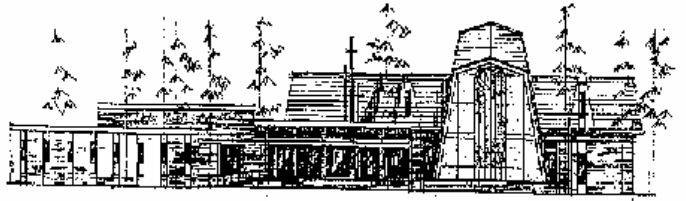


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Rally Day is for all members,
children, youth and adults.
On September 7th at 9:45
we will raise our voices in praise
to God with a music time before
adjourning to our classrooms.

It all starts in the Sanctuary.

We kick off a new year with a new curriculum:
S.E.A.(Story Enriching Activities.) Our Education
Building has been transformed to make this a
special time for Sunday School for our children.
Our first session theme will be "Creation". The
children will learn through story telling, music,
drama and crafts as they go through the rotation that
is the new curriculum this year.

Bring your children to Sunday School and stay for
one of the following **adult classes being offered
this year.**

"**Living Faith**"-Thomas N.T. Wright-
a video series facilitated by Bill Davis.
"**God's Warriors**" video and discussion
of the three major religions of the world.
Forum on Planning Your Funeral and
other end of life issues, facilitated
by Jim Markworth, Pastor Sam and other
professionals.

**MAKE RALLY DAY A PART OF YOUR
WORSHIP EXPERIENCE
ON SEPTEMBER 7TH, 2008.**



**Our Next Photo Sessions
are:
September 18,19, 20
October 2, 3 and 4**



**1892-2008
St. Matthew's Evangelical
Lutheran Church**

*There is so much history
in this name.*

Come to our homecoming celebration on
Saturday/Sunday September 20/21.

For St. Matthew's Sunday will have **Pastor Mark
Fitzsimmons** as our guest pastor for the weekend.

We will have our usual fellowship meal in
McSwain on Sunday after the late service.

The meat, rolls, beverages, and dessert will be
provided by the Fellowship Team.

If your last name begins with **A-M** please bring a
salad and those with last names starting with **N-Z**
please bring a vegetable. We ask that you bring
enough to serve 6 people. Bar B Q and fried
chicken will be provided.

There is a reservation sheet in the Commons for you
to sign up for your family. The Fellowship team
needs to know how many will be attending to
provide enough meat, rolls, etc. and to set up tables.

Come enjoy the fellowship, and programy that will
show in photos the history of your church.

*(Speaking of photos....if you have any please get
them to the church office by Sept. 7th. Be sure to put
your name on the back so they can be returned.)*

Dear Sisters and Brothers,

We have spent the summer focusing on what it means to live the ordinary Christian life with a special emphasis on the fruit of the Holy Spirit in Galatians 5:22-23. It has been a good summer for recreation, for caring for one another, and for planning. Now it's time to begin our new program year, and there is excitement in the air.

If you haven't yet seen the new paint going up all over the education and office wing, it's a catchy reminder of the new Sunday School program, "Treasures of the S.E.A." (Story Enriching Activities). There's a clear ocean motif that reminds me of a round I learned to sing years ago in my childhood Sunday School days: "Over and over like a mighty sea comes the love of Jesus rolling over me. Over the sea, over the sea, Jesus, Savior, pilot me. Over the sea, over the sea, over the jasper sea."

If you have children or grandchildren living in the area, you're going to want to bring them to the Sunday School opening in McCombs Hall at 9:45 a.m. on September 7. Amy Tucker Morgan is going to lead us in songs. Three-year-olds, third graders and sixth graders will receive new Bibles. And we'll all jump right in to new classes at 10 a.m. Children from age 3 through 5th grade will learn the Creation story throughout the month of September. Music will be part of Sunday School each week.

Backing up to September 3 and 4, the Crossways Bible Study will resume at 6 p.m. and 10 a.m. respectively with four weeks on the Revelation of St. John. All sixth, seventh, and eighth graders and their parents will gather for a Confirmation orientation on September 3 at 7 p.m. in the nave. There will be brand new Confirmation materials and some changes to the program including some new personnel.

