



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

Welcome Pastor James and Pastor Lori!

By Susan Shinn Turner

Children's Minister Stacey Shafer has a new T-shirt that she loves. On the front is printed, "Holy Spirit, Activate!"

The Holy Spirit was indeed activated with the arrival of two new pastors in March. This is the first time that St. John's has had a three-pastor format.

Pastor Lori Carter, associate pastor for congregational care, and Pastor James Demmel, associate pastor for youth and outreach, attended their first worship services March 13. Their first day in the office was March 14.

Both have been busy getting settled into their temporary housing and their offices at church.

Pastor James had the opportunity to attend the Ash Wednesday service.

"These people love being together," he says. "There's a sweet spirit here. Everyone has been very kind and going out of their way to make me feel welcome."

"There's a true spirit of Biblical hospitality," Pastor Lori adds.

It's what Pastor Rhodes likes to call extravagant hospitality.

Pastor Lori is staying temporarily at Trinity Oaks for the next three to six months, and she's already met many residents who are St. John's members.



She's also been busy unpacking and trying to find clothes that match, she says.

Meanwhile, Pastor James is moving into an apartment in downtown Salisbury. "I can walk to work. I love it."

Both pastors already have full calendars.

Pastor Lori was especially looking forward to the staff worship retreat in March. "Worship is central to all we do. The timing is really helpful as we go into Ordinary Time."

"I'm looking forward to jumping right in with youth ministry," Pastor James says. "There's a real need here for youth and confirmation ministry. Pastor Rhodes has encouraged me to be creative and think outside the box. The pandemic has not been good for any ministry, but especially for youth ministry. I'm looking forward to getting the youth together and getting them re-engaged."

Pastor James is part of the new NextGen Team that includes Stacey and Ricky Howsare.

"I'm also really excited to work with young adult ministry," he adds. "There's a hunger for that at St. John's."

The pandemic has also been tough on the senior population, Pastor Lori notes. "I find it an exciting time to create something new and different. Everything old is new again. Coming out of the pandemic is going to be an adventure."

Pastor's Letter



Dear friends,

When I was a kid, a week at Lutheridge was a big part of my life. I remember waiting each winter for the registration brochure to show up in the mailbox – calling camp friends to make sure we were all on board for another week, making sure my mom

filled out the form and scheduled the annual camp physical, counting down the weeks/days until we'd load up the church bus and make the trek into the mountains. (Full disclosure: I admit that I was a bit over-the-top as far as my commitment to summer camp.)

The week at camp was always a blast ... but the anticipation was just as important.

I know I've said this a lot lately, but we've been living in a world of great anticipation these last several months – as we emerge from our two-year Covid malaise, as we welcome two new pastors, we wrap up our G2G renovation, as we enter into the warmth and beauty of Spring.

I feel like summer camp is right around the corner, and I'm so excited about it!

With that in mind, here are some "summer camp" activities that I'm looking forward to or keeping in mind as we step forward together:

First, what a blessing to spend so much time with Pastors James and Lori these last few weeks. They're eager, faithful, bright, and thoroughly enjoyable. I can't wait for you to get to know them. Speaking of which, feel free to reach out to either of them for a cup of coffee or walk through the park. They'd love to get to know you, too.

Second, Now that the fellowship hall is nearing completion, I'm starting to taste Ott's Chicken Tetrazzini. It's crazy how much I've missed those Wednesday dinners -- the casual conversation around tables, checking in with folks, welcoming friends and guests ... and the terrific food. Just another example of something to look forward to.

Third, The CDC project is coming together quickly. Outside of the addition 17 years ago, it's the first significant renovation project at the CDC since it was founded. In addition to a much-needed freshening up of paint and flooring, the kitchen is being expanded, we've added a multi-purpose room, and we're reconfiguring space for therapy, laundry, and storage. Alongside the Outdoor Learning Center (dedicated last year), it's a whole new look at the CDC. Come and see!

Fourth, Spring is finally here, and I couldn't be happier. Last Friday night we invited the Call Committee over for a thank you shrimp boil. It was so lovely to be outside, enjoying some good food, tunes, and fellowship. We were all so very thankful for the time we've spent together (truly, it was a blessing), and for the beauty of that particular Spring evening. There's just something about it that makes you smile.

