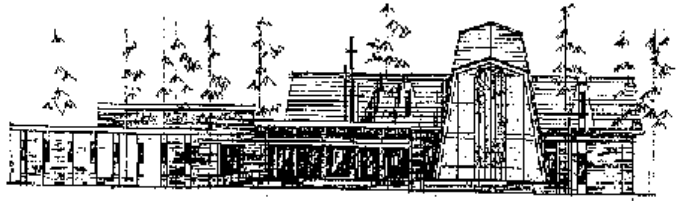


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BOST CHALLENGE FINAL RESULTS

REDUCED MORTGAGE DEBT BY \$253,627 !

The Bosts' check for \$75,000 was presented to the Church Council on Thursday, September 13th thereby completing the matching challenge.

The financial impact of the Fifth Sunday/Bost Challenge has been tremendous. Final results show that the challenge raised \$159,312, saved \$57,626 in interest payments, paid off the equivalent of 30 months of mortgage payments and reduced mortgage debt by \$253,627. We again thank the generosity of Herb and Lucy for helping us make a major reduction in our mortgage debt. They are tremendous examples of Christian stewardship.

Since the inception of the Fifth Sunday Program in early 2004, we have now saved a total of \$107,097 in interest payments and paid off the equivalent of 47 months of mortgage payments. Our total mortgage debt is now down to \$336,460.

The next **Fifth Sunday is December 31**, but you can make a contribution to the program at any time. Additional Fifth Sunday envelopes are available in the pews.

May God bless your Christian stewardship in supporting this program to reduce the mortgage debt of your church. Your response has been tremendous!

**BE A PART OF YOUR
CHURCH IN MINISTRY AND
FELLOWSHIP**

MEN'S GROUP OCTOBERFEST
OCTOBER 13, 2007
See pages 4-5

BLOOD DRIVE
October 21, 2007
Details on page 4-5

FALL FESTIVAL OCTOBER 27, 2007
Check it out on pages 4-5 for details of this fellowship opportunity.

OTHER EVENTS FOR YOUR PARTICIPATION
OWL's Fellowship Group, Betwixt and Between Fellowship, Youth Lock-In, Confirmation Retreat News, Blessing the Animals Service, Adult Sunday School and Weekly Bible Study. Details for all of these opportunities are on page 4-5. Mark your calendar to be a part of these fellowship and worship opportunities.

Dear Sisters and Brothers,

At the national ELCA Assembly in August, our denomination voted to emphasize the study and reading of scripture. This initiative came about as a result of a resolution from last year's North Carolina Synod Assembly.

Many of us here at St. Matthew's are already good Bible readers and students. Some have completed part or all of Crossways Bible Study at least once. Some have completed the one-year Divine Drama Bible Study. Others are regulars in women's Bible studies or in other Bible studies around the community.

For those that are curious but feel intimidated by the notion of Bible study, may I suggest taking Divine Drama at 9:45 a.m. Sundays beginning October 21. Please sign up in the commons or, for more information, contact me at szumwalt@bellsouth.net

What do Lutherans believe about the Bible? The constitution of our denomination and of our congregation includes the following statement on the Bible:

"This church accepts the canonical Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments as the inspired Word of God and the authoritative source and norm of its proclamation, faith, and life."

Pastor Roy Harrisville III, parish pastor and son of a prominent retired Lutheran Bible professor at our seminary in Minnesota, has written an excellent primer on how Lutherans interpret the Bible. His most excellent article, which is a brief commentary on the constitutional statement, above concludes:

"Lutheran Christians are not the only ones who approach the Scriptures with reverence and faith. However, even when we use various methods to enhance the reading of the Scriptures, a Lutheran approach is distinctively guided by the concepts mentioned above. Any reading may be said to be Lutheran if it approaches the Scripture with a reverence for it as God's Word, as law and gospel, as christocentric [Christ-centered], as open and plain, as powerfully transformative, and as authoritative."

You may read the entire article on-line at: <http://www.lutheranforum.org/extras/a-primer-on-lutheran-hermeneutics/>

[Lutheran Forum and the Forum Newsletter are published by an independent Lutheran organization known as the American Lutheran Publicity Bureau. I am one of a number of volunteer representatives that advocate using the ALPB resources in the various Lutheran synods, districts, and congregations.]

