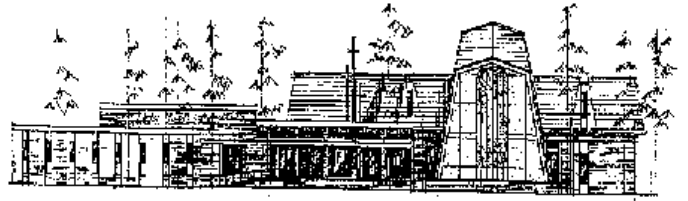


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Easter Services

- † PALM SUNDAY April 1, 2007  
† EUCHARIST SERVICES  
at 12:00 noon April 2, 3, 4  
† MAUNDY THURSDAY April 5, 2007  
12:00 noon and 7:00 pm  
† GOOD FRIDAY April 6, 2007  
12:00 noon and 7:00 pm  
† EASTER VIGIL April 7, 2007  
6:00 pm  
† EASTER SUNRISE SERVICE April 8, 2007  
6:30 am  
† EASTER SERVICES April 8, 2007  
8:30 and 11:00 am

NO SUNDAY SCHOOL ON APRIL 8<sup>TH</sup>



## ST. MATTHEW'S ANNUAL DAY OF PRAYER GOOD FRIDAY, APRIL 6, 2007 7:00 AM-7:00 PM

There is a poster in the Commons area for members families to sign up for 30 minute increments during the day. There are so many to be lifted up in prayer we hope you will be led to participate in this prayer vigil on Good Friday. Forms for your prayer request are available at the display. Place your prayer request in the box provided.



**Easter egg hunt Saturday April 7<sup>th</sup>**  
in McCombs Hall from 10:30-11:30 am, members and non-members ranging from pre-school age to 5<sup>th</sup> grade are invited.  
Refreshments will be served after the hunt.



**Mission Trip stock sales begin this month.**  
For a donation of \$5 per ticket you will be treated to a delicious meal and power point presentation from this year's mission trip. You may purchase a ticket from one of the youth directly or at the booth in the commons area before and after each service.



## Lunch and Variety Show! Sunday, April 22<sup>nd</sup> at 12:30pm in McSwain

Youth attending this year's mission trip will be providing a nice lunch followed by an excellent variety show of our Church's many talents. A donation will be taken toward their trip. *Please sign up in the commons area to attend.*



## LAST YOUTH GROUP MEETING Sunday April 29<sup>th</sup>!

Come join us for some fun and good food during regular youth group times. Though we will meet for activities and programs during the summer, this will be the last regular weekly session, schedules are very tight in May for families so we are ending in April.



## OWLs FELLOWSHIP GROUP

*Wasn't that a nice Italian meal we shared in March?*

And the program on North Carolina was so entertaining. As always the fellowship was great!! So, lets get together again in April at the Golden Corral at Monkey Junction. We enjoyed a delicious buffet at the Golden Corral on New Center Drive in February but the seating arrangements were not the best. We will have a private room at the Monkey Junction location. Come at 11:30 am directly to the private room and your lunch cost of \$8.00 will be collected and then we will proceed through the buffet line. Hope to see you Older, Wiser Lutherans on April 26<sup>th</sup>.

*Over 50 and looking for a fellowship group?*  
Come join us, we have a great time with lunch meetings monthly from September through May.

Dear Sisters and Brothers,

Thank you for being the congregation that you are! When four-year-old Emily Wade was diagnosed with a brain tumor, you responded generously. When seven-year-old Sarah Price was diagnosed with tumors of the brain and spine, you responded generously. You have reached out to your sisters and brothers in their time of need, and you gave these families the gift of more time with their seriously ill children. When Emily died last summer and when Sarah died on March 14, you were there for the families – financially, emotionally, and spiritually. May God bless you richly for your faithfulness!

I see that same generous spirit at work in you whether it's our appointed week to house homeless families, or time to build a Habitat for Humanity house, or gathering food and other items for Mother Hubbard's Cupboard or for Good Shepherd Ministries, or cooking meals for families at Lower Cape Fear Hospice, or raising funds for the cancer society's Relay for Life, for the ELCA World Hunger Appeal, for Lutheran Disaster Relief, or any of a number of other worthy providers of service!

Thank you for being the congregation you are! Your good works are not only the sign that your faith is alive. They are palpable signs of God's love and concern at work in the world. You are thereby proclaiming that you are Easter people – people that have been buried and raised with the Lord Jesus in the washing of Holy Baptism! That's who we are, and it's that time of the year to rehearse the story of our salvation.