As we live into this season of anticipation, I hope you'll find yourself smiling a bit more than we have these last two years. After all, summer camp is right around the corner! ... and I couldn't be happier.

"But they who wait for the LORD shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings like eagles; they shall run and not be weary; they shall walk and not faint." Isaiah 40:31.

Our very best to you, friends. Thanks for your partnership along this journey of life.

+Pastor Rhodes



Call Committee Gathering on April 1 at the Woolly's

Holy Week and Easter Worship at St. John's

The 40-day season of Lent comes to a conclusion on Easter as the church around the world gathers to celebrate Christ's victory over sin and death. Experience the fullness of the story by joining us throughout Holy Week. Together we'll walk from the gates of Jerusalem to the Upper Room, from the cross to the tomb.

Palm Sunday

April 10

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

9:27 am in the Faith Center

11 am in the St. John's Sanctuary and Online

Maundy Thursday

April 14

A service that remembers "the night on which he was betrayed." Maundy means "command," which draws upon Jesus' final command to his disciples to "love one another." Our worship ends with the stripping of the altar.

7pm in the St. John's Sanctuary and Online

Good Friday

April 15

A dramatic Tenebrae service of darkness, when we remember the power of God's love and the sacrifice of Christ on a cross.

12:15 pm in the St. John's Chapel

7pm in the St. John's Sanctuary and Online

Easter Sunday

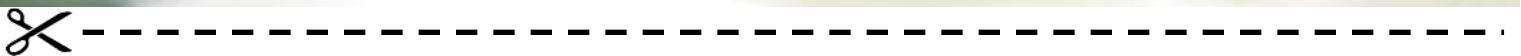
April 17

A festival service that celebrates the resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ.

6:30 am Bell Tower Green

9:27 am in the Faith Center

11 am in the St. John's Sanctuary and online*



Easter Decorations: Order by April 11

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



This month in **FIRST LOOK** (birth to 4 years old)

This month, we are sharing the Good News with preschoolers that Jesus wants to be my friend forever. Your friend. My friend. Their friend. Everyone's friend—forever!

The best things that go together are my friend, Jesus, and me. And nothing, not even death, can come between us and His promise, because we go together forever and ever.



This month in **252 KIDS** (K-5th graders)

Life can sometimes feel like a giant puzzle. All we can see is the piece we're experiencing right now, and we're not sure where it fits into the greater picture the is forming. We can't always understand why some things happen to us or those we love. Yet, despite our confusion, we can have hope. God has kept promises throughout history. We can believe that God will continue to be with us through what we face now. Even in the toughest times, we can have hope because we know God is always working and can make something good out of something bad.



April 8, 5:30—7:30pm: 4th and 5th graders will meet in their Sunday School room for pizza and popcorn and games!
RSVP by April 6!

**Please note:
There is
NO Sunday School on
April 17**

Lilly Dangerfield Receives Girl Scout Silver Award

The Girls Scout Silver Award is the highest award a Cadette Girls Scout can earn. It is symbolic of her accomplishments in Girl Scouting and community activities as she grows and works to better her life and the lives of others.

On March 27 Lilly Dangerfield was presented her Girl Scout Silver Award pin at the 9:27 Worship.



After speaking with Stacey Shafer, our children's minister, she realized a need for family communication boards to share upcoming calendar events and general information with our families with young children ages birth to 5th grade.

With the help of friends and family for donating items, and her father for helping with the building process Lilly designed and completed 2 large

The Silver Award is the second highest award in Girl Scouting. Only 10 percent of scouts achieve the award.

Lilly has been an active member of St. John's her entire life and St. John's Girl Scout since attending St. Johns Pre-School 11 years ago. She is a freshman at Gray Stone Day school and is the daughter of James and Ashlee Dangerfield.

wooden communication boards. You will now find them displayed outside of the Ark full of bulletins, games and exciting fun things Mrs. Stacey welcomes the children with weekly.

Congratulations to Lilly for her hard work and dedication for completing this award.

When considering her Girl Scout Silver Award project Lilly knew instantly she wanted to do something beneficial to St. Johns and especially the children programs.