Speaking of Bible study, some of us are looking at the ELCA Sexuality Study on Sunday mornings at 9:45 a.m. The entire study may be downloaded at <http://www.elca.org/faithfuljourney/study/>. As part of that study, we are hearing readings from Paul's letter to the Galatians. Pastor Gary Jepsen in Puyallup, Wash., has a new resource that can be used in conjunction with the third study. His on-line essay is available at: <http://wordalone.org/docs/wa-jepsen-2007.shtml>

Legendary coach Vince Lombardi has been quoted as having said the best defense is a good offense (or was it the best offense is a good defense?). In our daily battle against what Martin Luther called the unholy trinity (sin, death, and devil), the best defense is to be faithful in worship, faithful in prayer, and faithful in Bible study.

Here at St. Matthew's we give you excellent resources for that daily battle. We offer weekly Holy Communion and weekly Bible study both Sunday and midweek. We offer excellent prayer resources on our website at www.stmatthewsch.org There each person can access orders for daily prayer, the appointed daily Bible readings, and the appointed daily psalms. If you don't own have internet access, you can use a copy of the Lutheran Book of Worship and a Bible for daily prayer and study. Or you can order the wonderful daily breviary entitled "For All the Saints" (four volumes) from the American Lutheran Publicity Bureau (total cost c. \$120).

At St. Matthew's we strive to pray daily, worship weekly, read and study the Bible, serve at and beyond St. Matthew's, be in spiritual relationships to encourage growth in ourselves and others, and to be generous givers of time, talent, and treasure. That's what the disciplined life looks like. That's what God's grace has set us free to do and to be.

Your brother in Christ,

Pastor Sam Zumwalt

I'm convinced

By John Antonelli

I'm an engineer, trained in math and science, and also a person that likes a good argument. Can't help it. God made me that way. Therefore, it's tough to convince me of anything. I've learned through experience that things aren't always what they seem, and the first obvious assessment of a situation is often misguided. People are prone to make rash conclusions without all the necessary information. I've certainly done that many times. Usually we're not willing to invest the time to get it right. To get to the truth, one must study a situation intently, remove variables in a controlled manner, apply logic, gather data and feedback, look for trends, make hypotheses, test, prove, disprove, retest – that, and more, is what it takes to become “convinced” of something.

The apostle Paul, I think, would have been a superb scientist. He was intelligent, articulate, committed to his cause, and a master logician. His letter to the Romans is a skillful presentation of the case for the gospel. I trust Paul when he says he is “convinced” of something. He certainly does his homework. Who can dispute that? Which is why I find tremendous solace in what I think may be the most comforting promise in all of Scripture – Romans 8:38-39: “For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord.”

I, like Paul, am convinced of that.

September Council Meeting Summary

The monthly meeting of the Congregational Council was held on September 13, 2007 at 7:00 pm beginning with devotions led by Pastor Sam and called to order by John Antonelli.

- The treasurer reported income for August totaled \$37,678 and expenditures totaled \$45,383, leaving a negative result for this month of \$7,704. Year to date income totaled \$364,863 and expenditures totaled \$377,445 reflecting a negative result for the year of \$12,582. \$7,000 of reserves was transferred to checking to help with this shortfall.
- The treasurer reported that we achieved the Bost Challenge and received the very generous donation of \$75,000 from Herb and Lucy Bost. This \$75,000, plus \$84,312.31 raised by the congregation

resulted in an additional interest savings of \$107,097.97, reduced our mortgage payment schedule by 47 months, and lowered our building dept from \$590,087 on 1/1/06 to \$336,460 on 9/30/07.