We begin this month of April with the holiest week of the year. On March 31 and April 1, we recreate the scene in Jerusalem when the crowds welcome the Lord Jesus with songs and praises. Then the next three days at noon we retrace the Lord's steps around Jerusalem as we prepare to celebrate the heart of the Christian faith. Then come the Triduum, the three great days of Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, and Holy Saturday. We worship at noon and 7 p.m. on Maundy Thursday and Friday and at 6 p.m. on Saturday as we celebrate the Easter Vigil. At last, on Sunday April 8, we raise the ancient cry "Christ is risen! He is risen indeed!" at our celebrations at sunrise (6:30 a.m.) and at 8:30 and 11 a.m.

My hope is that you will strive to worship as often during Holy Week as possible. The more days you spend in worship that week, the more, I am convinced, you will have your faith and hope renewed. You will be strengthened for greater service to the Lord God and neighbor!

Why might that be particularly necessary this year? Having been assaulted by so many tragedies in the recent past, you may well be at that place where you wonder why pray or why worship. Devoting yourself to a disciplined keeping of Holy Week worship may well be the antidote you need at this time.

Prayer is not a way to guarantee that God will give what we ask – no matter how laudable or heartfelt our prayer concerns may be. As the Lord Jesus teaches in Matthew 6, your Father in heaven knows what you need long before you ask. Prayer is His gift to us that you and I may pour out our hearts to our loving heavenly Parent who already knows everything that is going on in our lives. In Matthew 6, the Lord Jesus teaches us the model prayer, the Lord's Prayer, so that we may learn that God's will is done regardless of our prayer. As Martin Luther says, we pray that we may be doers of God's will – or, perhaps better yet, that our will may be aligned with God's will!

The keeping of Holy Week (with its focus on the great three days and then Easter) is a way to center our faith and life, to tune in to God's love and mercy in Jesus Christ for us and for all. This year in particular I urge you all the more to a diligent keeping of Holy Week that you may be renewed and that your joy may be restored.

Your brother in Christ,

Pastor Sam Zumwalt

## Thanks for Filling out a Survey

On behalf of the church council, I'd like to extend our thanks to everyone who took time to fill out a Congregational Survey. We are in the process of sorting through all of the information and collating it into a form that can be shared.

We have as a major objective this year to continue to improve communications. We believe communication is two-way and involves much listening. This survey is a start down that path. The April and October open communication forums are additional means. I'd like to invite and encourage you to attend those sessions.

Speaking of the April session – that date is Sunday, April 22. The forum will take place during the Sunday school hour in McCombs hall. During this session we will be sharing much of the survey data and starting the conversation on what it all means for us here at St. Matthew's.

Please continue to pray for your leaders that we will discern this information with an open mind and an open heart, and that the Holy Spirit will be with us to guide us in the process.

Blessings, Grace, and Peace,  
*John Antonelli*, Council President

### **Communication Forum**

Sunday, April 22, 9:45 a.m.  
McCombs Hall  
Open discussion and Q&A with  
Pastor, Council Members,  
and Team Leaders.

Mark your calendars and take advantage of this chance to share input and ideas.

Note: there will be no adult or high school Sunday School this day.

## March Council Summary

- This business and visioning meeting of the Congregational Council was held on March 8, 2007 beginning with a devotional led by Pastor Sam at 7:00pm. The meeting continued at 7:30pm with John Antonelli presiding.

- The treasurer reported that income for the month of February totaled \$ 41,943. Expenditures for the same period totaled \$46,233 reflecting a **negative** result of \$4,290.
- Update on Bost Challenge: Target \$75,000. Received \$56,172. Need to meet target \$18,828. There are two more 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday months (April, July) to meet the Bost Challenge.
- Council reviewed lists of inactive members. The Evangelism team will be undertaking an active program to contact all our inactive members with personal invitations to Holy Week services.
- Council will be setting up a working session for the review and interpretation of the survey data which is currently being collected. This meeting will be called between the dates of March 18 and April 22.
- A communication forum is scheduled to be held on Sunday, April 22, 2007 between the 8:30 and 11:00am Services in place of the adult Sunday School Classes.
- A request for Council's approval for two contracts was presented by the Property Team. The contracts provide for our air conditioning servicing and landscaping services. Council voted unanimously to approve these contracts.
- The meeting adjourned with the praying of the Lord's Prayer at 8:55 pm. The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday evening, April 12, 2007.

Respectfully submitted,

Peter Gimbal, Recorder

## Is Your Faith Silent ?

by Jeff Cummings

Dear Brothers, and Sisters,

May I have your attention please!

Thank you. Imagine that you are at work, school, in a store, at the mall, or any other place and someone who you know or don't know comes up to you , and ask you the following question, " *I believe all religions are correct, but which religion do you believe is correct*" ? What are you going to say or do?