A promotional graphic for 'MONUMENTAL VBS 2022'. The left side features a vibrant desert landscape with a river, cacti, and a large rock formation under a sunset sky. The word 'MONUMENTAL' is written in large, golden, 3D letters, with 'CELEBRATING GOD'S GREATNESS' written below it. The right side has a dark red background with a white geometric pattern on the left edge. The text 'SAVE THE DATE' and 'VBS 2022' is written in large, golden, outlined letters. Below that, the dates 'June 13-17 | 9am-11:45am' and 'Online Registration Opens April 11' are written in white. Further down, 'Volunteer Meeting' and 'May 4, 6pm - Pit' are written in white. At the bottom, the contact information 'Contact stacey@stjohns-salisbury.org' is written in white.

First Communion is on Maundy Thursday, April 14

By Susan Shinn Turner

Since 2010, First Communion participants at St. John's have painted their own chalices to be used at the Maundy Thursday communion service.

After receiving First Communion instruction at the church by the pastors, children and their parents walk up to Pottery 101 to decorate their chalices.

"We usually have around a dozen participants each year, sometimes less or more," says Cheryl Goins, a St. John's member and owner of Pottery 101. "I order the chalices pre-made and ready to glaze. Once the children do their thing, I dip the chalices in clear glaze and fire them in the kiln. Most of the kids are nervously excited about the



process — excited to be glazing, nervous about being creative in a group setting."

"Part of the children's home-based work is with symbols of faith," Pastor Rhodes says. "They're encouraged to think through their design in advance.

"They add their names and usually the date on the bottom of the chalice with an underglaze pencil," Cheryl says. "I enjoy seeing them settle into the creative process of glazing, but I most enjoy seeing them excitedly holding their glazed chalices on First Communion day!"



Many thanks to Hayden Anderson for sharing her creative and artistic abilities by drawing seasonal messages on our Faith Center chalk boards

Hayden is a 6th grader at Salisbury Academy. Her parents are Teresa and Sean Anderson.

Thanks, Hayden, for using your creative talents in such a beautiful way!

Confirmation

April 24, 2pm-3:30 in the Well

May 1, 2pm-3:30 in the Well

May 15, 2pm-3:30 in the Well

May 22, 2pm-3:30 in the Well

June 19-25 Confirmation Camp at Lutheridge. See Pastor James for details

Youth Group

April 10. Youth group 5:30-7:30

April 24. Meet at the church at 4:00 for an off-campus hiking trip

May 1. Congregational Picnic 4-7pm at Bell Tower Green. Fun games for youth!

May 15. Youth group 4pm-Cookout at the Shafer's

May 22nd-UPDATE: NO youth group

Summer-stay tuned!



Pastor James' first Youth Group!

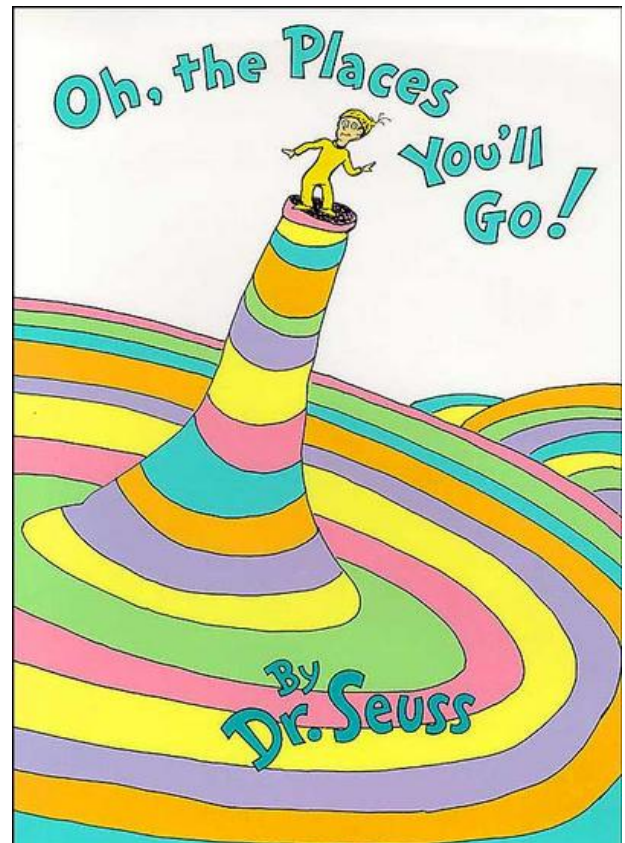
Graduation Sunday is May 15

High School seniors will be recognized on Graduation Sunday, May 15, at the 11:00 service. High School seniors are invited to wear their graduation gowns and participate in the procession. Please email james@stjohns-salisbury.org if your child will participate ... and check out next month's Newsletter for more detailed information.

