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## 'A rare treasure'

# Rosemary Kinard to retire after 19 years at St. John's

*Reception September 26 in Peeler Hall, following 11 am worship*

By Susan Shinn Turner

The scene perfectly encapsulates what kind of relationship Rob Durocher and Rosemary Kinard have had. On communion Sundays, after the anthem is finished, the Doxology follows. If you watch closely, occasionally you'll see Rosemary begin to play, while Rob finishes.

How do they *do* that?

"We trust each other," says Rob. "It just worked."

Rob and Rosemary, associate parish musician, have built a relationship based on trust and respect through Rosemary's 19 years in the position.

On Sept. 19, Rosemary will retire from the position in which she has served so joyfully.

"I have been thinking about this for several months," Rosemary admits. "But then Rob had to have wrist surgery and Pastor Laura resigned, so I knew I could wait. I did not want to detract from her."

But now it is time to step away.

Rosemary moved to Salisbury in 1986. She and her two sons visited many different churches.

"We came to St. John's, and I was just blown away by the liturgy and the music," she says. "I had never lived near so many Lutheran churches. I grew up a Baptist in the Deep South!"

Rosemary and her sons joined St. John's in 1987. The boys were active in the youth program and the music program, she says. "They were very, very happy at St. John's."



*Rosemary Kinard*

Rosemary began work at Catawba College in 1987. Before her retirement there in 2008, she taught a variety of music courses. With Karl's encouragement, she began the highly successful Service of Lessons and Carols, which continues today.

At St. John's, Rosemary founded the Men's Chorus, the Chapel Choir, the Chapel Music Team, and the Flute Choir. Prior to the pandemic, she and Karl were co-directors of the Trinity Oaks Singers and Ringers.

The Men's Chorus came out of a church talent show which featured a barbershop quartet.

"Then that group began to grow," Rosemary says. "Karl said, 'I'd like to sing in a group because I never get to sing. Why don't you direct?'"

"It was just the right time for the right idea," Rosemary says.

At its height, the Men's Chorus boasted more than 50 members, and gave a concert each spring and at Christmas. She says she especially loved working with Janie Rollins, who accompanied the group over the years.

She and Karl also collaborated with the late Dan Brown on the hymn, "Together We Go Forth," commissioned for the congregation's 250th anniversary in 1997.

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# Pastor's Letter

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Dear friends,

As we step into the fall, a few things come to mind.

**What a great farewell for Pastor Laura.**

Thank you for your warm outpouring of support and encouragement for Pastor Laura. It was a bittersweet day, no doubt, but such a lovely way of saying “thank you” for her 3 ½ years of ministry here.

**COVID-19 continues.** We’re not out of the woods yet, but hopefully September will see us moving in the right direction. Please know that we’re in regular contact with local health officials to form a plan that makes sense for all involved. In a place this large, there will always be folks with differing opinions, but we’re trying our best to make decisions that are based on local health data and the informed advice of our medical experts. Thank you for your patience along the way.

**A new Call Committee.** Carole Parrott has been tabbed to lead an excellent group of St. John’s members we now call our “Pastoral Call Committee.” Info about the committee is within this newsletter, but I would ask you to begin praying for their efforts *and* for the pastor God, at this very moment, is preparing to call to St. John’s. May we be filled with Spirit-led discernment along the way.

Also, do you know someone you’d like us to consider? Pass along their name to Carole or myself.

**Youth Ministry.** Also in this issue, you’ll read some super good info about our youth. Of most importance is that Caroline Parrott stepped forward to lead/manage youth activities while we’re searching for a new youth director. What a gift she’s giving us! We’ve assembled an All-Star team of adult advisors and a group of 6 youth who will serve as leaders for this school year. They’re enthusiastic, and we hope you are, too, as we reintroduce our youth into a regular discipline of Sunday night youth activities.

**In the meantime.** As we begin the process of calling a new pastor and a new youth leader, thank you for your patience. I serve alongside a remarkable group of volunteers and staff members who are working hard to manage our way through the pandemic and a pastoral vacancy. You’ve been so very kind along the way. Thank you for your continued kindness, patience, and grace as we soon move into (hopefully!) a post-COVID church, re-engaging folks in worship and ministry, so that this congregation can continue to be a bright light for the community.

Thanks so much for your partnership along the way. If you have any input or suggestions, don’t hesitate letting me know.

Our very best to you.

+Pastor Rhodes

# Join Our 3rd Grade Reading Program at Isenberg!

*“This may be the most critical time ever in helping our kids learn to read”*

By Susan Shinn Turner

During the 2015-16 school year, St. John’s began a partnership with Isenberg Elementary School to help third graders improve their reading skills.

The third-grade year represents the first year of testing, says Karen Puckett, the school’s media specialist and a St. John’s member who has shepherded the program ever since.

“In grades 1 and 2,” Karen explains, “you learn to read. After third grade, you read to learn.”

“Vocabulary is the great equalizer,” she adds. “If students improve their vocabulary, they improve their reading skills. If they improve their reading, they have a far greater chance to succeed in life.”

Which is why 3rd grade is such a critically important year.

Thanks in large part to the Gator Reading Program, Isenberg has met or exceeded growth in the years the program has been in existence. Prior to 2015, 3rd grade reading scores were below their expected level of growth, per state guidelines.

This year, the program is set to kick off in mid-October, once this year’s third-graders have been evaluated. The program typically serves 15 to 25 students who meet with a tutor twice each week for 45 minutes. For each student, we need 1-2 volunteers, depending on whether a volunteer wants to commit to once or twice each week.

During a 45 minute tutoring session, the first 20 minutes is for targeted work with comprehension or vocabulary. The last 20 minutes is a fun time for students to read books with their “reading buddy.” Together they read books that are of interest to the students and reading-level appropriate.

Volunteers can work any day(s) of the week from 1-1:45pm.

“It’s a huge honor for students to be in the reading club,” Karen notes. It’s something they look forward to every week.

Volunteers are trained by the Rowan Literacy Council, and all support material is ready when volunteers arrive at school.

“It’s just been a very successful program,” Karen says.

She points to comparative data from the 2017-18 school year that compared Isenberg to four other schools with similar school demographics. At Isenberg, 66 percent of the Gator Reading Club students were at or above reading level. At one school, 43 percent of the students were at grade level. At a second school, 25 percent of the students were at grade level. And at the last two schools, none of the students were at grade level.

“Intervention works. And we need it now more than ever.”

If you would like to become a volunteer with the Gator Reading Club, please contact the church office or Bonnie Harrell, Isenberg’s Communities in School’s coordinator, at 704-639-3009 ext. 358274 or [Bonnie.Harrell@rss.k12.nc.us](mailto:Bonnie.Harrell@rss.k12.nc.us).



