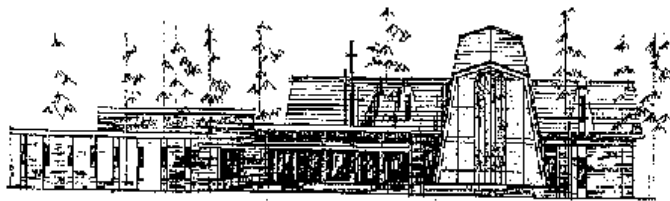


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OWLS FELLOWSHIP GROUP

On Thursday **MAY 24th** we will gather for fellowship and a great meal 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 OWLs on **May 24th**.

Over 50 and looking for a fellowship group?

Come join us, we have a great time with lunch meetings monthly from September through May.

(NOTE) This is not a typo from the April Encounter, we really are going to have lunch at the Golden Corral in May. In April we changed plans and had lunch in the McSwain Center.



Please join us in honoring Sam and Laura for the arrival of their baby Clair Francesca.

SATURDAY, MAY 5TH 2-4 P
in the McSwain Activity Center

All ladies of the church are invited to attend! There is a signup sheet in the Commons area or you may call the church office to sign up. Middle school and high school girls wishing to attend and serve are also welcome.

The Zumwalts are registered at Target, Toys-R-Us, Dillard's and You Are My Sunshine(Cotton Exchange). A giving tree will be provided as an option for those wishing to give a monetary gift.

CONFIRMATION BANQUET MAY 23rd at 6pm

Come and join us for a spaghetti meal followed by presentations from this year's confirmands. There is a signup sheet in the Commons area, please be sure to seek it out.



SUNDAY JUNE 3rd, AFTER THE 11:00 SERVICE we will have an All-Church Picnic. We will supply the hotdogs and hamburgers; you supply the side dishes.

There will be a signup sheet in the commons area. When signing up please indicate which meat and how many you want and what you are going to bring as a side dish (if you know). We haven't done this in a long time, so before we get so busy with our summer activities, let's gather together as a large family.

New members that have joined this year will be honored and recognized. This will be a great chance for you to meet them if you have not done so at services.



LIFT OFF! SOARING TO NEW HEIGHTS WITH GOD.

St. Matthew's Lutheran Church invites all children to become *Sky Scouts* at our summer Vacation Bible School.

The action begins **Sunday, June 10th** and ends **Thursday, June 14th**.

This program offers fun, interactive activities that combine the world of hot air ballooning with the discovery of how to reach new heights with God. Each lesson will be supported with Bible stories, science activities, songs, crafts, games and snacks.

For more information contact Tammi Gates at 796-9686 or Denise Simon at 371-6601.

There will be signup sheets in the Commons area to VOLUNTEER to help as leaders, crafts, music, games, snacks, meals, decorations and to donate items for snacks and crafts. Meet us at St. Matthew's on **Sunday, June 10th at 6:00 pm for VBS LIFT OFF!**

F Y ILast day of Sunday School until August is May 27th.
Last CROSSWAYS Class until fall is May 16th.

Dear Sisters and Brothers,

As we continue the Easter season, we reflect weekly on what it means to live the resurrected life with the resurrected Christ Jesus.

Of course, it is easy for us to enjoy aesthetically and emotionally the music and the joy of the high festivals of Christmas and Easter as if they were isolated events on (what one friend called) the Hallmark calendar (the ones for which we can buy cards). To do so is to remain in the same old me-centered pattern in which it's all about my experience rather than about what God is trying to do to me and with me.

In contrast to Hallmark Christianity, I submit to you the model prayer for Christians, the one given us by...Jesus.

Our Father who art in heaven. Your Son Jesus calls you "Abba" (Daddy) and teaches us to do so, because you are the epitome of fatherhood for Him and for us. What many earthly fathers are not, You are. You not only give us life; You watch over us. You care about who we are and what we do with our lives. You want us to have an intimate relationship with you. To say that You are in heaven is to say that You are Master of the Universe and not simply an extension of or an appendage to my life.

Hallowed be Thy name. Your name is holy, unlike any other, because You have no beginning and no ending. You alone are God. Your Son teaches me that You want me to call upon You constantly in prayer, praise, and thanksgiving, because You are my Father and I am, by grace and through Holy Baptism, Your child. Your name is hallowed by people of God of every time and every place (on earth as it is in heaven), but I ask that I may keep Your name holy always.

