

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

Remembering our Dads on Father's Day

By Susan Shinn Turner

Father's Day. The day to give dear ol' Dad a new tie and grill out with the family.

Last month, we asked the ladies of St. John's to share memories of their moms in honor of Mother's Day, and we're doing the same with the gentlemen this month for Father's Day.

We asked, "What advice do you try to pass on to your children (or the best advice your dad has given you), and what's your favorite dad joke, if you have one?"

Jim Whitton turned 90 on Christmas Eve 2021 and celebrated with a big party including his entire family shortly after.

"My family means everything to me," he says, "and I have tried to instill that love of family, what it means to be a family, in my children and grandchildren."

Whitton, who now lives in Florida and Blowing Rock, was the lead donor for Peeler Hall, and his three children, in turn, were the lead donors for the Whitton Terrace.

Franco Goodman is another St. John's member for whom family is everything.

"The lessons learned early in my life and taught by my father. Your hand shake and your word were your bond. Show up, do your very best, treat everyone with respect

"My dad was my father, my little league coach and my boss — so I witnessed the very best of him.

A funny story: "For some strange reason, my father always had trouble pronouncing our pet's name. Our first dog we named Chi (rhymes with "Guy"), because Brenda was a member of Chi Omega sorority in college. My dad would

always call him Ty. We would try to correct him but this would always be the case so we would laugh about it. And we laughed every single time."

Jake Parrott is known for his daily, thought-provoking posts on Facebook. But if you know Jake, you also know he loves a good (bad) joke.

"My favorite dad joke: I spent all my cash renting a limo and it didn't come with a driver. Wasted all that money and nothing to chauffeur it."



Jake's father Steve

On a more serious note, Jake continues, "Advice from my father is tougher because he died when I was 15. However, he always told me be myself. He also always told me to use my ears more than my mouth and I would be smarter for doing so. I have tried to pass those along to my four children."

Steve Yang's father and mother died when Steve was a teenager, just 13. But he recalls that their actions spoke louder than their words.

"I don't remember any verbal advice, but I do remember that my parents never missed any event that my brother and I were involved in. One time, they were the only fans at a junior high baseball game which was two hours away! So Lori and I try to make sure one of us is always there.

Kelly Everhart was close to his father Howard, who died in 2020.

"The best advice Dad gave me was to keep my hands out of my pockets when I was working for someone. He said people

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Pastor's Letter

Greetings Friends,

One of my favorite features of social media in the last few years has been the development of sharing "memories." This function is called different things across different apps, but the concept is simple: Daily or weekly, different social media apps like Snapchat, Instagram, or Facebook, or photo apps like Apple photos or Google photos, will show you what you were up to on that particular day or week at random intervals in the past, be that a year ago, or 5 years ago, or even 10 years ago. I have only recently started to get the 10-year memory notifications and they are making me painfully aware that I close out my 20s in just a few short weeks (yikes!).

When these memories pop up, they bring a smile to my face and as I experience a rush of nostalgia for the people, places, and experiences of the past. They remind me of my roots, my connection, and my story. Oftentimes, when I put my phone down, I'll wonder what memory I'll make that day.

Now comes my conflict: In general, I am not a huge fan of social media. Sometimes I fear it does more harm than good. The thin veil of anonymity that a computer or smartphone screen projects is just enough to help us forget that we are interacting with real people, who have real and valid feelings, and who bear God's image, just like us. We often get so focused on being right that we forget to be kind. I'm reminded of a verse in

Galatians that is often overshadowed by St. Paul's memorable (and always timely, especially when on social media) distinction between works of the flesh and fruits of the spirit. Closing that passage, Paul writes this: *"Let us not become conceited, competing against one another, envying one another."* (Gal. 5:26). Social media, at its worst, helps us scratch that all too human itch to compare ourselves to one another.

And yet, at its best, social media still has this wonderful capacity to help us connect and resonate with one another. If envious comparison is its bane, then a form of digital solidarity might be its blessing. One of the most powerful potentials of social media is to help us mark our memories; to create a space for remembering those moments and relationships that make us who we are. This may seem trite, but one of the ways I love to do this is through a good, old-fashioned "selfie." You'll likely see many of these from me over the course of my ministry at St. John's and below are just a few of my favorites of the past three months of our partnership. As we head into the summer months, I invite you to capture and share your memories and to celebrate those of your digital neighbors. I especially encourage you to be mindful and faithful in your digital presence.

Blessings on your Summer!

+Pastor James



11:00 Greeters Needed

"Welcome to St. John's Lutheran Church!"

Six magical words welcomed Darrell and me to St. John's many years ago. I remember the couple who shook our hands and said that they knew us from the Salisbury Post. It was a warm greeting and we have loved the many years that we have been welcomed at the doorway.