*Gator Reading Club 2019*

## Kingdom Kids Kicks Off Sept. 12 with a Return to Sunday School

Kingdom Kids is our Children's Ministry. Kingdom Kids is relational, formative, and fun! First Look is for our Kingdom Kids birth to 4 years old, 252 Kids is our K-5th graders, and milestones are moments in your child's faith journey for them to explore a particular part of our faith. Every milestone includes hands-on teaching, a parent component, and a tool/gift that will help the child carry that faith milestone into their daily life.

This fall, as we think creatively about ways to meet safely and give families a break from the virtual world, we will begin meeting in a rotation based on age group. First Look, 252 Kids, and Milestones will take place on separate Sundays to keep numbers smaller.

### Nursery workers and volunteers needed!

Nursery workers and volunteers are needed. If you are interested, contact [stacey@stjohns-salisbury.org](mailto:stacey@stjohns-salisbury.org)

### Sept. 12—Kingdom Kids Kick-Off

Sunday School is back! Kids will come to the Ark at 9:45 am. Families are invited to join us after worship for family crafts and games to kick off the new season in Children's Ministry!

### Sept. 12 –

#### 4th grade Milestone Baptismal Partners

Fourth Graders at St. John's get a very special job – to be a baptismal partner. After learning the meaning of baptism and its symbols, our fourth-graders will be a part of baptisms on Sunday mornings. They will present the baptismal candle to each person baptized and take ownership of celebrating that person's baptismal anniversary each year. Each child will be given a shell to help remember the name and date of the person they are celebrating.



## Caroline Parrott to Coordinate Youth activities this Fall

We are so excited to welcome Caroline Parrott to youth ministry this fall. “When Pastor Laura announced her resignation earlier this summer,” Pastor Rhodes said, “Caroline quickly approached me about helping out. Here’s what she said: ‘Youth meant so much to me when I was growing up. I want it to mean a lot to these kids, too.’”

“That’s one of the best phone calls I’ve received all year! What a gift Caroline is giving our students this fall.”

To get things rolling, we’re assembling an All-Star team of adult leaders, which includes a couple of former youth who are, like Caroline, eager to give back. In addition, we’re assembling a group youth leaders who will be busy inviting friends to get excited about this fall’s activities.

Kick off will be Sunday, Sept 12 at 5:30 pm. We’ll begin with dinner, followed by some fun activities and games. At 7 pm, we’re inviting parents to join us to outline what’s in store for the fall and to give an introduction to next summer’s ELCA National Youth Gathering in Minneapolis.

To connect with our students, Caroline will add their names to a group text-chat. In addition, we’ll send regular updates to parents. If you’d like to opt-in or opt-out, please contact her at 704.431.0961.

The fall will be filled with our “best of the best and funnest of the fun” activities, including some crazy outdoor activities, dinner theme nights, RAK Attacks, a beach retreat, and more. Join us ... and bring a friend!



## Sign Up For Confirmation!

All 7th and 8th graders are invited to join Pastor Laura for Confirmation this year! That’s right, Pastor Laura will continue to lead our online confirmation classes during the fall! Although she is now living in Knoxville — and because we’re continuing an online format during COVID — Pastor Laura is available and eager to remain connected to the students she loves so much. She’ll guide the class through 2 four-week modules this fall.

***7th graders who are not already signed up should contact Pastor Laura, [laura@stjohns-salisbury.org](mailto:laura@stjohns-salisbury.org)***

Confirmation this fall will be a combination of Zoom classes on Wednesday evenings (two 4-week units) and in-person youth group on Sunday evenings. The Zoom classes are divided into two 4-week units:

### **Unit 1 — “My Identity as a Christian”**

Sept. 15, 6:30-7:15 pm – Unit 1 (ZOOM)  
Sept. 22, 6:30-7:15 pm – Unit 1 (ZOOM)  
Sept. 29, 6:30– 7:15 pm – Unit 1 (ZOOM)  
Oct. 6, 6:30-7:15 pm – Unit 1 (ZOOM)

### **Unit 2 — “The Life of Jesus”**

Nov 3, 6:30-7:15 pm (Zoom)  
Nov 10, 6:30-7:15 pm (Zoom)  
Nov 17, 6:30-7:15 pm (Zoom)  
Dec 8, 6:30-7:15 pm (Zoom)



## Senior Academy is Back!

**Fall Season:** Tuesdays, Sept. 14 to Oct. 5, 10 am - 2 pm. Cost is \$10.

### 10-11:30 am Bible Study

Pastor Rhodes Woolly will lead a Bible Study called, "Questions for Jesus." Each week, we will address the following topics:

1. What Do You Think about Marriage and Divorce? (Mark 10:2-16)
2. What Must I Do to Be Saved? (Mark 10:17-31)
3. How Boldly Can I Pray? (Mark 10:46-52)
4. How Much Should I Give? (Mark 12:38-44)

### 11:30 am-12:30 pm Lunch

Bring your own lunch or purchase for \$5.

### 12:30-2 pm Afternoon Class

with leaders from Catawba College



**Dr. David Nelson, President of Catawba College,** speaking on the history and mission of the college, including some promising developments for Catawba's future.



**Dr. Scott Morton, Assistant Professor of Communications.** Dr. Morton will present a fascinating study on "The History of Broadcast Radio in the United States"



**Amanda Grieshaber, Coordinator of Therapeutic Recreation,** speaking on the benefits of her program, giving some demonstrations of techniques.



**Dr. Kenneth W. Clapp, Sr. Vice President and Chaplain,** speaking on "Why We Need Church Related Colleges."

## Join our "Christmas at Williamsburg" Bus Tour

December 6-8

***Make your Reservations NOW. Join the 26 people who have already signed up!  
We only need 4 more to have a bus load!***

### YOUR COMPLETE 3-DAY/2-NIGHT PACKAGE INCLUDES:

- 2 Nights lodging in Williamsburg
- 2 Breakfasts
- 2 Dinners, including a Tavern dinner & Captain George's Smorgasbord
- Berkeley Plantation Tour
- One Day Pass to Colonial Williamsburg
- Newport News - Celebration in Lights
- Star of Wonder Planetarium Show *(based on availability)*
- Virginia Living Museum
- Souvenir gift
- Luggage handling
- Taxes and meal gratuities
- Motorcoach Transportation



**All for the fantastic price of \$459.00 based on double occupancy and including motorcoach transportation! The single occupancy price is \$498. A \$50 deposit (per person) due NOW. The balance is due by Friday, October 15.**

# Serving Our Community

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## SAVE THE DATE

**GOD'S WORK, OUR HANDS: *Postponed until Oct. 10 at 1:30 pm***

Around the country, ELCA congregations will be joining together this fall for "God's Work. Our Hands." day. While we have decided to postpone the event as a public health precautionary measure, we still gather with purpose: to serve our community with the love of Christ.