Thy Kingdom come. Your kingdom is everlasting. You are ruling over people of God of every time and every place (on earth as it is in heaven). Your Son teaches me that You want to rule over my body, my soul, and every aspect of my life. As the very epitome of fatherhood (of what fatherhood is supposed to be), You know how terrible it is for me and for others when I withhold any part of my life from You.

Thy will be done. Your will is done by people of God of every time and every place on earth as it is in heaven. Your Son teaches me that You want me to submit to Your will, because You can see the big picture from the vantage point of eternity. Just as Your Son gave His life away in love for You and for all people on His lonely cross, so You want me to die to myself every day.

Your Son shows me what it means to want what You want even when I do not understand what You are doing.

Give us this day our daily bread. Your Son teaches me that everything good comes from Your gracious hand. You own everything (even if I resist that truth). You want me to be grateful for what You give me. Indeed You feed me with Your Son's body and blood in bread and wine that I may be filled with the power of His endless life. You want me now to use my life with gratitude and see that others are not deprived of what You everyone to have: food, clothing, home, family, daily work, and all they need.

Forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. Your beloved Son teaches me that He died on the cross for my sins and for those of the whole world. He teaches me that it is ludicrous for me to ask from You what I am not willing to give. Indeed He teaches me that You want me to learn to forgive as You forgive. Indeed He teaches me that when I don't forgive others that I am pretending that I am God.

Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. Your Son teaches me that He was tempted in every way that I am but without sin. You have sent Him to be with me in every temptation, every test of my life. You have sent Him to die on the cross to destroy the power of sin, death, and the evil one. You want to deliver me from evil this day and at the hour of my death, that I may be Yours now and forever.

For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever and ever. Your Son teaches me that You will be God no matter what. He teaches me that everyone and everything else in *this* life (no matter how lovely or lovable) is temporary. He teaches me that all other kingdoms, powers, and glories will fail and fade, because they are not God. Therefore, I am to learn to let go of everything and everyone but You.

Amen. As my Lord Jesus has said it, so it is true. I believe it. I confess it. I want to live it. Help my unbelief. Send me the Holy Spirit that I may live the Easter life, knowing that You have buried the old sinner in me again with Christ in the waters of Holy Baptism and have raised me to a new life with You, Father, and the Son and the Holy Spirit forever.

Your brother in Christ,

Pastor Sam Zumwalt

The message below comes from **Galatians 2:20** and the **NIV study notes**. It is a powerful Easter message. I came upon this through God's grace. I wanted to sing the Hallelujah Chorus with the Choir on Easter. During one of the rehearsals, they practiced "Face The Cross" for another service. For some reason, I couldn't not sing that song, so I stayed on to learn it. In the intro notes of the sheet music is a reference to **Galatians 6:14**: "God forbid that I should boast of anything except the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ ..."

I looked it up in my study bible and it cross-referenced me back to **Galatians 2:20**.

I hope you too find Easter joy in this message. *Blessings and Peace, John Antonelli.*

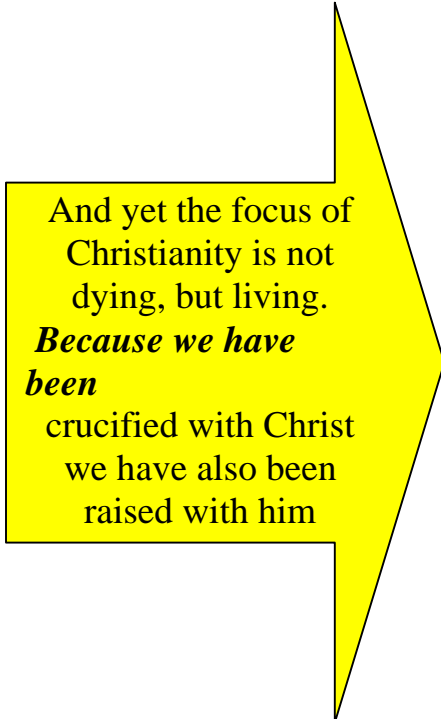
Galatians 2:20: I have been crucified with Christ and I no longer live, but Christ lives in me. The life I live in the body, I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me.

How have we been crucified with Christ?

LEGALLY: God looks at us as if we had died with Christ. Because our sins died with him, we are no longer condemned (Colossians 2:13-15).

RELATIONALLY: We have become one with Christ and his experiences are ours. Our Christian life began when, in unity with him, we died to our old life (Romans 6:5-11).

