

Let's connect faith and life *together*

St. John's Tent Village Campaign

Help us help Lutheridge with this exciting new venture!



St. John's 2016 Congregation-Wide Retreat at Lutheridge, the Lutheran church's camp and conference center near Asheville

By Susan Shinn Turner

As approved by the Congregation Council in 2015, St. John's is now in the final phase of fully funding the St. John's Tent Village at Lutheridge, the first new camper area in a generation. The village will be elevated and tucked into the woods between Wilderness and Pioneer B, serving as the home base for adventure-based campers.

The \$50,000 campaign seeks to build four elevated platform tents that each hold up to 10 campers. Any contributions beyond \$50,000 will be used to refurbish the lakeside restrooms/showers, which will be used by the St. John's Tent Village campers. A future project will be to construct a shower house at the tent village.

This marks the first time at Lutheridge that an entire area has been named for a church, although many cabins throughout camp have been named for congregations and individuals over the years. In the Fall, a men's group from St. John's helped to clear land for the project. They will return at the

end of February to construct two of the platforms. (See accompanying story on page 9).

Some \$21,000 has already been collected in the silent phase of the campaign. Now, the public phase invites St. John's members to complete the \$50,000 goal. This segment takes place during February, with results announced March 4.

On Feb. 11, a Lutheridge representative will provide a Temple Talk at all three services. On the other Sundays of February, members of the St. John's steering team will provide temple talks. Team members includes Dave Roof, Mike and Sharon Edwards, Harrison Parrott, Cora Shinn and Anna Grace Woolly. On Feb. 18 each member will receive a pledge card that we ask to be returned by Friday, March 2.

"The new St. John's Tent Village is a critically important part of the camp's growing adventure-based program," Pastor Rhodes says. "While most campers spend all week on-site, a growing number of camps are being offered for middle- and high school students who yearn for a bit more adventure. The

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Pastor's Letter



Dear friends,

Krista and I watched the Grammy Awards last Sunday night, our annual opportunity to catch up on a contemporary music scene that is slowly slipping away from us.

It's always a fun event — loaded with amazing performances, emotional challenges, and over-the-top grandstanding. This Grammys went a bit overboard we thought, becoming more of a political commercial than musical entertainment. Not a surprise, given a celebrity culture that loves to award itself — how many awards shows can there be? — and pretend, for one night at least, that they are more prophet than performer.

In any case, we were blown away by U2's contribution. I'm a biased U2 fan, I'll admit, but this performance was incredible. Staged on a barge in New York's harbor with the Statue of Liberty in the background, the band challenged us to rethink the whole immigration debate. U2 doesn't take a traditional approach to anything, and that was certainly the case here. The performance was powerful musically and substantively.

Immediately following, someone on the Grammys stage made a quick and all-too-obvious political statement, and then we were off to a commercial — within seconds of U2's performance — only to return to the next political rant from some rather unknown (to me) performer/prophet.

I was frustrated, but I couldn't put my finger on why until the next morning in our staff meeting. We were talking about the Grammys when Angel, our communications assistant, said, "They didn't give the song time to breathe. They were so quick to move to the next topic."

So true. I needed time for the song/performance to sink in. I was challenged, and, let's be honest, I didn't necessarily agree with everything Bono was trying to get across — but I wasn't given the chance to breathe, think, soak it in, reflect.

... which is a problem these days, don't you think? Our fast-paced society produces so many fast-paced opinions that we're hardly given the chance to think. It's a crisis, in my opinion. A crisis of thoughtful reflection. We simply don't take the time to breathe.

In my first year of pastoral ministry, I was required — which was a good thing because I probably wouldn't have gone

otherwise — to attend a retreat on Spiritual Reflection. Day 2 of the retreat was to be a silent day. No talking. No conversation. No casual reading. We were to spend the time in theological contemplation and prayer. Sounds brutal, doesn't it?

But I learned something: that without time set aside for reflection, we're not giving our souls and spirits time to breathe.

When I was a camper at Lutheridge, a pastor-chaplain asked us, "What do you listen to when you go to bed at night?" I used to listen to the Cincinnati Reds baseball network or a replay of Casey Kasem's American Top 40. We all had *something* that we listened to.

He suggested that we turn it all off and listen to nothing. "Your day is loaded with sound. Enjoy the sound of silence." (I'm making up that quote, by the way, but he certainly said something like that.)

Later in life, I've interpreted his comment as one that reaches beyond the "sound of silence," into the realm of theological reflection. "Create time," he may as well have been saying, "for creative reflection in your life. Think more deeply about things. Don't rely only on the opinions or thoughts of others; take time to think for yourself."

I must admit that I worry about our addiction to a social media empire that pulls us away from quiet, reflection, and a deeper level of thinking. I worry about a news industry that invites us to tune in only to opinions we already agree with.

I worry that we don't take time to breathe.

Perhaps that's where the church comes in. Worship is many things, but it's certainly a time set aside to breathe. A place where we invite the Holy Spirit to encounter us, challenge us, and walk alongside us.

After his resurrection, Jesus tracked down his confused disciples and did a curious thing: "He breathed on them" (John 20:22). He knew they needed it.

So do we.

Peace, friends.

+Pastor Rhodes

A New Round of LifeGroups kicks off March 11

Join a Small Group at St. John's!

LifeGroups is a ministry of St. John's that helps make this big community feel smaller. It is focused around small groups of people with a common life experience, interest, or stage of life who grow together through weekly meetings, mutual support, and spiritual growth.

In a LifeGroup, eight to 12 adults meet regularly for about an hour and 15 minutes to pursue spiritual growth and healthy relationships. You'll be encouraged to live out the truths you discover in the Bible as you encourage others to do the same. The goal is for each LifeGroup is to meet three times a month, including opportunities for fellowship and service.

How do I get started? We're glad you asked! If you are interested in learning more and connecting with a LifeGroup, join us at GroupLink on March 11, 6:30—8 p.m. GroupLink is a fun evening mixer that will introduce

you to the idea of LifeGroups and give you opportunity to meet a group of people to link with here at St. John's. You'll then be invited to form a LifeGroup based on the day and time that works best for your schedule.

What's the commitment? We ask you to

make an 8-week commitment in order to invest in your small group community and grow in your relationship with God. After 8 weeks, groups will decide whether to continue or to take a break. It's that simple.

Questions? We'd love to hear your questions. Join us at GroupLink or contact Pastor Laura Henrik (laura@stjohns-salisbury.org). We hope to see you on March 11!



One of our Lifegroups volunteering at Food for Thought.

lifegroups

Interested in Joining St. John's?

