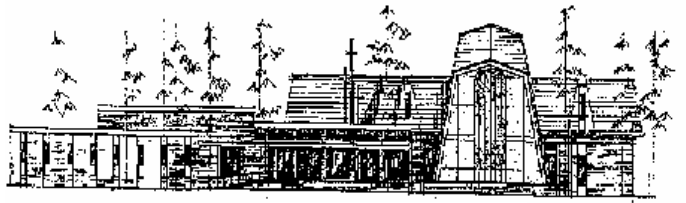


The Encounter



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Movie Night... Friday Oct. 3rd at
6:30pm in the gym...

We will show *Nim's Island*. Just bring
your comfy seat and we provide
popcorn and drinks. Fun fellowship for all.



High School lock-in
Friday Oct. 10th
from 8:00pm-9:30am

Going to the ballgame? You can come late and yes
you may bring a friend. Make sure I have a
permission form signed. Bring your toiletries,
sleeping bag, snack and a drink to share. Sign-up is
on the youth board.

THE CONGREGATION IS INVITED



Youth Mission Trip Dinner will be held
on **Sunday Oct. 12th at 12:30** in the gym.
Please come out to watch a presentation
given by the youth and hear about this years
experience in Bay City, Michigan.

A signup sheet is in the commons area on the new
bulletin board.

**MIDDLE SCHOOL RETREAT
TO FT. CASWELL**
Friday Oct. 17th
returning on Sat. by 4pm.

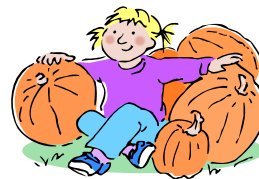


Cost is \$45 which includes lodging,
breakfast and lunch. Make payment out to St.
Matthew's and it is due now. Questions please
contact Nancy Magruder.



OWL'S LUNCHEON FOR OCTOBER

We will gather for fellowship and
lunch on Thursday the 23rd at 11:30 am
Our meal will be catered by Middle of
the Island. The menu is: Baked ham, chicken pot
pie, scalloped potatoes, yams, field peas, and apple
crisp will be served at a cost of \$7.50 a person.



FALL FESTIVAL AND OCTOBERFEST



Saturday Oct. 25th from 11:00am -3pm

Open to public! Invite your friends!

There will be games, cake walk, Haunted House,
prizes, FOOD!

Proceeds from this event will go toward youth
group events and our men's group for their projects
through the year.

Please DONATE items for the bazaar, or
DONATE your time. See the interest sheet is on the
new bulletin board in the Commons.



**Annual Blessing of
the Animals Service**
**Saturday, October 4 @ 10:00 in
the Courtyard**

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

Dear Sisters and Brothers,

You have heard me say that the average Lutheran invites someone to church once every seventeen years. That's not an original line but one from Lutheran theologian Pat Keiffert, who teaches at our seminary in St. Paul MN.

Last year Kelly Stansbury invited a coworker Caitlin Brown to worship. Caitlin's husband, Gabriel, was serving with the Marines in Iraq at the time. Caitlin started attending regularly and even put me on the phone one Sunday morning with her husband in Iraq. When Gabriel came home, he was in worship the very next week. On Memorial Day, Gabriel was in his dress uniform at our patriotic celebration. Last Saturday night Gabriel was baptized in the courtyard fountain. Caitlin and he were confirmed at the same service. Soon they'll be the proud new parents of their first child who will be baptized at St. Matthew's.

Because Kelly invited her coworker Caitlin, a whole series of life-changing events began. Today Gabriel and Caitlin are dear sisters and brothers in Christ!

On the weekend of October 11-12, I hope you will invite a friend to worship with you. She or he may be a spouse, a sibling, a coworker, a neighbor, or a dear friend. You don't have to cold call on someone you don't know. Just think about those you do know who aren't regularly worshipping, and then invite them to St. Matthew's!