Now, as Greeter Volunteer Coordinator, I hope to get that special greeting resounding through the narthex and doorways after months and months and months away.

A new idea presented to me by several and pieced together in full form would be to have two at each entry door (3) in the narthex, as well as one or two in

the stairwell /door area near the Choir entry. Also, one or two members would be in the narthex at the Visitors Desk to invite prospectives to take a visitor handout and sign in the visitor's book.

So 10 people each Sunday can help to fulfill the dream. For now, we are still utilizing a skeletal staff of greeters.

Won't you join and become a greeter? If you would like to serve the church and Our Lord, please send an email to Gerrie Blackwelder at blackwgd@gmail.com.

And welcome back to St. John's! We're glad you are here!

Gerrie Blackwelder



CONGREGATION-WIDE

NIGHT OUT

CANNON BALLERS	VS	COLUMBIA FIREFLIES
DATE	TICKET	STADIUM
JULY 30, 6:30 PM	\$ 10	ATRIUM HEALTH BALLPARK

SIGN UP AT STJOHNS-SALISBURY.ORG

Congratulations to our High School Graduates!



Emily Almond
graduated from Jesse
C. Carson High School.
Emily plans to attend
East Carolina
University.



Sydney Hlavacek
graduated from
Salisbury High School.
Sydney will attend the
University of North
Carolina at Chapel
Hill.



Morgan Jeter
graduated from the
Cannon School. After
graduation, Morgan
plans to attend North
Carolina State
University.



Emily Frick graduated
from Salisbury High
School. After
graduation Emily
plans to attend the
University of North
Carolina at Chapel
Hill.



Ellison Frick
graduated from
Salisbury High School.
Ellison plans to attend
the University of
North Carolina at
Chapel Hill.



Luke Graeber
graduated from
Salisbury High School.
After graduation, Luke
plans to attend the
University of North
Carolina at
Wilmington.



Kirstyn Mason graduated from the Rowan Early College. After graduation, Kirstyn will attend the University of North Carolina at Greensboro.



McGuire Owen graduated from West Rowan High School. After graduation, McGuire will attend North Carolina State University.



Wade Robins graduated from Salisbury High School. After graduation, Wade plans to attend James Madison University (Harrisonburg VA) to play football.



Sascha Medina graduated from Graystone Day School and will attend Western Carolina University.

Meaghan Puckett Graduates from Wake Forest Medical School

Meaghan, daughter of Steve and Karen Puckett, graduated on May 15 from Wake Forest School of Medicine as an M.D.

Meaghan is a graduate of East Rowan High School and attended the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, where she received a B.A. in Asian Studies with a concentration in Mandarin Chinese, as well as a B.A. in Studio Art. She completed post baccalaureate work at Meredith College where she received a pre-medical certificate.

Meaghan's interest in neurology stems from her desire to work with Parkinson's patients and, as she says, because she "finds the brain fascinating!"

Pastoral Care



Dear Friends,

It is truly a privilege to be called as your Pastor for Congregational Care. I find the time that we spend together in worship and in fellowship deeply meaningful and I am looking forward to getting to know more people as time passes.

One of my primary tasks is developing and implementing a vibrant and comprehensive pastoral care ministry for our church. A strong pastoral care ministry involves people in the congregation working alongside pastoral staff so that, together, we can care, nurture, support and encourage one another. Expressing care and concern for one another during times of difficulty has always been part of our Christian faith. To be present, to listen, to be an advocate or to help someone sense God's presence in the midst of life's struggles can strengthen bonds between individuals and groups.

While much of pastoral care is centered around visiting people who are sick or during crises, it is so much more. In pastoral care ministry, care is offered to people of all ages, in all stages of life. Pastoral care begins before a person is born and continues through milestones and

significant events of a person's life, including end of life care and caring for grieving families.

For those who are not able to come to church, we want to visit with you, pray with you, and bring you communion. If you would like a pastoral care visit, please let us know by calling the church during regular working hours, Monday – Friday. Emergencies such as sudden illness, death or personal crises do not always happen during regular office hours. If you have an emergency situation, please contact Pastor Woolly, Carter, or Demmel.

