March 2017

The Messenger

Ash Wednesday: March 1
Services at 12:15 and 6:30 PM

Lent Services: March 8, 15, 22, 29,
and April 5
Services at 12:15 and 6:30 PM,
Soup supper at 5:30 PM

Maundy Thursday: April 13
Services at 12:15 and The Living
Last Supper at 7:00 PM

Good Friday: April 14
Services at 12:15 and 7:00 PM

Easter Egg-stravagansa:
April 15 at 9:30 AM

Easter Baptism: April 15
Service at 5:30 PM

Easter Sunday: April 16

THINGS
‘MOST CERTAINLY TRUE’

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In this Lenten season we are going to be sharing pictures of God’s holy Word in the person of Jesus, and his body the Church. In successive weeks we invite you to send pictures of art that connects you to the body of Jesus, or images of the community active in love and grace in the world. The first week will be focused on the voice of God or the scriptures, which serve as God’s mouthpiece in the world. If you have a personal or family practice of studying the Word, send us a picture that we could post to a collection. Week by week we will cycle through the eyes (or face), the hands, the feet and finally the heart of God’s Messiah. Each week your pictures will fill in the collage for that element of Christ’s body.

Another advantage to collecting all these pictures is that they bless our Lenten veneration. For centuries, pictures of Christ have served as the conduit to the Lenten practices of meditation and prayer. In the Eastern Church the Stations of the Cross welcome pilgrims to travel with Christ. Fourteen images mark the long journey of Christ’s passion toward the tomb. Studying each of them heightens the awareness of God’s great love and sacrifice.

In the Eastern Church there is an even stronger tradition of images serving in devotional practice. Icons have been used since the 5th century in the Eastern Church, and are believed, by our brothers and sisters in that Christian tradition, to actually mediate the grace of God to those who share in the veneration. They are windows into heaven, sharing more than the images. They share the presence of God.

We hope that you will find our collection of pictures in this Lenten season an opportunity to consider, meditate and be encouraged by God’s holy presence. God’s Word blesses us, as does the gift of his Son in this Lenten season. You, also, are the voice, eyes, hands, feet and heart of God. Please send pictures you have to Shosh’s email at shoshm@smlfamily.org.

Blessings to you in this season of Lent. See you Sunday.

~Pastor Jim
Having a spiritual director is one way I take time to reflect on my relationships and my work in the world. Spiritual direction challenges me to consider how my faith is positively — or at times negatively — active and formative in my life. In many ways spiritual direction is a *caring conversation* which involves both talking and listening with honesty. Caring conversations are not one-way monologues, but rather two-way discussions. Caring conversations begin with one person asking questions and then listening for — and truly hearing — the response from the other person.

Pursuing caring conversations in our lives, especially during Lent, recalls Jesus’ own model for ministry. For example, Jesus regularly engaged people by asking questions, such as:

“*And why do you worry about clothing?*”
(Matthew 6:28 NRSV);
“*But who do you say that I am?*”
(Matthew 16:15 NRSV);
“*How many loaves have you?*”
(Mark 6:38 NRSV);
“*Can you see anything?*”
(Mark 8:23 NRSV);
“*Which of these three, do you think, was a neighbor....?*” (Luke 10:36 NRSV);
“*What are you discussing with each other while you walk along?*” (Luke 24:17 NRSV);
“*Does this offend you?*”
(John 6:61 NRSV);
“*...do you love me?*”
(John 21:16 NRSV)

The above questions are merely a small sample of the many questions Jesus asked others to consider for themselves throughout the four gospels. Similarly, the invitation to reflect on life and faith within community is extended to everyone who participates in spiritual direction.

It may not always be easy, but it can be incredibly helpful in uncovering and examining some of the reasoning behind the thoughts, words, and actions (or inactions) in our daily lives. At the very least, it can be a good Lenten practice or discipline in personal reflection on matters of faith. I pray you will find a “spiritual director” who might walk with you in this season of reflection.

In soulful reflection, *Pastor Paul*

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Paul Lyda  
Associate Pastor  

The season of Lent is a contemplative six-week period that prepares the heart for the celebration of Easter — Christ’s resurrection! Lent begins on Ash Wednesday and covers 46 days (though the six Sundays of Lent are not counted), bringing the total days to 40. It is a time of purposeful reflection. Those 40 days identify with Jesus’ 40 days of fasting and prayer in the wilderness as he prepared for his ministry; with Moses’ 40 days of fasting and prayer on Mt. Sinai as he waited to receive the Law from God; and with Elijah’s 40 days of fasting and prayer on his way to Mt. Horeb, the mountain of God.

