

Let's connect faith and life *together*

Join a LifeGroup at St. John's!

GroupLink is March 11 at 6:30 pm

By Susan Shinn Turner

Are you ready to dig deeper into relationships at St. John's, draw closer to Christ, and serve the community? Consider joining a LifeGroup.

A GroupLink event to match small group participants is slated for Sunday, March 11, from 6:30 to 8 pm in Peeler Hall. Participants will be brought together in groups of eight to 12 who are in the same stage of life or who hold a common interest, says Pastor Laura Henrik, who leads the LifeGroup effort as pastor for discipleship.

For example, LifeGroups could be set up for young moms, for couples with young children, for singles — for anyone who



One of our LifeGroups, Mike Jacobson, Doug Groce, Julie Carr, Jill Nelson, and Wayne Nelson. Absent: David Carr and Donna Groce

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YOUTH AUCTION

MARCH 24

Fellowship Hall
5:30 pm Silent Auction
5:45 pm BBQ Dinner
7:30 pm Live Auction

**Purchase Tickets from
High School Youth**
\$15 Adults
\$5 Youth 12 & Under



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Pastor's Letter



Dear friends,

I bet you and I disagree over gun control. In fact, I guarantee it.

Whether you're a gun rights advocate or a gun removal activist, there likely are nuances in your position that would cause me to disagree with you.

The same is true with most topics of conversation, especially the controversial ones. Immigration? Probably. Gay rights? Likely. The new tax code? Almost certainly.

But guess what? I'm not right about everything. I know that's hard to believe (no comment, Krista!), but it's true. As it turns out, I don't have the corner on absolute truth, unless we're talking about Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior.

Which is precisely why we need to be in conversation. I need to hear your opinion, and you need to hear mine. We need to do more than talk at each other and dare to listen to one another.

It's not rocket science. And yet, well, why are we so bad at it these days?

I learned something in middle school that was critically important to me. I was at a youth gathering at Camp Kinard, although I can't remember much more than that. We were doing the time-honored Trust Fall, when participants turn their backs to the group, close their eyes, and fall backwards into the arms of friends — trusting that they'll be caught.

Trust is the key word.

The Trust Fall activity was old hat, one of those activities youth leaders rely on when they've run out of ideas.

But this time, one of the adults — I'll never remember who — said something like this: "We'll never learn to listen to one another unless we learn to trust one another." Trust isn't the ending point. Learning to trust one another is but a starting point that leads to better listening, which leads to better understanding, which sometimes leads to compromise, which almost always leads to peace.

We seem to live in an age when everyone wants their opinions heard, but no one wants to hear the opinions of others. Bizarre, isn't it? We need to rediscover the art of listening ... which starts by daring to trust.

The NRA has a lot to learn from students in Parkland, Florida ... and the rising tide of gun control activists have something to learn from the NRA. So let's stop the political maneuvering. Let's stop sacrificing truth for the sake of protecting political turf.

Let's dare to have conversations that matter in a spirit of trust and respect. Let's open our ears so that the Spirit might open our hearts and minds. We just might learn something from each other.

"Encourage one another, and build each other up," Paul writes to the confused and somewhat misguided church in Thessalonica. It's good advice for us today, don't you think?

Peace, friends +
Pastor Rhodes
rhodeswoolly.blogspot.com

The Season of Lent

Sundays of Lent. Throughout the 40-day season of Lent, our sermons will continue to unpack the Gospel of John as we consider God's role as Deliverer.

- February 18:** Lazarus is raised from the dead
- February 25:** Lazarus, part 2
- March 4:** Judas betrays Jesus
- March 11:** Peter denies knowing Jesus
- March 18:** Jesus is condemned by Pilate

Wednesdays of Lent. We gather for a meal and worship on the Wednesdays of Lent. The meal begins at 5:45, with worship following at 6:30. Our worship services incorporate the beautiful Holden Evening Prayer and gives particular attention to a story from the Old Testament that relates to God's role as Deliverer.

Holy Week & Easter at St. John's

Palm Sunday

March 25

The Passion Narrative is retold through dramatic music, drama, and art.

9:27 am — Faith Center

11 am — Sanctuary

**note: no 8:30 am service*

Maundy Thursday

March 29

A service of Holy Communion and the stripping of the altar

3:30 pm — Trinity Oaks

7 pm — Sanctuary

Good Friday

March 30

The service of darkness

Noon — Chapel

7 pm — Sanctuary

Saturday of Holy Week

March 31

9:00 am — Help transform our worship spaces from a season of Lent to the glory of Easter. We'll be decorating two flower crosses and filling our beautiful space with lilies and palms.

Easter Sunday

April 1

A festival service of Holy Communion
Worship at 8:30 and 11 am — Sanctuary
9:27 am — Faith Center

Easter Breakfast

April 1

8:30-11 am, Fellowship Hall

There is no charge and reservations are not required ... although a free will offering will be accepted.

Children's Ministry

Kingdom Kids and EPIC kick into gear!



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 pm 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



March Schedule

Wednesday, March 7 - KK & EPIC 4:30-5:45 pm

Wednesday, March 14 - KK & EPIC 4:30-5:45 pm

Wednesday, March 21 - KK & EPIC 4:30-5:45 pm

*note NO KK or EPIC 3/28

2018 VBS Volunteers Needed

We're in need of some volunteers to help make our VBS program this coming summer a success!

Email kai@stjohns-salisbury.org for more information!

Children's Ministry Assessment:

Our Children's Discipleship Team is engaging in a full assessment of our Children's Ministry program. We would love to have the input of congregation members, parents, volunteers, and youth. The survey will take less than 2 minutes to complete. To take the survey, go to <https://stjohns-salisbury.org/discipleship/children/>. Click Children's Ministry Assessment Survey at the bottom of the page.

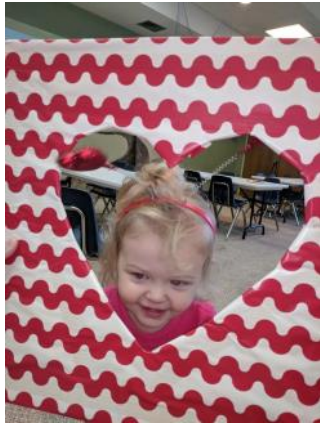
Questions? Email kai@stjohns-salisbury.org.