On Saturday morning, October 11, from 9 to noon, there's a New Disciples' Class for those new to Christianity or new to the Lutheran church. This might be a great way for you to help a friend discover a new relationship with the Lord Jesus Christ and His Father and the Holy Spirit. Pray before asking someone to attend, and then agree to attend with them. No strings attached for attending, but this is the way to begin the membership process here at St. Matthew's.

A lot of great things will be happening in October including a visit on Thursday, October 23, by the choir from Lenoir Rhyne University in Hickory. If you would like to help host students, please contact Bonnie Weaver, our Director of Music.

In October, there's another Habitat for Humanity workday; the blessing of the animals; another Lutheran Student luncheon; an Oktoberfest and Fall Festival; and the celebration in worship of Sts. Francis of Assisi and St. Luke the Physician and the Feast of the Reformation. On November 1, there's our next New Member Orientation with folks being invited to join on November 1-2.

Sunday School is going strong, and you might hear the Lord calling you to give two weeks to help teach a Sunday School class or activity.

Finally, what a joy it was on September 13-14 to receive into our fellowship in the Gospel: Heidi Apel; Brian Ammons and Brandi Chinn (son James baptized last year); Danielle Bashaw (daughter Braelynn recently baptized); Gabriel and Caitlin Brown; John and Astrid Cooke; Gary and Kay Faircloth; Nancy Frey; Robin Funke; Nate and Linda Holway; Erica Jones and two children (Shaelyn baptized Saturday night); Carl and Martha Larson; Kelsey Mishler; Cheryl Penney and three children; Lea Shipman and 3 children; Ron and Joy Snyder and two children; and Marianne Woessner.

It's a new program year at St. Matthew's, and God has service work for all of us. If you can do nothing else, then be a prayer warrior daily praying for your church. If you can give some time and talent, then listen to the still small voice calling you to specific tasks.

I thank God for you and for the joy of serving Christ Jesus here at St. Matthew's.

God bless you all richly as you answer His call to service!

Your brother in Christ,

Pastor Sam Zumwalt

THE STORY BEGINS.....

I've heard it said that the only constants in this life are death and taxes. I don't believe that for a second. As surely as we live and breathe there is also God and the Devil as well as a host of other things we have no control over. It's comforting for us as Christians to know that God is the one and only true constant there is in life and death.

One of the big constants I find myself dealing with regularly is *CHANGE!* Yes, *CHANGE*. As surely as something happens continuously it is a constant. Just when I think everything is just about perfect, something happens and a change is necessary. Sometimes they are big, sometimes small, but still they are changes. We often joke about Lutherans being set in their ways and adamantly opposed to change. This is far from the truth for the St. Matthews congregation. We may not always embrace change, but we always make the changes necessary.

St. Matthews was started as a Sunday School back in 1891. The need and the ability to reach people was obvious and in March of 1892 a change was made, St. Matthews became a mission church on North 4th St. The church grew and through the vision of some members a change was born. The St. Matthews congregation had a vision for growth and built new church facilities on 17th St. The congregation grew. The lack of space to adequately serve the needs of the community and the congregation became apparent and a vision for change was born again. The congregation again built new church facilities on the current location at South College Rd. Many changes have been made to our facilities through the years and our congregation continues to grow!

We are updating and making some renovations to our facilities and change continues. We pray God is inspiring these changes for the growth and nurturing of His family. As we look back on the many changes that St. Matthew's has been through, we see periods of growth every time we were willing to follow God's direction and grow His family. *What lies ahead for our congregational family?* That largely depends on you. As we seek to do God's will you should pray for guidance and discernment for those who lead and those who follow, as well as yourself. All God's children will face many challenges in the days and weeks and months and years to come. We have many responsibilities to each other and to future generations. What responsibilities do we have?

THE REST OF THE STORY NEXT MONTH.....

Richard Chinn, President

COUNCIL SUMMARY

September 11, 2008

The regular monthly business and visioning meeting convened on September 11, 2008 at 7pm beginning with devotions led by Pastor Sam. The meeting continued at 7:25 pm being called to order by Richard Chinn, Pres.

The reports from the previous meeting, Minutes, Pastors' Reports and Parish Records Secretary Membership Report were acknowledged and accepted by motion and vote.