In addition, we will distribute this year's Benevolent Foundation scholarships for those students pursuing higher education.

One of our St. John's traditions is for members and friends to offer words of encouragement to each of our grads by signing their own copies of the Dr. Seuss book, *Oh the Places You Will Go*.

Books will be on display in Peeler Hall and the sanctuary for everyone to sign.





275 years: *Come celebrate the story*

*Mark your calendars for our next anniversary event
Sunday, May 29
The Old Lutheran Cemetery
A joint event with St. Luke's and First Presbyterian churches*



A notice from the NC Synod: The first-ever Synod Gathering is happening this year, June 2-4, at Lenoir-Rhyne University!

Bring a group from your congregation for one day, two days, or all three days of fellowship, worship, and learning opportunities. Deacon Tammy Jones West, our Synod Gathering planner says, “The target audience for this event is ALL NC Synod Lutherans. Everyone! All are welcome. Bring a group. Congregations are not limited to two voting members like at an assembly. You can bring everyone!”

Save money when you register by April 26!

Here are some questions you might ask of yourself as you register:

1. How many days will you attend? One, two, or all three?
2. If attending multiple days, are you interested in a cost-effective dorm-style room, on campus? Local hotels are also an option.
3. You will need to bring your COVID-19 vaccination card showing you are fully vaccinated.
4. An event t-shirt is included with your registration. What size shirt (unisex) do you wear?

PLEASE NOTE: while dinner on Friday is free (provided by Lutheran Services Carolinas), you will still need to check the box at registration so we have an accurate head count.

Register by visiting nclutheran.org

Keynote Speaker: Jacqueline Bussie

Jacqueline Bussie is an award-winning author, professor, theologian, public speaker, and student of life in all its messy beauty. Her most recent book *Love Without Limits* (2018) won three major international awards: the 2020 IAN Outstanding Religion Book of the Year Award, the 2020 IAN 3rd Place Non-Fiction Book of the Year Award, and the Reader’s Favorite Bronze Medal Award for Christian Living. Her previous book *Outlaw Christian* (2016) won the 2017 Gold Medal Illumination Award for Christian Living.

Jacqueline is the new Executive Director of the Collegeville Institute in Collegeville, Minnesota.

In her free time, Jacqueline loves to: read books, ride in the front car of roller coasters, take ballroom dance classes with her husband, and travel to any place she has never been before. She is a huge fan of long walks, laughter, the band Bon Iver, the smell of honeysuckle on a hot day, and her husband’s fantastic fajitas. Her favorite place to write is next to any body of water.



New Member Classes to Begin April 24

Hello, St. John's!

Mark your calendars! After Easter, we will be getting back into a regular rhythm of holding in-person new member classes. If you have been thinking about formally joining our church family, or if you are just eager to know about who we are at St. John's, we would love to have you sign up for this class. At our gatherings we will consider our Lutheran identity, learn more about our roots in the community, and dream together about our future partnerships in ministry. Most importantly, we will "encounter" one another- making new friends and celebrating new members of our family in Christ at St. John's!

The class will meet on Sunday mornings between our two services. 11am worshippers will be invited to join us at 10am in the pit for an informal gathering time. As 927 worship concludes, inquirers will be invited down and class will begin for all inquirers at 10:20. At 10:50, the formal class will conclude in in time for 11am worshippers to make it in time for the service to begin. 927 worshippers will be invited to stay until 11:15 for a social gathering.

The New Member's class will be held on Sundays: **April 24' May 1, May 8, and May 15**

To receive more information or to sign up for the class, please reach out to myself (james@stjohns-salisbury.org) or our office administrator, Deborah Cross (Deborah@stjohns-salisbury.org). **Please RSVP by Wednesday, Apr. 20!**

Peace of Christ,

Pastor James



Join Our FAN Walking Challenge

“For this very reason, make every effort to add to your faith goodness; and to goodness, knowledge; ⁶and to knowledge, self-control; and to self-control, perseverance; and to perseverance, godliness.”

2 Peter 1:5-6

Who Should Exercise? Almost anyone, at any age, can do some type of physical activity.