Join us for "God's Work. Our Hands." Sunday, Oct. 10, 1:30–5 pm as we serve Isenberg Elementary.

Bring your family and help make this a gift of time and talents for one of our partners in education. All ages and skill levels are encouraged to come as we serve our community while connecting with one another! The bulk of the work will be outside trimming bushes, scattering new mulch, cleaning out flower beds, weed eating, pressure washing the sidewalk but we will also be preparing gift bag for teachers. Water/snacks will also be available.

In addition to volunteers, we need outdoor equipment, including wheelbarrows, weed eaters, hedge trimmers (battery operated best), hand tools for pruning plants and repotting, shovels, rakes, and anything else you think might be useful for yard work.

If you are interested in helping to fund this project through a donation or by applying for a Thrivent grant, please contact Diane Poole, [diane@stjohns-salisbury.org](mailto:diane@stjohns-salisbury.org).

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## Volunteer with our Local Schools

Interested in a more permanent volunteer role supporting schools in our community? There are a few opportunities through St. John's.

### **Rainbow makers** (*helping our CDC teachers*)

The Rainbow Makers serve the children, parents, and staff at the CDC. Like a rainbow, we are a reflection of God's love and give a promise of support to the CDC. Some examples of Rainbow Maker love given; classroom books, storage closet organization, additions to clothing closet, diapers and wipes, staff breakfast/ brunch, acknowledgment of staff birthdays, refreshments at staff meetings, personal invitations to church services and Wednesday Night Meals, family assistance during the holidays, Spring Flings, Fall Festivals, Teacher Appreciation Week, and a church wide TOY Drive. Would you like to be a Rainbow Maker? Contact Amy Ritchie [amyritchie1985@gmail.com](mailto:amyritchie1985@gmail.com)

### **Gator Reading Club** (*our reading program at Isenberg*)

5 years ago, St. John's began a partnership with Isenberg Elementary School with the goal of yoking a volunteer reading

buddy with every 3rd grader who wasn't reading at grade level. The project has proven enormously successful, and the model is now being replicated in other elementary schools in the county. Learn more on page 3.

**Barnabas Connection is on hold until January 2022.**



## Join a Small Group this Fall

Small groups play an important role in helping members of our congregation connect with each other. Small groups can be held online; they can meet here at the church; in member's homes or any other place the group is comfortable meeting. The focus of our small groups is to help people grow in their faith while developing meaningful relationships. Times and location can be flexible according to the groups availability to meet.

Leading a small group does not require you to teach the material though some leaders do serve in this capacity with their group. Most often, small group leaders facilitate discussion to help the group connect with the subject matter. Our current small group platform provides everything you need to lead a group with minimal preparation.

If you would like to participate and/or lead a small group this fall, please contact Danny Hines at [danny@stjohns-salisbury.org](mailto:danny@stjohns-salisbury.org) or text Danny at 913-396-2145.

## Join the Fall Book Study

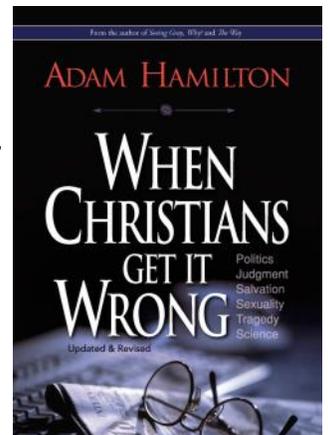
*When Christians Get It Wrong* by Adam Hamilton

When young adults talk about the problems they have with Christianity and the church, they often name certain attitudes and behaviors they believe are practiced too often by Christians: judging others, condemning people of other faiths, rejecting science, and injecting politics into faith. With his familiar style, Adam Hamilton tackles these issues and addresses the how's and why's of Christians getting it right when it comes to being Christ in the world.

Those who read *When Christians Get It Wrong* will gain a different way of understanding the issues that keep people away from Christianity and keep Christians from living a more compelling faith.

Join us on Wednesday nights starting Oct. 6 at 6:30 pm in The Well. This will be a 4-week study and books are available on Amazon, Christianbooks.com and many others book retailers.

If you have questions, please contact [danny@stjohns-salisbury.org](mailto:danny@stjohns-salisbury.org). You can sign up for the class using this link: [stjohns-salisbury.org/event/when-Christians-get-it-wrong](https://stjohns-salisbury.org/event/when-Christians-get-it-wrong)



## Ongoing Discipleship Opportunities

Contact [Deborah@stjohns-salisbury.org](mailto:Deborah@stjohns-salisbury.org) to sign up

### Tuesday Morning Women's Bible Study

Zoom, 8-9 am

### Thursday Morning Men's Bible Study

With Pastor Rhodes, 8-9 am

### Independent Studies

Check out our independent study offerings at:

<https://stjohns-salisbury.org/discipleship/adults/independent-studies>

## **GIFT Women's Ministry Gears Up for Fall** *Mark Your Calendars!*

### **Fall Kick-Off**

*Sept. 9, 6:30 –8:30 pm*

Vista at Walnut Hill in Cleveland, NC

### **Packing Parties**

*Sept. 14 at 2 pm Nov. 9 at 1 pm*

Rowan Helping Ministries

### **Christmas Party**

*Dec. 9, 6-8 pm*

Ann Brady's House

### **Spring Retreat**

*March 18-20, 2022*

Bonclarken– Flat Rock, NC

Look for more information as we get closer to each event. If you have any questions, email Kristin May at [kmay717@gmail.com](mailto:kmay717@gmail.com).



## **Visitation Ministry**

Our visitation teams provide a “ministry of presence” during times of illness, grief, and loneliness. Volunteers and staff members actively participate, bringing a glimpse of God’s grace to those we walk alongside. There are two ways that volunteers can become involved:

1. **Hospital Visitation Ministry.** Hospitalized members are visited daily by volunteers who serve on this team. You can serve a day each week or as a substitute when the regular team member is not able to visit that day.
2. **Homebound visitation.** Team members commit to visiting one of our homebound members once/month

If you are interested in volunteering, we love to hear from you! Please sign up with Diane Poole, [diane@stjohns-salisbury.org](mailto:diane@stjohns-salisbury.org)

# Faith Statements



2021 Confirmation Sunday

On Sunday, August 15, fifteen youth made public profession of their faith and laid claim to their baptismal promises. In baptism, we are welcomed into the covenant God first established with Abraham, the age-old reminder that God has taken the first step in our relationship with Him. In Confirmation — also known as Affirmation of Baptism — we say “yes” to that covenant relationship and agree to bear the image of Christ to all the world. At St. John’s and throughout most of the ELCA, Confirmation Sunday is the culmination of a two-year process of faith formation, which includes classwork, servant projects, retreats, and a week-long confirmation camp. Throughout the summer, our students have been preparing the faith statements that you will hear today — publicly stating “Why Jesus is central in my life.” What a blessing to welcome these young men and women into the life of faith!

