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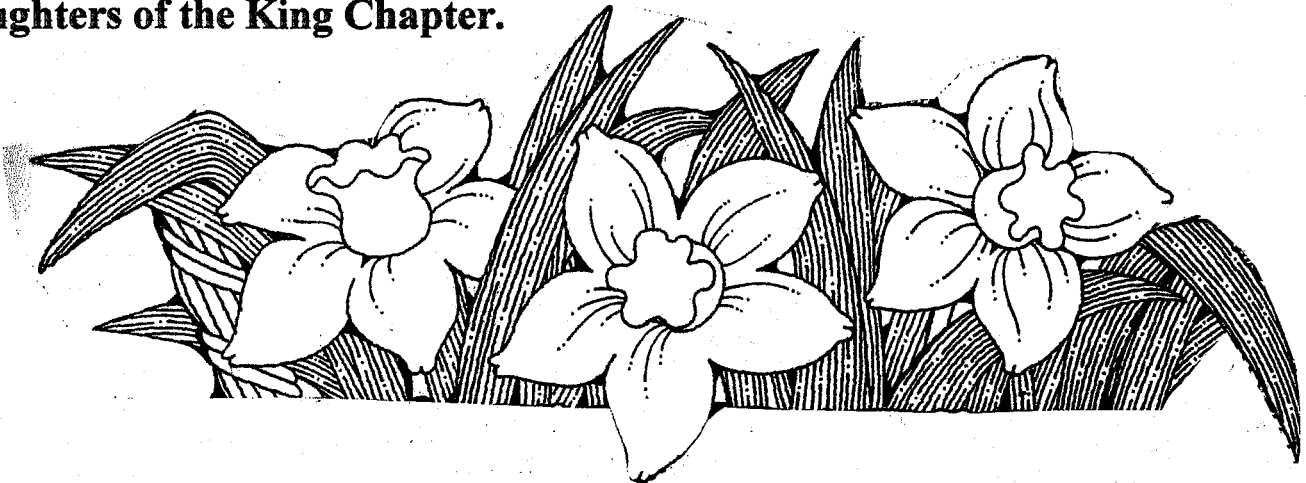
Pentecost to Labor Day 2009

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### **From the Rector**

**As I write these few words, it's a near perfect spring day. The azaleas have finished their blooming as have the daffodils- the leaves are out- and the pollen not quite subsided enough for complete comfort. The rhythm of the seasons- of all of life- is very apparent. In the midst of the noise of our lives it's challenging to be aware of that holy rhythm- or of any rhythm at all. As we begin to slow into the pace of our summer time with it's vacations, summer ball games and lazy days, I pray that we'll take time for stillness- for an awareness of Presence of our Creator- of the One who orders all things. It's in that awareness that we're nourished- healed- held in the arms of Love Himself. It's life giving.**

**As this Sunday School year comes to a close we honor our outgoing Sunday School Chairperson, Carrie Hillman. It would be difficult to imagine the debt the St. Matthew's community owes to her. Carrie has been instrumental in establishing our present Sunday School structure. She has been generous, faithful, enthusiastic and a tireless worker on behalf of our Christian education. The St. Matthew's Community offers her thanks and our best wishes for all her other numerous projects both at St. Matthew's and in the Highlands. She will continue as Director of Music and as Chairperson of our Daughters of the King Chapter.**



## Sunday School

"Write these commandments that I've given you today on your hearts. Get them inside of you and then get them inside your children. Talk about them wherever you are, sitting at home or working in the street; talk about them from the time you get up in the morning to when you fall into bed at night. Tie them on your hands and foreheads as a reminder; inscribe them on the doorposts of your homes and on your city gates." Deut 6:6-7

As we approach the completion of another successful year of Christian Education at St. Matthews we are gearing up for our final intergenerational event of the "school" year - Pentecost and our annual ice cream social. During the Sunday school hour, on May 31st, we will start off with an interactive Pentecost reading then break into activities relating to that reading. As always, there will be appropriate Pentecost appropriate breakfast goodies to accompany this event. Then, following the 10:30 service, we will have our annual ice cream social to celebrate the last day of Sunday School.

