship Hall. Lunch will be a potluck and then dinner will be leftovers, pizza and salad. Bring a snack or drink to share if you would like. Money collected will benefit the Santos Pamba School in Ecuador to help them to buy a window or door.

For information contact Jo Ann Gibbs 410-335-6887 or Vicki Borreson 410-335-1870.

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### Hockey Game Night

We are planning a trip to Hershey, PA to see the Hershey Bears play Houston on Friday night January 9<sup>th</sup> @ 7PM. Tickets are \$17 each for a group of 15 or more. Individual tickets are \$22 each. Car pooling available. \$1 hot dog night. If you are interested in going, please call the office or Joe Hauer at 410-335-3466.

## ALPHA PROGRAM



Alpha

St. Matthew's will begin the new Alpha Program in January 2009 under the direction of Pastor John and Betty Ristau. The Alpha Program is a 13 week program for interested adults to explore authentic Christianity. Large group sessions and small group discussions combine to create a safe place for us to ask honest questions about life, faith, and God.

Each session begins with a light supper followed by a "talk" in a large group on subjects central to the Christian Faith; such as "Christianity: Boring, Untrue and Irrelevant", "Why and How Should I Read the Bible", "Why and How Should We Tell Others", and many more insightful topics. After the large group session, pre-arranged small groups, lead by trained lay people from the church, will discuss what they think and feel. The setting is one for the participants to experience Christian love and fellowship as they explore their own beliefs.

Come join us and bring a friend! For additional information, please call Betty Ristau (443-845-0186) or the Church Office. For planning purposes, please fill-out registration information below. Completed forms can be given to Betty Ristau, Pastor John or dropped in the mail box on the office door.

- Where: The Fellowship Hall
- Dates: Thursday evenings, starting Jan 8<sup>th</sup> through April 2<sup>nd</sup>.
- Time: 6:30 PM light supper  
7:30 – 9:30 PM with Worship,  
Praise and Group Discussions

Please pick up a registration form in the Fellowship Hall or in the bulletin!

# Youth News

## HAPPENINGS AT BALTIMORE LUTHERAN

### Calendars for Sale!

We are fundraising for the youths attending the National Youth Gathering with 2009 calendars. A wall calendar is \$10 and a pocket calendar is \$6. Samples of the calendars will be on display by the youth classroom. Please support our youth and purchase a faith inspired calendar for 2009.

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### 2009 National Youth Gathering

Registration has been completed for 6 youths. The deposit is \$125. Space may still be available. If you would like additional information or would like to register, please call Katie Gibbs at 410-335-6887, or Vickie Borreson at 410-335-1870.

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### Youth Group Meetings for January

This month the meetings will be held on January 11th at 6PM. This is our "Game Night". The second meeting is the Hoagie Sleepover on January 30th. Please make every effort to attend, as attendance to our monthly meetings is part of the requirements to Confirmation.

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### Acolyte Schedule for 2008-2009

A schedule of Acolyte service has been completed for the year starting December 2008 thru August 2009. Each confirmand received a schedule. The schedule will be posted in the confirmation classroom and the robe room. A weekly reminder is sent via e-mail for those who have furnished e-mail addresses. For new confirmands, if you or your parents wish to receive a reminder by e-mail for your scheduled Sunday, please send an e-mail to [stmatoffice@aol.com](mailto:stmatoffice@aol.com). Thank you!

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### Attention: Post Confirmands

Come join us on Sunday mornings at 9:45AM to share thoughts on school, family, friends, dating, and of course, GOD! This class is not one of work, but a gathering of your peers to talk about the issues that effect and impact your life, and how to include God! You have a long journey ahead of you. We care about your journey, and it is our desire to offer you support – and the Connection!

Yours in Faith! Katie Gibbs, "Table Talk" Leader

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### Hoagie Sale

See details on front page!

ENROLLMENT TIME AT BLS -- It's time to think about middle and high school! Please call us for a personal tour. It's a great time to see the campus and see our schools in action. Winter Open Houses are scheduled for Sunday, January 25, 2009, from 1:30-3:30 p.m. Do you know of a friend, relative, or neighbor whose student would benefit from an excellent Christian education? It's time to start the process for the 2009-2010 school year! For information, please visit our websites at [www.baltimorelutheran.org](http://www.baltimorelutheran.org). You may also call the Office of Admissions at 410-825-2323.