A great group of new disciples met on August 16 and will be joined by a great group of Lutheran transfers on September 13. There will be several baptisms that Holy Cross weekend of September 13-14. Then the next week Mark Fitzsimmons, a son of the congregation, will be our guest preacher for St. Matthew's Sunday. A great dinner and program will be held in McSwain Center following the 11 a.m. Sunday Eucharist.

Married couples will be invited to attend new Marriage Enrichment Groups that will be forming this September in different neighborhoods around New Hanover and Pender counties. They will be gathering monthly for fun, fellowship, and some great discussions built around Gary Smalley's video series on "The Keys to Loving Relationships."

On the afternoon of September 21, Lutheran Services for the Aging will be breaking ground at 2:30 p.m. in Monkey Junction for a new Lutheran nursing home that will open on January 1, 2010. Located on 25 acres behind the Golden Corral Restaurant, this new 100 bed nursing home will be followed in future years by other types of senior housing – a prospect many of our seniors are anticipating with great enthusiasm.

These are just a few of the opportunities that await you at St. Matthew's, but there is so much more to experience and by which to be engaged. The Holy Spirit is calling you to rediscover the meaning of your life as child of God.

In Holy Baptism, our God made a decision for us. He claimed us as His beloved children by the free gift of grace in Jesus Christ. Now He is at work in us and on us daily to kill off the old selfish person in each of us and to build up the new child of God. He has created through no effort or merit of our own. This means we have been drafted for the Kingdom of God. We are being called out of old lives into brand new lives.

I hope you will hear God's call each week to gather for worship and for the study of His Word. I hope you will hear God's call to follow the Lord Jesus in lives of humble service. There are many good things happening at St. Matthew's that God wants you to get in on. You have unique gifts to share. You have a big heart with which to care.

So...as an old hymn puts it: "Let none hear you idly saying there is nothing I can do while the multitudes are dying and the master calls for you. Take the task he gives you gladly; let his work your pleasure be. Answer quickly when he calls you "Here am I. Send me, send me." (*Hark the Voice of Jesus Calling*, LBW #381 stanza 4).

Your Brother in Christ,

Pastor Sam Zumwalt

FACE LIFT IN PROGRESS

A very grateful thank you to Nancy Magruder, Tammi Gates, Peter Gimbal and all the adult volunteers who led the children in launching the “*face lift*” of the educational building.

And thank you to our children for your many hours of work! Your dedication to making this project a reality is a blessing and inspiration to the entire congregation and a good example of how we, as adults, need to lead and inspire the younger generations of our church to use their time and talents to serve God.

The educational building upgrade will cost us about \$28,000. I urge you to make supporting this project a priority. There will be opportunities to give money or to give specific items to help complete this project. You don't need to wait to receive special materials to give, just a willing heart, a desire to give what you can and action will make it happen. The upgrades and repairs to the educational building will serve us well for several years to come.

We are implementing Sunday school in a new way this year. It will be more like Vacation Bible School for children three years old to the fifth grade. The program may be expanded as we gain knowledge and experience through this first year. The program will require many volunteers for brief periods through the year. Serving in Sunday school can be as short as helping out for a week or as long as serving the whole year. We need you to volunteer whenever and however you can to make Sunday school a success. What a great way to fulfill the promises we made, as a congregation, to our children at their Baptisms.

St Matthew's Sunday is September 21st. Lets shoot for 100% participation at services and the fellowship luncheon this year! The Fellowship Team has planned a celebration of 118 years at St. Matthews. Come support our church and have a fun and rewarding time of fellowship with old friends and new!

Thanks go out to Needham and Sylvia Hall for their hard work and dedication to making the BBQ fundraiser a success! Many other volunteers helped with this event as well and we thank you all for your support. We raised just over \$4,000 and after expenses were able to use the remaining funds to assist with building a ramp, purchasing an electric wheel chair and car carrier.