In God's Grace,

Pastor Lori Carter



Kindergarten Graduation—Class of 2034



Teacher Appreciation Week

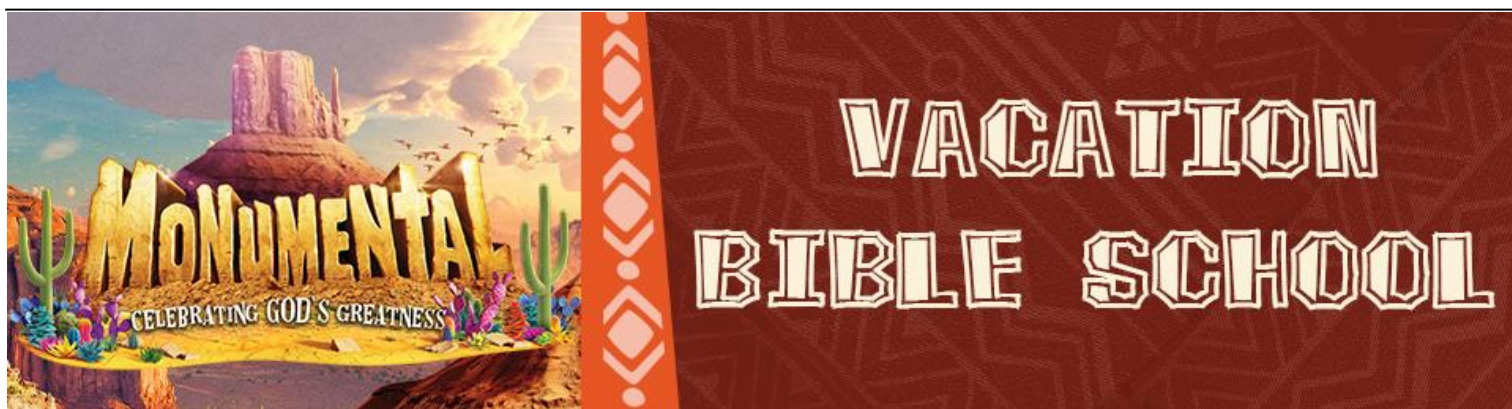


Our Kindergarten Staff



Our Child Development Center Staff





The time is almost here, sign up now for a Monumental VBS experience!

June 13-17 from 9-11:45 am

Cannot volunteer, but still want to help? Please take a look at our wish list to help us supply items needed!

[Register Here](#)

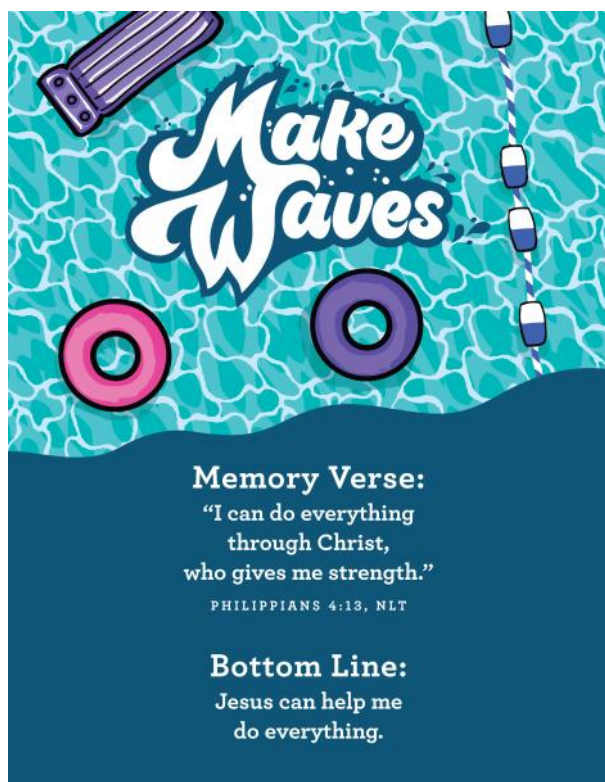


[Donate Items Here](#)



Mark your calendars: Our VBS children will be sharing a song they learn during VBS week at Worship on **June 19**. We can't wait for you all to hear it!

Summer Theme and Memory Verse



Sunday School

Odd and Ends

Children and Youth Leaders Retreat, Saturday, August 13, 9am-12 in The Well If you are a current volunteer in children or youth ministry or want to prayerfully consider being involved in one of these ministries, we would love to have you at this retreat! Email stacey@stjohns-salisbury.org or james@stjohns-salisbury.org with any questions. *RSVP by August 10*