It is with a very grateful heart that I take this opportunity to thank the superb St. Matthews Sunday School and Children's Church staff for all of their faithfulness, hard work and support. Sunday after Sunday they carefully prepare exciting lessons for each level and are eager to work with each class. The most difficult and disappointing time for them is after all of their preparation to come to church on a Sunday morning and discover no participants. It is one of the most frustrating parts of Christian Education as a teacher and as an administrator. It is a deep concern of mine as I have witnessed a decline in Sunday School attendance since first accepting my present role in 2001. We used to have 50% or more of the young people of our congregation attending Sunday School on a routine basis. What has happened? Why is this not to a priority in our lives? What changes need to be made to ensure that our next generation will have a life giving personal relationship with our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ as they face a world of overwhelming challenges! I pray that each one of us will take time over the summer break to find a way to make all of Sunday morning attendance a priority for adults as well as children.

Faithfully yours,

Carrie Hillman

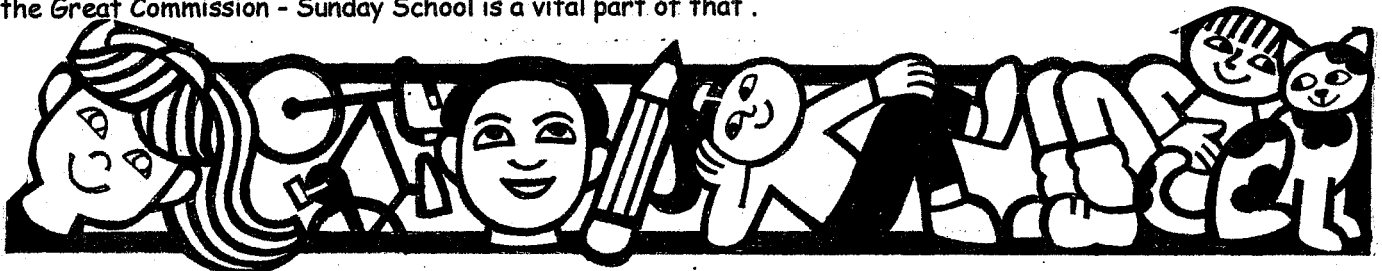
### On a personal note:

Several months after we had first moved to Virginia, Martha approached me about heading up Sunday School. In the "early days" that meant creating a curriculum for all levels (not my favorite thing to do). Thank goodness we found several curriculums to use so that one did not have to create curriculum. We've come a long way! In addition, we have instituted intergenerational events, Christmas pageants, successfully scheduled teachers and based schedules so that no one would get burned out - and fulfilled Church Insurance requirements at the same time.

In the early days it was a challenge to find ways to keep supplies current amidst trying circumstances. Recently we had the challenge of setting up Sunday School rooms in our wonderful new facility and had plenty of space for supplies! Last, but not least, it was a delight to create Children's Chapel and oversee it's successful operation.

Since then, I feel that I have been faithful in the role God had for me to do at St. Matthews. It has been a rewarding time for me personally and I feel honored to have been given the opportunity to share the gifts that God has given to me and to pass them on via Sunday School. After much prayer, and feeling very much God's peace, I would like to pass on the charge for Sunday School. I truly feel that it is time for me, personally, to be faithful in passing on God's charge to someone else at this time. I will be happy to finish out this school year and pass on the wealth of files, notebooks, and materials to someone else that God has in mind for this position as well as to be a willing in house resource. We have an important mission in raising up future generations so that they will carry on

the Great Commission - Sunday School is a vital part of that.