IN OUR DAILY LIFE: We must regularly crucify sinful desires that keep us from following Christ. This too is a kind of dying with him (Luke 9:23-25).



And yet the focus of Christianity is not dying, but living. *Because we have been crucified with Christ we have also been raised with him*

How have we been raised with Christ?

LEGALLY: We have been reconciled with God (2 Corinthians 5:19) and are free to grow into Christ's likeness (Romans 8:29).

IN OUR DAILY LIFE: We have Christ's resurrection power as we continue to fight sin (Ephesians 1:19,20). We are no longer alone, for Christ lives in us - he is our power for living and our hope for the future (Colossians 1:27).

**WELCA CIRCLES
MAY SCHEDULE**

Faith Circle – May 8th @ 9:30 am, home of Margaret Ballantine

Love Circle – May 1st @ 7:30 pm, church library

Peace Circle – May 8th @ 1:30 pm, church library

Praise Circle – May 8th @ 6:30 pm, place TBA



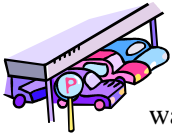
We need to know who you are!

High school or College

Call the office or Nancy Magruder and give us your information. Then let us share in the joy of your accomplishments on Graduation **Sunday, June 10th** at both services.



Camp physical exams... we will once again offer free exams for youth needing forms for camps. One will be on a Wednesday night and another on a Sunday during Sunday school. Exact date will be posted on the youth board, bulletin and on the Church email.



Mission trip fundraiser... once again we will be offering our parking lot during the Greek Festival (**May 18th-20th**) for a **donation** as a way to raise funds for our summer mission trip.

Pass the word along to your friends and family, we need your support.



**CAMP AGAPE IN THE
MCSAWIN CENTER**

is being offered this year to rising 1st thru 5th graders **August 6th -10th**,

at the cost of \$95 per person. Forms are on the youth board.

If you are unsure about the program please attend the **free day camp offered on Saturday, June 2nd from 9am-3pm.** The June camp is open to members as well as non-members so please tell your friends and neighbors. Sign up is on the youth board for both camps.

CHAPERONES NEEDED !!!!!



We need drivers and chaperones for the youth activities. Without you we cannot give follow through with the programs that we offer. Please consider where you may help us! Drivers for Lutheridge, need one more for up and back on June 17th, and one for return on June 23rd, you leave early morn on the 23rd. We are in need of adults to attend the mission trip (July 8th-14th) with us, we pay for your lodging and food; two males and two females. We also need chaperones for our middle school mission trip here in town, August 15th-18th. The list to sign up is on the youth board across from the office. If you have any questions or concerns on how you may help please call me at 791-4582 ext. 212 or home at 791-6057, Nancy Magruder.

*The Christian Education Team would like to **THANK** all the teachers for their loving faithfulness in leading our children, younger and older to a closer walk with Jesus. Anyone interested in teaching Sunday School in the fall please look for a sign up sheet in the Commons area or contact Tammi Gates at 796-9686.*

Dear St. Matthew's Family,

It's Sunday evening and we're talking about the last week (March 18-25th) and all of the planning, schedules, phone calls and the 194 hours of volunteer time to help Tina, Kristian and Greg for the week. Psalm 126 that we read in the morning spoke to us about the week and the guest family, "Then our mouth was filled with laughter, and our tongue with shouts of joy; then it was said among the nations, 'The Lord has done great things for them'".

We want to thank again, all of St. Matthew's volunteers:

Supplies: Amy Tucker-Morgan, Cathy Aleksandravicius, Margaret Ballantine, Cindy Cornett, Judi Funke, Vivian Alexander, Judy Daniels, Dot Springs, Susie Wakild, Rita Knoll, Dorothy Blade, Kay Rose, Karen Ruefle, Kathy Bink, Mary Allison, Aleda Marggraff, Christi Monroe, Sherry Bendamane, Tammi Gates, Lori Haskins and Lucy Hieronymus.

Setup: Sid and Ida Bowman, Meg and Melinda Knoerzer, Phil Anderson, Chris Bocchino, Lynette Farmer, Jan Christine.

Meals: Dick and Sophie Williams, Elaine Brown, Inge Sheldon, Margaret Ballantine and the Faith Circle, Jan Christine, Messiah Lutheran, Michele Dew, Ginger Francis Past Sam and Laura Zumwalt, Rich and Thelma Walter and Bonnie and Eddie Weaver.