Council began discussions of building use policies for outside groups meeting at St. Matthew's facilities with particular concerns about security.

The deteriorated condition of the refrigerator in the McCombs fellowship hall kitchen was pointed out to council. The advice was to seek its replacement by way of a sponsorship. This item will be added to the budget for the current Education Wing / McCombs facilities improvements already underway.

Materials designed by Stan Brunt, Stewardship Chairman are in the commons.

The Council terms of Scott Holzberger, Joe Rumsey, Axel Erkes and Brigitte Walters end at December 31, 2008. Discussion for the appointment of a nominating committee took place with Brigitte Walters volunteering to participate as well as recognition that Pastor Zumwalt and Richard Chinn, President are ex-officio members of this committee.

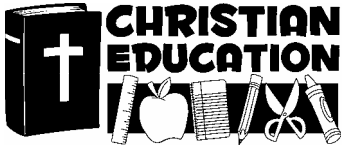
The remainder of this meeting was devoted to a presentation by Richard Chinn on the topic of understanding financial reports. Council then entered into discussion on the presentation and review of the structure of St. Matthew's accounting for special and designated funds with a goal in view to more clearly inform and advise team leaders about resources available to them in the pursuit of their ministry programs.

A Blood Drive is to be held at St. Matthew's on October 19th.

The next scheduled council meeting will be Thursday October 9 at 7:00 pm.

The meeting adjourned at 9:15 pm with the praying together of the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully Submitted,
Peter Gimbal, Recorder



“Treasures of the S.E.A.” (Story Enriching Activities)-Ages 3 years to 5th grade meet in McCombs @ 9:45 for

the Sunday School opening with Amy Tucker Morgan. Middle School, High School and adults are welcome to join us for the opening and then go to their classes at 10:00 High School and Middle School classes meet in McSwain.

Schedule for Treasures of the S.E.A.
(Story Enriching Activities)

- October- Noah’s Ark
- November- Joseph and his coat of many colors
- December- Advent/Christmas

CROSSWAYS BIBLE STUDY

Wednesdays @ 6:00 P.M. and Thursdays @ 10:00 A.M. Questions? contact Tammi Gates at 796-9686

Confirmation for grades 6-8: Wednesdays @ 6:30 for music and 7:00 Classes

EARLY CHRISTMAS SALE!

Now through December.



Contact any Choir member to purchase a cookbook for a gift.

The sale prices are: one book \$8.00, two for \$14, three for \$18 and four for \$20. Shop early while supplies last.

JUST A REMINDER

Life Line Screening will be in McCombs Hall on **October 6th** to provide 5 different health screenings for the Wilmington Community. If interested see flyer on the bulletin board by the offices and pre-register for any of the test by calling 1-800-407-4557.

- **Stroke/Carotid Artery Screening**
- **Abdominal Aortic Aneurysm (AAA) test**
- **Ankle Brachial Index (ABI) –**
- **Bone Density screening**
- ***NEW* Atrial Fibrillation** – testing for a heart arrhythmia which makes you 5 times more likely to have a stroke.

These screenings are painless, non-invasive, and require ten minutes or less to complete.



SUNDAY, OCTOBER 19TH
9:00 am-1:00pm
in the McSwain Activity Center

This blood drive is sponsored by St. Matthew’s Social Ministry Team. Please support our community by giving the Gift of Life!

See sheet on the bulletin board in the Commons for appointment times. All presenting donors are eligible to enter a drawing for a \$1,000 Gift Card!



Mountain Trip... Nov. 5th-7th cost

\$225 per person which includes the two night stay in Cherokee, four hour train ride through the mountains, the bus cost and our side trip to West

Jefferson to view the frescos at a local church. Sign up is on board outside of the Church offices. **Need a final number along with half of the money by Oct. 12th to make our final arrangements.**

Final payment due by Oct. 26th.