Thanks for your help!



EPIC Children's Ministry

Children's Ministry: Milestones



Splash Party Milestone: Newborn to 3 Years Old

The SPLASH party milestone reminds you that your child was "splashed" with the love of God in baptism.



Upcoming Milestones




First Communion
FIFTH GRADE MILESTONE

Dinner Conversation
Wednesday, Feb. 21

Pottery 101
Saturday, Mar. 10

First Communion Sunday
Sunday, Mar. 18



My Pot of Gold
2nd Grade Milestone

March 18, 12:30 pm
in the PIT

milestones
at St. John's

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



March Schedule

Sunday, March 4 – Youth Group 5:30-7:30 pm
Wednesday, March 7 – Lenten Service 6:30 pm
Sunday, March 11 – Youth Group 5:30-7:30 pm
Wednesday, March 14 – Lenten Service 6:30 pm
Sunday, March 18 – Youth Group 5:30-7:30 pm
Wednesday, March 21 – Lenten Service 6:30 pm
Thursday, March 29 – Maundy Thursday
Friday, March 30 – Good Friday

FUEL: *High School Youth*



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

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.



9th Grade Youth Family Dinner

March Schedule

Sunday, March 4 – FUEL Youth Group 5:30-7:30 pm
Wednesday, March 7 – Lenten Service 6:30 pm
Sunday, March 11 – FUEL Youth Group 5:30-7:30 pm
Wednesday, March 14 – Lenten Service 6:30 pm
Sunday, March 18 – FUEL Youth Group 5:30-7:30 pm
Wednesday, March 21 – Lenten Service 6:30 pm
Friday-Saturday, March 23-24 – Youth Auction Lock-In
Saturday, March 24 – Youth Auction 5:30 pm
Thursday, March 29 – Maundy Thursday
Friday, March 30 – Good Friday

Youth Auction is March 24

This year's goal is \$18,000

By Susan Shinn Turner

This is not Kai Thurow's first rodeo.

Before he became St. John's youth minister, Kai led two trips to the National Lutheran Youth Gathering. From June 26 to July 2, he'll lead 35 youth and five fellow chaperones to Houston.

Each year, the Texas city hosts the world's largest rodeo — hence the Western-based theme for the Youth Auction on March 24.

The 12th annual event will take place in the fellowship hall. Tickets are \$15 for adults and \$5 for youth ages 12 and under. The evening begins with a silent auction at 5:30 pm, a barbecue dinner with all the trimmings at 5:45 pm, and a live auction at 7:30 pm. Seating is limited to 250.

The goal of the auction is to raise \$18,000. Each youth and chaperone has committed to paying \$500 a piece, with a total cost of \$1,150 per person and an overall budget set at \$27,300. As is typical, Kai says that several families have more than one child and/or parent attending the gathering.

"I talk to a lot of youth directors," Kai says, "and we're incredibly blessed to have a congregation that encourages our youth to grow their faith, learn about service work, and themselves. We have a lot of youth new to our program who are excited about going, so that's an exciting piece of this as well."

During Sundays in March before the dinner, youth members will have auction tickets available outside each worship space, and for Wednesday meals as youth members are available.

The theme of this year's National Lutheran Youth Gathering is "This Changes Everything." St. John's youth, along with 32,000 other youth and chaperones from across the country, will be working in the Houston area on sustainable service projects, Kai says. "I think it's interesting we're going to Houston as they're recovering from the Hurricane Harvey devastation."

He points out that the last gathering had an economic impact of \$30 million for the city of Detroit. Earlier this year, Kai attended an ELCA continuing education event in Houston and had the opportunity to visit venues for the gathering.

Other chaperones include Jake and Carole Parrott, Krista Woolly and Krista May, nearly all of the high school youth advisors, Kai says. Lauren Thurow will attend as a representative of the N.C. Synod.

"The number-one thing I've seen youth take away from these gatherings is just seeing the sheer number of high-schoolers from around the country whose beliefs are similar," Kai notes. "Seeing that many people with a common goal is powerful to experience, and hard to explain if you're not there."

Along with the service component, the trip will also feature leadership development and opportunities for spiritual growth, Kai says. "Our youth will return with their hearts set on fire, and ready to do things in our community as Christ's hands and feet."

Contact Kai in the church office or any high school youth member for tickets.



Around the Church and Community

St. John's Health Care Ministry

Volunteers Needed to Organize New Medical Equipment

By Gerrie Blackwelder

I recently served as Reader of I Samuel 3 at the 11 am sanctuary worship service and had the honor to hear God call one of his servants to do his work. In Samuel's story, the Lord called out to the boy while the household was asleep and, after a couple of mistakes in thinking his own worldly father, Eli, was calling, the father and his son came to grips with the fact that God was calling the youth into his service. On the final call, Samuel answered God with the words, "Speak, for your servant is listening".

You might also remember a favorite hymn based on Samuel's calling,

"Here I am Lord, Is it I, Lord?
I have heard You calling in the night.
I will go Lord, if You lead me.
I will hold your people in my heart"

In my case, it often takes a detailed directive to understand how I need to act on His behalf. But even if I do not get the clear directive, His constant nudges that I need to get involved cry out enough to motivate action.

Right now, at St. John's, there is a special calling that needs to be filled and maybe you are the person who God is calling to become involved.

The St. John's Health Care Ministry has been blessed with many assistance devices that need organizing, and preparing for church members to "check out" to be used for assistance with simple tasks such as walking, bathing, and bathroom assistance. The implements that have been donated include many wheel chairs, walkers, crutches, shower seats, bedside commodes, and lifted toilet seats.

The gifts are already on campus and will be counted and a list made, but we need an organizational person to assist with a means of assisting the distribution of these tools to families and getting them back into our inventory as they are released by families who have no further need of them.

We deeply thank the many individuals who so graciously made donations as well as The Community Care Clinic for many donated appliances to assist with rehabilitation of our Church and family members. Our goal is to faithfully and appropriately return the blessings of these gifts to God's people in need.