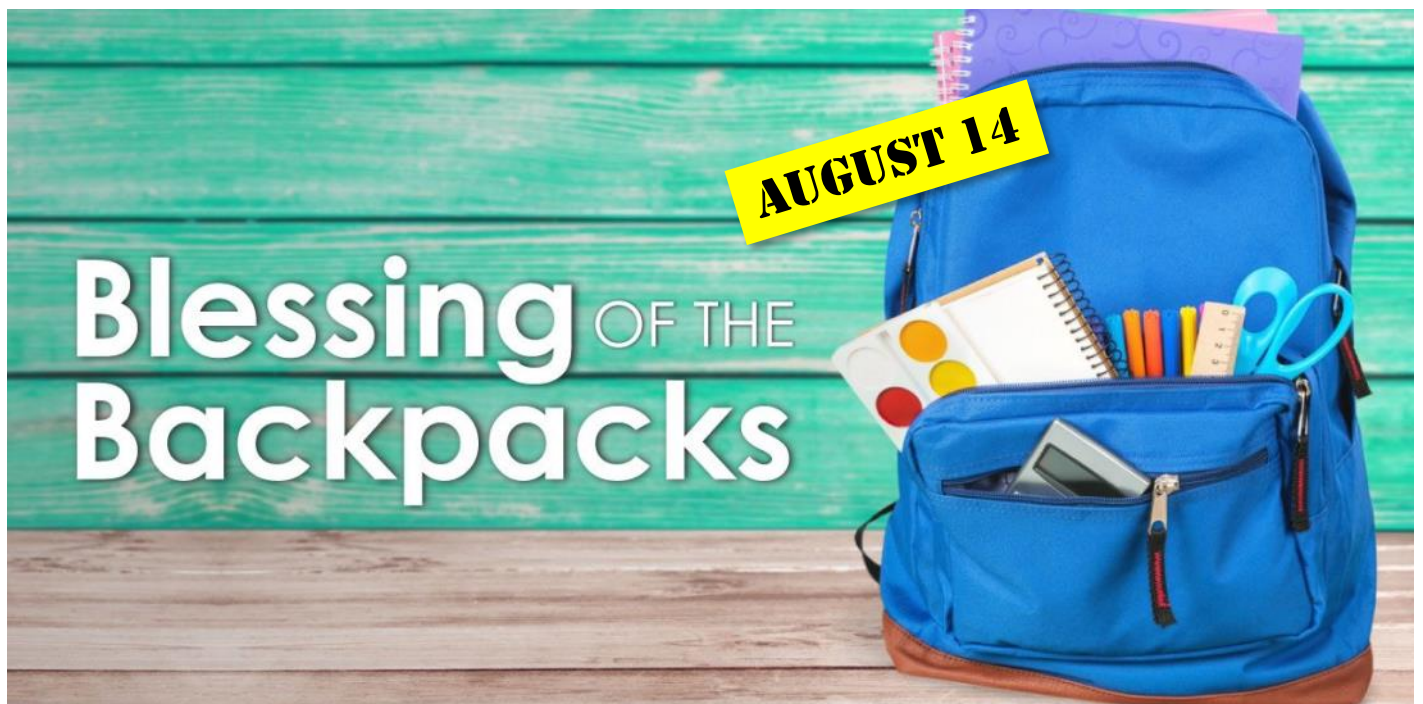
Nursery Worker Opening. Come August, two of our nursery workers will be leaving for college. If you are feeling called or know of someone who would be a great fit working with children, please contact stacey@stjohns-salisbury.org. Nursery hours on Sunday are 9:15 am—12:15 pm.

Sunday School Leader Needed. Interested in being a Sunday School Leader for our 3-5 year old "First Look" age group? Sign up using the QR code below:



Please note: There is no Sunday School between June 19 and August 14.
Enjoy your summer break!

Questions about our children's programs? Contact our Children's Minister, Stacey Shafer, stacey@stjohns-salisbury.org or call 704-636-3431, ext. 202



Summer Events

June 4- Wet 'N Wild Emerald Point Trip- join us for a day of fun at Emerald Point. Cost is \$38 per person.
Financial assistance is available.

June 13-17- VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL- we need all the volunteer help we can get! Contact stacey@stjohns-salisbury.org for more information.

June 17- Youth Movie Night- 6:00-9:00- join us for a movie night in the Pit- dinner will be provided. **RSVP by 6/15.**

July 9- Kannapolis Cannonballer's Game- 5:30 church drop off, 9:30 return. Tickets are \$13 per person, bring extra money for food. **RSVP by July 1.**

July 24-29- Summer Youth Retreat- The Youth Ministry Team is planning a summer retreat for middle and high schoolers. More information will be provided in the weeks to come, but try to **keep these dates open if you are interested!**

August 7- End of Summer Pool Party- say farewell to summer with St. John's youth group! Food, games, and sunshine! (location and more details to come).

Summer Youth Hang-Out

Bored this Summer? I'll be hosting several open house/free hang out days at church over the course of the summer. These are opportunities for fellowship.

We'll have (non-R rated) video games, movies, and board games. These days will mostly be unstructured. Bring money for lunch at a place walkable from church.

Come hang at St. John's on the following dates:

Thursday, June 9, 10am-5pm

Thursday, June 30, 10am-5pm

Thursday, July 7, 10am-5pm

Thursday, July 21, 10am-5pm

Questions about our youth program?
Contact james@stjohns-salisbury.org
or call: 704-636-3431, ext. 204

Order of St. John's Training and Sign Up

Saturday, August 13 from 1-3pm

Interested in being a Crucifer/Team Captain, Banner Bearer, Acolyte or Bible Bearer? Sign up using the QR code below.