WOMEN OF ELCA – OCTOBER CIRCLE SCHEUDLE

- October 14 @ 9:30 am **Faith Circle** at the home of Ana Maria Jackson
- October 14 @ 1:30 pm **Peace Circle** at the home of Dot Springs
- October 14 @ 6:30 pm **Praise Circle**. The place to be determined.
- October – **Love Circle** Octoberfest at the home of Renate Gray. The date to be determined.



LAST CHANCE TO HAVE YOUR PHOTO TAKEN FOR THE NEW DIRECTORY

The dates are : October 2, 3 and 4. See the appointment sheets on the table in the Commons area.

THANK YOU to the many families that have come in August and September for the photo sessions.

If you would like to help with design layout for activity pages of the directory contact Kathren Miller at 452-3416 or Debbie Gimbal at 313-6645.

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<p align="center">Sunday Choir Practice Schedule</p> <p>4:00 Luther Choir 4:00 Instrumental Ensemble 5:00 Handbell Choir Wednesday @ 7:00 Tone Chime Choir</p>			<p>1</p> <p>9:30 Spiritual Formation 6:00 GS #354 6:00 Crossways 6:30 Cub Scouts #274 6:30 Confirmation Music 7:00 Crossways 7:30 Adult Choir</p>	<p>2</p> <p align="center">PHOTO SESSION 1:00-8:45 PM</p> <p>9:00 Women's Fitness 10:00 Crossways 3:30 GS #739 7:00 Boy Scouts</p>	<p>3</p> <p align="center">PHOTO SESSION 1:00-8:45 PM</p> <p align="center"><i>Hospice Meal Rebecca Reuse-Skupas and Beth Reuse</i></p>	<p>4</p> <p align="center">10:00 Blessing of the Animals PHOTO SESSION 9:00 AM-4:30 PM Habitat for Humanity Workday 6:00 Worship/Comm 8:00 AA 8:00 AL-ANON</p>
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OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

** Denotes Youth Birthday

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



OCTOBER ANNIVERSARIES

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS OF IMPORTANCE



Lenoir Rhyne College will present a concert in our

Sanctuary on **Thursday, October 23rd at 7:30 pm.** Mark your calendar now to attend this special event.

NEEDED: If you would like to house a student please contact Bonnie Weaver, Director of Music at 792-1891.



CHRISTMAS PLAY

Christmas is not that far away and we need to begin practices for the Christmas play to be given on Sat. Dec. 13th and also Christmas Eve at 6pm. There is room for elementary age up to participate. Interest sheet is on the youth board across from the Church offices.



THE ELCA NATIONAL YOUTH GATHERING

is next July in New Orleans. We have 15 youth and 4 adults who have committed themselves to attend the large gathering. There are spaces for 34,000 youth and 22,000 have already registered including us. This is one of our more costly adventures since the gathering does not include any lodging or meals, so during the year we will be fundraising and asking for your support in our efforts to raise the money to attend. If you wish to donate to this fund just make a notation on your donation to mission trip 2009 and it will be placed accordingly. Thank you in advance for all your support to our program.

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

It's time once again for the generosity of our congregation to shine through. The Samaritan's Purse organization has provided information to us on how to fill our boxes and suggestions for gifts for the needy. You will find the information in the common's area the middle of October. There will be some plastic boxes provided, but if you are able to provide your own, then all you will need is the pamphlet. Last year we had over 180 boxes total. This year I would love to see over 200! You should see how much fun it is trying to get all of those boxes into an SUV! I know in uncertain economic times it is easy to cut back in many areas, but let's not forget those that do not even realize that our hard times are any different than any other time. Thanks, in advance, for all of your help.

As usual, the number of boxes that you fill up is unlimited, so take as many pamphlets as you wish.

Any questions, please call Sandy Miles, 233-7898.



SOCIAL MINISTRY NEWS



Calling all hearts, calling all hands!

The Social Ministry Team is undergoing a revival under the leadership of Marilyn Wilson, Chair and Kay Rose, Vice Chair. We are hoping to do some new and exciting outreach programs in the coming year and need the help of our St. Matthew's family. In fact, we can't do it without your help.