Are you going to tell them the truth about our Lord Jesus Christ, or Christianity? Or are you going to say nothing because of fear of what others might think about you. Maybe it is fear of loosing your job, or maybe of being made fun of or being embarrassed. Maybe you feel the public arena is not a place to discuss your beliefs.

Now, let me tell you my faith story. First let me briefly explain my situation. Where I work there is a person who knows about Jesus Christ, but explains that he was forced to believe. Now he views Christianity as just a stupid unreal religion and a waste of time. Though I respect him for his job experience I don't care to socialize with him nor can I take him serious because all he believes in is his own will, which is opposite of what Jesus Christ believes in for us.

He gets his kicks by starting false rumors and trying to get you frustrated by trying to force his beliefs on you. He knows I am a Christian so, he tries to break me by getting me angry or telling me false things, or what I should do besides going to church.

He takes my words and puts a spin, or twist on them so it sounds opposite of what I believe. *Have you had an experience with anyone like this?*

One day another person at work came up to me and ask me a question. Guess what he asked me. The question was "I believe that all the religions are correct, but which one do you believe is correct"? What did I do? Was I afraid to speak in fear losing my job, or being embarrassed or made fun of? Did I say this is not the right time or place? NO.... I told him the truth about God, and what he did for us through Jesus Christ.

Then after awhile I saw the nonbeliever talking to the person I had witnessed to and he started to tell him that what I said was a lie, he was mocking me, and putting me down in an attempt to break me in front of this new believer. I just simply told both of them that I had spoken the truth and it is up to you to believe or not believe.

A few months later, the new believer asked me the following question, " I don't understand how this

God can be father, son Jesus Christ, and the Holy Spirit". Then he said isn't that three persons and not one God, so how can he be three persons. I explained to him about the divinity to the best of my ability. I told him if he was still confused a pastor could explain it better and I could show him Bible scripture to explain it. Of course his curiosity grew and he had many more questions. With his questions I was able to witness to him about my Lord and Savior.

In the May issue of the Encounter I will continue this faith story with the question and answers we continued to discuss.

### WOMEN OF ELCA CIRCLE MEETINGS FOR APRIL

**Faith Circle** – April 10<sup>th</sup> @ 9:30 at Dorothy Blade's.  
**Love Circle** – April 3<sup>rd</sup> @ 7:30 in the church library.  
**Peace Circle** – April 10<sup>th</sup> @ 1:30 in the church library.  
**Praise Circle** – April 10<sup>th</sup> @ 6:30 place to be decided.

**BLANKET SUNDAY IS MAY 13<sup>TH</sup>**

Spring is the time of year the Social Ministry Team sponsors a blanket drive. Blankets are distributed through Church World Services and used by Lutheran World Relief. Blankets are of two weights, one for the tropics and one for colder climates. Our blanket drive will be from April 15<sup>th</sup> to May 6<sup>th</sup>. The cost per blanket is \$5 (children 12 years and under may give \$2.50 toward a blanket). Envelopes and forms will be in the Commons area at the display on April 15<sup>th</sup>. Remember or honor your mother, grandmother or just a special person by giving a blanket to a needy person in our world community. This is a wonderful way to reach out with God's love at home and abroad.

### May Dates for your calendar

**Sun. May 6<sup>th</sup>** ... Cantata Sunday  
**Sun. May 13<sup>th</sup>** ... Mother's Day  
**May 18<sup>th</sup>-20<sup>th</sup>** ... Greek Festival- youth will be parking cars as a fundraiser  
**Wed. May 23<sup>rd</sup>** ... Confirmation Banquet 7pm in the McSwain Activity Center  
**Sun. May 27<sup>th</sup>** ... **Confirmation Sunday**

### June Dates for your calendar

**Sat. June 2<sup>nd</sup>** ... Free Day Camp from 9-3  
**Sun. June 10<sup>th</sup>** ... Graduation Sunday  
**June 10<sup>th</sup> – 15<sup>th</sup>** ... Vacation Bible School (*evenings*)  
**June 17<sup>th</sup>-23<sup>rd</sup>** ... Lutheridge Lutherock summer camp