## The Order of the Daughters of the King

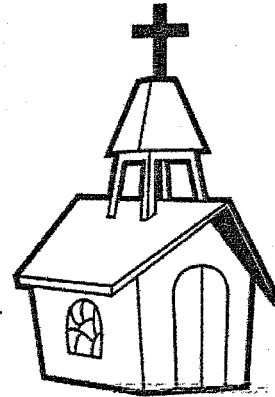
Special thanks are in order to all those who helped to make our first annual retreat such a success. On Saturday, March 14<sup>th</sup> Judy Carlson led us through an inspiring day which helped us all in our efforts to expand our prayer life. As you may not know - Daughters of the King is organized as a religious order. Each daughter takes a lifetime vow to live by the Rule of the Order. Our Rule of life requires a spiritual discipline of daily prayer, service and evangelism. We are dedicated to the spread of Christ's Kingdom and the strengthening of the spiritual life of the parish. Empowered by the Holy Spirit, our vision as Daughters of the King is to know Jesus Christ, to make Him known to others, and become reflections of God's love throughout the world.

Prayer is probably THE most important role that we play in the life of any parish, but especially at St. Matthews. We are in touch with each other constantly (thanks to e-mail) as Martha receives requests for prayer and then conveys that request to all of us so that we can pray daily for the needs of our congregation. This list is always held in strictest confidence. Additional requests are made when people make use of the prayer box available on the table in the gathering area. As we update our extensive list it is always heartening when we see many of our prayers answered in such a magnificent way - God is good and His mercy does indeed endure forever.

The Sojourners' Chapter of The Order of the Daughters of the King is excited to begin this new season of growth. We re pleased to announce two new members of our chapter - Lauren Burns and Sandy Speer. Once they complete the initial training and we receive their crosses from headquarters, they will be installed during a church service.

For more information about Daughters of the King, please feel free to ask any Daughter - her cross can be your guide. You are also invited to join us at one of our meetings which held on Sundays following the 10:30 service. Should you have questions or concerns please contact Martha at 426-4658 or Carrie at 748-7525.

For His Sake,  
Carrie Hillman



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Dear St. Matthew's Family,

The group working on a vision and focus for our congregation has finalized the congregational survey. A copy was recently distributed to everyone age 15 or older.

The survey seeks your perspective, thoughts and sense of call on our priorities for worship and service in this place. The results will direct our work over the summer to seek information about how to best address those ideas and desires.

It is so important that we hear from you!!! Please take the time to complete the survey as best you can and return it to a member of the committee. The committee includes Sandy Speer, Carrie Hillman, Sarah Parkison, Lana DeLeon, Rexanne Shires, Robin Teasley, Sandra and Sarah Koch, Rev. Martha, Barbara Fischer, Skiddy Lund and me. Thanks to all of these fine people for their willingness to serve in this way.

If you have not received a copy of the survey or need another, please check the basket on the hall table or contact me and I will be sure you get one.

Many thanks for your time and input towards a focus for us in the next couple of years.

Lin Corbin-Howerton

## Financials

I would like to give some insight to St. Matthew's current financials, particularly to our pledges. Through April 30<sup>th</sup> pledge collections are \$3,688 below budget. I looked at pledges vs. actual pledge collections and found that out of the 43 pledges there are 23 who are not up to date, for a total of \$4,986. This causes me some concern. The remaining 20 pledges are on target or ahead.


In order to meet our financial commitments we need everyone's help in keeping pledges current. If you are finding it difficult to meet your pledge, please let Sarah Parkison or me know so that we can make adjustments in the budget. With summer coming we typically have a decrease in pledge receipts. If it would be helpful you can ask your employer to do a payroll deduction. We have one family that does this. If enough families were interested we might consider setting up a credit card program. On a positive note our plate collections are \$1,872 over budget, an indication of congregational growth.

If you have any specific questions concerning the finances of St. Matthew's please to not hesitate to ask. Your next statement will be mailed in July.