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The Word Made Flesh

March 5 – April 9
Lent

When historians consider the stand of Martin Luther at the Diet of Worms they tend to focus on his reference to personal conscience. It was, indeed, a remarkable thing for a man in the Middle Ages to warrant to his conscience a weight of authority that it could challenge pope and emperor. But the weight of conscience was not Luther's point. Luther was not filled with an absolute confidence in his own power for reason and wisdom. Luther's conscience was held captive to the Word of God.

Luther's reformation is born out of a love for scripture and a reverence to God's faithfulness to speak through it; particularly the Word made flesh. In this Lenten season we are focusing on that Word. All of the Gospels attempt to provide back-story for Jesus that would clarify his authority to teach. For John's Gospel, the back-story presses all the way to creation and even before.

John 1:1-18 will be our companion throughout the season. We will recite it every Sunday. The themes for each Sunday will connect the physical humanness of Jesus (his voice, eyes, hands, feet, and heart) to the purpose of God defined in the prologue to John's Gospel, and the heritage of Lenten practices as they connect our faith to God's holy Word.

Sermon Date: March 5, 2017
Sermon Title: The Voice of God

Description of the theme: The voice of God is everywhere in scripture. In fact, most of the prophetic books are written as if God were the primary speaker, and many translations print Jesus' words in red just so we can distinguish them from the rest. But what does the voice of God sound like? When and how does God speak? Certainly color-coding can't answer those questions. Jesus, nevertheless, assumes that we will know the voice of God. Today we consider that voice coming to us.

Sermon Date: March 12, 2017
Sermon Title: The Eyes of God
Scripture: Psalm 80, 1 Peter 3:8-12, John 9:1-41

Description of the theme: The Old Testament doesn't often refer to the eyes of God. More common is the mention of the face of God. When the face of God is turned toward you then the blessings of God are in your life. And even more common is the phrase, "I will set my face against them," which is an indication of anger and disappointment. The contrast to that despairing picture of God, are all the occasions in the Gospels where Jesus sees. Compassion seems to start always with Jesus seeing those around him.
Sermon Date: March 19, 2017
Sermon Title: The Hands of God
Scripture: Deuteronomy 1:30-33, Isaiah 49:13-16, John 20:24-29
Description of the theme: The restriction of touch in the culture of first century Judea makes the impulse to touch in Jesus a powerful expression of love. Jesus stood out. So much so that it became a distraction to those familiar with holiness codes that kept grief and disease at arm’s length. Some of the most haunting images of Jesus at the crucifixion are those of Jesus’ hands. These instruments of love and intimacy became the anchor to suspend his body unto death.

Sermon Date: March 26, 2017
Sermon Title: The Feet of God
Description of the theme: When it comes to the feet, we could certainly have looked at John 13 and the story of Jesus washing the feet of the disciples. But Jesus feet were washed too. In the previous chapter, Mary washes his feet at the table, and her act of humility and service is the context of Jesus’ own condescension six days later.

Things ‘Most Certainly True’
Lenten Wednesdays March 1 – April 5

The phrase “this is most certainly true” completes Luther’s explanation to each of the articles of the creed in his Small Catechism. If you took classes in Catechism in your youth you might remember the phrase. It might be the only phrase you remember from Luther’s explanation, however. Maybe its time for a refresher course.

There isn’t time in the six weeks of Lent to handle all five sections of Luther’s Small Catechism, so we’ll just focus on the creed. During these Wednesday worship events we’ll try to avoid flashbacks of confirmation while we consider the brilliance of this little book to state the Gospel and confirm our faith in God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

Sermon Date: March 1, 2017, Ash Wednesday
Sermon Title: I believe
Scripture: Isaiah 58:1-12, 2 Corinthians 5:20b – 6:10, Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21
Description of the theme: I love this Matthew text being the prescribed text for Ash Wednesday. In it Jesus reminds us to not make a show of our piety. Eugene Petersen’s translation encourages us to not be like “people making a regular show out of their prayers, hoping for stardom! Do you think God sits in a box seat?!”