Currently, there are six members of the HCM and each is dedicated to specific areas of the organization. If you are interested in joining the group and working with this needed and wonderfully useful project, call St. John's and ask for the Health Care Ministry Chair, Carolyn Byrd, who will be happy to speak with you further.

And remember Samuel's sweet response to God's request for service, "Speak, for your servant is listening." You are needed to serve and hold his people in your heart.



Senior Seasons

Caregivers Conference

sponsored by Trinity Senior Services of Rowan

Tuesday, April 3, 2018 8 am - 4:30 pm

Join us to hear Gary Chapman speak about "Keeping Love Alive As Memories Fade;" Melanie Bunn, dementia expert, speak about how to take care of your loved one; and Marjorie Brown, Elder Law Attorney, talk about how to get your affairs in order.

We will also have CNA's that will offer in-home tips for family caregivers. Plus, lots of vendors to offer their resources.



Senior Seasons Spring Gathering

Tuesday, April 10, 2018 11 am-1 pm in the Fellowship Hall

Join us for fellowship, entertainment and lunch. We will have a great time together!

Cards from the Hand and Heart

Tuesday, April 24, 2018 10 am - 12 pm

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 for any occasion. Please contact Carolyn Byrd, if you would like to attend.



Job Opening: Director 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.



Angel bird feeder from Seasons Gifts. All proceeds from Seasons Gifts support the senior adult ministry at St. John's.

Worship and Music Ministry

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Bradley Chestnut: 843.465.2049
bradley@stjohns-salisbury.org

CHANCEL CHOIR rehearsals will continue to follow the Wednesday Evening Prayer Services. On Wednesday, March 28, the choir will meet at 7:30 pm in the church to rehearse the music for Holy Week and Easter Sunday with brass and organ. The Choir will gather at 6:30 pm on Maundy Thursday, immediately following the service in the choir room, and again at 6:30 pm on Good Friday before the 7 pm Good Friday Service. Easter Sunday morning schedule will be discussed in rehearsal, and there will be NO choir rehearsal on Wednesday, April 4. Enjoy Easter Break! Rehearsals resume on April 11.

ST. JOHN'S WOMEN'S ENSEMBLE will rehearse on Sunday, March 4, and Sunday, March 11, at 5 pm in the Youth Music Room to continue rehearsals for a service at the Trinity Oaks Health and Rehabilitation Center. Date TBA.

ST. JOHN'S MEN'S CHORUS continues to rehearse each Sunday at 4 pm in preparation for the St. John's Men's Chorus Spring Concert, Sunday, May 2, 2018 at 4 pm in the sanctuary.

ST. JOHN'S CHAPEL CHOIR will sing for 8:30 am Chapel Worship on Sunday, March 4, and will rehearse at 7:45 am in the chapel that morning. Chapel Singers who are residents at Trinity Oaks will have the opportunity to rehearse at Trinity Oaks on Thursday, March 1, at 9:45 am in SER. Please call Deanna Boksleitner at 704 647- 9774 if you are interested in singing with them.

THE LUTHER RINGERS will continue to rehearse Mondays at 7 pm in the Bell Loft in the sanctuary.

THE CLASSIC RINGERS will rehearse on Wednesdays from 5:30 – 6:10 pm in the Bell Loft in the church as each group prepares to ring at scheduled service, during Lent, Holy Week, and Easter.

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 pm.

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!



Worship and Music Ministry

Special Music and Meditation Services: *Mondays in Lent*

You are cordially invited to *Music and Meditation* during the lunch hour on three consecutive Mondays during this Lenten Season. They will be held in the beautiful St. John's Chapel at on Mondays, March 5, 12, and 19 from 12:15-12:45 pm.

The services will include prayer, meditation, and special music by Stephen Stringer, piano (March 5); Rosemary Kinard, flute and Rob Durocher, piano (March 12); and Deanna Boksleitner, organ (March 19).

Stephen Stringer serves as the Director of Music Ministries and Organist at St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Salisbury, as well as adjunct Professor of Music at Catawba College. Stephen is a graduate of Catawba College and is currently working toward a Master's Degree in Choral Conducting at the University of North Carolina. His appreciation for diverse musical genres and styles has afforded him unique opportunities and successes in both sacred and secular music environments, including musical theater and popular music. Stephen is grateful for the opportunity to worship with St. John's during this most holy season of Lent.

Rosemary Kinard, raised in Alabama and Florida, is Associate Parish Musician at St. John's, after having retired in 2007 from her twenty years as Head of the Choral Program at Catawba College. She has degrees from Asbury College and Appalachian State University, is a singer, flutist, and keyboardist, accompanies the Chancel Choir, and directs various ensembles, including the two St. John's Children's Choirs.

Rob Durocher is Minister of Music at St. John's where he administers the music program of numerous choirs and

ensembles and oversees the musical leadership for the 8:30 am Chapel Worship, 9:27 Contemporary Worship, and the 11 am Sanctuary Worship. He is an organist, keyboardist and composer, and is active in the North Carolina Synod of the ELCA where he serves on the Candidacy Committee. Born in Texas and raised in New Jersey, he came to St. John's in 1998, after having served churches in Gastonia and Ramsey, NJ.



Deanna Boksleitner serves as the organist for St. John's 8:30 Chapel Worship and directs the Chapel Choir. Born in Frederick, MD, she holds a degree in voice and organ from Meredith College, and earned a Master of Church Music degree in organ from Concordia, University in Chicago. She has served as a Lutheran Minister of Music/Organist for 22 years, President of the American Guild of Organists in Central NC, founded the Wake County Lutheran Music Directors Assoc., and has published several anthems. She retired to Trinity Oaks with her husband, Rudy, in 2011.

Please invite your friends to join you for these brief but meaningful services of music and meditation at mid-day in the St. John's Chapel.

Mark Your Calendar: LYRA, Sunday, April 29

LYRA, an a cappella vocal ensemble from St. Petersburg, Russia will join us in leading worship on Sunday, April 29, 2018 at the 11 am service. We are excited and privileged to have LYRA return to us for the third time in 5 years. We will be blessed by the rich and vast musical heritage of the Russian Orthodox Church which include ancient songs and the works of famous masters from the 18th – 20th centuries.