- A motion was unanimously approved to formally recognize Herb and Lucy for their great generosity.
- A concern was cited that several Monday mornings, the church building has been found with the thermostats turned down and the air conditioning on full blast. After some discussion, it was decided that restoring the thermostats to their normal settings will be added to the tasks of the building closers.
- An update was given on the status of the roof project. Contractors have begun preliminary preparations and some of the miscellaneous work. Wood should be delivered next week and scaffolding and physical repairs should commence soon. The Roof & Organ Repair Fund (RORF) capital campaign begins 9/15 with a letter and pledge cards sent to the congregation and temple talks.
- Council approved 2007 benevolence giving of \$83,190.
- There was some preliminary discussion about potential constitutional changes to solve the issue of too much leadership turnover, potentially instituting staggered terms. This year all four officers and 5 council members will be turned over.
- There was much discussion on the topic of pastor visitation in the summer. The visitation pastor is on vacation and the senior pastor covers to some extent but cannot meet the full need. Council agreed to individually think of potential solutions over the next month and add this topic to next month's council meeting.

The next meeting of the council will be October 11, 2007 at 7:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
John Antonelli
Acting Recorder

Blood DRIVE

"Outreach Ministry"

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 21

9-1:30

in the McSwain

Center

When you are a blood donor, you become a lifesaver! Let's make this blood drive a success!

There is a signup sheet in the Commons for donors and for volunteers to help in the donation center and snacks are also needed for those giving blood. Any questions contact Inga Shelton.



Our annual **Blessing of the Animals Service** will be

on

Saturday, October 6, 2007 at 10:00 am in the Church Courtyard.

"Worship"

Bring your pets for this special service of blessing. Monetary donations and items donated will be distributed to the Humane Society.



Fall Festival!

Sat. Oct. 27th

11am-4pm

"FELLOWSHIP"

Join us in McSwain and around the Church for games, cake walk, bake sale, bingo, and a country store.

NEEDED: If you have any items to be donated; bake goods, drinks, items for store or any connections to a moon walk, please call Nancy Magruder at 791-4582



Our October gathering will be an **OCTOBERFEST CELEBRATION**

Our meal will be catered by Middle of the Island at the usual cost of \$7.00. The menu will be posted on the Owl's bulletin board and published in the bulletin.

You are encouraged to dress in a costume.

We always have a lot of fun when we do this.

Go shopping and get your costume early and come show it off on

**Thursday, October 25th
at 11:30 am.**

Join us for this **"FELLOWSHIP"** opportunity. Any questions contact Nancy Magruder.



**BETWIXT AND
BETWEEN GROUP**

FELLOWSHIP

Get Ready For

A Rip Roaring Rib-O-Rama Feast

Saturday, October 20 at 5:00p.m.

Bramley's Plantation on Whiskey Creek.

We'll provide the ribs, beverages, napkins & toothpicks! There'll be plenty of fun.

RSVP Zan at 796-2071

Wear "yer" favorite hat!




**High School Lock-in
FELLOWSHIP**

Friday Oct. 12th

Meet in McSwain anytime after 8pm (you may arrive late) and stay until 9am on Saturday. Be sure to bring sleeping bag and toiletries.

Sign up on youth board.

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
SundayChoir Practice Schedule 4:00 Luther Choir 4:00 Little Luther Choir 4:00 Instrumental Ensemble 4:45 Tone Chime Choir 5:00 Handbell Choir	1 930 Spiritual Form. 12:00 Conversations 7:00 Sister's Bible Study Group	2 9:00 Women's Fitness 10:00 Prayer Group 7:00 Stephen Min. 8:00 AA	3 8:00 Devotional Breakfast 9:30 Spiritual Formation 5:30 Cadette GS #354 6:00 Crossways 6:30 Cub Scouts #274 7:00 Confirmation 7:30 Adult Choir	4 9:00 Women's Fitness 10:00 Bible Study 4:00 Brownie #739 7:00 Boy Scouts	5	6 10:00 AM BLESSING THE ANIMALS SERVICE 6:00 Worship/Comm 8:00 AA 8:00 AL-ANON
7 8:30 Worship/Communion 9:45 Sunday School 11:00 Worship/Communion 1:30 Senior GS #139 1:30 Junior GS #226 6:00 MS/HS YOUTH GROUP	8 930 Spiritual Form. 12:00 Conversations 7:00 Sister's Bible Study Group	9 9:00 Women's Fitness 9:30 Faith Circle 10:00 Prayer Group 1:30 Peace Circle 6:00 Praise Circle 6:30 Cont. Service Practice 8:00 AA	10 8:00 Devotional Breakfast 9:30 Spiritual Formation 5:30 Cadette GS #354 6:00 Crossways 6:30 Cub Scouts #274 7:00 Confirmation 7:30 Adult Choir	11 9:00 Women's Fitness 10:00 Bible Study 4:00 Brownie #739 7:00 Church Council 7:00 Boy Scouts 7:00 TOPS	12	13 6:00 Worship/Comm 8:00 AA 8:00 AL-ANON
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OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