Please sign up for dates ahead of the training. One on one training is available over the summer.

Sign up here



Youth Cookout

Register Today!

Church-Wide Retreat 2022



Register by completing this form or completing a similar form online at stjohns-salisbury.org/congregation-wide-retreat. Register early — only 200 spots available! Deadline is Friday, September 9 at 5 pm.

Registration includes lodging, meals and programming — a fun filled family weekend! Want a closer look? Take a tour of Lutheridge by visiting lutheridge.com. Lodging is appropriate for people and families of all ages, including hotel-style accommodations. Family and small group accommodations are available. All lodging includes linens except Beam. You will receive your room assignment at check-in. Questions? Call/ Txt Carol Everhart at 704.798.2894 or ceverhart@carolina.rr.com

Adult Name(s): _____

Children's Name and age/grade: _____

Children's programming and childcare is available during Saturday programming and Sunday worship.

_____ # of children requiring care, 3 and under

_____ # of children Pre-K to 5th grade

Mailing address: _____

Preferred phone number: _____ Email: _____

Cost	# of individuals	Total Cost
Adults: \$75	_____	_____
Middle/High School: \$50	_____	_____
Children — Pre-K - 5th Grade: \$25	_____	_____
Children — 3 and under: Free	_____	_____
Note: Sunday breakfast and box lunch are included. Please indicate how many box lunches are needed.	_____	included

Please note: This year middle school children will stay with their families.

TOTAL DUE: _____
(Family Max: \$175)

To secure your spot, please return a registration form and non-refundable \$50 deposit as early as possible. Make checks payable to St. John's Lutheran Church and mark "Retreat 2022." Please mail or bring form and check to the church office.

☐ I have special needs for lodging: _____

☐ I have special dietary needs/allergies: _____

☐ I have special needs for mobility around Lutheridge. *Golf carts with drivers will be available.*

☐ I am asking for financial assistance. I am able to pay: \$ _____

☐ I would like to include a donation to assist others in need of financial assistance: \$ _____

☐ I will need help with transportation to Lutheridge.

234 Personal Care Kits Shipped to Ukraine

Throughout Lent, members of St. John's contributed items for Personal Care Kits to be sent to Ukrainian refugees who are fleeing the war. A total of 234 kits were assembled and shipped through Lutheran World Relief, in partnership with Lutheran congregations throughout the country.

Below is a thank you note from LWR.

Dear friends,

My name is Emma Wagner, and I serve on the congregational engagement team at Lutheran World Relief. Thank you so much for preparing 234 Personal Care Kits and your congregation's donation of \$16,000 to our relief effort in Ukraine.

It is my deep joy and privilege to connect Lutheran congregations with our neighbors around the world. Our work together has never been as important as it is now.

As you proclaim the good news of Jesus this Easter season, I give thanks for the many ways that you and St. John's are sharing the hope of Jesus. As war continues to rage in Ukraine, and the ripple effects are felt around the globe, we all need glimpses of that hope.

Because of your love, Lutheran World Relief has committed nearly \$10 million to respond to the crisis in Ukraine, and we expect to increase this amount as we receive additional support. With more than 6.6 million Ukrainian refugees, the needs grow daily.

Here are a few key highlights about our work in Ukraine:

- We are supporting health facilities by providing supplies such as surgical and wound care kits, IV kits, defibrillators and stretchers.

- We are also providing ongoing support to six facilities that are being used to shelter internally displaced persons.
- Your love will provide nearly 60,000 nights of shelter for people who need a place to stay.
- In Poland, we are distributing emergency cash and vouchers to more than 1,300 refugee families for the next three months.
- We're also integrating a referral system at these sites to protect women and children from sexual exploitation and abuse.

None of this would be possible without your generous care and support. Throughout the year you can find updates about our work at lwr.org/congregations. Thank you for all the ways you are caring for God's people.

In gratitude,

Emma Wagner
Lutheran World Relief



Some of the Packing Party participants

"A Joyful Noise"

Karl Kinard's Madrigalians Return to St. John's

By Susan Shinn Turner

Karl Kinard picks up a vinyl album of the 1972 Madrigalians European Tour highlights. He is in a wistful frame of mind.

"It was a long time ago, but they still want to have reunions," he says.

In 1968, Karl was hired by Dr. A.G.D. Wiles, the president of Newberry College, to lead a choir at Sunday morning services in Wiles Chapel. Karl called Newberry a "suitcase college" at the time, meaning most of the students left on weekends.

Mary Martha Avedisian Reed served as accompanist.

At any given time, there were 14 to 16 voices in the choir, and they named themselves the Madrigalians. They embarked on a six-week goodwill tour of Europe in 1972, in the days when there was such a thing as West Germany and East Germany. And yes, they did sing "behind the Iron Curtain."