Excerpts of the Faith Statements are included below. The full service is available on our website, YouTube and Facebook.

## Riley Lowder

“Another important factor in my faith is prayer. Prayer is one of the easiest ways to communicate with God. There are multiple ways to pray. I live out my faith in my daily life through prayer and reading my Bible.”

## Noah Brown

“God has taught me to love one another and never judge people by their worst mistakes. My faith with God has helped me. I know I am forgiven, and I know I am loved. One thing I have learned from my family and from church is how Jesus

taught us to love. I am able to use this in my everyday life by showing love and being kind to others.”

## Mitchell Allen

“Some of the ways that I live out my faith in my daily life are praying each and every day before I go to bed. Also, I talk to God and tell him how I’m feeling and if something is hurting me or if I’m very happy about something. Finally, I thank God for everything he gives me and especially I thank him before every meal for the food that I have, because some others aren’t as lucky as I am.”

## Meredith Martin

“Psalm 139:14: “I praise you for I am fearfully and wonderfully made. Wonderful are your works, that I know very well.” Ever since I was little and I started to know more about God, I’ve always questioned God about this one thing as to why he made me different. Why did he make me walk

differently than other people, why couldn’t he have just made me walk the same as all the other people, why did I have something different about me that all the other people I saw didn’t have, why are there some things that I can’t do but other people can? Soon after as I started to grow older and got to know even more about God deeper, I’ve come to the realization that God makes everyone unique. Just like me and everyone else, he gives each and every one of us a special feature about ourselves like no other. I may walk differently than most people, but I have to realize that God wonderfully made me. I have to accept the fact that being different is okay because at the end of the day I know that my God made me special for who I am. I’ve learned over the years with my faith growing more with God, that being different is something for which you shouldn’t doubt yourself but something that you should take as a gift from God because he specifically made you for who you are with his wonderful works and He loves you no matter your differences.”

## Makara Trick

“One of my favorite ways to volunteer is with Meals on Wheels. I love getting to bring people food, and sometimes a holiday card, and seeing the smiles on people’s faces. These people don’t have much or get to see many others, but we could bring a little joy to their lives. I try to make Jesus the center of my life by helping to care for others like He did.”

## Luke Mesimer

“Jesus has taught me to love my family no matter what the circumstances are. My family helps me with everything and teach me to be faithful and pray. They have taken me to church for my whole life and showed me that being a part of

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faith is a good thing. I feel very close to Jesus when I do audio/video for the 9:27 service. I am very thankful for the presence of Jesus in my life. I feel like I always have someone that is watching over me and guiding me every step. For these reasons, I feel Jesus is central in my life."

## Lilly Dangerfield

"When I was little my Dad would work a lot! I remember waking up and asking my mom is Dad home? And she would say, "no honey, he is already at work." Over six years ago, my Dad got hurt on the job. On May 8, 2015 our lives changed forever. What was supposed to be a simple surgery to fix the injury ended up being a nightmare because the neurologist hit a nerve, causing my Dad to have chronic regional pain syndrome or CRPS. This causes a lot of pain daily. After years of trying to find a treatment to help with his pain, he is now permanently disabled because there is no cure. Dad went from working all the time and never being home to being home with me and my sister all the time. Even though he is home with me every day, there are many days that he is in pain, which is hard to watch. We make the best of those days by spending time together sitting on the couch and watching movies together. I still see God show up in these moments because at least we are together, but when I see God in my life the most is when we cook tacos for dinner, riding 4-wheelers on our homemade trails behind our house, when he is constantly first in line in the car rider line, when we jam to Motley Crue at 8:30 am in the morning on the way to school, when I let him beat me at tennis, and most of all, the funny Dad jokes that he places in my lunch box every single day since he has been home. God gave me such an amazing father and it is hard to imagine how amazing God is."

## Kaydence McDaniel

"I'm not perfect by any means but zhis reckless love still overflows my cup. His love is abundant and never ending He constantly gives us more than we can wrap our heads around. He always gives us what we need to survive, He protects us and guides us, we are his sheep and he is our shepherd. He is always by our side no matter what, even when we don't feel him he is there by our side trying to guide us and you will hear his voice if you just take the time to listen."

## Evan Linebarger

"When I think about why Jesus is central in my life, I am reminded of my favorite Bible passage, Psalm 23. "The lord is my shepherd." This verse lets me know that God is taking care of me and watching over me. God loves us so much that He sent His son Jesus to save us. In my life I have felt Jesus in many different ways. I have felt Him with each of my many blessings: the family I cherish, the food that nourishes me, the shelter provided to me, the friends that make me happy, and through worship service, whether it be the songs we sing or the soft candle light of Christmas Eve service. Jesus is always there watching and listening to everything we say and do in our daily lives."

## Ella Wilson

"After I started the year at a new school, I was trying my best to make friends and talk to people but I was nervous and quiet the first few days. I became very anxious about being around all these new people but I kept telling myself that God was with me and helping me every step of the way and that made me calm down a little. Luckily, after about a week, I began to make friends and became more comfortable with the school and environment. Around that time, we also

joined St. Johns, which was another thing that made me nervous. When we attended our first service here I remember feeling like we had been going here for years. There were so many smiling faces and people wanting to talk, it made me feel very welcomed."

## Callie Wisecarver

"Have you ever seen the show *Wheel of Fortune*? It's quite simple. Contestants spin the wheel and have the chance to win whatever is on the board where the wheel stops. As I was talking to my parents about how to answer the question, "Why is Jesus central to your life?," I kept coming back to this wheel imagery, and I couldn't help but think about how Jesus is the hub of the wheel around which my life revolves. My relationship with him is built on a strong foundation that compels me to live by Joshua 1:9 "Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged, for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go.""



Confirmation Camp 2021, Lutheridge

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## Ashley Yang

"Just a couple of weeks ago one of my friends, Cassidy, from the team went into cardiac arrest and was rushed to the hospital unresponsive... This may be the biggest moment where God has been more central than anything in my life because the only thing I can do is talk to Him and ask Him for grace and mercy to help Kas. Without God to rely on, I truly don't know where I would be today and what kind of person I would be. God helps me through the highs and lows of my life and teaches me to be the best version of myself I can be. I try to make my relationship with God as strong as it can be through acting as God wants me to act in my day to day life."

## Alex Hedenskog

"My most recent trip to Lutheridge for confirmation camp with St. John's really helped me expand my faith and connect with God. Being in a cabin in the woods for a week, with people I have never met, and not being able to text my friends, can be scary at first. It gave me the opportunity to make new friends and be away from my normal routines. But it also helped me learn and recognize how Jesus is all around me. Through the fun games we played, crafts we created, and the dance party at the end of the week, I was able to see God in the smiles that everyone had on their faces because we were all having so much fun."