Our "Encounter" class is a great place to start

Want to learn more about St. John's? Still trying to figure out what a Lutheran is? What's all this business about LifeGroups, 927, The Well, the CDC and the CMC? We certainly understand — it's easy to get a little overwhelmed around here!

If you're loaded down with questions or you've already made a decision that you'd like to join the church, then we'd like to invite you to "Encounter: The DNA of St. John's."

Encounter explores the basics about our life and ministry and sets you on a path to taking your next

step in relationship here.

Encounter is offered several times each year. The next class will be held on Sunday evening, Feb. 18, from 6:30 -8:00. There will be no pressure to join, but we hope that you'll come with an inquisitive heart in order to leaven a little more about the DNA of St. John's.

Sign up online at stjohns-salisbury.org. We can't wait to meet you!

ENCOUNTER
The DNA of St. John's 

Children's Ministry

Kingdom Kids and EPIC



Kingdom Kids is for our children, 3 years to 2nd grade. EPIC is our "junior youth group" for all 3rd to 5th graders.



Both groups meet Wednesday afternoons from 4:30-5:45 p.m. to hear a Bible story, enjoy a snack, play games, sing, and to have a lot of FUN with friends!

If you have any questions, contact our Youth and Family Minister, Kai Thurow, kai@stjohns-salisbury.org

February Schedule

- Wednesday, Feb. 7 - KK & EPIC 4:30-5:45 p.m.
- Wednesday, Feb. 14 - KK & EPIC 4:30-5:45 p.m.
- Wednesday, Feb. 28 - KK & EPIC 4:30-5:45 p.m.

*note NO KK or EPIC 2/21



Kai Thurow, Youth and Family Minister, and our four year olds learning about the sanctuary during the Worship Space March Milestone in January.

SPLASH PARTY

Newborn to 3 years
Sunday, February 11, 2pm

milestones
at St. John's

First Communion

FIFTH GRADE MILESTONE

Dinner Conversation
Wednesday, Feb. 21

Pottery 101
Saturday, Mar. 10

First Communion Sunday
Sunday, Mar. 18

Youth Ministry

The Well: *Middle School Youth*



It's at The Well that young people go deep, drink from the water of life and learn to live life abundantly while having fun with friends.

Our Middle School Youth Ministry (The Well) consists of Youth Group (6th-8th graders) and our Confirmation Class (7th-8th graders). Questions? kai@stjohns-salisbury.org

February Schedule

Friday- Sunday, Feb. 2-4 – Confirmation Faith Alive Retreat

Wednesday, Feb. 7 – Confirmation 6:30-7:30 p.m.

Wednesday, Feb. 14 – Ash Wednesday

Wednesday, Feb. 21 – Lenten Service

Wednesday, Feb. 28 – Lenten Service



FUEL: *High School Youth*



Our high school youth group (FUEL) meets most Sundays from 5:30-7:30 p.m., with a dinner starting at 5:30 p.m.

Our mission is to create young disciples filled with God's love so that they can go into this world and impact their neighborhoods, friends and community.

February Schedule

Sunday, Feb. 4 – FUEL Super Bowl Party 6 p.m.

Sunday, Feb. 11 – FUEL Youth Group 5:30-7:30 p.m.

Wednesday, Feb. 14 – Ash Wednesday

Sunday, Feb. 18 – FUEL Youth Group 5:30-7:30 p.m.

Wednesday, Feb. 21 – Lenten Service

Friday-Sunday, Feb. 23-25 – LYO Statewide Retreat

Wednesday, Feb. 28 – Lenten Service



Discipleship



This year's GIFT Women's Retreat will take place at the Bon Clarken Retreat Center in Flat Rock, NC, April 27-29. Nestled in the mountains is a place of renewal. All rooms are motel style and include two queen beds. Rooms will be shared by two people. There are 12 handicap accessible rooms available. You can see a layout of the property at www.bonclarken.org/

Questions? Pick up a brochure in the Faith Center, register online or email GIFT@stjohns-salisbury.org.



The annual Men's Beach Retreat is coming up! We have reserved the Kure Beach Lutheran Retreat Center, an oceanfront facility with decks and common areas overlooking the Atlantic. A fee of \$125 covers housing and 3 meals. Registration and payment in full are due March 29.

Questions? Get in touch with Gary Taylor at 704-639-9701 or Gary Rhodes at 704-279-4302.

Job Opening: Dir of Senior Adult Ministry



In May, Carolyn Byrd will be retiring as Director of Senior Adult Ministry. We are grateful to Carolyn for her heart and dedication to this important ministry at St. John's.




Interested in learning more about the position? Do you know someone who might be interested? We have posted the job description on our website's staff page.

Our goal is to have the new director in place by the time Carolyn retires. If you are interested, please contact Pastor Rhodes.

Prayer Service

For those affected by Cancer
Feb 7, 6:30 pm
in the Chapel

Sponsored by GIFT Women's Ministry



Around the Congregation

New Chrismon Nativity Unveiled

By Susan Shinn Turner

You might have noticed a lovely new nativity scene displayed over the holidays at the baptismal font in the Sanctuary.

It's made entirely of Chrismons, and it's the work of Eleanor Sifford. Eleanor has been a member of the Chrismon Team for 20 years and teaches Chrismon classes the first three days of the month at Piedmont Floral Galleries, the official supplier of all Chrismon materials.

Chrismons — literally “Christ monograms” — are all handmade and never sold. They are used around the world to tell the story of faith in beautiful, creative ways.

Melanie Rufty Beaver, the daughter of Barbara Rufty, designed these Chrismons and Eleanor served as troubleshooter. “It’s hard to write how things are done with beads and wires,” Eleanor notes.



The newly designed Chrismon Nativity Scene

Melanie started designing the nativity scene about two years ago. Eleanor began making them in the order in which they were designed: the nativity or crèche which holds Baby Jesus, Mary, Joseph, Balthazar, Caspar, Melchior, a shepherd, two angels, and, Eleanor’s favorite, “a little bitty lamb.”

Melanie and Eleanor donated the completed set to St. John’s, and Eleanor says some future pieces may be added.

Eleanor works with the St. John’s Chrismon Team every Wednesday morning. The team makes special Chrismons for our milestones ministry (baptism, first communion, weddings, etc) and provides a specially designed Chrismon for all the children of the church each Christmas.

“I just enjoy it and enjoy the group being together,” she says. “I like arts and crafts type things.”

Thank you, Eleanor, for such a beautiful addition to the Christmas decorations.

The Next Senior Seasons Academy Begins Feb 6

It's not too late to register!



“In the News”- A variety of community leaders will provide insight into our community’s opportunities and challenges. Topics will include innovations in career and technical education, economic development, an update on the downtown park, Salisbury, the Magazine, local politics, and community policing.