First, we who are five, need a few more folks who can commit to the dreaded words, "A meeting a month", to be overseers of specific programs, managers if you will. We do not expect a lifetime commitment, try it for a year and maybe you will find it rewarding.

Second, we need helpers who, while not able to attend meetings, would be willing to do specific jobs requiring less time. Soon we will be passing out forms with opportunities involving Social Ministry Projects. We want to add more outreach possibilities in the coming year so that our St. Matthew's family can successfully serve as our Lord might wish us to do.

In His service,
Marilyn Wilson

PET LOVERS - Please Note:

I need one or two ladies to help in my pet sitting business over the Thanksgiving and Christmas holidays.

We go to client's homes to care for their pets when clients are on vacation or just for lunch time let-outs.

If you are an at-home lady or a college student who lives in town and would like to earn some extra money, I would like to talk to you. I could then explain in detail what the pet care duties involve.

**Please call Lisa Becker
at 262-2369**

ATTENTION YOUTH Dates for your November calendar

Nov. 2nd Girls group 4pm
Nov. 9th Puppet ministry 4pm
Nov. 14th Middle School lock-in
Nov. 16th Puppet ministry 4pm
Nov. 23rd Boys group 4pm

REMEMBER IN PRAYER:

MEMBERS:

Jane Brunt	Mary Serkiz	Frank Fauser
Frank Howard	Diane Vickery	Kristin Scott,
Pru Hovis	Bruni Kline	John Geiger
Harold Shelton, Jr	Betty Lauver	Michael Vickery
Iris Whiteside	Brenda Seitter	Charles Ramseur
Brenda Tyler	Elsie Cates	Marie Brown
Earl Lindner	Bobby Seitter	Clement Doniere
James Ammons	Marilyn Wilson	Betty Lentz,
Ester Bloedorn	Norma Malmberg	Frank Gilbert
Danielle Bashaw and daughter Braelynn		Nancy Heck
John Geiger	Ruthann Getsinger	
Muriel Hospodar		

FRIENDS/FAMILY OF MEMBERS:

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Bessie King,	Chuck Stansbury	Carroll Strong
Edward Capalbo	Daniel Detloff	Evelyn Lauer
Ashley Holgerson	Norma Horn	Seth Ewing
Dorothy Heberling	Nancy French	Carolyn Purcell
Herb Fox	Pat Dearie	Dick Bramley
Karen Brix	Rick Robey	Clyde Hamrick
Bertha Rankin	Elsie Heinlein	Kelsea Webster
Clyde Farmer	Leon Wade, Sr.	Fran Heidorn
Lois Whitmeyer	Gary Faircloth	Sarah Mairs
Linda Parker	Katherine Gatewood	Chea Prater
Military Families	Beverly Chamberlain	Noel Costa
Peggy Clemmons	Heather Thornton	Jerry Murrell
Jacob Chamness	George Viola	Liz Sabbagh
Craig Jumper	Drew Smith	Joanna Loftis
William Davis		

REMEMBER OUR HOMEBOUND MEMBERS:

Diane Koen, Emma Brunjes, Barbara Cook, Helen Hauns, Betty Lauver, Ruby, Hubbard, and Jane McDougald.

WELCOME TO OUR NEW MEMBERS

Carl and Marta Larson	Caitlin and Gabriel Brown
John and Astrid Cooke	Nate and Linda Holway
Gary and Kay Faircloth	Heidi Apel
Danielle Bashaw	Kelsey Mishler
Nancy Frey	Robin Funke
Marianne Woessner	
Lea A. Shipman and child, Ace	
Brian Ammons and Brandi Chinn	
Erica Jones and children Cayne Davis and Shealyn Jones	
Cheryl Penney and sons, Trevor Penney and Aaron Long	
Ron and Joyce Snyder and children Bryan and Krystal	

Photos will be on the bulletin board in the hall by the church offices and the November Encounter will have an insert to introduce these families.



Dear Friends in Christ,

Thank you for your prayers, cards and other expressions of love and concern.

We are truly blessed by St. Matthew's family and love you all. Our special thanks to Pastor Sam.