## Addie Myers

"Lutheridge taught me to switch from being angry at God to realizing God sits with me in the brokenness of the world, therefore I can focus on all the good memories I have of my grandpa, even though it was in an unfortunate situation, we had so many happy memories in it. Like the one time my mom and I took him to the mountain for a day, just to see the leaves on the trees. Looking back on that day, I realized that in those little moments, it proved to me how strong God's everlasting love for us is. "

## Drew Rabon

"When Pastor Laura asked, "Why is God Central in my life?" I spent some time reflecting and really what I thought was, God and I are homies and that is where I see my faith, when I am with family and friends... Also, our family has Christmas gatherings every year with the extended family. Imagine a house full of aunts, uncles, and cousins. Every time we are all together, I feel God's presence in the time with them. You know, like he enjoys the party too. "



## Welcome New Members!

George, Amy, Kaley, and Emily Almond joined St. John's at 9:27, Aug. 2. The Almonds have been attending St John's since 2016 and actually got married in the Chapel. They came to St John's because Amy's mom is a member and grew up in the church. George and Amy graduated from East Rowan and reconnected at their 25th Class Reunion.

George is a retired police officer and Amy works at an OB/GYN office in Concord. Kaley just graduated from ECU and will be attending Pfeiffer this fall to get her Masters in Occupational Therapy. Emily is a rising senior at Carson and works at Trinity Oaks Assisted Living. Both Kaley and Emily serve in the St. John's nursery!

# Around the Congregation

## ***Thank you, Pastor Laura!***

*On Sunday, Aug. 22, we bade farewell to Pastor Laura and Davin Henrik, along with their two kids, Eliana and Everett.*

*One of the gifts presented to Pastor Laura was a large piece of pottery made by Dustin Fowler of China Grove. The beautiful, wood-fired pottery is made from Rowan County clay.*

*Laura and Davin's new address is:  
7421 Bellingham Dr.  
Knoxville TN 37919*



## **G2G Update**

### **Renovation Tour**

The St. John's staff toured the lower level of the sanctuary building, which is under construction for G2G renovations. "I hardly recognize the place!" said Stacey Shafer. "It's amazing. I can't wait to see what it looks like the next time we walk around."

### **Office Closed—No Power**

St. John's office will be closed Aug. 27– Sept. 10 so that construction crews can disconnect power between the "old" education building and the sanctuary. As a result, the 11 am sanctuary worship services will be relocated to the Faith Center on Aug. 28 and Sept. 5. Thank you for your patience during this time.





## Congregational Picnic Set for September 26 *at the New Bell Tower Green*

By Susan Shinn Turner

To celebrate the opening of Bell Tower Green and “Welcome Back Month” at St. John’s, the congregation is invited to a congregation-wide picnic at Bell Tower Green on Sunday, Sept. 26 from 4-7 pm. *(Please note, the city may need to change to date to Oct. 3. We’ll let you know!)*

We’ll have music and entertainment from the amphitheater and the Hot Dog Shack food truck on hand for folks to enjoy all kinds of yummy treats. At the end of the day, enjoy ice cream from Cold Stone Creamery. What a great afternoon!

***And here’s what’s even better: It’s all free!***

Thanks to some generous donations, the Hot Dog Shack and Cold Stone Creamery are free to guests in hopes of encouraging a fun, entertaining “welcome back” experience at Bell Tower Green. Doesn’t that sound great?

For those who would like to donate their meal to our neighbors at Rowan Helping Ministries, a basket will be available at the food truck.

After months of being separated by the pandemic, it’s a good time to get together, says Diane Poole, Director of Senior Adult Ministry. “We just really wanted to have a

welcome back gathering — something that emphasizes unity and our need for Christian community.”

Bell Tower Green is a perfect place for such a thing, she continues. “It’s the front yard of the church, which gives us a chance to bring people together in a safe, outdoor environment where we can learn to get to know each other again.”

Join us at BTG on Sept. 26. And be sure to bring a blanket and/or chair to relax and enjoy the music ... or a ball or frisbee to toss around with the kids.

See you then!



# Carole Parrott to Lead Call Committee for New Associate Pastor

By Susan Shinn Turner

St. John's is in the process of calling a new associate pastor, with Carole Parrott serving as chair of that effort.

Carole and her husband, Jake, served as youth advisors for 10 years while their three younger children, Caroline, Carsyn and Harrison, went through the program. After Carsyn and Harrison graduated, the Parrotts stepped away. The twins are now sophomores at UNC-W.

Carole has served on call committees for two youth ministers — including Danielle DeNise.

"I thought it would be exciting to go through the process for an associate pastor," she says.

When Pastor Rhodes called and asked her to serve on the committee, she said yes immediately.

Then he said, "Now let me ask you another question," and asked her to serve as chair.

"I decided I could do it with Pastor Rhodes' guidance and the guidance from the Synod," Carole says. "I'm really looking forward to it."



At its August meeting, Council formed the other members of the Call Committee: David Hord, Nichole Towns, Kim Lentz, Heather Brady, Millie Wymbs, Jay Dees, and Mimi Carlton.

Carole says she is looking for a pastor who is good with all ages. "We've tried to get a nice, varied, diverse group of people on this committee — all ages, experience levels, and length of membership. I believe we have an excellent team assembled"

Their work begins on Monday, Aug. 30, when they convene for their first meeting. The team will develop a Ministry Site Profile, meet with a Synod representative, and, eventually, interview candidates. Because of the sensitive nature of the work, the Committee won't be able to provide detailed updates, but will certainly keep the congregation abreast of developments.

In the meantime, if you know of a pastoral candidate the committee should consider, let Carole know by emailing her at [cyparrott@herffjones.com](mailto:cyparrott@herffjones.com).

## "October" is Welcome Back Month at St. John's

September 26: Picnic at Bell Tower Green, 4-7 pm

October 3: **Celebrating Our Community**, with Marvin Moore, preaching

October 10: "**God's Work, Our Hands**" work project at Isenberg

October 17: **Consecration Sunday**

October 24: **Octogenarian Sunday**, honoring our members who are 80+

October 31: **Reformation Fun**. Join us for pumpkin contests, "95 Reeses" and a special visit by Uncle Marty!

# Worship and the Arts

*Rosemary Kinard, continued from page 1.*

When Rosemary was growing up, she says that her mother insisted that she take piano. At age 10, she started playing flute in band. Her mother bought her the flute that she still plays today. And she's pretty sure she always sang.



She remembers accompanying *The Messiah* at age 15 on the piano for her church's chancel choir.

"I still have the book," she notes.

Her mother moved her and her brother from a small town in Florida to Fort Lauderdale because the schools were better. Also, First Baptist Church in Fort Lauderdale had a terrific music program.

*Music and Meditation 2019.*

Rosemary studied piano, organ and voice under at Mrs. Curfee, whom she calls a big influence.