Many's the time I have sat wondering in my car in the Fred Meyer parking lot after the Ash Wednesday service. Do I rub this big cross off my forehead in order to avoid ostentation? Or do I wear the cross of Christ proudly for all to see? It's a good, yearly conversation to have with one's soul I think. What should the conviction “I believe” comport upon what people see in our lives. The term Creed is central to our Lenten Wednesdays this year. Creed is from the Latin word “Credo” which means I believe.

Sermon Date: March 8, 2017
Sermon Title: Three and One
Scripture: 2 Timothy 1:8-14, John 1:9-18
Description of the theme: We are using the season of Lent to consider Martin Luther's explanation to the Apostle's Creed. But before we get to the details of the creed and Martin Luther maybe we should consider the point and origin for why there is a creed in the first place. The Apostle's Creed is as old at the New Testament itself, and it attempts to set down in clear language the convictions about God at all the writers of the New Testament assumed. That is, God is revealed in three distinct expressions Father, Son and Holy Spirit. And yet there is only one God. We call this conviction “The Trinity.”

Sermon Date: March 15, 2017
Sermon Title: First Article: God and the “Ought”er.
Scripture: Romans 3:9-20, Matthew 5:14-20
Description of the theme: Luther's Catechism is not haphazard as it works through the doctrines of faith. First he handles the Ten Commandments in order to teach the logic and intention of the God's Law. Then he continues the consideration here in the first article of the Creed with the description of the Law's limitation. That limitation is characterized in one word, "Ought." The ought of the first article is completely rational consequence of having a just God, but it is also eternally oppressive.

Sermon Date: March 22, 2017
Sermon Title: Second Article: God of the “May”
Scripture: Romans 3:21-26, John 11:17-27
Description of the theme: The Ought of the first article feels sort of like a bait and switch. It starts by telling us all the good that the Creator does for us followed by that ought. The goodness of and righteousness of God in that little word heaps up a mountain of obligation on us.
When we read the second article we expect a similar pattern. Luther begins by describing Jesus and all that he has accomplished at “great cost” for us. Where we expect the “ought” to appear again, based on the pattern of the first article, it does not. Instead grace appears. Grace in the form of a “may.”
Easter Flowers

Flowers will grace the Nave and Narthex on Easter morning in joyous celebration of Christ's resurrection. The lilies, floral plants, palms and beautiful cut flowers will be purchased from donations given to the Easter Flower Fund in memory of loved ones or in celebration or honor of special individuals in our lives. The joy of the flowers and plants will be extended beyond Easter Sunday when the Flower Delivery Team takes them to members unable to attend services. If you wish to participate in this fund, please fill in the form below and return it along with your donation, to Shosh Meyer's mailbox in the Church Office (#1).

Forms need to be in by Palm Sunday, April 9th to be included in the Easter bulletin (April 16th). Be certain to give your name(s) and the name(s) of the one(s) you wish to remember.

Name(s): ____________________________________________________________________________________

I (we) wish to participate in the Easter Season Flower Memorial program and will make a financial donation in memory [ ] honor [ ] celebration of ____________________________________________________________________________________

(Be sure to designate on your check Easter Flower Fund.)

This form, together with your donation, may be placed in the offering plate at worship as well as in Shosh Meyer's mailbox (#1) in the Church Office.
Soup Suppers for Lent

Starting on Ash Wednesday, March 1, we will be providing a light soup dinner at 5:30pm to make it easier for you to attend Lenten services at 6:30pm. Services will continue weekly on Wednesdays through April 5. If you would like to donate a crockpot of soup, crackers, veggie tray, corn bread or cookies for a Lenten Soup Supper, pick a Wednesday between March 1 and April 5 and let us know by filling out a yellow response card or contact Marcia Johnson by calling the church office or email marciaj@smlcfamily.org.

Helping hands needed at Life Change Center. The center needs some help with care for children living at the center during spring break, March 30 & 31, anytime from 8:30 AM-4:00 PM. A group with activities would be ideal, but they will also appreciate individual volunteers. If you or your Bible study, home-group, fellowship group or any other group are interested please contact Janee at, janeew@smlcfamily.org. High school aged youth are welcome.

Thanks to the support of St. Matthew, the recent Red Cross Blood Drive was a success! On February 2, twenty-nine pints were donated. Thank you for your continued support!

Looking for resources to help you GROW in your faith?

Check out the “GROW” page at the new St. Matthew website (http://smlcfamily.org/Grow) for resources to help you celebrate and experience Lent and Easter. You can find links to devotions, videos about the season, and ways to serve and worship during Lent and Easter. Watch this web page for new links and resources throughout the church year.