ANNUAL BLS ALUMNI BULL AND OYSTER ROAST January 31, 2009, is the date for the Annual Bull and Oyster Roast, sponsored by the Baltimore Lutheran School Alumni Association. Tickets are \$30 per person. Reservations can be made by sending your money to Dottie Frech at 123 Glenmore Avenue, Baltimore, MD, 21228. For more information, contact Dottie at 410-744-3243, or by email at [hotdot8@juno.com](mailto:hotdot8@juno.com). Everyone is invited to attend this event!

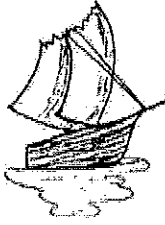
B L S P T L B A S K E T B I N G O Basket Bingo will be held on Friday, January 23, 2009, at the Tall CedarsHall at 2502 Putty Hill Avenue in Baltimore. Prizes given out will be Longaberger baskets and Vera Bradley bags. This is a fun event and one the PTL hopes you will support with your presence. Tickets are \$15 in advance and \$18 at the door. For more information, contact Eleni Roros at (410)256-2511 or by email at [seroros@comcast.net](mailto:seroros@comcast.net).

V A L E N T I N E L U N C H E O N The Valentine Luncheon for Alumni who are parents of current BLS, HLS or Advent students will be February 12, 2009, from 12 Noon to 1:30 PM. Please call Lois Natarajan at 410-825-2323, ext. 273 for more information or to make reservations for the event.

C L A S S R E U N I O N S BLS Alumni interested in planning a reunion for their class are encouraged to contact either Dottie Frech or Lois Natarajan for assistance.

# January 2009

<i>Sun</i>	<i>Mon</i>	<i>Tue</i>	<i>Wed</i>	<i>Thu</i>	<i>Fri</i>	<i>Sat</i>
				1  Mary & Martha Cir 7PM	2  Men's Bible Study 7PM	3
4 Food Pantry & Shoebox Ministry  Hoagie Sale Starts	5  Bible Study 7PM	6 Bible Study 10AM  Bldg Mtg 7PM	7 Baptism Classes 7PM Girl Scouts 6:30PM Boy Scouts 7PM	8  Mary & Martha Cir 7PM	9 Hockey Night  Men's Bible Study 7PM	10
11	12  Bible Study 7PM	13 Bible Study 10AM  Council Mtg 7PM	14 Quilting 10AM  Girl Scouts 6:30PM Boy Scouts 7PM	15  Mary & Martha Cir 7PM	16  Men's Bible Study 7PM	17
18	19  Bible Study 7PM	20 Bible Study 10AM	21 Quilting 10AM  Girl Scouts 6:30PM Boy Scouts 7PM	22  Mary & Martha Cir 7PM	23  Men's Bible Study 7PM	24
25 Baptism Sunday	26  Bible Study 7PM	27 Bible Study 10AM  BQCA 7PM	28  Girl Scouts 6:30PM Boy Scouts 7PM	29  Mary & Martha Cir 7PM	30 Hoagie Sleepover  Men's Bible Study 7PM	31

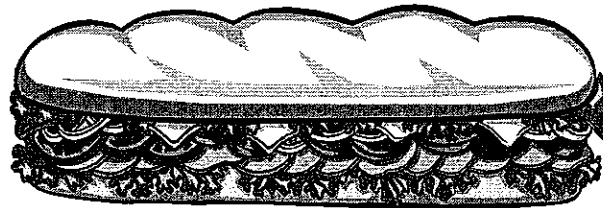


*St. Matthew Lutheran Church  
3620 Red Rose Farm Road  
Baltimore, MD 21220 (410) 335-4210  
Sunday Services @ 8:30AM & 11AM  
& 7PM Contemporary Service  
Sunday School: Pre-K to Adult @ 9:45AM*

*God Bless the letter carrier who delivers this mail.*

*January Newsletter*

## Hoagie Sale Jan 4th thru Jan 25th



See a St. Matthew  
Luther League Member  
for more information!