Praise God for all His blessings

Dale and Dorothy Blade

Dear St. Matthews,

Thanks to all my family at St. Mathews. I really appreciate all your thoughts, prayers and best wishes since I have been confined. I am feeling much better now and hope to come back to church soon.

Love, *Betty*

Thanks to all of you in our church family who have shown me so many kindnesses and so many expressions of love and caring. Thank you for your cards, and for your visits, and for the many phone calls. Thank you for the incredible ramp from our front deck to the driveway, which I use every day; thank you for the power chair, which provides me much greater mobility than I've had in a very long time. Thank you, too, for the incredible pig-picking benefit, and for being there for me and for Becky during a tough time. Your generous actions have touched and moved me beyond any words I might say, except again, thank you.

Frank Howard

Thanks to everyone who has donated their time and money and lifted us up in prayer to help us have a fun and exciting launch for Sunday School. Please look at lists on bulletin for volunteer and supply needs. Any questions please contact Tammi Gates at 796.9686 or email tammig@iglide.net.

Tammi Gates

I would like to thank all the many people that made St. Matthews Sunday a success. Special thanks to the gourmet cooks who brought in the delicious dishes, participants in the program and those who offered their time and talents to make the day great. I would like to thank the fellowship team for your cooperation and creativity. You are the best!

Vivian Alexander

Those Serving in October 2008

COMMUNION ASSISTANTS

- 5 8:30 Bill Paris, Sandy O'Donnell,
Florence Schorschinsky, Allan Warrington
- 11:00 Jerry Bramley, Melissa Hollamon,
Melinda Knoerzer, Nancy Miller
- 12 8:30 Jan Christine, Bill Fox, David Miller,
Kay Rose
- 11:00 Richard Chinn, Bill Davis, Kris Hall,
Sherri Hiler
- 19 8:30 Frank/Renate Gray, Scott Holzberger,
Nancy Magruder
- 11:00 Sandra Miles, Lynette Farmer,
Sherry Bendahmane
- 26 8:30 Bob/Cheryl/David Trapp, Thelma Walter
- 11:00 Barbara Moore, Linda Riesz, Susan Shearin,
Kelly Stansbury

USHERS

Saturday Service: Pete Koder

Sunday Service:

- 5 8:30 Bill Fox and Jan Christine
- 11:00 John Pollard, Tony Irenze, **Needed**
- 12 8:30 Jeff and Marisa Turner
- 11:00 Happy Wade, Saville Riesz, Fred Getsinger
- 19 8:30 Ryan and Meredith Allison
- 11:00 Peter Gimbal, Keith Geiger, **Needed**
- 26 8:30 Frank Gray and Rich Walter
- 11:00 Jerry and Zan Bramley, **Needed**

**** Call Minnie Larson to volunteer for the 11:00 usher schedule for the 5th, 19th and 26th.**

GREETERS

- 6:00 Morris and Joanne Johnson
- 8:30 Larry Gates Family; Tom and Marie Douglas
- 11:00 Arnold Wychel; Andy Vics;
Earl and Doris Ullman (2nd & 4th)

LECTORS *Saturday Services:* (4) Michael Vickery;
(11) Joanne Johnson; (18) Brigitte Walters;
(25) Phil Bloedorn

Sunday Services

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| 8:30 | 11:00 |
| 5 John Stemke | Suzanne Whitmarsh |
| 12 Sheila Whitmeyer | Linda Riesz |
| 19 Sophie Williams | Ellen James |
| 26 Steve Morgan | Minnie Larson |

ACOLYTES

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|---------------------|------------------------------|
| 8:30 | 11:00 |
| 5 Megan Lambert | Laurel Melito |
| Sarah Davis | Ian Brambell |
| 12 Laurel Melito | Hannah Stansbury |
| Morgan Piper | Dale Stansbury |
| 19 Kelby Bauer | Carson Plumley, Riley Tucker |
| Travis Johns | Amy Erkes, Nicholas Tucker |
| 26 Matt van der Wal | Sarah Davis, Peyton Hughes, |
| Patrick Magruder | Lizzie Rhoades, Travis Johns |