I'd like to thank the congregation for your love and support. Church leadership is working diligently to provide opportunities we all need for growth in serving God and fellowship activities to strengthen our church family. Leadership, paid and volunteer, are also doing the daily activities of administration and maintaining our property. We look forward to your participation in

service and fellowship activities and encourage you to take advantage of as many as you can whenever you can.

May you know God's blessings this day and everyday.

Richard Chinn, President

Council Summary – August 14, 2008

The regular monthly business and visioning meeting convened on August 14, 2008 at 7pm beginning with devotions led by Pastor Sam. The meeting was to order by Richard Chinn, President, at 7:30 pm.

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 Parish Records annual report was received on behalf of the Team, Darlene Schucker, Carolyn Hooker and Vera Wilson. Action on this report will be deliberated at the next Council meeting.

A luncheon is being planned featuring our youth who participated in the mission trip to Bay City, MI.

All ministry teams now have leaders, Vivian Alexander leading Fellowship and Marilyn Wilson leading Social Ministry.

Comments were heard by the various Council Liaisons with respect to team activity.

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

Planning for St. Matthew's Sunday is underway. A BBQ and fried chicken luncheon is planned. An audio / video presentation is being designed with the theme “116 years at St. Matthew's.”

The next scheduled council meeting will be Thursday September 11 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

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION NEWS

PARENTS, STUDENTS AND GUIDES

on **September 3 @ 7:00** in the sanctuary Confirmation for Grades 6-8 begins with an orientation class. We look forward to seeing you at this meeting as we move into a new year of Confirmation study.



CROSSWAYS BIBLE STUDY

Is starting again on **September 3 at 6:00 p.m. and September 4 at 10:00 a.m.**

We will start with the study of Revelation for 4 weeks, and in October we will start the 2 year cycle of CROSSWAYS with the study of Genesis.

NEW COMERS You may audit the class at any time. For more information or to order material, please contact Tammi Gates @ 796-9686.

EVERYBODY LOVES A Take advantage of this EARLY CHRISTMAS SALE!

SALE

Now through December 31, 2008.



ONE BOOK FOR \$8.00, TWO BOOKS FOR \$14.00, THREE BOOKS FOR \$18.00, AND FOUR

BOOKS FOR \$20.00. THESE WILL MAKE GREAT CHRISTMAS GIFTS FOR MOM, AUNT, SISTER, OR FRIEND. CONTACT ANY ADULT CHOIR MEMBER TO PURCHASE A COOKBOOK CHRISTMAS GIFT.

Life Line Screening will be using McCombs Hall for community test screenings on Monday, October 6th, 2008. Life Line

Screening will offer 5 different health screenings:

- **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. The cost is for all 5 tests is \$149. These screenings are typically not part of a routine physical and costs about \$600-\$1,000 using similar equipment in the hospital setting. **HOWEVER...** You may just do one or two test which average \$45 each.

Life Line Screening is now offering blood testing! 3 simple, finger-stick blood tests to identify risk factors for heart disease and diabetes.

Members of St. Matthew's you are invited to participate in these test but

You must pre-register for all tests by calling 1-800-407-4557.




**Fall Train Trip
November 5th-7th
All Adults Are Welcome!**

Join us for a two nights stay in Cherokee, a 4 hour train trip around the mountains, then on the 7th a ride to West Jefferson to see the beautiful fresco's at a local church. After lunch on the 7th will return to Wilmington and arrive by 7pm. **Cost is \$225 per person for double occupancy** and is open to members as well as non-members.

The **Signup Sheet** is on the O.W.L.'s board or call Nancy Magruder if you have any questions.

WOMEN OF THE CHURCH JOIN A CIRCLE THIS YEAR SEPTEMBER CIRCLE SCHEDULE

- Sept. 9 @ 9:30 am *Faith Circle* at the home of Virginia Parisek
 - Sept. 9 @ 1:30 pm *Peace Circle*, Church Library
 - Sept. 9 @ 7:30 pm *Love Circle*, Church Library
- Praise Circle* will not meet in September.