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<b>1 PALM SUNDAY</b> 8:30 Worship/Communion 9:45 Sunday School 11:00 Worship/Communion NO CHOIRS 4:00 MS Youth Group 5:00 Open Gym 6:00 HS Youth	<b>2</b> 9:30 Spiritual Form. <b>12:00 Eucharist Service</b> 8:00 NA	<b>3</b> 9:00 Women's Fitness 10:00 Prayer Group <b>12:00 Eucharist Service</b> 7:00 Stephen Min. <b>7:30 Love Circle</b> 8:00 AA	<b>4</b> 8:00 Devotional Bkfst. 9:30 Spiritual Form. <b>12:00 Eucharist Service</b> 4:00 Daisy #981 4:15 Cadette #139 4:15 Junior #226 5:30 Cadette #354 7:30 Adult Choir.	<b>8</b> 9:00 Women's Fitness <b>12:00 Eucharist Service</b> 3:30 Daisy #739 <b>7:00 Eucharist Service</b> 7:00 Boy Scouts	<b>9 7 am – 7 pm Day of Prayer</b> <b>12:00 Good Friday Svc.</b> <b>7:00 Good Friday Svc.</b> 8:00 NA	<b>10 10:30 AM Leadership Training Seminar</b> 6:00 Worship/Comm 8:00 AA 8:00 AL-ANON
<b>8 EASTER SUNDAY</b> <b>6:30 Sunrise Service</b> 8:30 Worship/Communion 11:00 Worship/Communion *See Choir Schedule  NO SUNDAY SCHOOLS NO CHOIRS NO YOUTH GROUPS	<b>9 HOLIDAY OFFICE CLOSED</b> 9:30 Spiritual Form. 8:00 NA	<b>10</b> 9:00 Women's Fitness <b>9:30 Faith Circle</b> 10:00 Prayer Group <b>1:30 Peace Circle</b> <b>6:00 Praise Circle</b> 8:00 AA	<b>11</b> 8:00 Devotional Bkfst. 9:30 Spiritual Form. 4:15 Cadette #139 4:15 Junior #226 5:30 Cadette #354 6:00 CROSSWAYS 6:30 Cub Scouts #274 7:30 CONFIRMATION 7:30 Adult Choir.	<b>12</b> 9:00 Women's Fitness 10:00 CROSSWAYS 3:30 Daisy #739 7:00 Boy Scouts <b>7:00 Church Council</b> <b>Hospice Meal GS Troop #139</b>	<b>13</b> 8:00 NA	<b>14 12:00PM German Easter Service</b> 6:00 Worship/Comm 8:00 AA 8:00 AL-ANON
<b>15</b> 8:30 Worship/Communion 9:45 Sunday School 11:00 Worship/Communion *See Choir Schedule 4:00 MS Youth Group 5:00 Open Gym 6:00 HS Youth Group	<b>16</b> 9:30 Spiritual Form. 7:00 Christian Ed. Team Mtg. 7:00 Women's Bible Study (in member homes) 8:00 NA <i>Newsletter Deadline</i>	<b>17</b> 9:00 Women's Fitness 10:00 Prayer Group 5:30 Worship Plng. 6:30 Contemporary Service Practice 7:00 Stephen Ministry 8:00 AA	<b>18</b> 8:00 Devotional Bkfst. 9:30 Spiritual Form. 4:00 Daisy #981 4:15 Cadette #139 4:15 Junior #226 5:30 Cadette #354 6:00 CROSSWAYS 6:30 Cub Scouts #274 7:30 CONFIRMATION 7:30 Adult Choir.	<b>19</b> 9:00 Women's Fitness 10:00 CROSSWAYS 3:30 Daisy #739 7:00 Boy Scouts	<b>20 Relay for Life Event</b> 8:00 NA	<b>21</b> 6:00 Worship/Comm 8:00 AA 8:00 AL-ANON
<b>22</b> 8:30 Contemp. Worship 9:45 Sunday School 11:00 Worship/Communion 12:30 Variety Show Luncheon 4:00 MS Youth Group 5:00 Open Gym 6:00 HS Youth Group	<b>23</b> 9:30 Spiritual Form. 7:00 Women's Bible Study (in member homes) 8:00 NA	<b>24</b> 9:00 Women's Fitness 10:00 Prayer Group 7:00 Ministry Teams 8:00 AA	<b>25</b> 8:00 Devotional Bkfst. 9:30 Spiritual Form. 4:15 Cadette #139 4:15 Junior #226 5:30 Cadette #354 6:00 CROSSWAYS 6:30 Cub Scouts #274 7:30 CONFIRMATION 7:30 Adult Choir.	<b>26</b> 9:00 Women's Fitness 10:00 CROSSWAYS <b>11:30 OWLs Fellowship</b> 3:30 Daisy #739 7:00 Boy Scouts <b>Hospice Meal: Mike and Charlotte Thompson</b>	<b>27</b> 8:00 NA	<b>28 9 AM – 12 Noon New Disciples Class</b> 6:00 Worship/Comm 8:00 AA 8:00 AL-ANON
<b>29</b> 8:30 Contemp. Worship 9:45 Sunday School 11:00 Worship/Communion 4:00 MS Youth Group 5:00 Open Gym 6:00 HS Youth Group	<b>30</b> 9:30 Spiritual Form. 7:00 Women's Bible Study (in member homes) 8:00 NA	<b>CHOIR SCHEDULE</b> <b>4:00 Little Luther Choir</b> <b>4:00 Luther Choir</b> <b>4:00 Instrumental Ensemble</b> <b>4:45 Tone Chime Choir</b> <b>5:00 Handbell Choir</b>				