In college, she accompanied voice lessons.

"I learned a lot of repertoire that way because I sat and listened," she says.

In retirement, Rosemary plans to "do all the stuff I haven't done in helping Karl organize."

As you may imagine, the two have an extensive music library.

On Aug. 25, she and Karl celebrated their 31st anniversary. Collectively, they have four children and six grandchildren. Now that she doesn't have to work weekends, Rosemary is keen to spend more time with those grandchildren.



*Karl and Rosemary*

"I have been honored to serve at St. John's," Rosemary says. "It has been a blessing to use God's gift of music to praise him."

"It is hard to imagine going forth without her," Rob admits. "She has been such an integral part of the music program at St. John's — someone with such great enthusiasm, creativity, positivity, and musicianship. She's truly a rare treasure."

**A reception will be held for Rosemary following 11 am worship on Sept. 26 in Peeler Hall.**



*Men's Chorus Concert, Christmas 2014*

## Upcoming in Worship and the Arts

**ST. JOHN'S CHANCEL CHOIR** rehearsals will begin at 7 pm on Wednesday, Sept. 15, 2021 in the Choir Room. We invite High School – Adults to join us in this exciting and unique music ministry as the Chancel Choir leads our 11 am worship in songs, hymns, anthems, liturgical and scriptural settings of various styles and generations of sacred music composition! Please feel free to contact Rob Durocher, Minister of Worship and the Arts at: [rob@stjohns-salisbury.org](mailto:rob@stjohns-salisbury.org)

**ST. JOHN'S LUTHER RINGERS** will be ringing in the new season as they gather on Monday, Sept. 13, 2021 in the Handbell Loft in the church at 7 pm. An invitation is offered to you to be part of our Handbell Ministry under the direction of Kimberly Lentz! You can contact Kim at [lentzke@carolina.rr.com](mailto:lentzke@carolina.rr.com)

**What Are Your Favorite Hymns?!** As we look ahead to the rest of the summer and fall season, we invite you to submit one or two of your favorite hymns to Rob Durocher and we will do our best to incorporate these into our worship at 11 am. You can contact Rob at either on his church office extensions (704 636-3431, Ext. 208) or email him at [rob@stjohns-salisbury.org](mailto:rob@stjohns-salisbury.org)



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## Intentional Hospitality – The Bridge to Guests and Members

By Danny Hines

John Pavlovitz wrote in his book *A Bigger Table*: “Hospitality ascribes value to people. It declares them worth welcoming. It disarms them by easing the fears that past rejection has yielded and lets them know that this place is different. And once people realize that they are received with joy, they begin to rest in it. They breathe again.”

When we do hospitality with warmth and compassion, we create a space for the Holy Spirit to work. *So welcome each other, in the same way that Christ also welcomed you, for God's glory. (Romans 15:7)*

**Join us Wednesday, September 1 at 6:30 pm in The Well** for some refreshments and to learn about all the opportunities we have for welcoming our guests and members. We are looking for smiling faces to serve in a variety of hospitality roles: Outside door greeters; inside greeters; parking lot greeters and welcome center greeters.

This gathering is for anyone interested in providing hospitality for our current 9:27 and 11 am worship services. We welcome all – no experience and experienced!

If you have always wanted to serve in this capacity but weren't sure how to do it, this is for you. If you have been serving on a regular basis, this is for you also. If you would like some more information, contact Danny Hines at 913-396-2145 or [danny@stjohns-salisbury.org](mailto:danny@stjohns-salisbury.org).

Hope to see you Sept. 1!



# Shop with a Mission. Shop Seasons Gifts.

## *Greeting Cards and Positive Purchasing Power*

By Angel Owens

Last year, I read a lot of books, and by that I mean listened to a lot of books on Audible. A few of my favorites were from Shane Claiborne and the late Rachel Held Evans. A recurring message that I couldn't seem to shake was from Matthew 6:21, "For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also."

For the first time as an adult, I didn't read this in relation to charitable donations or time and talents. I began to think about where I am spending my money and ask the question, "Just how ethical are my buying habits?"

Since then, I've begun paying more attention to the impact of the palm-oil industry, environmental foot prints, fair-trade and fair-wage business models, and shopping locally or from woman- or black-owned businesses. One of my first steps was switching out some of the plastic disposable items in my bathroom— toothbrush, toothpaste, and soap bottles.

One of my favorite episodes of NBC's fictional series "The Good Place" gathers all of the main characters with the judge of the afterlife to discuss just how difficult it is to be a "good" person, by discussing ethical dilemmas of buying a single tomato. Judge Gen exclaims, "Humans think that they're making one choice, but they're actually making dozens of choices they don't know they're making."

Thankfully, instead of the point system of "The Good Place," we have grace, but it is important to consider how our decisions reflect the love of Christ and our faith-driven care for our community and world--Where will your heart be also?

Seasons Gifts helps me make easy decisions about where I spend on gifts— and helps me reduce the number of Amazon boxes in my recycling bin! I know that my purchases will support Senior Seasons ministries and companies with missions and visions similar to those of St. John's.

One item I love purchasing from Seasons Gifts is greeting cards! As I make a purchase to bring a light to the life of someone in my own life, I can be confident that my purchase is guided by conviction to care for our community and world.

Positively Green, Frank and Funny, and Love Muchly greeting

cards are printed with soy ink on FSC®-certified paper using a press that gets its energy from wind power. Compendium also gives back to various non-profits throughout the year, including designating portions of the Positively Green cards to benefit organizations working to protect the environment.



Compendium, the greeting card company, shares their story on their website, "Our story begins with the simple question, what difference can we make in the world by sprinkling a bit of inspiration where we live, work and play? Excited to discover the answer, we started to dream up tangible ways to add unexpected delight to each day. Soon, our first pop-open cards were born —small window cards with thoughtful messages hidden inside. These powerful little cards quickly made their way around the world. Astronauts carried them into space and submarine crews took them to the bottom of the ocean. They were handed out to courageous response teams at Ground Zero. And they were given to teachers, cancer patients, and anyone who could use a spark of inspiration. Wherever these little cards showed up, they uplifted spirits and warmed hearts. Thirty years later, millions of our joyful messages have touched the lives of people around the globe and we've discovered that a bit of inspiration can, in fact, make a big difference! Through our products, we hope to create opportunities to sprinkle goodness around you— and make the world a little brighter."

# Our Lutheran Partners

*"I call upon you, for you will answer me, O God; incline your ear to me, hear my words" (Psalm 17:6).*

Friends,

A devastating 7.2 magnitude earthquake struck southwest Haiti on Saturday morning. Over 1,400 people were killed, and that number is expected to increase as search-and-rescue efforts continue. Blocked roads are delaying the delivery of vital supplies to hospitals, which are overwhelmed with more than 6,900 injured people. At least 26,000 homes were damaged or destroyed, but the full extent of damage is still unknown. Haiti is also suffering through a political crisis and was hit by Tropical Storm Grace on Monday night, which caused severe flooding in communities already damaged by the earthquake.