Overnight: John and Daniel Antonelli, Dick Williams, Axel Erkes (two nights), Dusty Pilcher, Richard and Carol Chinn and Linda and Bailey Reisz.


Hosts: June Ann Doll, Lynette Farmer, Jan Christine, Elaine Brown, Inge Sheldon, Messiah Lutheran, Patrick Potter, Reconciliation Lutheran and Mini Larson.

Transportation: Jerry Bramley, Renata Gray (2), Bethel Paris (2), Erika Braje (3) and Dusty Pilcher (2).

Take Down: Phil and Greg Anderson, Lynette Farmer. Without your commitment, time and dedication Tina and her children would not have had the chance to experience God's blessings and graces. In reviewing the notes taken by the previous coordinators we see that many of our volunteers have given many times in the past. The very good news is that more new volunteers have come forward.

Mark your calendar and think of ways that you can help; the families from Wilmington Interfaith Hospitality Network will be back at St. Matthew's at the end of June.

*Bill Fox and Jan Christine
WIHN Coordinators*

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1 9:00 Women's Fitness 10:00 Prayer Group 7:00 Stephen Min. 7:30 Love Circle 8:00 AA	2 8:00 Devotional Bkfst. 9:30 Spiritual Form. 4:00 Daisy #981 4:15 Cadette #139 4:15 Junior #226 5:30 Cadette #354 6:30 Cub Scouts #274 7:00 CONFIRMATION 7:30 Adult Choir.	3 10:00 CROSSWAYS 12:00 National Day of Prayer 3:30 Daisy #739 7:00 National Day of Prayer 7:00 Boy Scouts	4 9:00 Women's Fitness 8:00 NA	5 ZUMWALT BABY SHOWER 2:00-4:00 Cantate Service 6:00 Worship/Comm 8:00 AA 8:00 AL-ANON
	6 CANTATE SUNDAY 8:30 Worship/Communion 9:45 Sunday School 11:00 Worship/Communion	7 9:30 Spiritual Form. 8:00 NA	8 9:00 Women's Fitness 9:30 Faith Circle 10:00 Prayer Group 1:30 Peace Circle 6:00 Praise Circle 6:30 Contemp Svc Practice 8:00 AA	9 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 7:00 CONFIRMATION 7:30 Adult Choir.	10 10:00 CROSSWAYS 3:30 Daisy #739 7:00 Boy Scouts 7:00 Church Council Hospice Meal GS Troop #139	11 9:00 Women's Fitness 8:00 NA
13 MOTHER'S DAY Blanket Sunday 8:30 Contemp. Worship 9:45 Sunday School 11:00 Worship/Communion	14 9:30 Spiritual Form. 7:00 Women's Bible Study (in member homes) 8:00 NA	15 9:00 Women's Fitness 10:00 Prayer Group 7:00 Stephen Ministry 8:00 AA <i>Newsletter Deadline</i>	16 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 7:00 CONFIRMATION 7:30 Adult Choir.	17 10:00 CROSSWAYS 12:00 Ascension of Our Lord 3:30 Daisy #739 7:00 Ascension of Our Lord 7:00 Boy Scouts	18 9:00 Women's Fitness 8:00 NA GREEK FESTIVAL PARKING	19 6:00 Worship/Comm 8:00 AA 8:00 AL-ANON GREEK FESTIVAL PARKING
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27 Confirmation Sunday 8:30 Worship/Communion 9:45 Sunday School 11:00 Worship/Communion 4:00 MS Youth Group 5:00 Open Gym 6:00 HS Youth Group	28 Memorial Day OFFICE CLOSED 9:30 Spiritual Form. 8:00 NA	29 9:00 Women's Fitness 10:00 Prayer Group 8:00 AA	30 8:00 Devotional Bkfst. 9:30 Spiritual Form. 4:15 Cadette #139 4:15 Junior #226 5:30 Cadette #354 6:30 Cub Scouts #274 7:30 Adult Choir.	31 7:00 Boy Scouts		