ALTAR FLOWERS

- 5 Piccinin, McSwain
- 12 Bloedorn; Children's Schoolhouse
- 19 Wakild; Richard/Sophie Williams
- 26 Pastor Sam/Clare; Stemke

NURSERY

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| | 8:30 | 11:00 |
| 5 | Brandi Chinn | Charles Riesz |
| 12 | Missy Marcinowski | Caitlin Brown |
| 19 | Keri Rutland | Erika/Megan Brambell |
| 26 | Needed | Needed |

*** Signup sheet is in the nursery. Please volunteer your time for this need.**

ALTAR GUILD *Saturday: Janet Wise*

- 5 Thelma Walter, Linda Renzaglia, Barbara Moore,
Gina/Natalie/Anna Williams
- 12 Carol Chinn, Lynette Farmer
- 19 Jodi Davis, Kristi Wade, Kathy Aleksandravicius,
Patti/Rachel Erkes
- 26 Margaret Ballantine, Shirley Morrow, Judy Daniels,
Jean Wooley

BUILDING Sat: Pete Koder
SUNDAY: OPEN: John Stemke
CLOSE: Arnold Wychel



August 31, 2008 –September 22

HONOR OF BOB BYRNE ON HIS BIRTHDAY

Fifth Sunday Frank and Nancy Fauser

HONOR OF NELL MCARVER'S BIRTHDAY

Property Committee Pete and Grace Koder

MEMORY OF MELVIN HANSEN, KRIS HALL'S FATHER

Worship and Music Andy and Norma Vics

TREASURER'S REPORT August 2008

Income for the month of August totaled \$47,558. Expenditures for August totaled \$44,994, resulting in a **positive** \$2,563. Income for the period January thru August totaled \$384,705. Expenditures for the same period totaled \$390,306, resulting in a **negative** \$5,601.

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Hello, my name is Hilary Piper.

I am a senior at Laney High School and I am working on my **Senior Project**. It is a Graduation Project that consists of a paper, interview, at least 15 hours of work and service, a product, and multiple speeches. I have chosen to do my senior project on *Refractory Iron Deficiency Anemia*.

Last year I was diagnosed with Refractory Iron Deficiency Anemia. I am a patient of Dr. Gold in Chapel Hill at the Hematology/Oncology Pediatric Clinic. I had a Bone Marrow Biopsy and Aspiration last October because they thought I had Leukemia. I continue to have treatments and will probably have another Bone Marrow Biopsy and Aspiration again in the fall making sure it does not turn into Leukemia. I had two test runs of IV Iron; there they discovered that I am allergic to IV Iron. Taking iron supplements or eating foods that contain heavy iron do not help because my body does not absorb the iron. During my continuous visits to Chapel Hill, I was a Resident at the Ronald McDonald House. It is a place that touched my life as well as many other lives including other children and families within the church. It is a home outside a home.

As part of my Senior Project, I want to give back to the Ronald McDonald House of Chapel Hill because of what it stands for. During the month of October, I will be collecting non-perishable items for the Ronald

McDonald House. Your recent bulletin had an insert containing information about the items that I will be collecting and contact information if you have any questions. In the Commons area there is a box and display set up with an informational about the Ronald McDonald House and their needs.

In the upcoming months I will be hosting a benefit walk around the Wrightsville Beach Loop to raise money for the Hematology/Oncology Pediatric Department in Chapel Hill. More information will be coming soon.

Please help me anyway you can for this worthy cause. Every little bit goes a long way.

PLEASE HELP ME HELP OTHERS.



**WHAT: New Member Disciple
Retreat**

WHEN: October 11 from 9-12

PLACE: Rm. 104 McCombs Hall

This class is for those that are new to Christianity or new to the Lutheran church. You will learn about Holy Baptism, Holy Communion, and about the historic liturgy (worship pattern) of the Lutheran Church. If you are interested in attending this class please call the church office at 791-4582, Ext 202.