For over two decades, the ELCA has maintained a presence in southern Haiti through support for agricultural and sustainable development work. To continue our engagement with those communities, Lutheran Disaster Response is collaborating with partner organizations in the communities to meet relief needs, including food, water, medical supplies and temporary shelter. In the future, other areas of support will include psychosocial care, water and sanitation, and creating sustainable livelihoods through agriculture and livestock. We also stand with the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Haiti as it assesses damage and impacts on churches and church life.

Your gifts will support earthquake survivors in Haiti. Gifts to "Haiti Crisis" will be used in full (100%) to assist those affected by the earthquake.



Together, as church, we can be there for our neighbors in Haiti. Please give now

In Christ's service,

The Rev. Daniel Rift, Director, ELCA World Hunger and Lutheran Disaster Response Fund  
8/17/2021

## Ways to Give

Checks or money orders can be sent to:

Lutheran Disaster Response  
P.O. Box 1809  
Merrifield, VA 22116-8009

Write "Haiti Crisis" on your check memo line.

Give by phone at 800-638-3522 or online at <https://tinyurl.com/ldr-haiti>



## From Lutheran Services Carolinas: Welcoming Allies from Afghanistan

"God and Country. Lutheran Services Carolinas (LSC) has already resettled six American allies from Afghanistan into the Carolinas, five more are on the way, and LSC has pledged to resettle as many more as is humanly possible. The United States is bringing out the Afghans who supported our troops for the last twenty years, Special Immigrant Visa (SIV) holders.

I am deeply concerned over the swift collapse of the Afghanistan government, especially considering the injuries and deaths of thousands of our American military heroes, along with the millions of Afghans who will suffer. Of greatest concern to me now is the memory of our American dead and injured heroes, and the safety of the Afghan SIVs/heroes who supported our American forces.

LSC coordinates housing, transportation, education, trauma care, and jobs to give these heroes a new start in a grateful nation.

Lutheran Services Carolinas has been gearing up for months to serve God and Country in this sad moment.

LSC invites your prayers and support as we strive to fulfill our vision of abundant life for all."

-Ted Goins, LSC President

Learn more about weekly volunteer zoom meetings and how to donate at <https://tinyurl.com/lsc-afghanistan>.



## Update from Guatemala

By Hannah Nadeau-Giron

Schools in Guatemala continue to be closed for in-person classes, the 15th months that our students at Escuela Integrada have been attending classes virtually. Thankfully, all of the teachers at Escuela Integrada have been vaccinated, and the vaccination is now available for all those 35 and older.

As many of you know, we continue to grieve the loss of one of our students, Arely, below, who passed away in July due to complications of COVID-19. Arely was on track to graduate this November and had dreams of becoming a police officer. Please hold Arely's family in prayer, along with all of Guatemala as the country deals with an heightened sense of civil unrest because of the pandemic.



*We pray for the family of Escuela Integrada student, Arely.*

**Sponsorship Appreciation Week**, September 6th-10th. All sponsors should be on the lookout for special "gifts" throughout the week! GRACES is extremely appreciative of all the dedicated sponsors who truly make up our ministry.

Sponsorships provide financial support to Escuela Integrada so that the students can have a free education. The sponsorship program began in 2013 and has been slowly growing ever since. With the support of the sponsor program, students at Escuela Integrada receive breakfast



*Mike and BJ Connor shared a photo of their zoom meeting with their sponsored student and Lucas Hertzberg, Escuela Integrada's sponsorship coordinator.*

and lunch everyday (food bags during the pandemic), psychological support, a quality education, benevolent care, and love and support from the amazing local staff.

### Sponsor a Student!

St. John's has a long history of supporting our schools, local and global. Your support for our school in Guatemala goes a long way to helping families escape the chains of poverty and have hope for a bright future.

The best way to support this ministry is by sponsoring a student, which provides their education and meals while at the school. Because our families live in extreme poverty, students are only able to attend school through the sponsorship program. Sponsors write and receive letters from their students, participate in video calls, and receive regular updates.

Interested? Please contact Lucas Hertzberg, sponsorship coordinator for GRACES, at [lucas@wearegraces.org](mailto:lucas@wearegraces.org).

### Mark Your Calendar

Hannah Nadeau, director of GRACES, will be in worship with us Sunday, Sept. 19. Meet her in Peeler Hall between 9:27 and 11 am worship.

# Updated COVID-19 Guidelines

As we continue to monitor effects of the Delta variant on our community, we offer the following guidelines.

**First, a reminder that the best way to prevent illness is to be vaccinated. Contact the Rowan County Health Department or Novant Health to schedule an appointment. If you still have questions, three of our members are eager to have conversation with you. They are:**

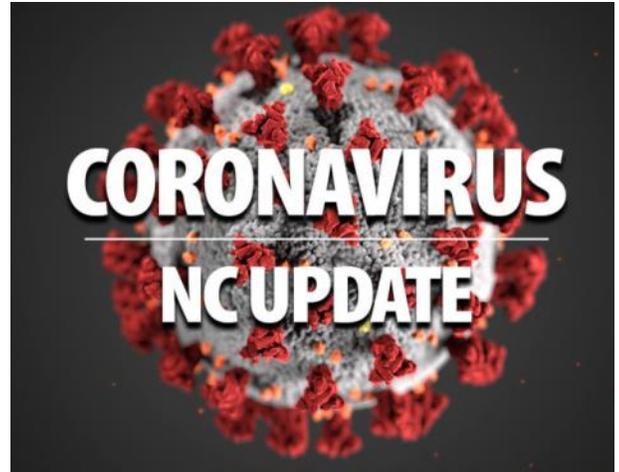
- Dr. Chris Agner, retired physician – 704.314.5306
- Alyssa Harris, director, Rowan County Public Health Department, [alyssa.harris@rowancountync.gov](mailto:alyssa.harris@rowancountync.gov) or call the COVID direct line at 980.432.1800
- Krista Woolly, executive director, Community Care Clinic, 704.754.3832, [kwoolly@communitycareofrowan.org](mailto:kwoolly@communitycareofrowan.org)

## **Current Guidelines for Worship During COVID:**

Per the governor's August guidelines, mask wearing is encouraged for all who are in indoor public places, especially among those who are unvaccinated, those who have suppressed immune systems, those who live and/or work in high risk environments, and those who feel safer wearing a mask.

As we continue to battle the virus, please do not enter campus if you have had any of the following symptoms within the last 7 days: fever or chills, cough, shortness of breath or difficulty breathing, fatigue, muscle or body aches, headache, new loss of taste or smell, sore throat, congestion or runny nose, nausea or vomiting.