Cards from the Hand and Heart - Electronic messages have replaced traditional handwritten letters and cards, but we all treasure a special message from friends and family. Join us in creating handmade cards that you can design and customize.

Missions with a Purpose – St. John’s is blessed with talented leaders who provide opportunities for missions locally, nationally, and internationally. Join us in exploring these efforts

Bonus Course: Stretch, Balance & Breathe—To end your day with us, enjoy yoga classes. Bring a yoga mat or blanket. Adaptive poses available for beginners. Everyone welcome!

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CHANCEL CHOIR REHEARSAL SCHEDULE CHANGES

As we enter the season of Lent and begin our Mid-Week Services of Evening Prayer, the Chancel Choir rehearsal time will immediately follow each 6:30 pm Service of Evening Prayer through the end of March. We take this opportunity to extend an invitation to those who might like to join the chancel choir as they prepare for leading worship in song, anthem and liturgy, especially for the Palm Sunday, Services of Holy Week and Easter!

ST. JOHN'S MEN'S CHORUS has returned to their Sunday afternoon 4 p.m. rehearsal schedule. Jason Harwood, director, invites men of high school to adult age to join them as they prepare for their Spring Concert in May!

ST. JOHN'S WOMEN'S ENSEMBLE meets on Feb. 11 and 25 at 5 p.m. in the Youth Music Room. We encourage any ladies from middle school to adult age to join us!

LUTHER AND CLASSIC RINGERS will have an adjusted schedule for ringing during the season of Lent. Kim Lentz will be letting all ringers know what that schedule will be.



Make plans to join our pastors and musicians for brief services of *Music and Meditation* in March. The services are held in the beautiful St. John's Chapel from 12:15-12:45 p.m. on the Mondays of Lent. They include scripture, prayer, meditation, and special music by local musicians.

Save the Dates!

- ✦ **Worship Concert of Original Music by Davis Brown**
Saturday, March 17, 3:00, Faith Center
- ✦ **LYRA** (Vocal Ensemble from St. Petersburg, Russia) *in worship on Sunday, April 29, 2018 at the 11 a.m. service*

AARON SHUST *unplugged*

Aaron Shust is coming to St. John's!

Aaron Shust is a popular contemporary Christian music artist with worship hits like "Ever be," "My Hope is in You," and "My Savior, My God." He will be performing these songs and more at a live acoustic concert in the Faith Center, April 15 at 7 p.m.

Tickets are \$20 or \$12 with valid student ID. They are available online. Click on the Aaron Shust slider.

Make plans ... invite a friend ... join us on April 15!



Tent Village will be their home base at the beginning and end of the week, with the middle of the week spent hiking, rafting, spelunking, or rock climbing.

“The design of the tent village really caught our attention. Each of the four platforms will be elevated to look like a tree house. Heavy duty canvas tents will cover the sleeping area, with a small deck serving as the entrance. It is our hope that the remainder of the congregation will complete the campaign in time for this summer’s camp.”

Pastor Rhodes continues: “I hope you will consider making a contribution to support this much-needed addition to our much-loved camp. Lutheridge is a very special place loaded with very special memories. It’s a place where kids are formed in their faith and where college-aged counselors

discern God’s calling for their lives. It’s where adults enjoy inspiring weekend retreats and pastors are trained in ministry. Quite honestly, I don’t know what the church would do without Lutheridge.”

Dave Roof agrees.

“I think it will be so much fun to be a staff member in that area,” says Dave, a former Lutheridge counselor. “There’s nothing quite like a tent. The tent village will have close proximity to the pool for showers and bathrooms. It’ll be a great addition.”



St. John’s Men Begin Work on Lutheridge Tent Village

By Susan Shinn Turner

Thanks to some hardworking members, the St. John’s Tent Village at Lutheridge is on its way to becoming a reality. In September, six men from St. John’s went to Arden to begin clearing land for the tent village.

“Now they have asked if we’d be interested in construction,” says Gary Taylor, who leads the Men’s Ministry. “We said we could put together a group and return in late February.”

During their overnight trip in September, the men cleared the property for what will become the first area at Lutheridge named for a congregation, Gary says. “We’d never worked so hard in our lives!”

The next step: building platforms for tents.

“It’s basically gonna be like a cabin on stilts,” Gary explains.

Pastor Rhodes and Ben Goodman plan to join the original six men from the first trip. That group included Gary, Steve Jarrett, Mike Agee, Mike Edwards, Freddie Eller and Larry Cesario.

“We would like to have a group of 10 or 12 men,” Gary notes. “We use Lutheridge a lot as a congregation, so it’s only right that we give back.”

If you’d like to join Gary and the group for the trip later this month, please contact him at 704-639-9701 or gstaylor@carolina.rr.com. Accommodations and meals will be provided by the camp.



“We Have A Lot More in Common Than We have Differences”: *Lutheran–Catholic Dialogue*

By Susan Shinn Turner

Nearly 100 members from St. John’s and Sacred Heart Catholic Church attended each of three sessions during the recent Lutheran-Catholic Dialogue.

The effort saw gatherings at both congregations. The first session included the history of Christianity in Rowan County by Dr. Gary Freeze, followed by Pastor Rhodes and Father John Eckert sharing the history of their respective congregations. The second session included a panel discussion by religion professors from Belmont Abby and Lenoir-Rhyne, and the third session was a vespers service and reception hosted at Sacred Heart.

“Parishioners at Sacred Heart really appreciated the dialogue,” says Father Eckert. “They were excited to welcome St. John’s members into our church. They were so excited to pray together. I am so appreciative of Pastor Woolly reaching out in the first place. If something is important, you have to take time to make it happen. I appreciate the friendships that have developed.”

Pastor Rhodes agrees.

“There’s something profoundly interesting about celebrating the 500th anniversary of the Reformation in a Catholic church. Although, as it turns out, our worship together was officially in the 501st year [it occurred on January 9, 2018]. In that sense, I suppose, we’re beginning the next 500 years with a taste of unity on our lips. That’s beautiful, isn’t it?”

“One of the most meaningful things to come from our Lutheran Catholic Dialogue was the opportunity to worship together with our Sacred Heart brothers and sisters,” says Rob Durocher, the St. John’s Minister of Music. “Planning this service with Flora Lester, musician at Sacred Heart, gave us both the opportunity to lift up the integrity and beauty of our two traditions. This was not the conclusion of dialogue but an invitation for more!”

Roger Hull, a member of St. John’s, thinks the series was important. “To me, the whole idea of the Reformation was of

these so-called Lutherans reforming things in the Catholic church. So in a sense, we’re reformed Catholics.”