Davis Brown in Concert

An afternoon of original Contemporary Christian Music

March 17, 3 pm

By Susan Shinn Turner

Last fall, Davis Brown debuted his Symphony No. 1 with the Salisbury Symphony in a concert at St. John's.

This month, Davis — who's been a composer for more than 40 years — will present a concert of original contemporary Christian music. The free event will take place in the Faith Center on Saturday, March 17, beginning at 3 pm.

Along with Davis, other featured performers include Bradley Chestnut on guitar and vocals, Ondria Witt on vocals, Kevin Agner on cello, and Sacha Witt on trombone.

Davis first performed at St. John's on solo piano. As a result, Rob Durocher, minister of music, asked him to give a piano concert. But since Davis was teaching out of town, he had no time to prepare. Since he lives in Salisbury full-time now, he's been a part of the praise band for the 9:27 service.

"Once I found myself regularly playing," he says, "I started writing and finishing contemporary Christian songs."

Rob's invitation was still open, so Davis decided to plan a concert.

Davis says that his songwriting comes from the perspective of telling a story. As he develops songs, he thinks about working through a crisis or another situation — and looking for spiritual guidance and strength to cope.

The name of the concert, "Feed the Soul," comes from that perspective, he says. Songs he has written include "Go Out and Kill a Giant" and "Rat Race."

While still a classical composer, he enjoys the challenge of writing contemporary Christian music. "I've always thought classical and rock music went together surprisingly well. With contemporary Christian music, there are ways I can express myself that otherwise I might have a hard time doing. This is something different. Amplified instruments bring power to a piece of music. I want to be able to harness that power in a song."



Davis adds, "The musical talent at St. John's is deep here and getting deeper. This will be another way we can make St. John's a special part of our community."

Rob agrees.

"It always excites me to celebrate the musical gifts of a colleague, and, with Davis, I find this to be especially true. He pours himself into his music and into his keen sense of musical composition. I just know that this concert, which is a gift to us, will be a blessing!"

Men's Ministry



On Jan. 27, men of St. John's enjoyed breakfast, fellowship, and an encouraging word about connecting faith and life from guest speaker, Bob Harris, three-time Sportscaster of the Year and former voice of the Duke Blue Devils.

Beginning Feb. 26, 17 men travelled to Lutheridge for a week of building the new St. John's Tent Village. Check out our Facebook page for pictures and updates!

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 am 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 \$ _____		

Around the Church and Community



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. We will be "walking a mile in her shoes," learning about women of the Old Testament. We are blessed to have Pastor Danielle DeNise teaching the sessions since Pastor Laura is on maternity leave at that point.

Pick up a brochure in the Faith Center. A fee of \$175 covers five meals, lodging and retreat supplies. Scholarships are available. Register by March 15!



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 are due in full March 29.

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

Upcoming: *Mark your Calendars!*

Wild Women Reunion

ATTENTION - ALL WILD WOMEN...and ALL who want to be WILD WOMEN...

There will be a Wild Women's Meeting at the home of Sharon Agee (104 Buckingham Pl. Salisbury, NC 28144) on Thursday, March 8, at 7 pm. Please bring a snack to share and a beverage of your choice. We look forward to meeting and embracing Pastor Laura as we begin another year of Women's Ministry here at St. John's.



Girl Scout Sunday, March 11

We celebrate with Girl Scout Sunday and Girl Scout Cookies!

We invite you to join us at the 11 am worship service on Sunday, March 11, as we celebrate Girl Scout Sunday. Our scouts will participate in parts of the service. Our Girl Scout cookie sale is sharing great tasty treats with all of our supporters. We will have Girl Scout cookies for sale at each of the three services on Girl Scout Sunday. Support St. John's Girl Scouts with your cookie purchase! Please consider an extra box for a friend or your freezer. Many thanks to our 25-year veteran cookie chairperson, Amy Ritchie, for her continued service. Please join us in giving her a special thank you for her support and service to our Girl Scouts.



Bold Like Jesus



Bold Like Jesus *An ecumenical conference*

St. John's hosted the NC Synod's Bold Like Jesus conference February 1-3. The conference was co-sponsored by the Moravian Church, The Episcopal Church's NC Diocese, and the Piedmont District of the AME Zion Church, and featured speakers and musicians from around the country. On the first night of the event, bishops from each of the four church bodies responded to questions about their personal faith and diversity in the church.

Around the Church

Archives Committee is Seeking New Members

The Archives Committee is seeking new members, both young and old. No specific skills are required, but an interest in history would be helpful.

Archival materials are collected regularly and there is now a place to store the materials permanently. We would like to receive any old St. John's history you may have.

The Archives Committee consists of Pat Epting, Barbara Rufty and Linda Safrit. Wade Rouzer and Doug Robinson have recently joined the Committee.

The Committee meets on the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of each month from 2 pm to 4 pm in the Archives Room. Visitors are welcome to the meetings and/or to peruse our holdings. Of particular concern are news articles or photographs pertaining to St. John's or St. John's members.

Please contact Linda Safrit, committee chair, via phone or email (bill.safrit@gmail.com) for more info.

Always remember: *Archives do not end, they are continuing!*



Congratulations St. John's Boys Basketball Team! *2018 Church League Champions*



The team defeated Gethsemane Baptist Church to win the championship, the second first place finish in three years. The team is coached by Steve Yang and Kelly Everhart .



*Team members, left to right. Back row: Coach Steve Yang, Archie Dees, Harrison Parrott, Quinn Lockhart, Bo Rusher, Jude Lockhart, Hank Robins, Coach Kelly Everhart
Front Row: Ethan Swicegood, Griffin Myers, Spencer Everhart, David Holden, Hans Roemer
Not pictured: Kevin Agner*

Our Lutheran Institutions

Direct Your 2017 Thrivent Choice Dollars[®] by March 31, 2018



Since 2010, over \$370 million has been distributed to thousands of churches, schools, and other nonprofits through Thrivent Choice[®]. Through this program, eligible members can recommend where Thrivent donates millions of charitable outreach dollars each year.

Eligible Thrivent Financial members who have available Choice Dollars have until **March 31, 2018**, to direct them. Don't miss this opportunity to direct your Choice Dollars to St. John's! Five years ago, our Congregation Council created a Thrivent fund that provides funding for new ministries and unbudgeted needs. Funded projects have included the new AEDs around campus and start-up money for Seasons Gifts.