Review our guidelines at [stjohns-salisbury.org/covid](http://stjohns-salisbury.org/covid)



## **Weekly Worship at St. John's**

*(subject to change)*

### **Sundays at 11am**

Broadcast online from the Sanctuary. Join us by visiting our website or YouTube channel. Search "SJLC." Seating is limited out of respect for proper social distancing.

\*11 am Worship will be in the Faith Center, Sundays, Aug. 29 and Sept. 5 .

### **Sundays at 9:27am**

In-person worship in the Faith Center.

## Updates from the August Council Meeting

*From Mike Edwards, Council president*

- Sunday, Aug. 22 was Pastor Laura's last Sunday.
- Colleen Young shared an excellent devotion on beginning of school year
- Pastor Rhodes gave a detailed Staff Report.
- Mike Agee presented G2G Phase Update
- Council Meeting will not return to in person until it is completely safe.
- Nominations and Engagement Committee has two nominations from Carole Parrott.
- A lengthy discussion on our Vision for Racial Healing, will report back at Sept. 21 Council Meeting.
- We need more bus drivers to transport Trinity Oaks parishioners.
- We have formed the Call Committee and Carole Parrott will be the chairperson.
- Discussed the proposed partnership with Meals on Wheels.

## Calendar Updates

You may have noticed the monthly calendar has not been included in the Eagle's View for several months. Due to the necessity for schedule flexibility because of COVID precautions and G2G construction, please continue to check the Wednesday FaithLife, social media, and our website for the latest calendar updates.

You may also sign up for more detailed information from Youth Ministry, Children's Ministry, and Senior Seasons via email.

Thank you for your continued patience regarding scheduling and promotion.

## St. John's Leadership

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Worship and the Arts – Rob Durocher  
Discipleship – Pastor Laura Henrik  
Mercy and Justice – Pastor Rhodes Woolly

## Happy Birthday!

*Congratulations to our Octogenarians  
Celebrating August birthdays:*

William Cline, Judy Deal, Dave Foreman, Pat O'Neal, Linda Phillips, Rachel Safrit, Shirley Smith, Mary Ida Yost

St. John's is one of the friendliest congregations I've experienced. During my recuperation, I have really been blessed by your thoughtfulness in sending cards, calling, and offering the meal train. It makes me realize just how many friends I've made and how much that means to me. You are the best!

Thanks,  
Diane Poole

*Thank  
you*

Dear St. John's family,

Thank you so much for all of the prayers, calls, texts, Facebook posts and other expressions of sympathy in the passing of our beloved Ed. As we read in John 14:2, he was ready for the room.

We thank all of you who made his memorial service on Aug. 6 such an uplifting and meaningful experience for us. Susan says she is even going to try to be more quiet and unassuming so she can be more like her daddy — but we are not taking bets on this.

As Ed often said, "It was a good run."

In Christ,

Cora Shinn, Susan and Jim Turner, and Andrew Poe

## Condolences

Lynn and Callie Wisecarver, and family, on the passing of Brian Wisecarver on Aug. 17.

Renea, Everette, Olivia, Connor, and Victor Kyles, on the passing of Renea's mother on Aug. 16.

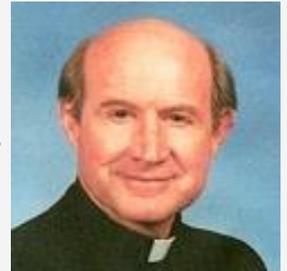
Maribeth Holliman and family on the passing of her 9 month old grandson. Great grandmother is Lorraine Lee, both are former members of St. John's.

Cora Shinn, Susan Shinn Turner, Andrew Poe and family, on the passing of Ed Shinn on Aug. 2.

Pastor David Nelson and family, on the passing of Mary Ann Nelson on July 19.

The family of Barbara Rufty, who died on Aug. 18. Her funeral was held in the chapel on Aug. 25.

Congregational sympathy is extended to the family of the Rev. Dr. Robert Sims, who died on Aug. 4. He grew up at St. John's and served congregations in NC, Virginia, SC, and Georgia, retiring as the pastor of the Lutheran Church of the Redeemer in Midtown Atlanta.



Survivors include his sister and St. John's member, Eleanor Andrews, and his sister-in-law Barbara Sims. The following link includes Pastor Sims' obituary, pictures, and a video collection of his sermons. <https://www.redeemer.org/pastor-sims/>.

## Baptisms

Congratulations to Thielen Joseph Bullock and Lennon Sage Bullock, who were baptized on Aug. 1, 2021. Parents are Ted and Stephanie Bullock

Congratulations to Makara Tahnbi Trick, baptized Aug. 15, 2021.

Congratulations to Ella Claire Wilson, baptized Aug. 15, 2021

Congratulations to Meredith XinPei Martin, baptized Aug. 15, 2021.

## St. John's Ministry Staff

### Pastoral Ministry

Senior Pastor .....Rhodes Woolly  
Visitation.....Wade Rouzer

### Worship and Music Ministry

Minister of Worship and the Arts.....Rob Durocher, deacon  
Associate Parish Musician.....Rosemary Kinard  
Director of Music Emeritus.....Karl Kinard, deacon  
Bell Choirs.....Kimberly Lentz  
Production Manager.....Taylor Hutchins  
Contemporary Worship Leader.....Ricky Howsare

### Program Ministry

Adults.....Danny Hines  
Children.....Stacey Shafer  
Youth .....Laura Henrik  
Senior Adults .....Diane Poole  
St. John's Kindergarten (4 and 5 year olds) .....Teresa Stoner  
CDC Director ..... Paula Levianu

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Accounting.....Mark Bias  
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Maintenance.....David Ellenburg

The Rev. Dr. Timothy M Smith, Bishop of the NC Synod  
The Rev. Dr. Elizabeth Eaton, Presiding Bishop of the ELCA

### The best way to contact staff at this time is by email.

Staff Email: first name@stjohns-salisbury.org  
Visit us on the web at stjohns-salisbury.org  
Kindergarten 704.636.4404  
Kindergarten@stjohns-salisbury.org  
Child Development Center 704.636.6756  
cdc@stjohns-salisbury.org

### Office hours

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

*\*Office Closed Aug. 26– Sept. 10.*

### Worship Hours

Traditional Worship Sundays at 11 am in the Sanctuary  
Contemporary Worship Sundays at 9:27 am in the Faith Center

\*11 am worship will be in the Faith Center, Sundays, Aug. 26  
and Sept. 5.

Visit stjohns-salisbury.org and click "listen live,"  
watch on Facebook Live, or search "SJLC" on YouTube

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.

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Please email stories and news to  
angel@stjohns-salisbury.org by September 10!

### On Call List

If there is a pastoral emergency, please call **704.856.9751**  
to reach the pastor on call.

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



Let's connect faith and life. *Together.*