Tom  
Senior Warden



4/30/2009								
	Monthly Budget	Monthly Actual	Monthly Variance	YTD Budget	YTD Actual	YTD Variance	Total Budget	% of Total Budget
<b>REVENUES</b>								
Donations - Pledge	10,125	8,493	1,632	40,500	36,812	3,688	125,375	29.36%
Donations - Plate	1,000	2,134	1,134	4,000	5,872	1,872	14,600	40.22%
Interest income	0	0	0	10	2	8	40	5.00%
Other income	50	428	378	200	870	670	600	145.00%
Vicar's Discretionary	0	33	33		341	341	0	
<b>TOTAL REVENUE</b>	<b>11,175</b>	<b>11,088</b>	<b>87</b>	<b>44,710</b>	<b>43,897</b>	<b>813</b>	<b>140,615</b>	<b>31.22%</b>
<b>EXPENSES</b>								
Administration	235	50	185	2,440	1,720	720	4,500	38.22%
Buildings & Ground	4,810	4,709	101	19,290	18,946	344	57,920	32.71%
Education	300	119	181	1,250	1,067	183	3,800	28.08%
Parish Life	120	0	120	930	528	402	1,890	27.94%
Pay & Benefits	4,980	5,106	126	19,920	20,518	598	59,760	34.33%
Outreach	700	75	625	2,800	418	2,382	8,400	4.98%
Worship	75	0	75	300	271	29	540	50.19%
EYC	100	0	100	400	207	193	1,200	17.25%
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>11,320</b>	<b>10,060</b>	<b>1,260</b>	<b>47,330</b>	<b>43,732</b>	<b>3,598</b>	<b>141,315</b>	<b>30.95%</b>
<b>NET</b>	<b>145</b>	<b>1,028</b>	<b>1,173</b>	<b>2,620</b>	<b>165</b>	<b>2,785</b>	<b>700</b>	

<b>June</b>		1	2	3 6:15 Holy Eucharist Cancelled	4 EFM 4:30-6:30 Church AI-Anon 7PM LRH	5	6
<b>Trinity Sunday</b> 9:30 Holy Euch.Ritell Parish Picnic After Service 5:30 Holy Euch.Ritell	8	9	10 6:15 Holy Eucharist Rite II LRH	11 EFM 4:30-6:30 Church AI-Anon 7PM LRH	12	13 11:00am Ordination to the Diaconate of Cindy Duffus-Reception follows Church of the Redeemer	
<b>2nd Sunday After Pentecost</b> 9:30 Holy Euch.Ritell 5:30 Holy Euch.Ritell			16	17 2:00 Holy Euch. Lucy Corr 3:30 H.Euch. BonSecour 6:15 Holy Eucharist LRH	18 7 PM Vestry Church AI-Anon 7PM LRH	19	20
<b>3rd Sunday After Pentecost</b> 9:30 Holy Euch.Ritell 5:30 Holy Euch.Ritell	21	22	23	24 6:15 Holy Eucharist LRH	25 AI-Anon 7PM LRH	26	27
<b>4th Sunday After Pentecost</b> 9:30 Holy Euch.Ritell 5:30 Holy Euch.Ritell	28	29	30				

<b>July</b>				1 6:15 Holy Eucharist Ritell LRH	2 EFM 4:30-6:30 Church AI-Anon 7PM LRH	3	4 Independence Day
<b>5th Sunday After Pentecost</b> 9:30 Holy Euch.Ritell 5:30 Holy Euch.Ritell	5	6	7	8 6:15 Holy Eucharist Rite II LRH	9 AI-Anon 7PM LRH	10	11
<b>6th Sunday After Pentecost</b> 9:30 Holy Euch.Ritell 5:30 Holy Euch.Ritell	12	13	14	15 2:00 Holy Euch. Lucy Corr 3:30 H.Euch. BonSecour 6:15 Holy Euch. Rite II LRH	16 7PM Vestry Church 7PM AI-Anon LRH	17	18
<b>7th Sunday After Pentecost</b> 9:30 Holy Euch.Ritell 5:30 Holy Euch.Ritell	19	20	21	22 6:15 Holy Eucharist Rite II LRH	23 AI-Anon 7PM LRH	24	25
<b>8th Sunday After Pentecost</b> 9:30 Holy Euch.Ritell 5:30 Holy Euch.Ritell	26	27	28	29 Holy Eucharist Rite II 6:15 PM LRH	30 AI-Anon 7PM LRH	31	