Roger continues: “Any time churches can get together and find points of agreement and work together is very important. There’s enough animosity between churches as it is.”

His wife, Linda, agrees.

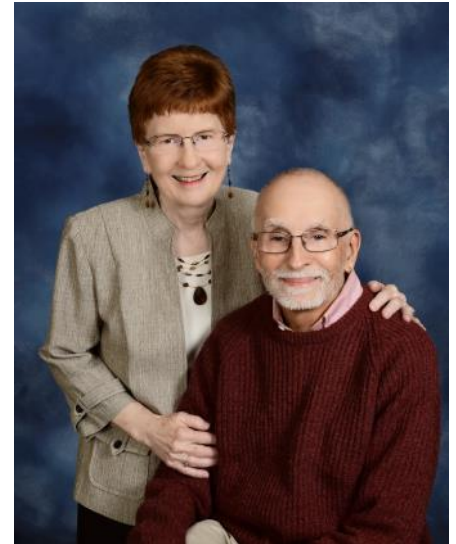
“We need to listen to one another. There were a lot of similarities in the service at Sacred Heart. There’s a lot more we have in common than we do not have in common.”

“I thought it was very valuable to get to know people,” says Mary Goodman, a member of Sacred Heart. “Pastor Rhodes and Father John led it so beautifully. They were so warm and set a wonderful, comfortable stage. You could tell they enjoyed each other. The conversation with Dr. Freeze was extremely fascinating. It was very interesting, especially since I am not from this area.”

She adds, “By the third session, people were getting to know one another, and extremely comfortable with each other. The vespers was a nice way to end. We have a lot more in common than we have differences.”

Father John is open to future collaborations.

“I hope we can continue to come together, to pray together, and have good social time together,” he says. “I want to continue to get together with Rhodes and talk. We can come together to combat mutual challenges.”



Linda and Roger Hull

Around the Church



"I haven't seen you lately."

If you notice a fellow member has not been attending worship recently, reach out! You never know who might be in need or has simply gotten out of the habit of worshipping regularly. Your inquiry might make all the difference in the world.



Our Lutheran Institutions

ELCA World Hunger Appeal: *Malawi*

In Malawi, a densely populated country in southeast Africa, many children—especially those 5 and younger—don't receive enough food.

But ELCA World Hunger and the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Malawi (ELCM) are working together to end child hunger through a feeding center that touches 60 of the church's congregations. The center is supported, in part, by a grant from ELCA World Hunger.

"Feeding centers are a lifeline for many orphans and other vulnerable child[ren], especially in poor and hard-to-reach communities," says Mabel Madinga, ELCM general secretary and Diakonia director.

In fact, there are 1.8 million children in Malawi orphaned each year because their parents die of HIV and AIDS, Madinga says.

While the overall goal of this program is to help reduce malnutrition in children 5 and younger, it also provides nursery schools to promote early childhood development and a mobile clinic.

Madalitso, now 25, benefited from this program as a child. When he lost his father before birth, his father's relatives

took possession of the family's house, leaving Madalitso and his mother homeless. Fortunately, when Madalitso's mother took him to her home village, she heard about the feeding center and enrolled him immediately.

"That was the beginning of my new life," he recalls.

Thanks to your support of ELCA World Hunger, young children in vulnerable situations receive the

food, education and health care they need to grow and thrive.

"My life through the feeding center has helped me to work hard, form stable relationships, develop a sense of responsibility, consideration for others, self-confidence and self-control," Madalitso says. "I sincerely thank ELCM for the support throughout my life."

You can make a special gift to the ELCA World Hunger Appeal through your offering envelope or by visiting elca.org.



Save the Date!!!



Season's Gifts

Big Sale at Season's Gifts!

By Gerrie Blackwelder

So, if you had an epic fail shopping experience this year and need to make amends to someone for giving them something other than a perfectly amazing Christmas gift, you are graced with a second chance to purchase the perfect thing from Season's at HALF PRICE! Just meander to the back of the shop and you will find several sections of shelves dedicated to discounts.

On sale now are bath and body items that are both charming and healthful. Every girl needs to be pampered in her own home and we have just the items to sooth, smooth, and ooze comfort.



For foodies, food items by Vivian Howard, including high end gourmet seasonings, and glazes that will freshen an old recipe are available for purchase. Several flavors of the ever

delightful, but warm Blowin' Smoke Sauces are in stock at half price, as well. And to extinguish any thirst, there are organic teas from Tea for Two. But get there soon, as these products are hot and expected to be gobbled up fast!

Household items such as figurines and decorative items are also on display at half price. Be sure to look out for crosses and containers, pillows and prints, blessings and birds. Most delightful is a CD by our own Ondria Durocher Witt entitled, *Songs Along the Way*, recorded in a studio and some written by herself and Rob Durocher, her father and St. John's Music Minister.



And the Vintage Addiction "military tent" canvas bags are the real deal, truly fashioned from retired military tents. Celebrate our troops and our love for totes, purses, carry-all's, and Ipad covers as well as other

shapes of bags that can make life a great deal more organized and spark nostalgia as we travel from grocery to home, or across the globe and return. Remember the saying, "Home of the Free because of the brave"? Well, Season's has it on a bag just right for someone you know!

For the thrifty among God's Kingdom, drop in to pick up cards, nativity scenes, ornaments, and serving plates to make next year's Christmas celebration as merry as possible.

Savannah Bee products have been a success at the shop for some time and now are going to be vanishing as if on wings. The Bee products are parent products to Honey Buns, which are Bee products for babies! A zippered "pouch" includes lovely items appropriate for shower gifts (hint! hint!). Other child oriented gifts are a selection of SigiKids colorful stuffed characters, also appropriate for you-know-who.

Assorted photo frames are appropriate for any age or gender and always, always make an excellent gift or can be purchased simply by the vain and self-absorbed, for the vain and self-absorbed (not calling any names). I don't have to tell who I'm buying for, you know.



And with Old Man Winter moving in and setting up housekeeping in the South, there is a great assortment of winter scarves of various wools and cashmere. Solids and plaids, some resembling the ever-popular Barbour fashion plaid, are available. But those going on a winter vacation may want to check out the lightweight Spring scarves, slashed as well.

Remember it is a half-price sale, but look for the red tag to be sure that you are getting the best price!

Global Missions

Guatemala: 100% graduation rate at la Escuela Integrada!