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 align="center">1 LABOR DAY HOLIDAY Office Closed</p> <p>6:00 Evening Prayer and Bible Study</p>	<p align="center">2</p> <p>9:00 Women's Fitness 10:00 Prayer Group 8:00 AA</p>	<p align="center">3</p> <p>9:00 Spiritual Formation 6:00 GS #354 6:00 Crossways 6:30 Cub Scouts #274 7:00 Confirmation Orientation 7:30 Adult Choir</p>	<p align="center">4</p> <p>9:00 Women's Fitness 10:00 Crossways 3:30 GS #739 7:00 Boy Scouts</p>	<p align="center">5</p> <p align="center"><i>Hospice Meal Rich and Thelma Walter</i></p>	<p align="center">6</p> <p align="center">10:00 Fellowship Team Meeting</p> <p align="center">10:00 Altar Guild Meeting</p> <p>6:00 Worship/Comm 8:00 AA 8:00 AL-ANON</p>
<p align="center">7 RALLY DAY</p> <p>8:30 Worship/Communion 9:45 Sunday School 11:00 Worship/Communion 1:30 GS Troop 139/226 <i>See Choir Schedule</i> 4:00 Girls Small Group 6:00 MS/HS Youth KICK-OFF</p>	<p align="center">8</p> <p>9:30 Spiritual Formation 12:00 Conversations 5:00 Holy Hearts 6:00 Evening Prayer and Bible Study</p>	<p align="center">9</p> <p>9:00 Women's Fitness 9:30 Faith Circle 10:00 Prayer Group 1:30 Peac Circle 6:30 Contemporary Svc Practice 6:30 Stephen Min Training 7:30 Love Circle 8:00 AA</p>	<p align="center">10</p> <p>9:00 Spiritual Formation 6:00 GS #354 6:00 Crossways 6:30 Confirmation Music 6:30 Cub Scouts #274 7:00 Confirmation 7:30 Adult Choir</p>	<p align="center">11</p> <p>9:00 Women's Fitness 10:00 Crossways 3:30 GS #739 7:00 Boy Scouts 7:00 Church Council</p>	<p align="center">12</p>	<p align="center">13</p> <p align="center">9-12 New Member Orientation</p> <p>6:00 Worship/Comm 8:00 AA 8:00 AL-ANON</p>
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SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS ** Denotes Youth Birthday

1	Beth Moore	10	Andrea Anderson	23	Ryan Christmas
2	Mary Horne		Ann Strickland		Jill Cummings
	Chris Wilson	11	Virginia Bjorkquist	24	Richard Chinn
	Brain Ammons		Renee Mayberry		Linda Holway
3	Mary Allison		Megan Brambell **	25	Nell McArver
	Ian Brambell **	12	Jane Fulton		Susan Wakild
	David "Dusty" Pilcher		Dean Weber		Missy Funke
4	Carol Comeskey		Arlene Robie	26	Dimny "Dee" Young
	Richard Wilson	13	Jackie Robey **		J. Hollamon **
	Christine Gatewood		Alexis Lariviere **	27	Dawn Benton
5	Karen Ruefle		Kaitlin Davis **	28	Judith Benson
	Preston Gourville	15	Elaine Willow		Erika Jones
	Dennis McCain		Deborah Martin	30	Patti Erkes
	Nan Phillips		Mario Piccinin		Annette Janssen
	Megan Kline **	16	Sheila Mallo		
	Samuel Sharpe		Alexandra Schwartz		
6	Irene Shea		Ray Porter		
7	Yvonne Jones	17	Nadia Bendahmane		
	Ina May	18	Ted Hueskes		
	Tracey Kitchens		Jennifer Kitchens		
8	Kevin Gallagher		Thelma Walter		
	Nancy Thompson	19	Steve Brewbaker		
	Gabriela Wohlbruek		Nancy Magruder		
9	Nancy Brown		William Paris		
	Wayne McDougald		Lindsey Schaefer **		
	David Haskins **	20	Darlene Schucker		
10	Barbara Christmas	22	Karin Cook		



SEPTEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

2	Paul and Lori Haskins	19	Tom and Suzanne Meyer
3	John and Deborah Pollard	21	Jim and Sheila Whitmeyer
	David and Teri Robey		Dave and Terri Robertson
	Art and Jan Magnus	22	James and Amber Brekhus
4	Bill and Tracy Gourville	25	Peter and Debbie Gimbal
	Pastor Samuel and Laura Zumwalt	28	Bob and Betty Lentz
6	Norma and Helen Walter	29	Christopher and Sophie Brahn
10	Christopher and Heather Catts	30	John and Lynne Stemke
11	Jake and Danielle Sharpe		
17	Elmer and Marie Wild		



YOUTH GATHERING 2009 in New Orleans

This is open to all rising 8th-12th grades as of this fall...Because of the high interest in the youth gathering it fills up quickly.

Registration opens on Sept. 15th 2008 and I will need your \$150 deposit by the 14th to be able to hold your spot.

You will have an opportunity to earn this money back toward you trip later. Contact Nancy Magruder at 791-4582 ext. 212 if you are interested in going so she can get the registration information to you. **CALL TODAY!**



BUSINESS DIRECTORY OF CHURCH MEMBERS.

Are you interested?

I am writing this short message in hopes of rallying support for a church member directory that will list the professional information of anyone who wishes to be a part of it. (I understand there was one published about 10 years ago.) I feel that this is an important aspect to not only get to know members on a better level, but to also provide a good resource for anyone who is in need of certain services that a church member can provide through their individual jobs.

If enough interest is shown, we can get started on creating such a directory. Please e-mail me if you are interested mark@shaneregister.com or call me at 431-9573 or talk to me at church. I usually come to the 11:00 am service. Once we have enough support for the directory there will be more information in the weekly bulletin or the Encounter. Thank you for considering this directory possibility with me.

Mark Whitmarsh

NEEDED FOR CHRISTMAS EVE

Please check your schedule to see if you can serve as a Communion Assistant or Lector for the Christmas Eve service this year. If you will serve contact Florence Schorschinsky at 256-2371.

“The Lord now sends us forth with hands to serve and give, to make of all the earth a better place to live. The angles are not sent into our world of pain to do what we were meant to do in Jesus’ name...”

We’re getting ready for the families to visit again, November 2-9. The outpouring of support from you was again heart warming and energizing. During the last visit, seventy-five volunteers provided 274 hours of service to the four homeless families that visited.

If you haven’t volunteered in the past, we invite you to sign up for the week in November. The experience can be very rewarding. In the spring, Marua Kitchens brought over new books that she had bought with her money. Although the children at the time seemed indifferent, to us, during this last visit, Sheelean’s child had his book and was enjoying the pictures and story.

You may also remember, Alysia who was very pregnant when she visited several times last year. We saw her in the store after Church and she told us that her new baby is now 11 months old, she has been working for several months now and feels confident that she’s going to make it. Remember her and the other visitors in your prayers.

If you have any hotel shampoos and soaps, save them for the November visit as our supply is running low.

*Thank you again to all who help.
Jan and Bill*

ALTAR GUILD is having a meeting on September 6th at 10:00 am. This is a Saturday morning and we invite anyone interested in being a part of this ministry to join our current altar guild members for this very important and informative meeting.

If you have any questions contact Minnie Larson at 350-2626.

THE FELLOWSHIP TEAM is meeting at 10:00 am on Saturday, September 6th. If you would like to serve on this team, come to the meeting. We will continue with our plans for St. Matthew’s Sunday and be discussing upcoming fellowship events.

REMEMBER IN PRAYER:

MEMBERS: 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
Randy Myers	Marie Brown
Earl Lindner	Bobby Seitter
Clement Doniere	James Ammons
Dylan Zuege	Marilyn Wilson
Betty Lentz	Norma Malmberg
Esther Bloedorn	Virginia Bjorkquist
Elsie Cates	

FRIENDS/FAMILY OF MEMBERS:

Bessie King	Chuck Stansbury,
Carroll Strong	Edward Capalbo
Daniel Detloff	Evelyn Lauer
Ashley Holgerson	Norma Horn
Dorothy Heberling	Nancy French
Carolyn Purcell	Herb Fox
Pat Dearie	Dick Bramley
Dean Carlisle	Karen Brix
Rick Robey	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	Peggy Clemmons
Seth Ewing	Lisa Steedley
Robin Kitchens	Clyde Hamrick
Jacob Chamness	Heidi Apel
Noel Costa	Heather Thornton
Cindy Fentress	Danielle and Braelynn Bashaw
James Murrell	

REMEMBER OUR HOMEBOUND MEMBERS:

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

SYMPATHY IS EXTENDED TO *Muriel Hospodar* in the death of her sister, Ruby Graham.