## APRIL BIRTHDAYS

2	Robert Lentz Trudy Rending Sarah Hill ** Christopher Braun	13	Philip Anderson Aaron Knoerzer **	25	Hanne Flythe Elmer Wild Margaret French
3	Nancy Goldberg Tim Antonelli Anita Turner	14	Julia Janssen ** Jacob Janssen **	26	Ray Tyler Mike Pressley
4	Cindy Murphy Judy Huffman	16	Lucy Bost Robert Tuck	27	Jennifer Weaver
5	Tammi Gates Albert Macino	17	Bill Knoerzer Bryan Benoit	28	Brenda Tyler Samuel Morgan
6	Christopher Somerset ** Curt Stansbury Katie Intiso	18	Ann Brown Mary Phillips-Saieed Alexis Holzberger **	29	Greta Bjorkquist Anna Dearie Lawrence Hughes
7	Kyle Price Deanna Carlisle	19	Morris Johnson Dale Stansbury ** Grayson Roberts ** Savannah Roberts **	30	Norma Walter John Geiger
8	Ellen James	20	Robin Hueskes Butch Ruefle Jan Christine		
9	Koen Rodabaugh **	21	Kelly Stansbury		
10	Justin Murphy ** Peter Gimbal	22	Michael Miller		
11	Matthew Murphy Kris Getsinger Audrey Meyer  Katelyn Scott **	23	Ken Johns Florence Schorschinsky Andrew Haskins **		
12	Randy Mallo		Larry Gates		
13	Robert Trapp	24	Dwight Crim		



## APRIL ANNIVERSARIES

4	Earl and Bette Hadden	25	Ray and Brenda Tyler
7	Bill and Midge Piper		Butch and Karen Ruefle
8	John and Karen Matthews	26	Dwight and Jeannette Crim
9	Ken and Colleen Johns	27	Bill and Bethel Paris
10	Jerry and Zan Bramley	28	Kent and Allison Linkner
15	Richard and Kay Thompson	30	Morris and Joanne Johnson
19	John and Sandra Humphrey		



ANNOUNCEMENTS OF  
IMPORTANCE.....

## Christian Education Upcoming Events

- April 8<sup>th</sup>- EASTER  
NO SUNDAY SCHOOL  
Children please bring fresh flowers to decorate the cross.
- Confirmation Banquet -  
May 23<sup>rd</sup> at 7:00 pm in the McSwain Center.
- Confirmation Sunday –  
May 27<sup>th</sup>.
- Vacation Bible School-  
June 10-15.

**WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY** Our next 6 week Women's Bible Study will start Monday, April 16<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm at the home of Kathren Miller. We would love to have even more women join us for lively discussions as we seek to grow in our relationship with God.

Please contact Jodi Davis at 790-9064 by April 1<sup>st</sup> to sign up so workbooks can be ordered. The cost is \$8.00 payable to Jodi.

### SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES

See the bulletin board outside the church office for details on the classes offered each Sunday morning at 9:45 am.

**CROSSWAYS BIBLE STUDY** continues weekly at 6:00 pm on Wednesday evenings and again at 10:00 am on Thursday for those that prefer a day time class. If you have questions regarding this study please contact Tammi Gates, our Christian Education Coordinator at 796-9686.

### Camp Agape

**Summer Day Camp**  
registration is going  
on now...

Date is August 6<sup>th</sup>-10<sup>th</sup> here at St. Matthew's from 9am -3pm.

The cost is \$95 per child. Please feel free to invite friends to attend with your child. The program is open to all rising 1<sup>st</sup> graders through present 5<sup>th</sup> graders. There is a sign

up sheet on the youth board for your child and a friend. The more the merrier! If you have any questions please feel free to call me, Nancy Magruder, at church, 791-4582 ext. 212.

### Not sure about this program?

#### Try a FREE DAY



#### Camp day!

Saturday June 2<sup>nd</sup> from  
9-3.

Come to the gym for a chance to see what day camp is about. Camp Agape will be here training their staff and giving you a sample of what your child will experience in our day camp. □□□

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### SOMETHING NEW

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*Did you miss out on honoring or remembering someone or a special date with the flowers?*

Now you can do so with the candle sponsorship.

Starting this month sponsorship of the eternal flame candle is available for you to sponsor for a two week time frame.



*This candle symbolizes the real presence of Christ and it burns continuously for two weeks.*

The first two week sponsorship in April is by *Peter and Debbie Gimbal* in honor of the pastor and staff of St. Matthew's.