Thank you, St. Matthew, for your Faith In Action!

On February 26th, we filled more than 500 backpacks with needed items for the homeless of Portland. Thanks to everyone who donated items, inventoried donations every week, organized and setup the assembly lines, ushered a line, assembled a backpack, cleaned up after the event, or made sure a homeless person received special gift. Without your generous hands, it could not have been possible.

Thank you also to those who chose to give their Thrivent Financial Choice Dollars to St. Matthew and the generous Congregational Advocates for giving us a grant, the St. Matthew Foundation and the G.L.O.W. mission fund for their generosity.

Donated backpacks have already been sent onto Rose Haven, who serve homeless and abused women and children; UGM Search+Rescue program, which sends a van of volunteers into the darkest places in Portland stocked with necessary items for the people in tent camps, sleeping on sidewalks or in business doorways; and BPM – Night Strike for their Thursday night under the bridge program.

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Thank You!
A heartfelt thank-you was extended to Donna Primmer and St. Matthew by Dr. Dan Brunner (a former Associate Pastor at St. Matthew) who brought his Pastoral Ministry class from Portland Seminary to our church. The students are from a diverse Christian background (e.g. Quakers, Salvation Army, Missouri Synod Lutheran). Their time in our Nave, Sanctuary and Narthex was to observe and experience a designated worship space. As Altar Guild Directress, Donna gave a brief tour of our Sacristy (the room behind the altar). Students learned how we celebrate Holy Communion and Baptism. Her wealth of knowledge helped students come a bit closer to understanding how “Lutherans” worship.

The Parish Nurses will be offering a CPR class for the congregation, Saturday, March 11th, beginning at 9:00 AM. The course is a Heart Saver class, and will last for 4 1/2 - 5 hours. Participants will receive a CPR card. The cost is $35 per person, but there are scholarships for those who have need.

Please contact Karen Davis at karendavisrn@yahoo.com, or 503-297-0177, with questions or to sign up for the course.

Women’s Retreat 2017
Building Up!

March 31-April 2, 2017
Cannon Beach Conference Center

Join us for a weekend of fun and fellowship at the coast! The emphasis this year will be on building up one another and building community through love, words, and encouragement. Rather than having a speaker, we will spend time sharing together so that we can focus on building relationships and enjoying one another's company. Women of all ages are invited to attend. Youth are welcome to attend with their mothers (contact us for more information).

Registration is open through March 19, 2017. Register online (www.smlcfamily.org; click on our image in the scrolling banner) or at our table in the Courtyard Fellowship Hall. Room rates are listed on the registration form. If you need a scholarship in order to attend, please do not hesitate to contact us.

For more information, contact Laurie Sykes (503-718-1358).
We are putting on the green as we gather for our St. Patrick's Potluck. This will be on March 8, at 1:00 PM, following the Lenten Service. We will meet in the courtyard Fellowship Hall. Wear green if you like and maybe bring something green to eat. You will be called to let you know what to bring. All seniors are encouraged to join us. Please call Judee Bradbury at 503 642-9602 for more information.

Bible Studies during Lent will be on March 1, 15, 22, 29, and April 5. We will meet for fellowship and discuss the service at 1:00 PM, in the Fireside Room. Coffee and treats will be provided.

Thrivent Choice Dollar Designations
2016 Choice Dollars® Expire on March 31, 2017. If you are a Thrivent member eligible for Choice Dollars, be sure to visit Thrivent’s website and designate your available 2016 dollars. St. Matthew is one of the approved non-profit organizations that can receive Choice Dollars. If you are a Thrivent member who does not know about this donation option (this is money that is made available by Thrivent based on your insurance or annuity investments - it is not a donation directly from your personal funds), contact one of St. Matthew’s Thrivent Congregational Coordinators - Shosh Meyer, Marcia Johnson or Julie Cross. This is fraternal funding YOU can direct. Thrivent Financial’s purpose is to serve our members and society by guiding both to be wise with money and live generously. We succeed when our members, their families and their communities thrive!

Easter Eve Baptism Service
5:30 PM, Saturday, April 15, 2017
We invite all who may not have been baptized to come be part of our Easter Eve Celebration of Baptism service - babies, children, youth and adults. A reception follows the service. It is a special opportunity to share this sacrament of the church as part of a group. If you are interested in scheduling a baptism for this celebration service, contact one of our pastors; Janee Walker, Minister of Children, Youth and Families; or Shosh Meyer, Pastoral Secretary.