You can still exercise even if you have a health condition like heart disease or diabetes. In fact, physical activity may help. For most older adults, brisk walking, riding a bike, swimming, weightlifting, and gardening are safe, especially if you build up slowly. But, check with your doctor if you are over 50 and you aren't physically active.

You don't need to buy special clothes or belong to a gym to become more active. Physical activity can and should be part of your everyday life. Find things you like to do. Go for brisk walks. Ride a bike. Dance. Work around the house. Garden. Climb stairs. Swim. Rake leaves. Try different kinds of activities that keep you moving. Look for new ways to build physical activity into your daily routine. For tools and tips to help you be active every day visit www.nia.nih.gov/Go4Life

Would you like to become a part or the Walking Challenge? We will be using rowanmoves.com to track progress. If you have questions, contact Lynn Denker 805-455-0252 or Diane Poole 704-223-5589.



Lynn Denker, Ann Hatchett and Kristin from Rowan Moves at the Fan Kick-Off Event on March 27



Walking Map installed on the corner of Innes and Jackson St.



Walk. Run. Dance. Play. What's your move?
 Visit health.gov/MoveYourWay

Questions about FAN?
 Contact stjohnshealthministry@gmail.com

Men's Chorus Concert is May 15

By Rob Durocher

Minister of Worship and the Arts, Deacon

The Chancel Choir continues to rehearse each Wednesday following our Midweek Lenten Worship. Meeting in the choir room, the choir has been preparing for the music of Holy Week, with anthems that embrace the Passion of our Lord (Palm Sunday), Maundy Thursday, Good Friday and the glory of the Resurrection on Easter Sunday. With the return of "alleluias" on Easter, the Chancel Choir will acclaim our risen Savior with Handel's magnificent Hallelujah Chorus.

Each worship opportunity from Palm Sunday, Maundy Thursday, Good Friday and Easter will include instrumentation, percussion, hand bells, choral and solo leadership. The Resurrection Brass will join us to lead our Easter Sunday 11 am worship.

Mark Your Calendar

*St. John's Men's Chorus Concert, O BE JOYFUL
Sunday, May 15 at 4 pm*

St. John's Men's Chorus is diligently rehearsing each Sunday at 4 pm in the Choir Room. Under the direction of Rob Durocher and accompanied by Janie Rollins, the Men's Chorus is preparing for their Spring Concert, "O Be Joyful" with some of your favorite pieces being sung, and including guest soloists, cello, saxophone, percussion and narration. The concert will be on Sunday, May 15, 2022 at 4 pm in the Church Sanctuary.

CHANCEL CHOIR REHEARSAL SCHEDULE:

Wed., April 6, 7:15 pm

(Full rehearsal, including readers for Palm Sunday's service. Rehearsal follows Service of Evening Prayer).

Wed., April 13, 7:00 pm

Rehearsal in the sanctuary for Maundy Thursday, Good Friday and with brass for Easter Sunday.

Easter Sunday April 17 – 6:30 am

Sunrise Service in the Park, gather on the stage by 6:10 am
Breakfast will be served in Peeler Hall starting at 8:45 am
We'll gather again at 10:15 am in the Choir Room

9:27 Worship Musicians

Rehearsal on Wed., April 13, 6:00 pm in the Faith Center

No rehearsal on Maundy Thursday

Keep a lookout for extra rehearsals in preparation for Palm Sunday's 9:27 worship.

Fun Facts about St. John's

In 1910, members of St. John's and the city of Salisbury did their best to encourage the United (Lutheran) Synod to relocate the seminary to Salisbury. At the time it was located in Mt. Pleasant, SC. A similar proposal was made by the city of Columbia SC. The Lutheran magazine reports that "Salisbury made by far the fairest and most comprehensive offer," but the decision was to relocate to Columbia, where it remains today.

Easter Sunrise Service Hosted by Downtown Churches

Sunday, April 17, 6:30 am in Bell Tower Green

For the first time, the downtown churches will celebrate the greatest story in the Christian church with a community Easter service at 6:30 a.m. on Sunday, April 17, on Bell Tower Green.

The service features Hood Seminary's Vergel Lattimore as preacher, local pastors leading the liturgy, area church musicians, and special guest Sydney Lett, a local recording artist with a fast-growing audience throughout the southeast.