Go to Thrivent.com to learn more. Or call 800-847-4836 and say "Thrivent Choice" after the prompt.

Changing Spaces: *Behind the Scenes Tour March 18, 2-4 pm*



Trinity Oaks and Lutheran Services Carolinas invite you to a special behind-the-scenes preview tour of the first additions and renovations for Changing Spaces, a construction project that is expanding and enhancing assisted living on the Trinity Oaks campus. The tour is a drop-in event from 2 – 4 pm on Sunday, March 18. Attendees can view the construction progress and see how gifts to the Changing Spaces campaign are supporting the addition of new assisted living rooms as well as communal gathering spaces. Light refreshments will be served. This is a construction site, so please plan to wear closed-toe shoes and comfortable clothing. For questions, call 704-754-8229.

Save the Date: *2018 Church-wide Retreat at Lutheridge*



wants a small-group experience within the framework of a larger congregation.

“Sometimes on Sunday mornings, life gets chaotic,” Pastor Laura says. “You may see lots of faces, but not have a chance for conversation. A LifeGroup is a group to journey together in faith. This is a group that becomes a church inside a bigger church.”

LifeGroups are also encouraged to take on service projects, Pastor Laura adds. “It’s not only about sharing stories or sharing a Bible study, it’s about finding a group of people to be disciples with.”

Members who have agreed to be LifeGroup leaders will attend GroupLink, to help facilitate connections, Pastor Laura says.

Four groups from the original GroupLink two years ago are still active. Members of all four groups have found value in being part of a LifeGroup.

Jill and Wayne Nelson are in a LifeGroup led by Doug and Donna Groce. Mike Jacobsen and David and Julie Carr are also members. The group evaluated after one year and decided to stay together, Jill says, in part because Julie had just been diagnosed with stage 4 lung cancer.

“At that point,” Jill says, “we were committed to Julie. We met people and got intimately involved with people we would not have been as involved with.”

On Ash Wednesday, their LifeGroup ate the Wednesday meal together and then attended worship together.

“We have had some service projects,” Jill adds. “Everybody has made a commitment to be there. That has been strengthening to all of us. I think we all still find the small group to be a valuable part of our lives.”

Julie agrees.

“Our life group has become more like family to us,” she says. “They have been especially helpful with all we have been through this past year. They have prayed with us and supported us by helping take me to appointments so David didn’t have to miss too much work. We’ve laughed together, cried together, studied together and celebrated together. We

have formed lifelong friendships with people we may not have connected with on this level if it weren’t for the LifeGroup formation two years ago.”

Willi Beilfuss’ LifeGroup still meets monthly to pack backpacks for Food for Thought. His group has lost members to death and illness, and other members have endured surgeries. They’ve also all had grandchild duty occasionally. Still, Willi says he is a proponent of small groups. “We really have an appreciation for each other,” and adds that shared tasks help solidify LifeGroups.

Donna Weinhold continues to lead the Ladies LifeGroup, whose members include Gretchen Witt, Melody Moxley, Carol Pomeroy, Robin Cohen, and Linda Phillips. This group, which meets twice a month for dinner at Donna’s house, has a heart for service. They’ve cooked for the Comfort Food Ministry, participated in the Lily Pad Haven project, fixed breakfast at Rowan Helping Ministries, and taken supplies to Autumn Care.

“We have been busy and we like it that way,” Donna says. “The best thing about our meetings is that we are now sisters in Christ. We would love to have more ladies join us.”

Lauren and Brad Stephenson are part of a LifeGroup led by Michael and Danielle DeNise. Other members include Corey and Jennifer Gebhardt, Ben and Kelly Goodman, Molly Connell and Penny Moss.

“We have loved being part of a small group,” Lauren says. “It allows us to have a small community within the larger church. Our group has walked through a few Bible studies together, but more importantly, we have walked through new jobs, family illnesses, births, and deaths. We have laughed — a lot — cried, and held each other up. As a mom in a busy, stressful season of life, these relationships have felt like a lifeline. I am able to hold onto Jesus more easily with the help of these people.”

The logo for LifeGroups features the word "life" in a green, lowercase, sans-serif font, followed by "groups" in a dark grey, lowercase, sans-serif font. The letter "o" in "groups" is replaced by a green icon consisting of three small circles arranged in a triangular pattern.

Global Ministries

Summer Mission Trip Opportunities: *Guatemala*

This year, St. John's is very blessed to have two mission teams planning to visit our mission partner, La Escuela Integrada in Antigua, Guatemala. If you have been to Guatemala in the past, you know that the country and school are special places. If you have not been there, a mission trip filled with the joy of children who are obtaining an education and have hope for overcoming the crippling effects of poverty will absolutely fill you up emotionally and spiritually. More information on the summer mission trip options is below:

Adult Mission Trip- July 7-14

Adult participants (19 years and older) on this trip will assist the children at the school, make home visits and deliver food bags to children and families sponsored through St John's. We will also install life-saving stoves in the homes of the children and engage in additional activities as requested by the school and staff. In addition to assisting the school and families, participants will engage in activities that teach them about the culture and people of Guatemala.

This trip is for adults only- ages 19 and up. The cost (NOT including flight) is \$1000.00 per person and includes all meals, lodging, transportation, and mission activities. Deposit of \$300.00 due by March 26.

For more information or to reserve your spot on this trip, contact Paula Bohland, Paula@wearegraces.org. Make payments for this mission trip via Wearegraces.org. Choose custom donation and indicate your payment is for the "July Adult Mission Trip." You may also make a check out to GRACES and mail it to 1024 S. Fulton Street, Unit 2, Salisbury, NC 28144. PLEASE DO NOT MAKE PAYMENTS TO THE CHURCH.



Guatemala Mission Trip 2015



Paula Bohland, director of GRACES

College Student Mission Trip- May 20-26

College age participants on this trip will assist the children at the school, make home visits and deliver food bags to children and families. They will also host the children attending to experience a special excursion in Guatemala. Along with the above-mentioned activities, participants will also engage in activities allowing them to advance their knowledge of the culture, history, and people of Guatemala.