SYMPATHY IS EXTENDED TO *The Antonelli Family*

in the death of Cindy's father, Maury Hanes, who died August 13th in Pittsburgh, PA.

SYMPATHY IS EXTENDED TO *Brian Grieashamer* in the death of his mother.

CONGRATULATIONS TO *Ray and Elizabeth Porter* on the birth of Anna Elise Porter born in mid-August.



In early July, Norma experienced a serious bout of Pneumonia complicated by Emphysema and a fall resulting in a broken rib in her upper body. After 7 days in Intensive Care and another 5 days in the General Unit, she was released for the hospital in late July.

We want to than our congregation for the many prayers, calls and numerous cards. Also, thanks for the delicious meals brought to our home. A special thanks to Pastor Sam for his prayers and visit to the hospital. We know that your prayers and support got Norma through this ordeal. Praise God!

Chuck and Norma Malmberg

Dear St. Matthews Family,

Mere words cannot express the depth of gratitude we feel for the love that has been poured over us during this difficult time. God's love shining through you by your calls, prayers, cards and expressions of care have made the difference in our lives. We could not have gotten through it without you all.

Our thanks, love and prayers go out to you.

In Christ,
Frank and Nancy Fauser

The Christian Education Team would like to extend a huge **THANK YOU** to Nancy Magruder and the middle school youth for choosing St. Matthews for their mission project.

Nancy organized a crew of 13 youth and several adults to paint all of the hallways and 4 rooms. They did an awesome job, working 8-4 each day, paint, touch- up and clean up.

Thanks to all the adults who volunteered and exemplified Christ's love to these wonderful youth. St. Matthew's is indeed blessed.

An additional Thank You from Richard Chinn, Council President, to the 22 members that responded to his e-mail and came on Saturday, August 23rd to paint, move furniture and clean up.
Thanks!

COMMUNION ASSISTANTS

- 7 8:30 Nancy Brennan, Kathy Bink,
Kathren Miller, Kay Rose
- 11:00 Stan Brunt, Robert Rabozzi,
Kristi Wade, Lynette Farmer
- 14 8:30 Tammi Gates, Lisa Hornick,
Butch Ruefle, John Stemke
- 11:00 Ruthann Getsinger, Stephanie Price,
Barbara Moore, Ken Johns
- 21 8:30 Bill Paris, Florence Schorschinsky,
Dick/Sophie Williams
- 11:00 Zan Bramley, Helen Stansbury,
Ellen James
- 28 8:30 Frank/Martie Felter,
Tom/Marie Douglas
- 11:00 Carol Chinn, Karin Cook,
Shirley Melito, Saville Riesz

USHERS

Saturday Service: Ed McDonough, Pete Koder

Sunday Service:

- 7 8:30 Saville and Charles Riesz
- 11:00 Jerry/Zan Bramley, Dale Blade
- 14 8:30 Jim Bauer, Jamie Price
- 11:00 Arthur Moore, **Needed, Needed ****
- 21 8:30 Gary Cummings, Butch Ruefle
- 11:00 Jeff Hollamon, Walter Brehm,
Needed**
- 28 8:30 Bill Rose, David Miller
- 11:00 Happy/Jake Wade, Stan Brunt

**** Call Minnie Larson to volunteer for the 11:00 usher schedule for the 14th and 21st.**

GREETERS

- 6:00 David and Terri Dearie
- 8:30 David and Kathren Miller;
James and Janna Bauer
- 11:00 Robert and Nina Rabozzi
Mark and Gina Williams