MAY BIRTHDAYS

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| 1 | John David Perry
Arnold Wychel
Adrianna Mayberry **
Diane Guy | 9 | Fred Doll
Sarah Miller
Kathryn Brennan | 24 | Susan Bjorkquist
Ruthann Getsinger
Kendall Bauer ** | |
| 2 | Carrie Whiteside
Marti Felter
Jeffrey Simon
Cathy Guidry | 12 | Frank Felter
Hannah Bendahmane
Chandler Carriker
Ivonne Tullous
James Intiso ** | 25 | Harriet Kuske | |
| 3 | Dorothy Weber
Deborah Pressley
Dawn Hill | 14 | 15 | 26 | Jennifer Snyder
Lori Townsend
Paula D. McKenzie
Dayna Nevers ** | |
| 4 | Jodi Davis
J.P. Miller
Jeffery Robinson
Amy Miller
Angela Wells
Kent Linkner | 17 | 18 | 27 | 28 | Jeanna Fulton **
Wayne Huffman
Sherry Bendahmane
Sandra Humphrey
Adam Marlow
Mary Lamb |
| 5 | Nicholas Meyer
Bonnie Weaver
Rebecca Lee | 19 | 20 | 30 | 31 | Nancy Singleton
Barbara Clemmons
Deborah Lockwood
Traci Roberts |
| 6 | Cathy Aleksandravicius
Jason Barbour
Cahrlse Ramseur
Michael Grieb ** | 21 | 22 | | | |
| 8 | Amanda Mayberry ** | 23 | | | | |
| 9 | Susan Starling | | | | | |



MAY ANNIVERSARIES

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| 5 | Paul and Sandy Marlow
Charles and Norma Malmberg | 22 | Thomas and Irene Barber
Robert and Teresa Tuck |
| 11 | Jack and Harriet Kuske | 24 | Steve and Freda Brewbaker |
| 12 | Phil and Barbara Christmas
Randy and Megan Rose | 26 | Frank and Nancy Fauser |
| 13 | Ted and Robin Hueskes | 28 | Dena and Deanna Carlisle |
| 14 | Lawrence and Lynne Hughes | 31 | Jeff and Anita Turner
Bruce and Rebecca Seip |
| 15 | Patrick and Sandy O'Donnell | | |



April Council Summary

- This business and visioning meeting of the Congregational Council was held on April 12, 2007 beginning with a devotional led by Pastor Sam at 7:00pm. The meeting continued at 7:20 pm with John Antonelli presiding.
- The treasurer reported Income for the month of March totaled \$ 44,307. Expenditures for March totaled \$47,911 reflecting a **negative** result of \$ **3,604**. Income from January thru March totals \$ 137, 321. Expenditures for the same period total \$ 142,842 reflecting a **negative** result of \$ **5,521**.
- Stan Brunt presented the results of the recent survey information collected from the members of St. Matthew's. 155 people responded. A presentation of these results is to be included in the upcoming communication forum to be held on Sunday, April 22 during the usual time for adult Sunday School. Council is set to develop objectives based on these survey results and information received at the communications forum beginning at its May meeting.
- Axel Erkes and Eddie Weaver have volunteered to serve on a team to draft guidelines for our Emily Wade Memorial Fund for Family Assistance.
- The Annual Synod Assembly is to be held May 1 through June 2, 2007. If you are interested in representing St. Matthew's at the Assembly, kindly contact Council.
- The meeting adjourned with the praying of the Lord's Prayer at 8:55 pm. The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday evening, May 10, 2007.

Respectfully submitted,
Peter Gimbal, Recorder

FAITH STORY

This faith story is continued from the April issue of the Encounter. Jeff Cummings is sharing his experience in witnessing to non-believers in the work place.

New believers have many doubts and questions. One I was asked by my friend was about sin and how to stop sinning. I shared my beliefs about forgiveness and how we all, as sinners, need to be in prayer and read our Bible to be in a relationship with our Lord. He will give us the strength to fight the devil's temptations.

As Christians we are instructed by God to share our faith and bear witness of our Lord Jesus Christ. If I hadn't shared my beliefs my friend would have had false beliefs about religion and perhaps believed in a cult. We must take our faith seriously and be willing to share it with others. If we are asked questions we are unable to answer we should say we are not sure, let me study my Bible, God's word, and get back to you.

Read the story in John 9 of the blind man Jesus healed and how he witnessed even though his words and beliefs could have had him expelled from the synagogue. The scriptures are full of testimonies from believers of Christ in His time and place. We are children of God and are also called to give testimony in this world. Don't let fear, a devil's trick, keep you from showing your love and praise for your Lord and Savior.

I share my faith not for rewards in heaven, I do it because my Lord loves me for who I am. He chose me before I chose Him. Share your faith with trust that He will provide you the words to witness to His love and resurrection.