You may sponsor this candle for two weeks for \$20. A chart will be in the commons area for you to sign up like you do for flowers. When you sign up you will need to indicate who you wish to honor or remember with your sponsorship. Make checks payable to St. Matthew's with the designation marked Eternal Flame/Worship and Music and place it in the offering plate. □□□

**Breakfast Devotional Group** now meets at Middle McDaniel (next to the church) at 8:00 o'clock on Wednesdays. Join us!

## THE BOST CHALLENGE

Only two more **FIFTH SUNDAYS** remain in the Bost Challenge which expires in July 2007. As you are aware, Herb and Lucy Bost offered us a gift of \$75,000 toward the Fifth Sunday program and have done so by challenging us to meet that gift on a dollar for dollar basis during an 18 month period. For every dollar we receive for the program, they will contribute a matching dollar.

### *Where do we stand to date?*

Treasurer Chuck Malmberg reports that we have raised \$56,172.31 toward the challenge. That means we have two more Fifth Sundays (**APRIL 29<sup>TH</sup> AND JULY 29<sup>TH</sup>**) to raise the remaining \$18,827.69.

Since the inception of the Fifth Sunday program in early 2004, we have saved \$72,907.68 in interest and have paid off the equivalent of 28 months of mortgage payments. Our remaining mortgage debt is down to \$474,433.93. from its initial \$1,050,000. We're making great progress toward our goal to become debt free. Many thanks to those who support this program, not only on the Fifth Sundays but also through your memorials and honorariums.



### **Want to support our youth?**

We are looking for two women and two men to join us on our High School **summer mission trip**. Your only cost is your food and souvenirs. This is an opportunity for you to spend time with an amazing group of young adults. Again the date is July 8<sup>th</sup>-14<sup>th</sup> and we will be going to Gatlinburg, Tennessee. If you are interested please call me, Nancy Magruder, at 791-4582 ext. 212 or 791-6057. **ALSO....There is still room for youth to attend (rising 9<sup>th</sup>- present 12<sup>th</sup> graders)**

### **NEW MEMBERS**

**Will join at the Palm Sunday Weekend services. Biographical sketches will be in the May Encounter.**



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

*Father, you are God and Creator, but we come to you as children coming to their father, as children who would ask their father to hold and comfort them, hoping to receive words of wisdom. Amen*

*Lord, we often come to you with muddled ideas, unsure of what is best. Thank you, Father, for the assurance that our imperfect prayers cannot hinder your incredible power. Amen*

Mary Alice Franks	Laura Zumwalt	Fran Perry	Diane Vickery
Pru Hovis	Harriet Zumwalt	Lillian Witter	Celia Carus
Jim Mees	Landen Ryan	Charlotte Harris	Nell McArver
The Wade Family	Dick Bramley	John Geiger	Jo Kllenborn
The Deily Family	Sara Wakild	Brenda Tyler	Mike Caldwell
Mary Pierson	Brigitta Stolz	Dorothy Heberling	Leon Wade, Sr.
Kelsea Webster	Don Benson	Paul Murphy	Anne Bunting
Wally Schultz	Bertha Rankin	June Snelling	Tim and Sarah Walter
Marilyn Wilson	Military Families	Clement Doniere	The Price family
James Ammons	Mike Eby	Harold Shelton, Jr.	Dean Carlisle
Evelyn Lauer	James Clemmons	Elizabeth McGarr	

**REMEMBER OUR HOMEBOUND MEMBERS**

Geneva Batson, Diane Koen, Emma Brunjes, Barbara Cook, Helen Hauns, Betty Lauver, Ruby Hubbard, Naomi Era, Effie/Jane McDougald.

**SYMPATHY** is extended to *Jo Kallenborn*, son *John* and daughter *Beth* in the death of Jack on March 20<sup>th</sup>.

**SYMPATHY** is extended to *Hilda Buck* in the death of her brother, Alfred Seitter in Georgetown, SC.

**SYMPATHY** is extended to *Richard Chinn* in the death of his uncle, Raymond Chinn who died February 25<sup>th</sup>.

**SYMPATHY** is extended to *Nancy Fauser* in the death Monday, March 12<sup>th</sup>, of her brother-in-law, Chris McGinnis, in PA.

**SYMPATHY** is extended to *the Price Family, Jamie, Cindi, Stephanie and Kyle* in the death of their daughter/sister, Sarah who died on Wednesday, March 14<sup>th</sup>.