This trip is for college age persons, 18-24 years old. The cost (NOT including flight) is \$1000.00 per person and includes all meals, lodging, transportation, and mission activities. A deposit of \$300.00 is due no later than March 15.

For more information or to reserve your spot on this trip, contact Paula Bohland, Paula@wearegraces.org. Make payments for this mission trip via Wearegraces.org. Choose custom donation and indicate your payment is for the "May College Mission Trip." You may also make a check out to GRACES and mail it to 1024 S. Fulton Street, Unit 2, Salisbury, NC 28144. PLEASE DO NOT MAKE PAYMENTS TO THE CHURCH.



Palestine: Unlimited

Photo Exhibit March 6-25, Opening March 10

By Susan Shinn Turner

For the second time, St. John's will host a Palestinian art show.

"Palestine: Unlimited" is a photography exhibit by 10 Palestinian artists. It will be on display in Peeler Hall from March 6-25. The show opening is set for 6:30-9:30 pm on Saturday, March 10.

Dr. Susan Lee, a board member from the Center for Faith and the Arts, will provide a 10-minute lecture on meditative viewing at 6:45 and 7 pm.

"We want people to deliberately spend time thinking about the message they are taking away from the art," says Michael

Connor, a member of the St. John's Bethlehem Ministry Team.

From 7:30 to 8:30 pm, an interfaith "Conversations that Matter" will take place on the exhibit theme "Move beyond stereotypes, enter hope..." featuring a panel composed of Bishop Tim Smith, Mitch Siegel, Mohamed Eliwa and Pastor Rhodes Woolly. Siegel is a member of the St. John's Chancel Choir who is active in two local synagogues, and Eliwa is a Lexington businessman whose children attend Salisbury Academy. He and his family are Muslim.

The exhibit, sponsored by Bright Stars of Bethlehem, has two goals, Connor says: building awareness and raising funds. Based in Illinois, Bright Stars raises money for a variety of programs in Bethlehem that touch all ages.

The show has been to Charlotte, Chicago, and the West Coast, and is also set for stops in Burlington, Raleigh and Atlanta. Nearly two dozen images will be on display. A matted print costs \$200, and Connor says that \$100 of that is tax deductible. A few prints will be available at the show, but Roger Hull will produce and mount other photos as they are purchased. In 2015, St. John's hosted a show shortly after the opening of Peeler Hall, with Palestinian paintings in a variety of media.

The photographs in "Palestine: Unlimited" show scenes of typical Palestinian life, taken by Palestinians. Connor, who spent three months in the Holy Land last spring, says the show is an important form of self-expression.

"Other entities have opinions of this group, but the Palestinians lack opportunities to express themselves," he says.

Connor hopes the panel will also express themselves in the context of trust and respect. And he hopes the audience will be diverse as well.

"I hope everybody there doesn't look like me and think like me," he says. "Diversity is important. We have an opportunity to focus on Israel and Palestine and the conflict there, but also, what it tells us about Salisbury. This is meant to be a conversation, not a debate, and not to diminish Israel in any way, shape or form."



The poster photo of a young girl reaching upwards against the background of a wall, beyond the limitations of her situation, illustrates poignantly the hope and dreams of a child's unlimited aspirations, a spirit of determination to rise above her limiting circumstances.

St. John's Schools

Get to Know the CDC

March is the month where we often focus on luck, and St. John's Child Development Center is very fortunate to have an incredible administrative team. Would you like to know more about them? Discover how blessed our church is to have a team that has been committed to our children for many years.

Our director, Courtney Bost – Courtney has worked at St. John's CDC for 16 years. Courtney received her Bachelor's degree in Birth through Kindergarten from Catawba College and is now qualified to be our dedicated director.

Program Coordinator, Lonna Richardson – Lonna has been with our CDC for 15 years. Lonna will graduate in May with her Bachelor's degree in Birth through Kindergarten from Catawba College.

Program Coordinator, Jenifer Mauro – Jenifer has been with St. John's for 9 years. Jenifer attained her Bachelor degree in Birth through Kindergarten from Catawba College.

Program Coordinator, Kristy King – Kristy has been working at St. John's for 10 years. Kristy has her credentials in Early Childhood Education and hopes to begin working on her Associates degree in Early Childhood Education.

Administrative Assistant, Annetta Reeder – Annetta has been working for St. John's for 4 years. She has her credentials in Early Childhood Education.

We are also lucky to have a multitude of precious children walk through our CDC doors daily. CDC staff members, along with St. John's members, have the opportunity to maintain a positive, creative, healthy, Christian environment daily where each and every one of these children can thrive. During the month of March, these sweet children will enjoy Dr. Seuss week, wearing green so they won't be pinched, watching incubating eggs hatch into little chicks, searching high and low for Easter eggs, and always being reminded that God loves them— and so do we.

Recently, a plea went out to our congregation to consider donating to the CDC's scholarship fund. These funds are used for families who need financial assistance but do not qualify for the Department of Social Services' assistance. Once again, we were so lucky because many of



Courtney Bost, CDC Director

you responded. Due to your generous donations, \$11,225.00 was contributed to the CDC's scholarship fund. We are very grateful for this response. What a blessing to be able to provide quality care for those in such need.

Want to help support St. John's CDC? You, too, may donate to St. John's Lutheran Church, writing CDC scholarship in the memo line. If you would rather make an impact by shopping for the CDC here are some needed items: toddler board books, soft dolls, bubbles, sidewalk chalk, construction paper and balls for the playground. You may want to directly impact the children's lives. In that case, let the administrative staff know you would like to read a Bible story, share a song, create a craft... Their number is 704-636-6756. Get more involved in St. John's CDC and then you'll find that you are the lucky one!

St. John's Kindergarten and Pre-K 2018-2019

St. John's Kindergarten and Pre-K have openings for the 2018-2019 school year.