I hope my faith story will help you be a witness for Christ when the opportunity presents itself in the work place or anywhere a non-believer ask you about faith or religion. Throughout the Bible Jesus was confronted by non-believers, as in John 10:22-40. He will help you be a witness for Him today in this world.

Thank you for allowing me space in two Encounter issues to share my faith. If you have had similar experiences why don't you share it in the June issue of Faith Stories.

May God Bless You!
Jeff Cummings



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

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| Elizabeth McGarr | Celia Carus | Laura Zumwalt |
| Dorothy Heberling | Diane Vickery | Pru Hovis |
| Marilyn Wilson | Jim Mees | John Geiger |
| Harriet Zumwalt | Mike Eby | Michele King |
| Harold Shelton, Jr. | Fran Perry | Brenda Tyler |
| The Ryan Family | Sara Wakild | Mary Pierson |
| The Deily Family | Dick Bramley | Nell McArver |
| The Price family | June Gilbert | James Ammons |
| The Wade Family | Ann Kruek | Brigitta Stolz |
| Leon Wade, Sr. | Evelyn Lauer | Terri Dearie |
| Military Families | Paul Murphy | Dean Carlisle |
| Tim and Sarah Walter | Anne Bunting | Kelsea Webster |
| James Clemmons | Karen Linen | Peyton Hughes |
| Charlotte Harris | Wally Schultz | Bertha Rankin |
| Clement Doniere | Marla Fuller | Charles Buyer |

REMEMBER OUR HOMEBOUND MEMBERS

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

SYMPATHY is extended to *Don and Judy Benson* in the death of Judy's aunt, Narine Russ who died on April 6th in Wilmington, NC.

CELEBRATION: Prayers of joy for the *Funke and Gaines families*. On April 9th Ronald and Judi Funke became grandparents. Their daughter Elizabeth Gaines gave birth to a son, Ethan Gaines in Fayetteville, NC.

OUR YOUNG MEMBERS WHO RECEIVED COMMUNION FOR THE FIRST TIME AT THE MAUNDY THURSDAY SERVICE:

Daniel Antonelli, son of John and Cindy Antonelli
Allison Grace Cummings, daughter of Gary and Jill Cummings
Hannah Arlene Schneider, daughter of Larry and Sara Schneider

and on **APRIL 22, 2007**

Kevin Joseph Brennan, son of Kevin and Nancy Brennan celebrated his 1st Communion.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS/TELEPHONE #:

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Burlington, NC 27215-9414

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218 Inlet Point
Wilmington, NC 28409

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Laura Matthess 409-3213 (cell)

Micki Matthess 409-3105 (cell)

Todd and Tracy Darnell

220 Heritage Lane
Cortland, OH 44410-1118

The Allison Family and Charlotte Harris

2908 Middle Sound Loop Road
Wilmington, NC 28411



To Our Church Family,

We would like to say thank you to everyone who has loved, prayed, fed and cared for us during Sarah's hospice care and through our bereavement period. We send heartfelt thanks for each of you as a blessing to our family.

*In Christian Love,
The Price Family*

Dear Church Family,

We've been talking about you all with the Lord. There is so much we wanted to say. We told him how thoughtful and helpful you are and how we treasure you more everyday. We tried to describe how just having you there is so special as well as all you have done for us. We mentioned how loyal you are to your friends and we thanked Him for making us one! And, we told Him how much we keep learning from you, inspiring our faith and trust.

Then we asked Him if He'd let you know how we feel and He said you should hear it from us! So, dear friends, we thank you for everything you have done for our family and mostly for loving us so much.

*Our Love,
Fred and Ruthann Getsinger*

The adage that "many handS make little work" proved true when members of the Altar Guild gave their time on Saturday morning, March 31st to clean the sanctuary. Many thanks to Margaret Ballantine, Laura Gray, Arelene Robie, Lynette Farmer, Sonja Stroehl, Linda Renzaglia, Carol Comeskey, Kathy Tucker and Kathren Miller for their hard work and dedicated service to the Altar Guild and to St. Matthew's. Many thanks to Lynette Farmer for agreeing to coordinate the schedule for the Altar Guild. Her willingness to server in this capacity is much appreciated. Be sure to thank her an offer your services. Another special thanks goes to Amy Tucker-Morgan for decorating the sanctuary for Easter with the lilies you members purchased.

A reminder to all of our congregation: There are many opportunities for service available under the umbrella of the Worship and Music Team: altar guild, ushering, lectors, communion assistants, musicians, and choir members. Select an area of service then call Minnie Larson at 350-2626 for further information and to volunteer.