# August Calendar

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2 <b>9th Sunday After Pentecost</b> 9:30 Holy Euch.Ritell 5:30 Holy Euch.Ritell	3	4	5 6:15 Holy Eucharist cancelled	6 Al-Anon 7PM LRH	7	8
9 <b>10th Sunday After Pentecost</b> 9:30 Holy Euch.Ritell 5:30 Holy Euch.Ritell	10	11	12 6:15 Holy Eucharist cancelled	13 7PM Al-Anon LRH	14	15
16 <b>11th Sunday After Pentecost</b> 9:30 Holy Euch.Ritell 5:30 Holy Euch.Ritell	17	18	19 2pm HolyEuch.LucyCorr 3:30 H.Euch.BonSecour 6:15 Holy Eucharist Rite II LRH	20 Al-Anon 7PM LRH	21	22
23 <b>12th Sunday After Pentecost</b> 9:30 Holy Euch.Ritell 5:30 Holy Euch.Ritell	24	25	26 Holy Eucharist Rite II 6:15 PM LRH	27 Al-Anon 7PM LRH	28	29
30 <b>13th Sunday After Pentecost</b> 9:30 Holy Euch.Ritell 5:30 Holy Euch.Ritell	31					



Sunday, May 24th, following the 10:30 am service, persons interested in creating banners for St. Matthew's will meet for a light lunch and powerpoint presentation about the process. This is both an organizational and planning meeting so that hopefully work can begin during the summer to enhance the worship space and experiences.

A variety of talents and skills are needed:  
 those who can design and create patterns,  
 those who just wish to cut out pattern pieces,  
 those who can attach details (sew, glue needlepoint, crewell, quilt, etc),  
 those who wish to document the process.

If you are unable to attend this meeting but are interested in helping please contact Barbara & Charles Fischer or Martha.

Date	Lay Readers/Chalicers	Acolytes	Altar Guild	Children's Church	Nursery
<b>June 7</b>	5:30 PM svce Barbara Fischer Reader 1 John Goss Reader 2 Sandy Speer	<i>Crucifer:</i> Madison Goss <i>Server:</i> Elyse Goss <i>Torches:</i> Maddie Campbell, Nathan Hopkins	Kathy Petfield, Olive Purser	Katherine Montrose Laura Hopkins	Kay Padgett
<b>June 14</b>	5:30 PM svce Lud Hudgins Reader 1 Sean Kelly Reader 2 Nancy Alpine	<i>Crucifer:</i> Mary Brett Campbell <i>Server:</i> Margaret Campbell <i>Torches:</i> Blake and Matthew Baucom	Carrie Hillman Tammi Piguet	xxxxxxxxxx	Lauren Burns
<b>June 21</b>	5:30 PM svce Skiddy Lund Reader 1 John Hopkins Reader 2 Nancy Atkinson	<i>Crucifer:</i> Aidan Kelly <i>Server:</i> Matthew Padgett	Sylvia Baucom, Sandy Speer	Dianne Lewis	Suzanne & Don Burke
<b>June 28</b>	5:30 PM svce Barbara Fischer Reader 1 Elsa Bennett Reader 2 Carrie Hillman	<i>Crucifer:</i> Spencer Koch <i>Server:</i> Sarah Koch	Barbara Fischer, Dianne Lewis	Chris Grinter	Rexanne Shires
<b>July 5</b>	5:30 PM svce Lud Hudgins Reader 1 Darin Parkison Reader 2 Sandy Crusco	<i>Crucifer:</i> Denny Petfield <i>Server:</i> Dianne Lewis	Kathy Petfield, Olive Purser	Katherine Montrose Laura Hopkins	Marice Davis
<b>July 12</b>	5:30 PM svce Skiddy Lund Reader 1 John Goss Reader 2 Nancy Campbell	<i>Crucifer:</i> Spencer Koch <i>Server:</i> Sarah Koch	Carrie Hillman, Tammi Piguet	Sandra Koch	Lisa & Sean Kelly
<b>July 19</b>	5:30 PM svce Barbara Fischer Reader 1 Sean Kelly Reader 2 Marci Thomas	<i>Crucifer:</i> Jack Atkinson <i>Server:</i> Nancy Atkinson	Sylvia Baucom, Sandy Speer	Chris Grinter	Kay Padgett
<b>July 26</b>	5:30 PM svce Lud Hudgins Reader 1 John Hopkins Reader 2 Chris Grinter	<i>Crucifer:</i> Lynn Hillman <i>Server:</i> Marcy Thomas	Barbara Fischer, Dianne Lewis	Chris Grinter	Lauren Burns Nathan Hopkins
<b>August 2</b>	5:30 PM svce Skiddy Lund Reader 1 Mark Koch Reader 2 Sandy Speer	<i>Crucifer:</i> Matthew Padgett <i>Server:</i> Lindsay Bennett	Kathy Petfield, Olive Purser	Katherine Montrose Laura Hopkins	Suzanne & Don Burke
<b>August 9</b>	5:30 PM svce Barbara Fischer Reader 1 Nancy Alpine Reader 2 John Goss	<i>Crucifer:</i> Spencer Koch <i>Server:</i> Sarah Koch	Carrie Hillman, Tammi Piguet	xxxxxxxxxx	Rexanne Shires
<b>August 16</b>	5:30 PM svce Lud Hudgins Reader 1 Nancy Atkinson Reader 2 Sean Kelly	<i>Crucifer:</i> Denny Petfield <i>Server:</i> Tammi Piguet	Sylvia Baucom, Sandy Speer	Chris Grinter	Marice Davis
<b>August 23</b>	5:30 PM svce Skiddy Lund Reader 1 Carrie Hillman Reader 2 John Hopkins	<i>Crucifer:</i> Lynn Hillman <i>Server:</i> Dianne Lewis	Barbara Fischer, Dianne Lewis	Sandra Koch	Lisa & Sean Kelly
<b>August 30</b>	5:30 PM svce Barbara Fischer Reader 1 Sandy Crusco Reader 2 Elsa Bennett	<i>Crucifer:</i> Aidan Kelly <i>Server:</i> Matthew Padgett	Dianne Lewis	Chris Grinter	Kay Padgett