By Paula Bohland

In November, supporters from around the country gathered in Guatemala to attend the beautiful graduation ceremonies and witness fourteen students graduating from the school. During the gathering school personnel, GRACES staff, and supporters also engaged in evaluating the past year and planned for the next year. In past gatherings, we considered the year from the perspective of immediate need and trying to survive. This year was different -- we are THRIVING! With a thankful heart we note all that God has provided in 2017:

- For the first time ever, **ALL** children attending La Escuela Integrada have a sponsor.
- 171 students are enrolled for the 2018 school year. This includes thirty-five new students who are now receiving an unprecedented opportunity for an education.
- In 2017, we had a 100% graduation rate.
- The children are now being fed a full breakfast every morning (this is in addition to the full, nutritionally balanced lunch and snacks they receive daily).
- We now have a full-time school psychologist so that more assistance is offered to the children and families.
- We have established new partnerships, both in-country and internationally, for the school, resulting in more resource availability for the children and teachers.
- More than forty of St. John's youth traveled in two mission groups to Guatemala during the summer to serve at the school.

-The Inaugural Quetzal Gala fundraiser for the school was a great success. The Second Annual Quetzal Gala is slated for Sep. 22, 2018 in Salisbury (save the date!).

- We started our coffee project, a sustainability project for the school.

-The teachers and staff are actively teaching about the Bible, and we are planning even more opportunities for the children and staff to grow spiritually.

We know that God is on the move at Escuela Integrada. We are celebrating that our organization and children are moving from merely surviving to thriving in their lives. So that we may assist this movement, we are looking to achieve 5 goals in 2018:

1. Provide technology in the classrooms so that the children are better able to navigate the global web-based economy.
2. Move the school to a better and larger space
3. Enrich the English language program, since knowing English provides an additional "leg up" in Guatemala
4. Provide teachers and staff increased support and benefits.
5. Buy a new microbus to replace the dilapidated second bus we own.



Graduation rates at GRACES schools are 100 percent.



The St. John's youth group enjoyed a joint service project with students at la Escuela Integrada during a summer 2017 mission trip.

Global Missions

Bethlehem: Ministry among Palestinians

By Michael Connor

Promoting awareness of the Israel Palestine conflict and the corresponding impact on life were the major themes of 2017. A spring Senior Season class presented factors contributing to and fueling the conflict. A fall Senior Seasons Academy class covered life in Palestine for vulnerable populations based on my experience on a three-month field assignment as an Ecumenical Accompanier in the South Hebron Hills region. We concluded the year with an Advent prayer service simulcast with Christmas Lutheran Church of Bethlehem and the Washington DC National Cathedral.

This year, we continue an emphasis on awareness building by offering a six week course via the NC Synod on the Israeli-Palestinian conflict. The class is being recorded and uploaded to the synod's website, nclutheran.org.

In March, St. John's will be hosting *Palestine: Unlimited*, a traveling photography exhibit of 10 Palestinian artists. The March 10 Opening Reception will include a "Conversations That Matter" panel discussion with Christian, Muslim and Jewish perspectives. Proceeds generated by the exhibit go toward Dar al-Kalima University scholarships, the artists, and our mission partner, Bright Stars of Bethlehem.



Khalil presents Mike Connor with momento plaque. Palestine wishes Peace to the World.



Save the Date!

Palestine: Unlimited Photo Exhibit

Come see photos from Bethlehem. St. John's is hosting a unique photography exhibit by young Palestinian artists and media students from Dar al-Kalima University College of Arts and Culture in Bethlehem, during the month of March with an Opening Reception and Panel Discussion on Saturday, March 10, 6:30– 9 p.m.



Global Missions

South Sudan: *New life for Dau Monyluak*

By Karen Puckett

During 2017, our ministry in South Sudan experienced several milestones. Dau Monyluak, who St. Johns' Endowment Fund sponsored, completed a college degree and is now planning to teach at one of our South Sudan-based schools in Ruweng State. Our project managing partner, Mothering Across Continents, has been approved to provide teacher training throughout Ruweng state as our schools are the



60 children from the village of Aliap are being provided scholarships to the Gumriak school.

only fully functioning educational facilities in the area. The consortium project, called "Raising South Sudan" continues to provide meals, uniforms, textbooks, school supplies, school, and teachers to over 600 students at both the Gumriak and Nyarweng primary schools. Serendipitously, the efforts of our local school partner, Isenberg Elementary (a Title I school with 90% of students living in poverty based on federal guidelines), raised over \$2000 for our South Sudan schools!

The new nation of South Sudan continues to struggle with famine, tribal unrest, and limited educational

opportunities. Many of the people in South Sudan say they crave spiritual renewal in order to overcome the many challenges they face on a daily basis. Although not connected to the Raising South Sudan project, the national ELCA now has a major presence in South Sudan. Until recent years, ELCA support was provided through 3rd party sources. In 2017, the national church opened a community center and clinic in Juba, South Sudan as part of its "South Sudan: A New Church for a New Nation" focus.

The Raising South Sudan Project is now requesting funds to support sixty children from Ngor Kur Mayol's village of Aliap as they attend grades first through eighth at the Gumriak School. Costs for annual scholarships are \$300 for Half Academic; \$600 for Full Academic; \$1080 for Full Academic plus meals. To donate to the scholarship fund, please make a donation of any amount to Sudan Rowan, 576 Adrian Road, Salisbury, NC 28146.

Want to learn more about South Sudan, Palestine or Guatemala?

Maybe you'd like to read about all of them! Well, now you can. Our church library just received a grant to purchase 50 new books on global missions and they have arrived. Perhaps you are interested in East African cooking, recipes included. Or maybe you want to learn about what it is like to live in Palestine from a child's perspective. I checked out the 4 new DVDs about these areas and watched one a night. They were incredibly instructive! So come on in and look for the Global Missions section in the library and enjoy this new resource.



Around the Congregation

Consolations

Family and friends of Daisy Beaver who died Jan. 6, 2018.

Julius and Barbara Waggoner, family and friends, in the death of his sister, Helen Michael on Jan. 9, 2018.

Family and friends of Robert Miller who died Jan. 13, 2018.

Family and friends of William (Bill) Shives who died Jan. 18, 2018.

Missie Weaver, family and friends in the death of her cousin, Phillip Yates, on Jan. 22, 2018.

Burt Harris, family and friends, in the death of his sister, Barbara Richman, Jan. 25, 2018.

Carol and Tripp Beaver, Tim and Wendy Smith, family and friends, in the death of Dot Smith, Jan. 29, 2018.

Congratulations

We celebrate with Ann and Parker Hatchett in the marriage of their son Carson to Sarah Marie Gilsdorf on Dec. 21, 2017.

We celebrate with Donny and Jeannie Yost in the birth of a grandson, Kolbe Alexander Moss, born to Meredith and Shane Moss.

Dear St. John's Family,

Thank you for the lovely inspiring Christmas cards, full of hope, love and joy. Your remembering me with the exquisite Chrismon was a beautiful gift of love and talent by those who made it. It will always be cherished.