*Worship and Music Team
Minnie Larson*

See page 4 for a Big Thank You to those who served our WIHN families in March.

NEW MEMBERS WILL JOIN IN JUNE. The July Encounter will have an insert of all members joined this year.

Those Serving in May 2007



March 25th – April 15



COMMUNION ASSISTANTS

- 6** 8:30 Dick/Sophie Williams, Jan Christine, Bill Fox
11:00 Nancy Miller, Kelly Stansbury, Ellen James, Lynette Farmer
- 13** 8:30 Bob/Cheryl/David Trapp, Kay Rose
11:00 Ruthann Getsinger, Stephanie Price, Ken Johns, Jodi Davis
- 17** **Carol Comeskey (Noon) Kay Rose (7 pm)**
- 20** 8:30 Bill/Bethel Paris, Sandy O'Donnell, Nancy Brennan
11:00 Jerry/Zan Bramley, Helen Stansbury, Brian Grieshamer
- 27** 8:30 Rita Knoll, Nancy Magruder, David/Kathren Miller
11:00 Sherri Hiler, Linda Riesz, Bill Davis, TBA

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

- 6** 11:00 John Pollard, Tony Irenze, TBA
- 13** 11:00 Happy Wade, Saville Riesz, Fred Getsinger
- 20** 11:00 Rick Brode, Peter Gimbal, Keith Geiger
- 27** 11:00 Jerry/Zan Bramley, Dale Blade

GREETERS

- 6:00 Ed and Carrie McDonough
- 8:30 John Stemke Family and Axel Erkes Family
- 11:00 Craig /Nan Phillips and Jeb and Nancy Miller

LECTORS *Saturday Services: (5) Becky Mahler; (12) Nancy Thompson; (19) Janet Tweedy; (26) Nancy Fauser*
Sunday Services

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| | 8:30 | 11:00 |
| 6 | Bethel Paris | Bill Piper |
| 13 | Inga Shelton | Lynette Farmer |
| 17 | Carol Comeskey (12 Noon) Kay Rose (7pm) | |
| 20 | Kathren Miller | Midge Piper |
| 27 | Kay Rose | Jodi Davis |

ALTAR FLOWERS

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| 6 | R. Wilson; Lentz | 13 | Hueskes; W. Moore |
| 20 | McDonough; McSwain | 27 | Marlow; Seip |

NURSERY

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| | 8:30 | 11:00 |
| 6 | Linda Andron | Suzanne Whitmarsh |
| 13 | Brandy Bocchino | TBA |
| 20 | Alison Linkner | TBA |
| 27 | Bethel Paris | Sarah Schneider |

ACOLYTES (Serve all month)

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| | 8:30 | 11:00 |
| | Courtney Meyer | Caleigh Lockwood |
| | Natalie Watkins | Danniella Meyers |
| | | *May 27th (Pentecost Sunday) |
| | | Riley Tucker and Shauna Ruefle |
| | | in addition to above |

ALTAR GUILD *Saturday: Cindy Cornett*

- 6** Kathren Miller, Judi Funke, Robin Hueskes
- 13** Kathie Tucker, Amy Tucker-Morgan, Arlene Robie
- 20** Thelma Walter, Linda Renzaglia, Jane Fulton
- 27** Carol Chinn, Lynette Farmer, Laura Zumwalt

BUILDING *Sat: Cindy Cornett*

SUNDAY: OPEN: John Matthews **CLOSE:** TBA

MEMORY OF JACK KALLENBORN

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| Fifth Sunday | Bob and Helen Stansbury |
| | Vera Wilson |
| | Peter and Virginia Parisek |
| | Nell McArver |
| Family Asst. Fund | Jim and Mabel Harshbarger |
| Charles and Darlene Schucker | Phyllis Smith |
| Arthur and Mary Jane Carroll, Jr. | Al and Peggy Barr |
| Robert and Carolyn Hooker | Aleda Marggraff |
| Robert and Peggy Moore | Kathie Tucker |
| Earl and Pat Lindner | J.H. and Betty Medlin, Jr. |
| J.P. Morgan Chase Assoc. | Bill and Betty Killian |
| Morris and Joanne Johnson | Don and Rose Meyer |
| Nancy Holley | Bill Rosser and Karen Westrell |
| Social Ministry | Harry and Carol Comeskey |
| Property | Pete and Grace Koder |