Now, St. John's congregation will get to hear the Madrigalians as part of their 50th reunion celebration June 19 during the 11 am worship service.

In 1972, the group toured all over Europe: the American Cathedral in Paris, along with sites including Amsterdam, Austria, Holland, and Belgium, as well as in both sides of Germany.

Karl says that four days the group was in East Germany were "very creepy."

"They couldn't go anywhere unescorted," his wife, Rosemary, says. "They were told, 'Do not go out of the hotel alone.'"

Remember, this was during the Cold War, and East Germany was a Communist country. The Cold War ended in 1991. A reunion of the Madrigalians has been in the works for some time.

"Six members of the group came here about five years ago and visited us, took us out to eat and went to church with us," Rosemary says. "We planned to have a reunion, and then Covid hit."

In 2021, Rosemary had a bad fall — on the day she retired as associate parish musician, no less. After that, the group decided to come to Salisbury, which is fortuitous considering 2022 is the 50th anniversary of their European tour.

Three of the original group members have died. Rosemary and Karl estimate that he'll be directing about 25 singers. Karl has asked Rosemary to join the group in song. He has chosen pieces from their tour, which will be incorporated into the worship service.

From Newberry, Karl came to St. John's, where he served as the director of music from 1973 to 1997. He is now director of music emeritus and deacon.

"When Karl was involved in music ministry and teaching, he was quite a force as far as his conducting and pulling together groups with success," says Deacon Rob Durocher, minister of music and the arts. "He has been an influencer of many people throughout his time as a musician. He stays in touch with his musicians, and this is an example — 50 years later, the Madrigalians are excited to come together and sing for others under his able direction."

Karl admits he is eager to see the singers.

"I am curious as to how they're gonna look," says Karl, 86, since they'll all be in their early 70s.



Senior Seasons



Are you tired of being cooped up inside with nothing to do and missing your friends? Well, Dr. Poole has the right prescription for this condition!

Poole's Picnic, at the home of Diane & Buddy Poole

Come join us for good food, fun, and fellowship. The only cost is a Love Offering and bring a dessert to share.

- Wednesday, June 8 from 4-6:30 p.m.
- 150 Quail Drive, Salisbury
- Rain Date: Wednesday, June 15



Sightseeing Cruise on Lake Norman's Catawba Queen

- Thursday, June 23 @ 10:30am - 12:30pm
- Leave the church at 9:15 AM. to board the ship at 10:30 AM. The cruise departs 11:00 AM, and returns at 12:30 PM. The cost is \$24.99 + tax.
- Box lunches are available for \$12.50 + tax. The choices are Ham & Cheese Wrap, Turkey & Cheese Wrap, Homemade Chicken Salad Wrap, or Roasted Vegetable Wrap. All options come with potato chips, pickle, homemade chocolate chip cookie, sweet/non-sweet tea, and water. You must sign up before I purchase the tickets online. Please sign up online or contact diane@stjohns-salisbury.org.



Lunch 'n Learn

Rhonda Roseman of Happy's Farm, Inc. is the speaker. The farm is unique to Rowan County in that it has a western type theme and atmosphere. There are a number of barnyard animals and they offer academic tutoring, after school care, summer camp and birthday parties. Children explore the wild west and learn of the hardships and victories that have made America what it is today.

- July 12 @ 11:30 am -12:30 pm, in Room 213
- Rhonda Roseman of Happy's Farm, Inc. is the speaker. The farm is unique to Rowan County in that it has a western type theme and atmosphere. There are a number of barnyard animals and they offer academic tutoring, after school care, summer camp and birthday parties. Children explore the wild west and learn of the hardships and victories that have made America what it is today.

For **ALL** of the activities sign up online or contact diane@stjohns-salisbury.org.
Prior arrangements must be made for these events so registration is time sensitive.

Celebrate the Story of Our Birthplace

The Old Lutheran Cemetery

515 N. Lee Street

June 26 at 4 pm



As part of our year-long celebration of the 275th anniversary of Lutheran worship in the region, you are invited to commemorate “Salisbury’s First Church” during an event at the “Old Lutheran Cemetery” on **Sunday afternoon, June 26**. Joining us will be our friends from St. Luke’s Episcopal and First Presbyterian.

The cemetery is located at 515 N. Lee Street. The event begins at 4:00 and will conclude with Evensong and wine and cheese fellowship at St. Luke’s. The Evensong liturgy is drawn from the 1662 Book of Common Prayer, which would have been in use at the time.

You will have an opportunity to peruse the graves of some of Salisbury and Rowan County’s civic and governmental leaders of the time. Beginning at 4:15pm, retired Catawba Professor and St. John’s member Dr. Gary Freeze will give brief comments about the history of the

cemetery and its importance to not only St. John’s but also the religious movement in Salisbury proper.