**SYMPATHY** is extended as well to Sarah's grandparents *Fred and Ruthann Getsinger*.

**SYMPATHY** is extended to *Bud Poythress* in the death of his sister, Martha Bridges on March 20<sup>th</sup>.

**CHANGE OF ADDRESS:** *Robert and Carolyn Hooker*  
227 Hooker Road  
Wilmington, NC 28403  
(same phone number)

*Kim Flythe Sabbagh*  
507 Hamlet Chapel Road  
Pittsboro, NC 27312-8766  
Phone: (919) 542-1983



Pastor Sam,

Just a note to thank everyone in the congregation that has been praying for me during my knee surgery recovery. I know my quick recovery was due to all the love and prayers that was sent my way. Thank you everyone from the bottom of my heart! This surgery was a very humbling experience. I was not in control, God Was! He told me how fast or slow that recovery was going to be. It has made me a tiny bit more patient.

With many thanks,  
*Robin Hueskes*

**THANK YOU** from the Social Ministry Team for your support of the WHIN program March 18<sup>th</sup> through 25<sup>th</sup> and for your donation of socks to the Good Shepherd House. Both of these OUTREACH MINISTRIES were a success thanks to you sharing your time, talents and resources.

## Those Serving in April 2007

### COMMUNION ASSISTANTS

- 1** 8:30 Mike/Carol Roberts, Thelma Walter,  
Amy Tucker-Morgan  
11:00 Jerry/Zan Bramley, Bill/Midge Piper
- 8** 8:30 Frank/Marti Felter, Sandra Humphrey,  
Scott Holzberger  
11:00 Nancy Miller, Kelly Stansbury,  
Richard/Carol Chinn
- 15** 8:30 John/Ash Stemke, Allan/Josey Warrington  
11:00 Sherry Bendahmane, Melinda Knoerzer  
Robert Rabozzi, TBA
- 22** 8:30 Tammi Gates, Wayne/Judy Huffman,  
Florence Schorschinsky  
11:00 Karin Cook, Kris Hall, Barbara Moore,  
Shirley Melito
- 29** 8:30 Terri Dearie, Linda Renzaglia, Nancy Wells,  
Steve Morgan  
11:00 Stan Brunt, Melissa Hollamon, Sandra Miles,  
Kristi Wade

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

- 1** 11:00 Jerry/Zan Bramley, Dale Blade  
**8** 11:00 Fred Doll, Arthur Moore  
**15** 11:00 John Antonelli, Trevor Hornick  
**22** 11:00 Jeff Hollamon, Jeff Cummings, Walter Brehm  
**29** 11:00 Happy and Jake Wade, Stan Brunt

### GREETERS

#### Easter Sunrise - Carol Comeskey

- 6:00 Jean Manley, Kay Thompson  
8:30 Larry and Pat Mahl, Norm and Helen Walter  
11:00 Dale and Dorothy Blade, Al and Peggy Barr  
Easter @ 11:00 Lynn Hughes in place of the Barrs

**LECTORS** *Saturday Services:* (31) Joanne Johnson;  
(7) Philip Bloedorn/Brigitte Walters; (14) Brigitte Walters;  
(21) Mary Lou Byrne; (28) James Harshbarger

### Sunday Services

- |                          | 8:30                | 11:00                |
|--------------------------|---------------------|----------------------|
| <b>1</b>                 | Dick Williams       | John Antonelli       |
| <b>5</b> Maundy Thursday | Noon Carol Comeskey | 7 pm Helen Stansbury |
| <b>8</b>                 | Inga Shelton        | Zan Bramley          |
| <b>15</b>                | Rich Walter         | Kelly Stansbury      |
| <b>22</b>                | John Stemke         | Linda Riesz          |
| <b>29</b>                | Amy Tucker-Morgan   | Helen Stansbury      |

### ALTAR FLOWERS

- 1** McArver, Schorschinsky  
**8** Blade, Morgan  
**15** Bramley, L. Gray  
**22** Schorschinsky, Zumwalt  
**29** Johnson, A. Moore

### NURSERY

- |   | 8:30              | 11:00           |
|---|-------------------|-----------------|
| <b>1</b>  | Kaitlin Davis     | Lynette Farmer  |
| <b>5<sup>th</sup> Maundy Thursday (7 pm)</b>        |                   | Rowanne Lane    |
| <b>6<sup>th</sup> Good Friday (7 pm)</b>            |                   | Needed          |
| <b>7<sup>th</sup> Easter Saturday Service (6pm)</b> |                   | Rowanne Lane    |
| <b>8</b>  | Kaitlin Davis     | Needed          |
| <b>15</b> Needed                                    |                   | Natalie Watkins |
| <b>22</b>   | Jennifer Kitchens | Annette Janssen |

**29** Sarah Davis Kelly Stansbury

### ACOLYTES (Serve all month)

- | 8:30             | 11:00  |
|------------------|--|
| Bryanna Mallo    | Carolyn Gimbal                               |
| Shannon Humphrey | Amanda Dunn                                  |
|                  | 1 <sup>st</sup> Kelsie/Travis Johns          |
|                  | 8 <sup>th</sup> Dale Stansbury, Ian Brambell |