I am so grateful for all the love poured out to me at Christmas 2017.

Blessings in 2018 and always,
Alda Smith

Thanks

Wednesday Meals

What's on the menu?

February 7

Chicken Tetrazzini, green beans, Caesar salad, Texas toast, and dessert

February 21

Loaded Baked Potato Bar, broccoli, baked apples, Boger's Buns and dessert

February 14

Meatloaf, mashed potatoes and gravy, vegetable medley, cucumbers and onions, roll and dessert

February 28

Roasted Chicken, mac and cheese, broccoli salad, roll and dessert

Scholarship Applications are now available in the Narthexes, church office, and the St. John's Website under ABOUT-FORMS & BOOKLETS. Due Feb. 28 by 5 p.m.



Congratulations to Ben White, who was elected president of the National Motorsports Press Association for 2018 .

Around the Church and Community



“Consider the Lilies and how they grow. They toil not, they spin not; and yet I say unto you, that Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these.” (Luke 12:27)

Easter Palms, Lilies and Flowers

Be a part of a beautiful tradition at St. Johns, as we decorate our worship spaces for Palm Sunday and Easter Sunday. Give thanks for the blessings in your life or remember and honor loved ones with the purchase of a Palm or Lilly. **Lilies may be purchased for \$15.00. Palms may be purchased for \$25.00.**

We will also be collecting donations to go towards Easter Cross and altar flowers in memory or honor of loved ones. Money for Lilies, Palms and Flowers may be mailed to or taken to the church office. You may also place money, in a marked envelope, in the offering plate. Deadline for ordering will be March 21.

Lilies and Palms will be delivered fresh to the church prior to Easter. They will be available for you to take home after the 11 a.m. Easter Worship Service. A dedication insert will be included in the worship bulletin on Easter Sunday.

2018 Easter Lilies, Palms and Flowers

Given by _____

| Decoration | Price | In Memory of..... | In Honor of..... |
|-------------------|----------------------------|--------------------------|-------------------------|
| Lilly | \$15.00 each | | |
| Palm | \$25.00 each | | |
| Flowers | Amount \$ _____ | | |

“Thank you!”

A special message from Jane Taubert and the Landesbuhnen Sachsen Theatre

Dear friends at St. John’s,

Thank you for your generous hospitality and for your involvement with “In God’s Own Country.” We truly appreciate your kindness and miss each and every one of you. As you know, the production “In God’s Own Country” was a mammoth project which took a lot of our energies in planning and organizing these past 2 years. It wouldn’t have been possible, had you not believed in it from the very beginning and had you not been willing to help in all the necessary steps along the way. Thank you so much for making it happen!

Since we’ve been back in Germany, the actors of the Landesbuhnen Sachsen Theater and the singers from Ensemble Nobiles have been just ranting and raving about the incredible Southern hospitality, the wonderful and delicious food at Trinity Oaks and the fantastic choir at St. John’s. It’s starting to sound like most of the group wants to go back! No doubt about it: you folks have made a remarkable and very positive impression upon many lives.

The colleagues have been busy keeping up correspondence with their host families or with friends they made at church or in the Meroney Theater...so I honestly suspect you’ve not seen the last of these Germans!

On a personal note: this was a very touching and quite emotional experience for me, and I’m so glad we were able to effectively tell the story of those first German Lutherans who settled in the New World and built up their church. How fitting that German and American singers and actors could join together to relay this narrative to audiences in the 500th anniversary year of the Reformation. We were a part of this! Rejoice!

Jane Taubert and the Landesbuhnen Sachsen Theater



Jane Taubert with the manager of Ensembles Nobiles (center) and the Scottish director of “In God’s Own Country.” In October, St. John’s brought the Landesbuhnen Sachsen theatre company from Dresden, Germany, to Salisbury for a 8 show performance in honor of the Reformation’s 500th anniversary.

“Thank you!” from the decorating team!



A special thanks to all those who helped decorate the church during the Christmas season. What a beautiful way to glorify God and celebrate the beauty and wonder of Christ’s birth.

Special thanks to Freddie Eller for crafting beautiful new plant stands to be used at the altar. Freddie donated his time and materials to redesigned, craft and stained the plant stands.

Thanks also to R & L Glover Enterprises and their crew for putting the sanctuary tree up. It is a big job and we could not possibly do it without their help.

Worship Leaders for February

indicates 8:30 am worship service ^indicates front row

LAY ASSISTING MINISTERS

Feb 4 Judy Klusman
Feb 11 David Roof
Feb 14 Pastor Laura Henrik
Feb 19 Gretchen Witt
Feb 25 Randy Overcash
Mar 4 Andrew Poe

READERS

Feb 4 *Mitch Siegel, Sally Taylor
Feb 11 *Anne Hatchett, Kathy Rusher
Feb 14 Bryan Wymbs
Feb 18 *Lee Wagoner, Ted Goings
Feb 25 *Anne Loeblein
Mar 4 *Gretchen Witt, Frank Goodnight

COMMUNION ASSISTANTS

Feb 4 Wesley Rhyne, ^Dennis Rogers
Feb 11 *Beth Boger
Feb 14 Melody Moxley
Feb 18 Donna Weinhold, ^Dennis Rogers
Feb 25 *Stacey Shafer
Mar 4 Roger Hull, ^Dave Roof

ALTAR GUILD

Feb Robin Cohen, captain; Sandy Jordan, Joan Harris, Pat Roos, Sally Taylor

COMMUNION PREPARERS

Feb Laura Salow, Maria Lewis

GREETERS

Feb 4 Harold and Peggy Mowery, Darrell and Gerrie Blackwelder
Feb 11 Stan and Sandy Jordan, Penny and Aiden Moss
Feb 18 Dottie Hoy, Pansy Peeler, Stan and Rita Honeycutt
Feb 25 Raymond and Kay Coltrain, Bill and Toni Kenerly
Mar 4 Harold and Stamie Overcash, Franco and Brenda Goodman

WELCOME PLACE GREETERS

Feb 4 Lorna Reasor
Feb 11 Janice Raper
Feb 18 Linda Phillips
Feb 25 Linda Safrit
Mar 4 Carolyn Hood

AFTER-SERVICE GREETERS

Feb 4 Karen Rogers, Bill Safrit, Larry Cesario
Feb 11 Cory Gebhardt, Gary Rhodes, Cindy Fink
Feb 18 Dennis Ingold, Frank Goodnight, Wesley Rhyne
Feb 25 Bill Johnson, Karen Puckett, Sacha Witt

ELEMENT BEARERS

Feb 4 Chad Van der Poel
Feb 14 TBD
Feb 18 Claire Allen

ACOLYTES

Feb 4 Skyler Smith, Madison Anderson
Feb 11 Cali Proper, Kayla Sachse
Feb 14 Grant and Grace Shafer
Feb 18 Hank Robins, Wade Robins
Feb 25 Chris Kafitz, Audrey Ward

CRUCIFERS

Feb 4 Emma Myers
Feb 11 Nina Sachse
Feb 14 Jared Hensley
Feb 18 Archie Dees
Feb 25 Molly Wilson

NURSERY

Feb 4 Annette Brown, Sandra Jiles
Feb 11 Annette Brown, Gemma Brown
Feb 18 Natalee Taylor, Sandra Jiles
Feb 25 Natalee Taylor, Sandra Jiles

Eagle's View Deadline

The March Eagle's View will be published in January.
Please email stories and news to
angel@stjohns-salisbury.org by **February 9!**

Happy Birthday!