It’s only fitting that the day end in worship service, giving homage to the three faith communities whose mutual working relationship can be traced back to that primitive log structure that once stood in the Old Lutheran Cemetery.

Please plan to join us!

Around the Congregation

Choir Room Progress



Fellowship Hall Progress



The sanctuary building will be closed beginning Monday, June 6 through Sunday, June 12 so the wood floors can be refinished.

Please join us in the Faith Center for our June 12 11:00 worship.

Congregation Council Highlights, January—April 2022

January 2022

Be the Light Campaign – Be the Light Campaign is a three-year program approved by the synod as a fundraising effort for Lutheran Services Carolinas. The campaign will be run in local congregations from 2021-2023. LSC will provide all the materials for use in person and electronically.

Council agreed to a five-week appeal with a suggested goal of \$109,830. Colleen Young will be the Council Liaison to the Be the Light Campaign.

G2G Update

Copies of G2G progress reports as well as G2G financials are on file with the minutes at the church office. December 2021 Financial Summary is available on file with the minutes at the church office.

Called Congregational Meeting, Jan. 23, 2022

Agenda included approval of the 2022 operational budget, and congregational approval of the amended G2G motion. Agenda included a congregational vote to extend a call to The Rev. Lori Carter as Associate Pastor for Congregational Care and The Rev. James Demmel as Pastor for Youth and Outreach.

February 2022

Parish Report: A significantly larger number of people are streaming the Sunday services than attending in person.

Organizational work has been focused on filling staff positions.

Snow guards were installed on the roof of the sanctuary. The Property Board will be doing some painting on the top floor of the sanctuary building and replacing the floorboards.

Facilities Manager – David Ellenberg was selected to fill the position of Facilities Manager.

Communications Specialist – The position has been repurposed to become an office assistant as Deborah Cross has taken on many of the duties previously

assigned to the Communications Specialist.

A copy of the St. John's Ministry Structure for 2022 and Council Ministry Assignments is attached to the minutes and is on file in the church office.

March 2022

No meeting in March due to Leadership Retreat.

April 2022

Pastors Lori Carter and James Demmel have been going through orientation to St. Johns and the community.

The downtown church community hosted an Easter Sunrise Service on April 17 in Bell Tower Green.

Global Missions – A team from St. Johns, Lutheran Services Carolinas, Christmas Lutheran Church, and Dar al Kalima University presented a program on Senior Memory Care.

Worship & Arts – Returning to a “normal” Holy Week schedule after the pandemic restrictions.

Three organizational retreats were held.

Congregational Picnic – May 1 – Bell Tower Green.

G2G Report -- The kitchen renovation in the CDC is nearing completion. It is expected to be completed on or about April 30. In May, the 100 side of the building is expected to be renovated. The floor on the 200 side of the CDC is expected to be worked on in June.

The Fellowship Hall is coming together. Renovation in the Fellowship Hall is expected to be completed by the end of July. Work is expected to begin in the music suite on May 9. Many thanks to members of the Chancel Choir and music staff for packing the materials in that area for storage.

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Council Highlights, continued from page 17

New Business:

A survey of the roofs was done for the entire campus. Several things were found that required repair. There is a leak on the flat section of the roof behind the sanctuary building. The Property Committee recommended Joey Rusher to be appointed as a member of the committee. The Property Committee, following Council approval, anticipates moving forward with the repairs in May.

48 new members were presented and approved. Council members were given a list of new members to contact and welcome them to St. John's.

Old Business:

Computer generated name tags will be made for council members that will fit in a plastic sleeve, so that members can identify who is on council.

The ministry groups have the priorities that were generated at the retreat. They will be working on developing them.

The first Easter Sunrise Service in the new Bell Tower Park was well attended.

A letter was received from Cindy Fink, the Executive Director of MOW. They had been interested in using some of the Community Ministry Center for office space for MOW. After consideration, they have decided to continue their search for office space.

Dr. Larry Cartner was elected to serve a second term as council president in 2023.

275th Year Celebration continues – Sunday, June 26, Old Lutheran Cemetery.

Synod Gathering – June 2-4, Lenoir Rhyne University. As this is a gathering and not a business conference, all members are welcome to attend.

A sincere thank-you to our staff and elected Council members for their dedicated work each month. It is our privilege to serve in ministry with you.

Larry Cartner
President, Congregation Council

Updates from Escuela Integrada

On April 18, students at Escuela Integrada de Ninos Trabajadores attended classes in person for the first time in more than 2 years. The excitement was hard to contain!

Students are attending in two groups, with half of the students coming to school in the morning and the other half attending in the afternoon, Monday thru Thursday. Teachers have a workday on Friday.

We are so grateful to have students in the classroom again and look forward to the day the Ministry of Education approves full days. Thanks to all of our GRACES supporters and sponsors for their generous assistance during the pandemic and ongoing. We could not have done it without you.