### ALTAR GUILD Saturday: Carol Comeskey

- 1** Kathren Miller, Judi Funke, Robin Hueskes  
**8** Thelma Walter, Linda Renzaglia, Karin Cook  
**15** Carol Chinn, Lynette Farmer, Laura Zumwalt  
**22** Jodi Davis, Kristi Wade, Sonja Stroehl  
**29** Margaret Ballantine, Nancy Fauser, Shirley Morrow

### BUILDING Sat: TBA

**SUNDAY: OPEN:** Bill Rose **CLOSE:** Stan Brunt



February 25<sup>th</sup> – March 18<sup>th</sup>

### MEMORY OF CHERRY HORN'S FATHER, DOUGLAS CLINE

Property Use *Pete and Grace Koder*

### MEMORY OF DR. SIGMOND BEAR

Family Assistance Fund *Jean Schild*

### MEMORY OF HILDA BUCK'S BROTHER, ALFRED P. SEITTER

Fifth Sunday *Hilda Buck*  
Pastor's Discretionary *Peter and Virginia Parisek*

### MEMORY OF FRANK FAUSER'S BROTHER, LEONARD

Florence Schorschinsky *Family Assistance Fund*

### MEMORY OF RICHARD CHINN'S UNCLE

Pastor's Discretionary *Peter and Virginia Parisek*

### MEMORY OF BARBARA DEILY

Family Assistance Fund *Cathy Aleksandravicius*

### HONOR OF HARRY AND CAROL COMESKEY

Computer Fund *Charles and Norma Malmberg*

### PASTOR'S DISCRETIONARY FUND

*William and Settie Jones*

### HONOR OF THEIR 6 GRANDCHILDREN

Family Assistance Fund *Dick and Sherri Hiler*

### MEMORY OF MARY ELLSWORTH AND LEONARD FAUSER

Family Assistance Fund *Aleda Marggraff*

*Memorials /Honoriams continued on back cover* 

### TREASURER'S REPORT February 2007

*Income for the month of February totaled \$41,943.  
Expenditures for the same period totaled \$46,233,  
reflecting a negative result of \$4,290.*

*Charles D. Malmberg, Treasurer*

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**MEMORY OF SARAH PRICE**

<i>Family Assistance Fund</i>	Aleda Marggraff
Cathy Aleksandravicius	Jerry and Zan Bramley
Walter and Loretta Brehm	Charles and Norma Malmberg
Harry and Carol Comeskey	Ernest and Dee Young
Ed and Bonnie Weaver	L.S. Roesch
Harold and Inga Shelton	Bloedorn Family
Dick and Sophie Williams	Bob and Helen Stansbury
John and Karen Matthews	Peter and Virginia Parisek
Micki and Laura Matthes	Helen Adrian/Frances Perry
Robert and Judy Batson	Gregory and Brenda Brinson
Clarence and Jo Anne Harrelson	T.W. Lewis Electric Inc.
John Elmore	James and Peggy Mahony
Jerry and Zan Bramley	Children's Schoolhouse

**FAMILY ASSISTANCE FUND**

Frank and Marti Felter	Jeffrey Simon
Allan and Josey Warrington	Richard and BG Bramley

**HONOR OF JIM AND MABEL HARSHBARGER'S 80<sup>TH</sup>**

**BIRTHDAYS**

<i>Property Use</i>	Pete and Grace Koder
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**HONOR OF TIM AND SARAH WALTER**

<i>Missionary Fund</i>	Joe Rumsey
Peter and Virginia Parisek	John and Karen Matthews

<i>Tim/Sarah Walter Rent Fund</i>	Charles and Norma Malmberg
Kris Hall	Barbara Adamek
Children's Schoolhouse	Trevor and Lisa Hornick
	Dale and Dorothy Blade

**TODAY**

**Today** is here. I will begin with a smile and resolve to be agreeable. I will not criticize. I refuse to waste the valuable time God has given me.

**Today** has one thing in which I know I am equal with others – **time**. All of us draw the same salary in seconds, minutes and hours.

**Today** I will not waste time because the minutes I wasted yesterday are lost as a vanished thought.

**Today** I refuse to spend time worrying about what might happen. I am going to spend my time making things happen.

**Today** I am determined to study to improve myself, for tomorrow I may be needed, and I must not be found lacking.

**Today** I begin by doing, and not wasting my time. In one week I will be miles beyond the person I am today.

**Today** I will not imagine what I would do if things were different. They are not different. I will make a success with what material I have.

**Today** I will stop saying, "If I find time" or "If I had time," for I never will "find time" for anything. If I want time I must make it.

**Today** I will act toward other people as though this will be my last day on earth. I will not wait for tomorrow. Tomorrow never comes.