Be sure to bring a lawn chair or blanket for seating during the 40 minute service. And while you're at it, enjoy some hot coffee and pastries as a welcome into Easter morn!



Congregational Picnic is Sunday May 1

Bell Tower Green

Mark your calendars for Sunday, May 1 for what may well become an annual Picnic in the Park.

The new Bell Tower Green feels like the congregation's front yard, so what could be a better place for a picnic? There will be plenty of fun, food served by the Hot Dog Shack and Coldstone Creamery, all topped off by a concert in front of the Bell Tower.

"The picnic comes at a perfect time as we continue to emerge from Covid, welcome two new pastors, and jump into Spring!" says Pastor Rhodes. "We've been looking forward to this event for a long, long time. In

fact, it was one of the first scheduled events on the park's calendar."

Be sure to bring a blanket and/or lawn chairs ... and lots of smiles. We hope to see you on May 1!



Escuela Integrada — *Exciting News!*

We have some exciting news!

The students at Escuela Integrada are coming back to in-person learning after two years of remote learning! Watch this video to find out more about when in-person classes will start at Escuela Integrada.

Last week, we announced that the children at Escuela Integrada will be returning to school for in-person learning on April 18! We are thrilled that they will be able to learn face-to-face with their teachers for the first time in more than two years. For many students, this will be the first time they have ever been inside a school building or met their peers.

Each student will come to school for a half-day every day, Monday through Thursday. Grade-level classrooms will be split into two groups, with one group attending in the morning and the other group attending in the afternoon. Fridays will be reserved as teacher planning days to help teachers prepare for the upcoming week.

During this time of transition, we will still be providing food bags for families, and meals will not be served at the school.

We ask you to pray for a successful return to in-person learning. Please pray for the teachers and staff, the students, and their families. We are praying especially for continued health and wellbeing for the school community, and that we are able to keep our doors open during the pandemic.



Did You Know?

This is why your partnership matters!

1. A normal school day in Guatemala is a half day. Once the school returns to normal, all students at Escuela Integrada will attend school for a full day.
2. Students receive a quality education that includes extra-curricular classes that would not normally be accessible for them.
3. All grades receive weekly Bible classes through the “Bible Blast” program.
4. The whole school participates in morning devotions four days per week.
5. According to recent studies, 50 percent of all children in Guatemala under five-years-old experience stunted growth due to malnutrition (US Aid, 2016).
6. During the pandemic, food bags were provided to each family. When school resumes at full schedule, each child will receive a full breakfast and lunch every school day.



Visit wearegraces.org

A beautiful reminder this Easter Season



Consider the lilies, how they grow: they neither toil nor spin.

*Yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory
was not clothed like one of these.*

*²⁸ But if God so clothes the grass of the field,
which is alive today and tomorrow is thrown into the oven,
how much more will he clothe you—you of little faith!*

*²⁹ And do not keep striving for what you are to eat
and what you are to drink, and do not keep worrying.*

*³¹ Instead, strive for his kingdom,
and these things will be given to you as well.*

Luke 12

“Welcome,” continued from page 1.

The past two years, Pastor Lori conducted a lot of visits on porches and through screen doors. Now she’s looking forward to connecting face-to-face, and seeing the whole face!

When the pandemic started, Pastor James says, meeting via Zoom was a novelty. “For youth, that very quickly faded. Online digital burnout is real. Youth need a common experience.”

Pastor James says since the national youth gathering isn’t taking place this year, he anticipates a longer beach retreat.

“I’m looking forward to building connections through in-person meetings, podcasts, and social media campaigns,” he says.

A March 20 ice cream social served as a farewell to Caroline Parrott, who served as interim youth director, and a welcome for Pastor James.

Pastor James plans youth meetings for Sunday evenings, with an emphasis on fun and faith formation.

“I want our youth to feel comfortable with being vulnerable when discussing spirituality,” he says. “I’m hoping to make that a part of my ministry at St. John’s.”

In addition to pastoral care, Pastor Lori will be connecting with adult faith formation. She and Pastor Rhodes will oversee our senior adult ministry.

“Just because you reach a certain age doesn’t mean you stop growing spiritually,” she points out.

The congregation is thrilled to have two new pastors, and Pastor Lori says that she and Pastor James are thrilled to be here together.