*Congratulations to our Octogenarians
celebrating:*

February Birthdays:

Sonny Allen, Marty Blackburn, Paul Carter, Ken Fink,
Marie Fork, Anita Gandy, Irene Nankey, David Nelson,
David Willingham

USHERS: Head Ushers

Feb Larry Cesario, Glenn Stokes

USHER TEAMS

Feb 4 Team 1E* Tom Childress, Jim Boger
 Team 4 Loyd Hill, captain
 Feb 11 Team 2E* Tom Smith, Jim Boger
 Team 6 Troop 443 Boy Scouts
 Feb 18 Team 3E* Bob Loeblein, Jeff Nelson
 Team 5 Steve Puckett
 Feb 25 Team 4E* Bob Rusher, Bobby Rusher
 Team 7 Mickey Black, captain

9:27 COMMUNION PREPARERS

Feb 4 Cheryl Sjoblom, Cyndii Owen, Vernon Davis

9:27 COMMUNION ASSISTANTS

Feb 4 Mark Ritchie, Cyndii Owen, Tiffany Kneip, Debbie Miller, Wendy Harris
 Mar 4 Christine Mowery, Mindy Allen, Christine Mowery, Karen Jones, Scott Robinson, Kim Robinson

9:27 HOSPITALITY TEAM

Feb 4 Angel Barber, Cammie Yarborough, Wayne Everhart, Irene Stewart, David and Julie Carr
 Feb 11 Dean and Tammy Safrit, Jenny Ryerson, Judy Klusman, Deb Miller, Lindsey Wineka
 Feb 18 Debbie Carter, Cheryl Van der Poel, Jack Van der Poel, Chad Van der Poel, Mike Jacobsen, Cyndii Owen
 Feb 25 Rhonda and David Harrison, Jack and Jeanie Moore, Adam and Crystal Ryerson

9:27 COFFEE VOLUNTEERS

Feb 4 David and Julie Carr
 Feb 11 Mike and Sharon Agee
 Feb 18 Dennis and Kathy Ingold, Cyndii Owen and Jill Nothstine
 Feb 25 Bob and Sandy Melton

9:27 USHER TEAM

Feb Anthony Weaver, Missie Weaver, Steve Butner, Camille Butner, David Carr

PA OPERATORS

Feb 4 Darrell Blackwelder
 Feb 11 Mike Agee
 Feb 18 David Wilson
 Feb 25 Roger Alexander

Worship Attendance

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|-------------|-------|-------------|-----|
| November 26 | 508 | December 31 | 412 |
| December 3 | 484 | January 7 | 501 |
| December 10 | 507 | January 14 | 462 |
| December 17 | 711 | January 21 | 573 |
| December 24 | 1,178 | January 28 | 440 |

St. John's Leadership**CONGREGATION COUNCIL**

2018 President Gary Rhodes
 Vice President Ben Goodman
 Secretary David Phillips
 Treasurer Tommy Page

Term Expires 2018

Ben Goodman
 Frank Goodnight
 Jeanie Moore
 Gary Rhodes
 Bill Safrit

Term Expires 2019

Cory Gebhardt
 Dennis Ingold
 Bill Johnson
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 Karen Rogers

Term Expires 2020

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 Cindy Fink
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 Aleksandr (Sacha) Witt

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Worship Gretchen Witt and Randy Overcash
Outreach Geoffrey Hoy
Congregational Life Carolyn Byrd, staff liaison
Discipleship, Adult David Hord
Discipleship, Youth Sandra Sullivan

Buck-a-Meal Sunday

(1st Sunday of each month)
 Sunday, February 4

Buck-A-Meal for December was \$345.00. Buck-A-Meal for January was \$320.00. Every dollar bill donated equals a meal at Rowan Helping Ministries.

You may bring non-perishable foods on the first Sunday of the month, or to the office anytime during February.

Around the Congregation and Community

St. John's CDC Update

Greetings from our ministry, St. John's Child Development Center, that is just across the street! We want to provide you with an update. Currently we have close to 180 children who walk daily into the CDC. This number includes the children who come for after school care. We are always happy to welcome new children and we maintain a waiting list. To inquire about availability or to put a child's name on the list, please call 704-636-6756.

These are the names of our classrooms:

Infant classrooms: *Little Lambs* and *Wee Wonders*

Toddler Classrooms: *Owls*, *All Stars* and *Sweet Peas*

Two Year Old Classrooms: *Busy Bees* and *Kangaroo Kids*

Three Year Old Classroom: *Jolly Ranchers*

Three and Four Year Old Classroom: *Sugar and Spice*

Four Year Old Classroom: *Mini Blessing*

There are two NC Pre-K classrooms and we also offer an after school program.



Jolly Ranchers Classroom

Our CDC staff is supported by our St. John's Rainbow Makers who provide occasional special meals, holiday gifts, birthday gifts and more. In October, the Rainbow Makers hosted a Fall Festival for the CDC. The children enjoyed all the stations including Go Fish, face painting, and art with glow in the dark paint.

During the month of December, Marilyn Smith led the preschoolers on a mini field trip to see St. John's two Christmas trees. The children were amazed by the tree in the sanctuary and delighted by the tree in the entrance to the chapel.

St. John's members are welcome to visit and share Bible stories, bring the story to life with an art or craft

project or to share a song. Volunteering your time at the CDC is a great opportunity to share God's love as our staff values and desires implementation of Bible curriculum.

Our CDC staff hopes you will consider this opportunity and blessing to be involved with this very important St. John's ministry.