** Denotes Youth Birthday

1	Phyllis Ramel Bill Piper Edward Fischl	12	Mark Grieb	26	Doris Ullman Cole Braden
2	John Kuske III	13	Damien Cook David Trapp **	27	Trevor Hornick Hannah Stansbury **
3	Ruth G. Smith Mike Roberts		James Bauer Andrew Smith		Laura Zumwalt
4	Charles Stanland Sophie Williams Dean Hornick **	14	Wanda Moore Pam Gudrian	28	Gina Williams
5	Barbara Smith	15	Earl Ullman	29	Tim Braden
7	Gloria Lutz Lisa Schaefer	16	Bryan Overman Nicholette Meyer **	30	Melissa Rumsey Patrick Magruder **
8	Aaron Marcinowski ** David Robey II **	17	Mike Koder Tracy Gourville	31	Jean Wooley Natalie Watkins **
9	Linda Renzaglia Kristin Scott	18	Stephen Morgan Bruni Kline		Allan Warrington
10	Dorothy Springs James Mann Daniel Antonelli ** Kieran Schwartz	19	Missy Marcinowski		
11	Krysta McCain Muriel Hospodar	20	Carol Chinn Christi Monroe Haley Snyder **		
12	Janet Tweedy Hank Gudrian	22	Joe Rumsey Deborah Pollard		
		23	Caleigh Lockwood **		
		25	Alison Oring Monica Braden		

OCTOBER ANNIVERSARIES



1	Patrick and Rose Potter	16	Mark and Suzanne Whitmarsh
2	Eddie and Bonnie Weaver	18	Rhyne and Betty Ramseur
3	Al and Jennifer Snyder Ed and Lori Fischl	20	Matt and Dawn Benton
4	Mark and Gina Williams	22	Glen and Bonnie Nyhus
6	Philip and Andrea Anderson	24	Fred and Ruthann Getsinger Dick and Sophie Williams
9	Marlo and Linda Piccinin	27	Howard and Janice Siko
15	Jeffrey and Denise Simon	30	Mike and Charlotte Thompson



Confirmation Youth! Take note of a retreat for you to

Ft. Caswell on Nov. 2nd and 3rd. We will leave around 5:00 on Friday, eating at McDonalds on the way down, and return on Saturday around 4pm.

Cost is \$38 (due by Oct. 15th) and includes lodging, breakfast and lunch. This is really a fun time as well as an opportunity to get to know each other and the adult chaperones a little bit better.

Sign up on youth board.

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Bible Study Opportunities

1. Join a Sunday School Class

We offer classes from age 2 to adult. Ages 2 to middle school are studying “Living the Good News” – a lectionary based study. High schoolers are studying “Faith Lens” from the ELCA website, and adults are finishing the study of the ELCA statement on Human Sexuality.

We will have 5 new adult classes beginning October 21: 1) Bill Davis- “The Man from Tarsus: Paul and the Rise of the Early Church, 2) Frank Howard- “Sacred Seasons, Holy Days,” 3) Kathren Miller- Christian Parenting, 4) John Antonelli- “Spiritual Gifts – Discover your Servant Profile,” and 5) Pastor Sam- “Divine Drama”- a shorter version of the Crossways Bible Study. Please sign up in the Commons so these wonderful teachers can plan for enough resources for all students of the Word. Please join a class or audit classes until you find the right one for you. Thanks for setting a great example for our younger members. If you have ideas for other classes, please contact Tammi Gates @ 796-9686.