A Pre-Baptism class will be held in the Sanctuary following the 11a.m. service on Palm Sunday, April 9th.

Also, we will not gather for our regular Men’s Breakfast on the 2nd Saturday in March!

Watch for details about our March Madness Viewing Party.
Look to meet on March 18th (3rd Saturday) for 2nd Round games!

Big Screens + Great Food + College Basketball = Good Times!

Men’s Theology Pub
Max's Fanno Creek Brew Pub
Tuesday, March 28 at 7:00 PM

Thrive Financial

St. Matthew's Thrivent Congregational Coordinators -
Shosh Meyer, Marcia Johnson, and Julie Cross.
St. Matthew Lutheran Preschool will begin registration for the 2017-2018 school year in February. We offer quality Christian early childhood education for children ages 2-5. Our High Scope Curriculum allows children to grow in all areas of development. Check us out on the St. Matthew Lutheran Church website under "ministry" then "preschool" for more information, or contact director Tonia Andersen at 503-644-9148, or toniaa@smlcfamily.org. You are also invited to attend our informational Open House on Wednesday, February 8th, from 2:00-5:00 PM.

**Living Last Supper:**
Mark your calendars for this powerful presentation: April 13, 7:00pm

**Easter Cantata**
Yes! Easter is coming! The choir and orchestra will be presenting a wonderful cantata on April 23 (Sunday after Easter) at 9:45 and 11:00. Calling all singers! See me for a CD and score. On Good Friday (April 14) we are presenting a “Tenebrae” with choir and a small instrumental ensemble. We would love to have you join us for both! It’s still NOT too late!

**Rummage Sale**
The Rummage Sale is quickly approaching.....so please save all your treasures for us! If you really need to get rid of them please let me know. We can’t collect them but we might have a place to store them until the sale. It’s never too early to volunteer to help! The sale is ALWAYS on the weekend after Memorial Day - this year is June 1, 2, 3.

**Clickers**
I’m still in need of a few clickers for Sunday mornings. It’s easy and the view is amazing! You can sign up for the Sundays that you are available. Usually once or twice a month. Training provided. You can learn it in 15 minutes.
Individual Sponsors

Mandt and Geymann Families: In memory of Lesa Mandt.
Cassandra Borgeson: In honor of my children.
Dick and Sue Ulbricht: In memory of our parents and brothers.
John Martilla: In memory of Frieda Martilla. Strong, gentle and loving child of God
Fred and Lois Julifs: In memory of our parents.
Gene and Elaine Balon: In honor of our daughters, Wendy and Marjorie, son-in-law J, and grandchildren Sarah, Matthew, Raelynn and Natasha.
Anonymous: In memory of Colleen and Stan Kolberg. Memories of Christmas with them. They loved the concert and Eduardo.
Jen and Byron Kam: In honor of Sherrie Saultz and the love of music she shares.
In memory of my loving grandmother, Gisela Roy, who loved Christmas so very much.
Ron and Judy Willoughby: In memory of Lola Jessica LaParne.
Marilyn Maslen: In memory of Bill Maslen, and in honor of Eduardo and all his talents.
Mary Anne Nance: In honor of a new grandson.
Connie Potter: In memory of Olive and Glenn Whitaker.
David and Alisha; Derek, Sharon and Alison Saultz: With love and appreciation for Sherrie Saultz.
Virginia Gochenour: In honor of Walter Watland and memory of Hazel Ring.
Judith Andersen: In memory of my parents.
Marie Minderhout: In memory of Ivan Minderhout.
Reneè and Larry Greco: In honor of our parents who have passed away. We miss them all.
Shosh Meyer: In memory of Cathy Bjork who brought such joy to St. Matthew at Christmas time.
Joanne Hauseman: In memory of Zachary Hauseman.

Grace Ann Hansen       Amy Donaldson       Paul Campbell       Lisa and Ridge Taylor
                        Phil Huserik/Janet Andrews
Together in Faith sessions coming this spring

4th grade – The Apostles’ Creed: March 5th, 12th, 19th. Worship March 19th

5th grade - Real Life Faith: April 23rd, 30th, May 7th. Worship May 21st

Children’s Worship Service May 21st 9:45 and 11:00am.

Rehearsal, Saturday, May 20th.

All of our children will participate in leading our congregation in worship on this Sunday. There are many fun and exciting ways they will lead us. Please put this date and the date of our rehearsal on your calendar.