February 2017

| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
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| <p>4</p> <p>8:30a Chapel Worship 9:27a Contemporary Worship/HC 9:45a Children's Worship/SS/Centers 10a Adult Sunday School 11a Sanctuary Worship/HC 11:15a Children's Worship 4p High School Super Bowl Party 4p Men's Chorus</p> | <p>5</p> <p>9a Staff Retreat 1p Monday Rembrandts 7p St. John's Luther Ringers</p> | <p>6</p> <p>8a Women's Bible Study 9:30a Senior Seasons Academy 5:30p Relay for Life Meeting 6:30p Israel-Palestine: Christian Response Class</p> | <p>7</p> <p>7:15a Wed Morning Breakfast with Kai 12p Strategic Planning Task group for Meals on Wheels 5:45p Wednesday Meals 6:15p Classic Ringers 6:30p GIFT Prayer Service for those affected by Prayer 6:30p The Well: Confirmation 7:30p Chancel Choir Rehearsal</p> | <p>8</p> <p>7:30a Men's Bible Study 10:15a Trinity Singers 11a Trinity Ringers Rehearsal 3:30p Contemporary Worship Walk-Through 4p Brownies Meeting 6p 927 Worship Rehearsal</p> | <p>9</p> <p>1p St. John's Book Club</p> <p>EAGLES VIEW DEADLINE FOR MARCH ISSUE</p> | <p>10</p> <p>Bold Like Jesus The Well: Confirmation-Faith Alive Retreat</p> |
| <p>11</p> <p>BOY SCOUTS SUNDAY 8:30a Chapel Worship/HC 9:27a Contemporary Worship 9:45a Children's Worship/SS/Centers 10a Adult Sunday School 11a Sanctuary Worship 11:15a Children's Worship 2p SPLASH Party-Milestone 4p Men's Chorus 5p St. John's Women's Ensemble 5:30p FUEL High School Youth 7p <i>Israel's Ancestral History</i> at the Hull's</p> | <p>12</p> <p>10a Staff Meeting 1p Monday Rembrandts 6:15p Classic Ringers 7p Luther Ringers</p> | <p>13</p> <p>7:45a Women's Bible Study 9:30a Senior Seasons Academy 4:30p Finance Committee Meeting 5:15p Health Care Ministry Team 6:30p Israel-Palestine: Christian Response Class 7p Sapona District Round Table Meeting</p> | <p>14</p> <p>ASH WEDNESDAY 7:15a Wed Morning Breakfast with Kai 12p Ash Wednesday Chapel Service 3p Bread Riot 4:30p Kingdom Kids/EPIC 5:45p Wednesday Meals 6:30p Ash Wednesday Evening Service 6:30p CAMPfire 7:30p Chancel Choir Rehearsal</p> | <p>15</p> <p>7:30a Men's Bible Study 10:30a Trinity Singers and Ringers Concert 3:30p Contemporary Worship Walk-Through 5:15p Executive Council Meetings 6p Contemporary Worship Rehearsal 6:30p 12th Grade Dinner</p> | <p>16</p> | <p>17</p> |
| <p>18</p> <p>8:30a Chapel Worship 9:27a Contemporary Worship 9:45a Children's Worship/SS/Centers 10a Adult Sunday School 11a Sanctuary Worship/HC 11:15a Children's Worship 4p Service of Consecration and Installation 4p Men's Chorus 5:30p FUEL High School Youth 7p <i>Prophecy in the Ancient Near East</i> at the Hull's</p> | <p>19</p> <p>10a Staff Meeting 1p Monday Rembrandts 6:15p Classic Ringers 7p Luther Ringers</p> | <p>20</p> <p>7:45a Women's Bible Study 9:30a Senior Seasons Academy 6:30p Israel-Palestine: Christian Response Class 7p Congregation Council Meeting</p> | <p>21</p> <p>7:15a Wed Morning Breakfast with Kai 4:30p Disciple Bible Study 5:30p Communion: 5th Grade Milestone 5:45p Wednesday Meals 6:30p CAMPfire 6:30p Wednesday Evening Prayer Service 7:15p Chancel Choir Rehearsal</p> | <p>22</p> <p>7:30a Men's Bible Study 10:15a Trinity Singers 11a Trinity Ringers 3:30p Contemporary Worship Walk-Through 6p Contemporary Worship Rehearsal</p> | <p>23</p> <p>FUEL:LYO Statewide Assembly</p> | <p>24</p> |
| <p>25</p> <p>8:30a Chapel Worship/HC 9:27a Contemporary Worship 9:45a Children's Worship/SS/Centers 10a Adult Sunday School 11a Sanctuary Worship 11:15a Children's Worship 4 Men's Chorus 5p Women's Ensemble</p> | <p>26</p> <p>9:30a Staff Meeting 1p Monday Rembrandts 4:15p Seasons Gifts Board Meeting 6:15p Classic Ringers 7p Luther Ringers</p> | <p>27</p> <p>7:45a Women's bible Study 9:30a Senior Seasons Academy 12p Strategic Planning:Meals on Wheels 2p Healthy Rowan Meeting 7p Troop 443 BSA District Meeting</p> | <p>28</p> <p>7:15a Wed Morning Breakfast with Kai 3p Bread Riot 4:30p Disciple Bible Study 4:30p Kingdom Kids/EPIC 5:45p Wednesday Night Meals 6:30p CAMPfire 6:30p Wednesday Evening Prayer Service 7:30p Chancel Choir Rehearsal</p> | | | |

St. John's Ministry Staff

Pastoral Ministry

Senior Pastor.....The Rev. Rhodes Woolly
 Pastor for Discipleship.....The Rev. Laura Henrik
 Visitation.....Wade Rouzer

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Minister of Music.....Rob Durocher, Deacon
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 Director, St. John's Men's Chorus..... Jason Harwood
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Sunday Worship Services

8:30 am — Chapel

9:27 am — Contemporary

11 am — Sanctuary

Holy Communion

Contemporary Worship: 1st Sunday of the month

Chapel Worship: 2nd and 4th Sundays

Sanctuary Worship: 1st and 3rd Sundays

Nursery provided for infants through age 5 during services.

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The list of ministers "on call" is also printed in the Sunday bulletin and updated as needed. Please refer to the bulletin if there is an emergency and you need pastoral assistance:

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|----------------------|-------------------|
| Pastor Rhodes Woolly | Cell 704.754.2250 |
| Wade Rouzer | Cell 980.234.0699 |

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| Feb 2-4 | Pastor Rhodes Woolly |
| Feb 9-11 | Pastor Rhodes Woolly |
| Feb 16-18 | Pastor Laura Henrik |
| Feb 23-25 | Pastor Laura Henrik |

Prayer Chain. Our Prayer Chain is updated daily and emailed to interested persons Monday through Friday. To add or subtract a name, please contact Carolyn Byrd at carolyn@stjohns-salisbury.org. Also let Carolyn know if you would like to receive the daily Prayer Chain.



Let's connect faith and life *together.*