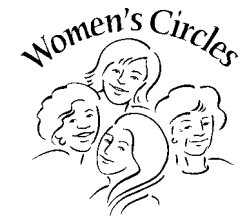
2. Crossways Bible Study meets on Wednesdays @ 6:00 P.M. and Thursdays @ 10:00 A.M.. You can join or audit the class anytime. Contact Tammi Gates if you need to order material.

3. Spiritual Formation Class

If you are interested in being in a small group you are invited to join the Spiritual Formation Group on **Mondays at 9:30 a.m.** in the Church Library. This is a scripturally based study which allows for spiritual growth on a one on one basis with peer support. The group usually consist of 8-12 members. A study book is used for discussions that has 8 sessions as follows:

1) Discovering a balanced Vision of Christian Faith and Practice, 2) Practicing the Prayer-Filled Life, 3) Practicing the Virtuous Life, 4) Practicing the Spirit-Empowered Life, 5) Practicing the Compassionate Life, 6) Practicing the Word Centered Life, 7) Practicing the Sacramental Life, 8) Discovering a Practical Strategy for Spiritual Growth. **Come visit with us.**

For more information contact Dorothy Blade at 350-1990 or Ruth Smith at 799-2222.



Fellowship

ELCA CIRCLE SCHEDULE FOR OCTOBER

Faith- 9:30 am Tuesday October 9th
at the home of Shirley Morrow.

Love – 7:30 pm Tuesday, October 9th
in the Church Library.

Peace – 1:30 pm Tuesday, October 9th
in the Church Library.

Praise – 6:00 pm on Tuesday, October 9th,
place to be announced.



OCTOBERFEST FESTIVAL

(Fundraiser for the Men's Group)

Outreach and Fellowship Opportunity

Make your plans now to come to the McSwain Center on **Saturday, October 13th** from 3:00 pm until 6:00 pm for a meal of bratwurst, saurkraut and German potato salad. The cost will be \$6.00 per plate. Hot dogs and chips will be available for the kids at a cost of \$3.00. Beverages, tea or lemonade furnished with the meal. Root beer and non-alcoholic beer can be purchased as well as desserts.

The funds raised will be used to for mission projects ie. ramps for shut-ins etc. Come be a part of this fellowship opportunity.

Any questions contact Mark Whitmarsh on his cell at 431-9573 or home 792-6117.

REMEMBER DAILY IN YOUR PRAYERS the following church members and friends.

Tom Oakley	John Tullous	Nancy Heck
Jane Brunt	Diane Vickery	Pru Hovis
Naomi Era	Michael Vickery	Marie Brown
Michelle King	The Wade Family	Ryan Family
Dick Bramley	John Geiger	Arthur Moore
Brenda Tyler	Nell McArver	Betty Killian
Kelsea Webster	Paul Murphy	Pat Dearie
Leon Wade, Sr.	Herb and Lucy Bost	Mary Serkiz
Wally Schultz	Bertha Rankin	Terri Dearie
Marilyn Wilson	Clement Doniere	Dean Carlisle
Military Families	Dorothy Heberling	Karley Lewis
Charles Ramseur	The Price Family	Astrid Cooke
James Clemmons	Catherine Smith	Bobby Seitter
Mabel Harshbarger		Lois Padgett
Beverly Chamberlain	Harriet Zumwalt	James Ammons
Tim and Sarah Walters	Lillian Witter	John Pollard
Mike and Helen Ward		

REMEMBER OUR HOMEBOUND - Diane Koen, Emma Brunjes, Barbara Cook, Helen Hauns, Betty Lauver, Ruby Hubbard, Effie and Jane McDougald.

SYMPATHY is extended to family and friends of *Geneva Batson* who died September 8th. She joined St. Matthew's in September of 1975. She was 97, our oldest living church member.

SYMPATHY is extended to *Jeb and Nancy Miller* in the death of their son, Thomas "Mitch" on September 30th.

SYMPATHY is extended to *Jeb and Nancy Miller* in the death of Nancy's father, Woodrow Wilson, on August 27th.

SYMPATHY is extended to the family of Pastor Bill Fink who passed in Minnesota. Contact Barbara Clemmons regarding an address to send a card to Bill's wife.