Contact 704-636-4404 or
kindergarten@stjohns-salisbury.org
salisbury.org



Around the Church and Community

Ebenezer Lutheran in China Grove presents *Christ's Cross and Crown*

*From a recent invitation to the church: "For the past 56 years, Ebenezer Lutheran Church has offered as a gift to our community the outdoor Easter drama, *Christ's Cross and Crown*, which highlights the life of Jesus Christ from his entry into Jerusalem on Palm Sunday to his resurrection on Easter Day.*



Christ's Cross and Crown at Ebenezer Lutheran Church

"Two presentations of *Christ's Cross and Crown* will be offered over Easter weekend: the first on Saturday, March 31, and again on Easter Sunday, April 1. Both will begin at 8:30 pm and last approximately 1 hour. There is no admission charge; and free hot dogs will be served each evening from 7-8 pm. Since these performances are presented outdoors,

please dress accordingly and bring your own lawn chair or blanket to sit on.

"Ebenezer Lutheran Church is located at 4914 Old Beatty Ford Road, China Grove – at the intersection of Old Beatty Ford Road and Old Salisbury-Concord Road."



Check it out!

Our own Ann Stoner Bostian wrote "The Love Bug," published in the March issue of *Guideposts* magazine.



Senior Seasons Academy is off to a great start. The academy completes its winter session on March 13.

Worship Leaders for March

*indicates 8:30 am worship service ^indicates front row

LAY ASSISTING MINISTERS

March 4 Andrew Poe
March 11 Jonathan Williams
March 18 Gretchen Witt
March 25 TBD

READERS

March 4 *Gretchen Witt, Frank Goodnight
March 11 *Beth Boger, Girl Scouts
March 18 *Acquawon Stallworth, Melody Moxley
March 25 Jill Connery, Franco Goodman, Donna Beilfuss
April 1 *Charles Moll, Susan Myers

COMMUNION ASSISTANTS

March 4 Roger Hull, ^Dave Roof
March 11 *Carol Beaver
March 18 Perry Hood, ^Dave Roof
March 29 Kathy Norris
April 1 *Bob Loeblein, Marilyn Smith, ^Eleanor Sifford

ALTAR GUILD

March Scott Rhodes, Mary Willis Page, Cathy Eller

COMMUNION PREPARERS

March Linda and Roger Hull

GREETERS

March 4 Franco and Brenda Goodman, Harold and Stamie Overcash
March 11 Howard and Diane Everhart, Dot Miller, Linda Phillips
March 18 Tom and Mimi Carlton, Donna Weinhold, Carol Pomeroy
March 25 Jake and Carol Parrott, Bryan and Mary Wymbs
April 1 Gary, Scott and Davey Rhodes, Bradley and Laurie Stevens

WELCOME PLACE GREETERS

March 4 Carolyn Hood
March 11 Linda Phillips
March 18 Barbara Stauffer
March 25 Hen Henderlite
April 1 Barbara Waggoner

AFTER-SERVICE GREETERS

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

ELEMENT BEARERS

Anna Hedenskog
Lucy Heilig

ACOLYTES

March 4 Ella Hedenskog, Grant Shafer
March 11 Jude Lockhart, Quinn Lockhart
March 18 Jack Heilig, Sam Medina
March 25 Julie Kenny, Caroline Houpe
March 29 TBD
March 30 Callie Kirchin

CRUCIFERS

March 4 Grace Shafer
March 11 Bethanie Stauffer
March 18 Sascha Medina
March 25 Sam Wood

TORCH BEARERS

March 25 Aaron Yang, Ellen Yang, David Holden

CROSS BEARERS

March 30 Jake Parrott, Harrison Parrott

NURSERY

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

Eagle's View Deadline

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

Happy Birthday!

*Congratulations to our Octogenarians
celebrating:*

March Birthdays:

Bobbie Ann Brown, Gattis Bullard, Tom Carlton, Jr.,
Eva Doyle, Pat Epting, Howard Everhart, Burt Harris,
Joan Harris, Don Julian, Mack Lampert, Barbara Sims,
Emily Stirewalt

USHERS: Head Ushers

March Glenn Stokes, Dan Waggoner

USHER TEAMS

March 4 Team 1E* Tom Childress, Jim Boger
Team 8 Glenn Ketner, captain
March 11 Team 2E* Tom Smith, Jim Boger
Team 9 Cliff Ritchie, captain
March 18 Team 3E* Bob Loeblein, Jeff Nelson
Team 10 Larry Britt, captain
March 25 Team 4E* Bob Rusher, Bobby Rusher
Team 1 Mark Derrick

9:27 COMMUNION PREPARERS

March 4 Vernon Davis, Cheryl Sjoblom
April 1 Vernon Davis, Cheryl Sjoblom

9:27 COMMUNION ASSISTANTS

March 4 Christine Mowery, Karen Jones, Mindy Allen, Scott Robinson, Larry Brietweiser
April 1 Bill Johnson, Kim Robinson, Jeanie Moore, Jenny Ryerson, Dennis and Kathy Ingold

9:27 HOSPITALITY TEAM

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

9:27 COFFEE VOLUNTEERS

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

9:27 USHER TEAM

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

PA OPERATORS

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

Worship Attendance

Feb 4 438
Feb 11 500
Feb 18 472
Feb 25 478

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
Karen Puckett
Karen Rogers

Term Expires 2020

Larry Cesario
Cindy Fink
David Phillips
Wesley Rhyne
Aleksandr (Sacha) Witt

Youth Members

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Chip Bridges

MINISTRY GROUP CHAIRPERSONS

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, March 4

Buck-A-Meal for February was \$413.00. 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 March.

Around the Congregation

Consolation

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

Gary and Angela Graham, Lauren Graham, Ashley and Devin Phipps, family and friends, in the death of Gary's mother, Gladys Graham, Feb. 13, 2018.

Family and friends of Sam Penegar who died February 14, 2018.

Judy Klusman, family and friends, in the death of her mother, Elizabeth Anderson, Feb. 17, 2018.

Congratulations

Stephanie and Andy Payonk, and big sister Maddi, in the birth of a son, Ethan Joseph Payonk, on Feb. 9, 2018. Proud grandparents are Steve and Camille Butner, and great-grandfather, Jim Nichols.

Calling All Bakers!

The Worship and Arts team is moving towards providing bread for all communion services rather than using wafers. We're hoping to round up a group of bakers willing to bake bread on a rotating basis. The recipe will be provided—young and old are invited to participate. Please contact Gretchen Witt at 704-754-0273 or tantegretchen3@gmail.com if you would like to help.