You Matter to Our Kids!

Children’s Ministry is looking for additional volunteers:

Lambs and Angel’s Choir assistant – Thank you to Jeanne Carlson who has filled this position!

Substitute teachers

Contact Janee at janeew@smlfamily.org.

Congratulations to our 1st Grade Students

These children and the adults in their families have completed their Together in Faith class where they learned the Ten Commandments. They played games, talked about how they can obey the Commandments, and learned about God’s wonderful mercy when they disobey. Then the children shared the Ten Commandments in song in worship and received a bookmark of the Ten Commandments and a dog tag to wear that proudly proclaims that they know God’s Commandments. We are proud of these kids and their parents!

Parker Collins  Braden Cox  Samantha Davis
Kieran Easterday  Lillian Eggert  Eli Evansizer
Amelia Fossatti  Ben Havelick  Gus Havelick  Kevin Lusted
Nolan Mattson  Owen O’Brien  Connor Schaer

Find us on Facebook!

Did you know that Children’s Ministry has a closed Facebook group?

It’s a great place to see photos of St. Matt’s Kids events and parenting links. You are welcome to share too! Search “St. Matt’s Kids” and request to be included. The group is limited to parents of children in our programs.
Important Youth Dates for February

Sundays
High School meets in the Upper Room

Middle School Bible Class featuring our new teacher, Elizabeth Roshak, Sundays the 5th, 12th and 19th.

Middle School small groups, Sunday the 26th.

Sunday Night Live
Middle School
March 12
High School
March 19

Scholarship Applications
See article on the next page
Due March 24th

Urban Mission Experience – St. Matt’s Middle School

August 13th-17th.
Registration is open for all Middle School students to join in urban mission projects in Portland and Seattle. We’ll also work in some team building and fun!
Contact Janee, janeew@smlcfamily.org or Nicole, nicoled@smlcfamily.org for more information, or register on The Bridge.

High School Mission Trip.
July 9th-16th

Our team will travel to Los Angeles to partner with a variety of local organizations that are dedicated to serving and loving the homeless community. We will learn the “what” and “why” of skid row, and will be able to get hands on experience in serving these people by cleaning, building, serving food, and showing love to the many children who populate this area, participating in the work that God is doing. If you’d like more information, contact Nicole or Janee. Our team will be fund raising, asking our St. Matt’s family to partner with us in this important opportunity for our young people to flex their faith muscles.

Boundaries with Kids and Teens

This series for parents of children and youth is based on Biblical principles that help young people become stewards of their lives, behavior and values by establishing healthy boundaries. Parents learn skills to help kids/youth to grow healthy in relationships, attitude, responsibility, and decision making.

Christian psychologists Drs. Henry Cloud and John Townsend lead us through this 8-week DVD-based series. Continues Wednesday nights, in April, 6:00-7:15pm, and selected Sunday mornings. You are welcome to drop in. See the posted schedule on the youth board, children’s board and on the website for dates for both Wednesday and Sunday meetings. Contact Janee with questions, janeew@smlcfamily.org. A workbook for $10.00 is recommended and available at the meetings.
2017-2018 Scholarship Applications

Beginning February 5

The St. Matthew Foundation is pleased to announce that applications for scholarship grants for the 2017-2018 school year will be available at the brochure rack in the hallway between the church office and the Courtyard Fellowship Hall.

Completed applications need to be returned to the Foundation Scholarship Application collection box near the church office mailboxes. Grant awards are not limited to seniors in high school are limited to one grant per student.

To apply for a scholarship, students must be a member of St. Matthew Lutheran Church and submit a complete application.

If you are interested in submitting an application, it is not too early to begin gathering some of the following:

- Completed application form (*pages 1 & 2, included in packet*)
- Completed Activities and Accomplishments (*pages 1 & 2, included in packet*)
- Completed supplemental questions (*this page - please type on separate paper and attach*)
  If you are not a high school student, please relate the questions below to life and/or work experiences.
- Include a copy of your most recent transcript (or a resume, if it has been a few years since graduation)
- Include a letter of reference from a St Matthew Lutheran Church staff person
- Include an additional letter of reference from another adult member of your community, i.e., teacher, counselor, employer, etc.
- Sign and date your application (*page 2*)

*Failure to provide a complete application may invalidate the application.*

Chair: Linda Shanbeck, 503-246-3272
lindashanbeck@yahoo.com

DEADLINE: Friday March 24; 5:00 pm.