Anyone interested in attending an in-person Vision Trip to Guatemala? This trip may potentially be held in August. You would get to experience Guatemala, as well as visit the new school, our students, and some of their homes. We will distribute food bags to some of the families and possibly assist with the assembly of a new playground. If interested, please contact Nancy Shirley, a St. John's member and GRACES Operations Manager at Nancy@wearegraces.org.



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don't pay you to just stand around. I've tried to set that example for my children, Spencer and Anna.

Nathan Hough: "The best advice my dad (Boyd) gave me growing up came from the movie *Apollo 13*: 'Failure is not an option.'"

Matt Woolly, younger son of Pastor Rhodes: "I always appreciated Dad saying 'Don't touch something twice. Finish the job.'"

Parker Hatchett, dad to Carson, has LOTS of good advice for son (and anyone):

- Never break two rules at the same time.
- Honesty is the best policy.

- Caught red-handed? Fess up right now, and if appropriate (it usually is) apologize.
- Always say what you can, and never write ANYTHING ANYWHERE that you are not prepared to see on the Sunday morning edition of the *New York Times*.



Nathan & Boyd Hough and their family.

Remembering Sandy Combs' Father: *Dean Smith*

By Susan Shinn Turner

I recently had the opportunity to sit down with Sandy Smith Combs to talk about her father, Coach Dean Smith.

Not only did Coach Smith teach hundreds of basketball players over the years at the University of North Carolina, he modeled for his middle child what it was like to fight for social justice — not for points on the hardwood.

"Dad and I had a special relationship," says Sandy, who lives in Salisbury with her husband, Steve, a retired minister.

"I was not married until I was 36, so Dad and I were able to spend lots of time together."

Sunday was always a day for family and going to church, Sandy recalls, no matter where they were.

"The way we were brought up, it was easy for me to understand a loving God because I had a loving father," Sandy says. "Dad certainly believed in a community of faith. He believed that everyone in our congregation was a minister. Dad taught us to love others and to be kind. He walked his talk. He really did."

Sandy is now the full-time program director for Meals on Wheels. She and Steve attend St. John's.

"I was the middle child," Sandy says. "I just took care of everybody. It was easy to share my dad with people in that I never felt cheated of his time.

"He talked constantly about loving others. Christ loved us. It's out of that we love others and do for others. God loves us unconditionally. In turn, we need to be that for others. In this day and age, it's about loving humans. We're all created equally. And always treat people with respect, no matter their situation."

After a long goodbye, her dad died Feb. 7, 2015. But so much about her father remains with her. The way he'd send her cassette tapes of ministers he liked, or the way he'd send a copy of an article he ran across that he'd want to share. The way he spoke out on issues that made him not so popular.

"He had a generous spirit and taught me to be generous," Sandy says. "It's a part of life."

Just like her dad, she is a private person.

"Dad did so much behind the scenes and he wanted no credit," she says. "He was humble. He taught us to be humble and not brag. We are all hard workers, because he was a tremendously hard worker."

And his daughter watched that. "He did not pressure me to be a certain way," she says. "He just modeled it."



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Join us on a 8 Day, 7 Night Trip to Ireland in 2023

In response to considerable interest in a tour to Ireland, Darrell Blackwelder has proposed a trip in September of 2023 through CIE Tours.

All interested persons are invited to a meeting on **Tuesday, June 14, at 10:00 a.m. or 6:30 p.m.** to discuss the details of the tour and pricing. Contact Darrell or the church office for more information.



Senior Season's Day Trip

Cabarrus Arts Council Gallery

Gallery Tour | Lunch | Shopping

July 26 - Depart at 9:15 am

Register online

Congratulations

Congratulations to Claire and Weston Church, who welcomed Zeb Tyler on May 6. He joins big sister Lark, 5. Grandparents are Carol and Ed Church.

Congratulations to the Rev. Jason Huebner, former youth director at St. John's, who has been called as the pastor of St. Peter's Lutheran Church in Southport.

Congratulations to Deacon GeoRene Jones, a long-time member of St. John's, who has been called to serve as a pastoral associate at St. Luke's in Mt. Ulla.

Condolences

Jerry Lawson and family, on the passing of Fran Lawson on May 31.

Parker and Ann Hatchett and family, on the passing of Ann's father, Homer Hayworth, on May 16.

Stan and Melanie Ferguson, and family on the passing of Stan's sister, Bobbie Jo Ferguson Szymanski on Sunday, May 15.

Lindsay and Mark Wineka and family, on the death of her father, David Robert Alford III, 93, on May 12, 2022, in Oak Ridge, Tenn.

Happy Birthday!

Congratulations to our Octogenarians celebrating June & July birthdays:

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Traditional Worship Sundays at 11 am in the Sanctuary
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Sunday Worship *Online*

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