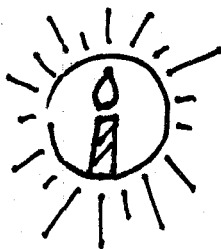
## Our Acolytes

This summer St Matthew's will be doing another first by having both adults and young people on the schedule as acolytes. As so many of our acolytes were going to be unavailable throughout the summer, the call was put out to any adults that wished to serve. I would like to thank each and every one of you who answered the call. It will be fun and great way to have more people involved. And, maybe we can work it out to keep some of us on the schedule through the school year. Again, thank you and I look forward to working with each of you.

Denny Petfield - Acolyte Master

### June Birthdays

- 1 Megan Cambell
- 1 Elsa Bennett
- 2 Joe West
- 9 Steve Hudak
- 10 Sarah Koch
- 12 Mike Baucom
- 13 Sandra Koch
- 15 Suzanne Burke
- 15 Kristin Crusco
- 16 Judge Gates
- 17 Micah Baucom
- 22 Sally Chamblin
- 23 Zach Howerton
- 25 Sandy Crusco



### June Anniversaries

- 14 Burkes
- 18 Hillmans
- 23 Grinters
- 28 Baucoms



### July Birthdays

- 2 Chris Grinter
- 4 Barb Fischer
- 9 Sib Baucom
- 9 Katherine Crusco
- 10 Meredith West
- 17 Justin West
- 18 Iian Duffus
- 18 Matthew Baucom
- 21 Madison Goss



### July Anniversaries

- 14 Piquets
- 16 Websters
- 27 Campbells

### August Birthdays

- 2 Andy Lewis
- 9 Jake Shires
- 14 Olive Colgan
- 20 Darin Parkison
- 22 Rita Corbin

### August Anniversaries

- 10 Wests
- 15 Petfields
- 18 Gates
- 25 Cindy & Gordon Duffus

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