SYMPATHY is extended to *Audrey Rose Meyer* in the death of her sister-in-law, Hilda Howard, in Fayetteville, NC.

SYMPATHY is extended to *David and Kathren Miller* in the death of David's father, Clarence Miller in Boyne City, Michigan on September 21st.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS:

Kari and Matthew Cottle
1800 Baity Hill Drive, Apt. 214
Chapel Hill, NC 27514

ROOMMATE

WANTED Female roommate wanted, lovely place, great price! Please call Elaine Brown at 793-6113

CONGRATULATIONS

to *David Trapp* who received his **Eagle Scout Award** on September 15 in a ceremony here at St. Matthew's. See photo on bulletin board by the office of David at the ceremony.

Kathleen Gates in being 19th in ranking of 250 volleyball recruits in the Class of 2008. Kathleen has trained with the USAV as a member of the original cast of the 2007 Youth National Team. See the article and photo of Kathleen on the bulletin board by the office.

CIRCLE OF PRAISE RETREAT

On the weekend of August 9-12th the Circle of Praise celebrated a retreat on Beach Mountain, NC at the home of Judy Benson (Thank you Judy). We reveled in the beauty of the mountains, the cool weather and the gifts this world gives to us by a loving God. It was a time of devotion, prayers and learning more about each other. What fun! What fellowship! What blessings! (see photo on bulletin board by the church office.)



MANY THANKS

I sent 140 bar codes and 100 box school coupons to the Lutheran Indian Mission School. These are from Campbell's labels and they aid in the purchase of school supplies at the mission school. Keep them coming so I can send some more off in a couple of months. Your support of this ministry is appreciated.

Thanks again, Jane Bruce

NEW MEMBERS JOINED ON AUGUST 26TH

See insert for photos and information on these new families to the St. Matthew's Congregation.

Those Serving in October 2007

COMMUNION ASSISTANTS

- 7 8:30 Nancy Brennanm, John Stemke, Thelma Walter,
Amy Tucker-Morgan
11:00 Sherry Bendahmane, Carol Comeskey,
Melinda Knoerzer, Robert Rabozzi
14 8:30 Frank/Mari Felter, Lisa Hornick, Steve Morgan
11:00 Ricahrd/Carol Chinn, TBA, TAB
21 8:30 Mike/Carol Roberts, Butch Ruefle, Ellen James
11:00 Jerry/Zan Bramley, Melissa Hollamon,
Helen Stansbury
28 8:30 Frank/Renate Gray, David/Kathren Miller
11:00 Karin Cook, Kris Hall, Linda Riesz, Shirley Melito

USHERS Contact Ryan Allison to serve at 8:30 service.

Saturday Service: Pete Koder

- 7 11:00 Happy Wade, Saville Riesz, Fred Getsinger
14 11:00 Rick Brode, Peter Gimbal, Keith Geiger
21 11:00 Jerry and Zan Bramley, Dale Blade
28 11:00 Arhtur Moore, TBA, TBA

GREETERS

- 6:00 Morris and Joanne Johnson
8:30 Larry Gates Family; Tom and Marie Douglas
11:00 Earl and Doris Ullman (1st and 3rd)
Waltr and Loretta Brehm (2nd and 4th)

LECTORS *Saturday Services:* (6) Phil Bloedorn,
(13) Janet Tweedy; (20) Cindy Cornett; (27) Joanne Johnson

Sunday Services

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|----|--------------|-----------------|
| | 8:30 | 11:00 |
| 7 | John Stemke | Nancy Miller |
| 14 | Ben Stroehl | Bill Davis |
| 21 | Rich Walter | Kelly Stansbury |
| 28 | Steve Morgan | Barbara Moore |

ALTAR FLOWERS

- | | | | |
|----|------------------------|----|----------------------|
| 7 | Bloedorn, Zumwalt | 14 | R. Walter, Getsinger |
| 21 | Daniels, Christine/Fox | 28 | Magruder, Stemke |