LECTORS *Saturday Services:* (6) Nancy Fauser;
(13) Jim Harshbarger; (20) Janet Tweedy
(27) Cindy Cornett

Sunday Services

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|----|------------------------|-----------------|
| | 8:30 | 11:00 |
| 7 | Florence Schorschinsky | Nancy Miller |
| 14 | Becky Howard | Sherri Hiler |
| 21 | Bethel Paris | Helen Stansbury |
| 28 | Marti Felter | Fred Jackson |

ALTAR FLOWERS

- 7 Zumwalt, J.P. and Nancy Miller
- 14 Melito, O'Donnell
- 21 McArver, Doll
- 28 Deily, Lentz

NURSERY

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|----|-------------------|-----------------|
| | 8:30 | 11:00 |
| 7 | Needed* | Cindy Antonelli |
| 14 | Needed * | Annette Janssen |
| 21 | Needed * | Caitlin Brown |
| 28 | Jennifer Kitchens | Tyler Antonelli |

** Signup sheet is on the door of the nursery.*

ALTAR GUILD *Saturday: TBA*

- 7 Jodi Davis, Kristi Wade, Sonja Stroehl
- 14 Margaret Ballantine, Nancy Fauser, Shirley Morrow
- 21 Arlene Robie, Jan Christine, **Needed**
- 28 Amy Tucker-Morgan, Kathie Tucker,
Kathren Miller

BUILDING Sat: Ed McDonough

SUNDAY: OPEN: 1st & 3rd Sunday – Fred Getsinger
2nd & 4th Sunday – Bill Rose

CLOSE: Stan Brunt



August 3, 2008 – August 24, 2008

MEMORY OF HERBERT BOST

Building Fund Paul and Mazelle Bollinger

HONOR OF MILTON MOSER'S 90TH BIRTHDAY

Property Pete and Grace Koder

HONOR OF CLARE ZUMWALT 1ST BIRTHDAY

Nursery Harold and Inge Shelton

HONOR OF MR. HOLT TROTMAN

Habitat for Humanity David Trapp

TREASURER'S REPORT July 2008

Income for the month of July totaled \$38,588. Expenditures for July totaled \$45,687 resulting in a negative \$7,099. Income for the period January thru July totaled \$336,986. Expenditures for the same period totaled \$345,162 resulting in a negative \$8,176.

Charles D. Malmberg, Treasurer

ACOLYTE Assigned Schedule is posted on the youth bulletin board. Check it out.

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*This is the day which the Lord has made,
Let us rejoice and be glad in it.
Psalm 118:24*

Each day is a gift from God.

He has given us morning, brightness, and sun,
Laughter to share, and work to be done.
He has given us rainbows, flowers and song,
And the hands of our dear ones to help us along.
He has given us prayer, with its wonderful power
To lighten our hearts in a troublesome hour.
He has given us blessings to brighten our way,
And always-the gift of another day.

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Before they call, I will answer; and while they are still speaking, I will hear. Isaiah 65:24

EFFECTIVE PRAYER

o John Knox spent much time in prayer, and the Church of Scotland burst into new life. John Wesley prayed long and often, and the Methodist movement was born. Martin Luther prayed earnestly, and the Reformation exploded across Europe.

Why was prayer so important to these spiritual giants of the past?

Because they knew they were up against almost overwhelming forces of spiritual opposition. They also knew the urgency of the Gospel message, and that prayer was an essential weapon in advancing the Gospel to the ends of the earth.

The effective fervent prayer of a righteous man avails much. James 5:16.



WHAT: New Member Orientation
WHEN: September 13
TIME: 9-12
PLACE: Rm. 104 McCombs Hall

Lutherans that are transferring to St. Matthew's are invited to attend this class to learn specifically about how our congregation operates and how each disciple can find her or his place in our life together as disciples of the Lord Jesus.

COME be a part of this class and join the membership of St. Matthew's Church on September 13th/14th at the service you normally attend.

Any questions or to RSVP for the class call Judy in the church office at 791-4582 Ext. 202.