MEMORY OF MARTHA BRIDGES

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| Property Use | Peter and Grace Koder |
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MEMORY OF CHRIS MCGINNIS

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| Fifth Sunday | Vera Wilson |
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MEMORY OF WAYNE GREER

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| Fifth Sunday | Frank and June Gilbert |
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MEMORY OF RAYMOND CHINN

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| Fifth Sunday | Vera Wilson |
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MEMORY OF BUD POYTHRESS' SISTER

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| Fifth Sunday | Vera Wilson |
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MEMORY OF ALFRED PAUL SEITTER, SR., BROTHER TO HILDA BUCK

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| Property | Peter and Grace Koder |
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MEMORY OF CHRIS MCGINNIS, NANCY FAUSER'S BROTHER-IN-LAW

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| Property | Peter and Grace Koder |
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MEMORY OF NANCY FAUSER'S SISTER-IN-LAW

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| Property | Peter and Virginia Parisek |
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MEMORY OF SARAH PRICE

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| Luther Choir | Vera Wilson |
| | Vivian Alexander |
| Pastor Discretionary | Bill and Kay Rose |
| Family Assistance Fund | Dale and Dorothy Blade |
| Tom and Hanne Flythe | Jim and Mabel Harshbarger |
| Robert and Carolyn Hooker | Peter and Grace Koder |

Memorials /Honoriams continued on back cover

TREASURER'S REPORT March 2007

Income for the month of March totaled \$44,307. Expenditures for March totaled \$47,911 reflecting a **negative** result of \$3,604. Income from January thru March totals \$137,321. Expenditures for the same period total \$142,842 reflecting a **negative** result of **\$5,521**.

Charles D. Malmberg, Treasurer

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MEMORY OF SARAH PRICE

Al and Jennifer Snyder	Butch and Karen Ruefle
Norman and Susan Shearin	Phil Anderson
Andy and Norma Vics	Charles and Darlene Schucker
Phyllis Smith	Felicia Myott
Marion and Peggy Shepard	Judith Siebold
Patrick and Lisa Ballantine	Sandra McIntosh
Frank and June Gilbert	Kathie Tucker
Elaine Brown	W. Craig and Margaret Jumper
John and Doris Tulloch	Florence Schorschinsky
Eleanor Thompson	Bob and Cheryl Trapp
Minnie Larson	Rich and Thelma Walter
Tom and Linda Mull	Linda Kerr
Bill and Betty Killian	Morris and Joanne Johnson
Don and Rose Meyer	Nathan and Linda Holway
Youth Use	Rich and Thelma Walter
	Al and Peggy Barr
	Jerry and Zan Bramley
	Nell McArver
	Trevor and Lisa Hornick

Fifth Sunday

Missionary

MEMORY OF EMILY WADE

Family Asst. Fund

John and Doris Tulloch

MEMORY OF CAROL RYAN

Family Asst. Fund

Gates Ryan

MEMORY OF CAPT. DAVE ARMOUR

Missionary

Rich and Thelma Walter

Youth

Rich and Thelma Walter

MEMORY OF BARBARA DEILY

Undesignated

Gary Deily

HONOR OF FRANK AND NANCY FAUSER

Fifth Sunday Needham and Sylvia Hall

HONOR OF NANCY MAGRUDER

Youth Rich and Thelma Walter

Mission Trip

Robert and Carolyn Hooker

HONOR OF OFFICE VOLUNTEERS

Computer Fund

Chuck and Norma Malmberg

HONOR OF TIM AND SARAH WALTER

Missionary

Rich and Thelma Walter

HONOR OF HILDA BUCK

Debt reduction

Marilyn Anderson and Katherine Stern

HONOR OF CAROLYN HOOKER

Youth

Rich and Thelma Walter

June Dates to plan for now:

June 2^{PP}nd ... Camp Agape free day 9am-3pm

June 3rd ... Church picnic 12:30

June 10th ... Graduation Sunday all services

June 17th ... Leave for camp

WATCH FOR YOUR INVITATION IS IN THE MAIL - UUUUUUUU <u>All nursery volunteers/supporters</u> mark your calendar for June 3 ^{PP} rd at 9:45 am to enjoy a "Thank You" reception in your honor. Details on the invitation.
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UUUUUUUUUJuly Dates to plan for now:

July 8th ... Leave for mission trip

July 11th ... Youth performance from Tennessee
 6:30pm in sanctuary