NURSERY

- | | | |
|----|-------------------|-----------------|
| | 8:30 | 11:00 |
| 7 | Bruni Kline | Charles Riesz |
| 14 | Lynn/Megan Stemke | Bekki Lee |
| 21 | Sheila Whitmeyer | Rowanne Lane |
| 28 | Janna Bauer | Annette Janssen |

ACOLYTES 8:30

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|----|--------------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| | 8:30 | 11:00 |
| 7 | Megan Lambert
Sarah Davis | Daniel Potter
David Robey |
| 14 | Laurel Melito
Danni Meyer | Ian Brambell
Dale Stansbury |
| 21 | TBA
Travis Johns | Amy Erkes
Riley Tucker |
| 28 | Meredith Allison
Caleigh Lockwood | Carson Plumley
Peyton Hughes |

ALTAR GUILD *Saturday: Janet Wise*

- 7 Jodi Davis, Kristi Wade, Sonja Stroehl, Janet Wise
14 Margaret Ballantine, Nancy Fauser, Shirley Morrow
21 Judy Benson, Robin Hueskes, Arlene Robie, Jan Christine
28 Amy Tucker-Morgan, Kathie Tucker, Kathren Miller

BUILDING Sat: TBA
SUNDAY: OPEN: John Stemke
CLOSE: Jeffrey Cummings



August 26 – September 23



MEMORY OF WOODROW WILSON, NANCY MILLER'S FATHER

Family Assistance Fund Dale and Dorothy Blade
Property Bill and Betty Killian

MEMORY OF PASTOR BILL FINK

Family Assistance Fund Dale and Dorothy Blade

MEMORY OF EMILY WADE

Family Assistance Fund Aleda Margraff

MEMORY OF HILDA HOWARD, Sister-In-Law of Rose Meyer

Property Aleda Margraff

MEMORY OF JACK LARSON

Roof and Organ Repairs Jack and Harriet Kuske

MEMORY OF MARY PIERSON

Roof and Organ Repairs Jack and Harriet Kuske

HONOR OF TIM AND SARAH WALTER

Missionary Fund Rich and Thelma Walter

HONOR OF LUCY HIERONYMUS

Youth Fund Rich and Thelma Walter

HONOR OF HERB AND LUCY BOST

Fifth Sunday Frank and Nancy Fauser

HONOR OF NELL MCARVER

Undesignated Thomas and Sheila Wallace
Roof and Organ Repairs Jack and Harriet Kuske

HONOR OF LISA AND TREVOR HORNICK

Missionary Fund Rich and Thelma Walter

HONOR OF DICK AND SOPHIE WILLIAMS

Youth Rich and Thelma Walter

HONOR OF DAVID TRAPP ATTAINING EAGLE SCOUT

Family Assistance Fund Rich and Thelma Walter

TREASURER'S REPORT

August 2007

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Charles D. Malmberg, Treasurer

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(Daily meaning for each of us)

The Lord is my Shepherd	That's <i>relationship!</i>
I shall not want	That's <i>supply!</i>
He maketh me to lie down in green pastures	That's <i>rest!</i>
He leadeth me beside still waters	That's <i>refreshment!</i>
He restoreth my soul	That's <i>healing!</i>
He leadeth me in the paths of righteousness	That's <i>guidance!</i>
For His name's sake	That's <i>purpose!</i>
Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death	That's <i>testing!</i>
I will fear no evil	That's <i>protection!</i>
For Thou art with me	That's <i>faithfulness!</i>
Thy rod and Thy staff they comfort me	That's <i>discipline!</i>
Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies	That's <i>Hope!</i>

Thou annoument my head with oil	That's <i>consecration!</i>
My Cup runneth over	That's <i>abundance!</i>
Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me	
All the days of my life	That's <i>blessing!</i>
And I will dwell in the house of the Lord	That's <i>security!</i>
Forever	That's <i>eternity!</i>
	<i>Amen</i>

November Dates

Nov. 2 nd	Confirmation Retreat
Nov. 9 th	Movie Night 6:30pm
Nov. 10 th	K-5 th grade bowling at Cardinal Lanes Shipyard
Nov. 30 th	Advent Night 6:30-9pm in McSwain...Join me in creating your Personal ornaments and sharing appetizers and dessert with friends.