“I love to watch Pastor James think,” she says. “You can see things rolling around in his head and his eyes just sparkle.”

“I have been struck how kind and warm Pastor Lori is,” Pastor James says. “She is attentive and gifted in getting to know people.”

Welcome aboard!



Bishop Tim Smith installed Pastor Demmel (left) and Pastor Carter (right) on Sunday, April 3.

Members Contribute \$16,305 To Ukraine Relief

In the face of war and the refugee crisis in Ukraine, members of St. John's contributed \$16,305 for relief assistance. The contribution will be sent through Lutheran World Relief (LWR) and matched dollar for dollar for a total impact gift of \$32,610. LWR is already providing direct assistance to Ukrainian refugees in neighboring countries. Write Ukraine Relief in the memo line of your check or contribute online through our website.

Personal Care Kits. This year's Lenten Project invites members to contribute items for personal care kits that will be given to children and families affected by the war in Ukraine. Our goal is to collect 275 kits in honor of the congregation's 275 year anniversary. Bring your items to Peeler Hall by April 14. Details are available online and via the weekly FaithLife email.

Council Approves \$27,000 in Grants to Local non-profits

At its March meeting, the Congregation Council approved grants totaling \$27,000 for a variety of local and global ministries that are consistent with the vision and mission of St. John's.

The grants are made available through Endowment Fund of the St. John's Benevolent Foundation. The Fund annually awards over \$50,000 in grants and, beginning this year, awards a separate \$25,000 Impact Grant to encourage a new ministry effort in the community.

March 2022 grant recipients include:

Lutheran World Relief (Ukraine relief fund)	\$ 5,000
Community Care Clinic of Rowan County	3,750
Meals on Wheels of Rowan County	4,500
The Escuela Integradada School (Guatemala)	4,000
Boy Scouts	1,500
The Kessler Reformation Collection, Emory	250
Living Waters Lutheran, Cherokee NC	500
NC Synod Lifeline Fund	2,000
The Dwelling homeless ministry, Win-Salem NC	3,000
Bread Riot (Rowan County cooperative food)	2,700

TOTAL \$ 27,200

St. John's Leadership

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Congratulations to the Recently Baptized!

Levi Shelton, who was baptized on Mar. 7. Parents are Tanner Shelton and Jessica and Alex Lenored.

Carter Willis, who was baptized on Mar. 7. Parents are Jennifer Willis and Jeffery Willis.

Benny, Caleb, and Arthur Rathbun who were baptized on Mar. 27. Parents are Alana and Steve Rathbun.

Cosette Witt, who was baptized on Mar. 27. Parents are Aleksandr and Ondria Witt.

Kathryn Grace Brinkley, who was baptized on April 1. Parents are Mark and Claire Brinkley.



Levi Shelton (Left) and father Tanner; Carter Willis (right) and his mother, Jennifer.



Cosette Witt with her parents, Sacha and Ondria, and siblings Balian and Sabine



Benny (left), Caleb (middle), and Arthur (right) Rathbun, with their parents Steve and Alana



Kathryn Brinkley with her parents Mark and Claire.

Happy Birthday!

Congratulations to our Octogenarians celebrating April birthdays:

Rosalie Adams, Rudy Boksleitner, Elizabeth Brady, Betty Brown, Ellen Fink, LaNell Martin, Bob Melton, Joanne Myers, Jim Ryser, Alda Smith, Barbara Waggoner, Julius Waggoner, Gerry Webster

Dear St. John's family

Thank you for all your contacts, calls, text, cards, prayers and visits during my recent surgery & recovery. Your outreach meant so much and gave a tough time some very bright moments. We are very thankful for you and the ministry you provide to so many in our congregation & community. May God bless you all.

With love, Eric & Ann Brady



Hope for Today
A Counseling Ministry of St. John's
Lauren Stephenson, M.S., LMHCA, NCC

Individual Counseling Available

With Lauren Stephenson, M.S., LMHCA, NCC. Free and available to the community. Contact the Church Office (704-636-3431) or sign up online at stjohns-counseling.youcanbook.me

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

Sunday Worship *Online*

A live broadcast of our 11am service is available in three formats: visit stjohns-salisbury.org and click "Listen Live," watch on Facebook Live, or search "SJLC" on YouTube. Of note, the best online quality will be through our website or YouTube.

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