Wednesday Meals

What's on the menu?

March 7

Pork loin,
pineapple
casserole, limas
and corn, rolls
and dessert

March 21

Pot roast, roasted
vegetables,
broccoli salad,
rolls and dessert

Adult: \$4.00

March 14

Chicken
tetrizzini, green
beans, Caesar
salad, Texas
toast, dessert

Grades 6 –

12: \$3.00

**Grades 5 and
below:** \$1.00



Dear Congregation,

Thank you for all of your prayers, visits, food and caring thoughts. They all meant so much and were very much appreciated. I am blessed to be part of such a loving congregation.

Love,
Peggy Rouzer

Dear Congregation,

Many thanks for the pack of Christmas cards from members of St. John's. Nothing could be more fitting for the spirit of the season. It was so heartwarming to hear from so many of your wonderful parishioners. I am no longer able to take part in most of your activities, so I do not have many opportunities for personal contact. You cannot know how much the cards meant to me.

Thank you,
Anne Steele

March 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
4 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 Men's Chorus 5:30p FUEL & The WELL Youth Group 7p <i>Early Prophecy in Israel</i> @ Hull's	5 10a Staff Meeting 12:15p Music & Meditation 1p Monday Rembrandts 7p St. John's Luther Ringers	6 Palestine: Unlimited 8a Women's Bible Study 9:30a Senior Seasons Academy 5:30p Relay for Life Meeting 6p Citizenship Class 7p Gathering Adult Leader Meeting	7 Palestine: Unlimited 7:15a Wed Morning Breakfast with Kai 4:30p Disciple Bible Study 4:30p Kingdom Kids/EPIC 5:30p pm Classic Ringers 5:45p Wednesday Meals 6:15p Classic Ringers 6:30p Wednesday Evening Prayer Service	8 Palestine: Unlimited 7:30a Men's Bible Study 10:15a Trinity Singers 11a Trinity Ringers 3:30p Contemporary Worship Walk-Through 4p Brownies Meeting 6p Citizenship Class 6p 927 Worship Rehearsal	9 Palestine: Unlimited 1p St. John's Book Club EAGLES VIEW DEADLINE FOR MARCH ISSUE	10 Palestine: Unlimited 10a Communion-5th Grade Milestone 7p Palestine Unlimited Reception and Panel Discussion
11 Palestine: Unlimited 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 4p Men's Chorus 5p St. John's Women's Ensemble 5:30p FUEL & The WELL Youth Group 6:30p GroupLink	12 Palestine: Unlimited 10a Staff Meeting 12:15p Music & Meditation 1p Monday Rembrandts 1p GIFT Packing Party 6:15p Classic Ringers 6:30p Cub Scouts 7p Luther Ringers	13 Palestine: Unlimited 8a Women's Bible Study 9:30a Senior Seasons Academy 4:30p Finance Committee Meeting 5:15p Health Care Ministry Team 6p Citizenship Class 7p Sapona District Round Table Meeting	14 Palestine: Unlimited 7:15a Wed Morning Breakfast with Kai 3p Bread Riot 4:30p Disciple Bible Study 4:30p Kingdom Kids/EPIC 5:30 pm Classic Ringers 5:45p Wednesday Meals 6:30p CAMPfire 6:30p Wednesday Evening Prayer Service 7:15p Chancel Choir Rehearsal	15 Palestine: Unlimited 7:30a Men's Bible Study 10:15a Trinity Singers 11a Trinity Ringers 3:30p Contemporary Worship Walk-Through 5:15p Executive Council Meetings 6p Citizenship Class 6p Contemporary Worship Rehearsal	16 Palestine: Unlimited	17 Palestine: Unlimited
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25 PALM SUNDAY Palestine: Unlimited 8:30a Chapel Worship 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	26 Palestine: Unlimited 10a Staff Meeting 1p Monday Rembrandts 4:15p Seasons Gifts Board Meeting 6:30p Cub Scouts 7p Luther Ringers	27 8a Women's bible Study 2p Healthy Rowan Meeting 6p Citizenship Class 7p Troop 443 BSA District Meeting	28 3p Bread Riot 5:30 pm Classic Ringers 6:30p CAMPfire 7:30p Chancel Choir Rehearsal	29 MAUNDY THURSDAY 7:30a Men's Bible Study 10:15a Trinity Singers 11a Trinity Ringers 3:30p Contemporary Worship Walk-Through 3:30p Maundy Thursday Service at Trinity Oaks 6p Citizenship Class 6p Contemporary Worship Rehearsal 7p Maundy Thursday	30 GOOD FRIDAY Office Closed 12p Good Friday Noon Chapel Service 7p Good Friday Eveing Service	31

St. John's Ministry Staff

Pastoral Ministry

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

Worship and Music Ministry

Minister of Music.....Rob Durocher, Deacon
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Director of Music Emeritus.....Karl Kinard, Deacon
Director, St. John's Men's Chorus..... Jason Harwood
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Media Specialist.....Taylor Hutchins
Contemporary Worship Leader.....Bradley Chestnut

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The Rev. Dr. Elizabeth Eaton, Presiding Bishop of the ELCA

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.

Listen to worship each Sunday morning at 11 am on stjohns-salisbury.org, and click Listen Live. Listen to previous week's service at 9 am Sunday on WSAT 1280 AM.

Office hours — Monday-Thursday, 9 am-5 pm; Friday 9-12.
Telephone 704.636.3431; Fax 704.636.4461

Extension # to leave message after hours:

Joy	200	Rob	208
Toni	202	Taylor	217
Ruth Ann	203	Rosemary	218
Kai	204	Angel	219
Pastor Henrik	205	Carolyn	220
Pastor Woolly	206	Bradley	222
Jon	207		

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On Call List

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:

Pastor Rhodes Woolly	Cell 704.754.2250
Pastor Laura Henrik	Cell 865.806.7954
Wade Rouzer	Cell 980.234.0699

March 2-4	Pastor Laura Henrik
March 9-11	Pastor Laura Henrik
March 16-18	Pastor Rhodes Woolly
March 23-25	Pastor Rhodes Woolly
March 30-April 1	Wade Rouzer

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.

