

Let's connect faith and life *together*

Courtney Bost Named CDC Director

By Susan Shinn Turner

When Courtney Bost was 18, she began working part-time at the St. John's Child Development Center. In April, she was named its new director. "This place just means a lot to me," says Courtney, now 33. "Being here almost half my life, it's a big part of my life. It's part of me." She and her husband, Ron, have three children: Chanse, 8, Courtney, 4, and Cade, 4 months. All three started at the CDC as infants, and her two younger children are still there, while her son comes to the afterschool program. "This is their school," she says proudly.

Courtney graduated from West Rowan High School in 2002 and enrolled that fall at Rowan-Cabarrus Community College. She continued to work at the CDC. Near the end of her time at RCCC, she switched to full-time and took classes in the evening. At the CDC, she started out as a floater in the classrooms, then taught, then became program coordinator. Joanna Smith became director in 2010, and promoted Courtney to assistant director. Courtney enrolled at Catawba College in 2012, earning her bachelor's degree two years later.

"When I started at Catawba, I was pregnant with my daughter," she remembers. "I had her during my summer break and continued on. By the time she was a year old, I was graduating. Looking back, it was God who brought me through all that, and I believed I could do it." Courtney said she was nervous leaving her husband with their son and newborn daughter at night, but he did a fine job. Ron is a job coach and girls' varsity basketball coach at North Rowan High School.

Courtney says she was taken by surprise when Joanna put in her notice. "She had planned to teach part-time, but it was just the perfect set-up for her," Courtney says. Then Joanna talked with Courtney about taking over as director. "It was time to say, 'OK Courtney, it's time for you to step it up.' I have the self-confidence that I could do it. I am proud and nervous at the same time. This is a busy place, and it's a big responsibility. It really takes all of us to make the St. John's Child Development Center what it is."

Because of her long tenure, she knows every job in the building, and what it takes to do each one. "I won't ask someone to do something I wouldn't do. I try my best to be a servant leader."

"Courtney brings a wealth of experience, faithfulness, and passion to the job," Pastor Rhodes Woolly says. "We couldn't have asked for a person of better character and love for the Lord. That's why the students, parents and staff love her so much.

"The CDC is widely known as a leader in early childhood education. Courtney is well-prepared to lead this flagship program into the future."

The CDC has 39 full-time and part-time employees, and with 183 children is five away from its licensed limit. "We prayed for Courtney to receive this position," says Lana Richardson, program coordinator. "She brings focus and organization to the center, and her dedication adds stability. She will put the children first. Her heart's desire is to have a ministry here. She has already met with our administrative team to set goals for the future. We are ready for what the future brings. It is such a blessing to work in a Christian

environment."

"You can see how calm, steady and focused Courtney is," says Judy Childress, a member of the Rainbow Makers team, a support team for the CDC and its teachers. "She's a learner. She's a team player. Nobody could be more invested in the child development center, and more caring. I think she will rise to the occasion."

Courtney also had the chance to work with the late Shirley Ritchie, who founded the CDC. "She had a natural love for people," Courtney says. "She was here every step of the way." Like Shirley, Courtney likes to be behind the scenes.

"But sometimes," she says, "you have to stand up. You have to stand up for children, because they do not have a voice. I want to be their voice and advocate."

Welcome aboard, Courtney!



From the pastor



Dear friends,

It's almost summer and I am so ready. This South Carolina boy grew up in the heat, so a string of 90 degree days doesn't phase me one bit. Heck, some thought there was little more than a screen door between my hometown in Columbia and Dante's inferno!

Sure enough, the second you walked outside in July your clothes would be dripping wet. Every neighborhood had a pool, thank goodness, but come mid-July the pool water felt like bath water.

So why do I like summer so much? Being outside, for one ... and the little bit of freedom that comes along with it. To this day I get excited when Anna's final day of school rolls around. I vividly remember hearing the bell ring one last time at Seven Oaks Elementary School in the mid 1970s, followed by an eruption of cheers. I can picture Ricky Faulk and me racing to our bikes to see who could get off school grounds first. *Summertime!*

Summertime is fun around St. John's, too. Sure, worship attendance slows down a bit because of vacations and trips to the lake. But while some things slow down, other things heat up.

Think about June and July alone: three youth mission trips, one confirmation camp, Summer Strings Camp, Hands and Feet Camp, and a day-long Free Day Camp with the staff of Agape. And that doesn't even include VBS, which is the first week of August.

It's busy, but it's a good kind of busy.

Speaking of heating up, I hope you had the chance to attend Cheerwine's 100th birthday celebration on May 20. It was hot ... but how fun to see our downtown filled

to the brim with good cheer. Read Susan's article on the event and the St. John's family that still runs the company (page 14).

And don't you know the CDC is heating up these days. School's almost out, which means the CDC will be welcoming back another year of "summer camp" for school aged kids. Implemented three years ago, summer camp is a blast, loaded with field trips and fun. But the biggest excitement at the CDC has to do with our new executive director, Courtney Bost. Courtney has so much passion, care, and talent. Read all about her on page 1.

Another of our ministries that's heating up: our four Lutheran camps and conference centers in North Carolina.

Just last week we sent Matthew off to be a counselor at Lutheridge. He's been waiting for this moment since we picked him up from camp after first grade. "I'm going to be a counselor," he said. That was 12 years ago, and true to his word, Matthew loaded up his Subaru with ratty tennis shoes, a bunch of T shirts, and a guitar. What else does a summer camp counselor need? It's sure to be the best summer of his life, and we can't wait to hear all about it.

I sure hope your summer is heating up, too. Maybe it just means extra time to sit on the patio and relax. Maybe you'll be hiking up Hanging Rock or biking the Virginia Creeper trail. Maybe a beach trip is in your future, or even an outdoor concert.

Whatever summer means for you, may you rejoice in this very precious season of life. Hot though it may be, may you be warmed by the joy each day is sure to bring.

Peace+
Pastor Rhodes
rhodeswoolly.blogspot.com

“State of the Church” welcomes big crowd for updates and celebration

Over 250 people attended the latest “State of the Church” dinner event on May 17. The event was catered by Ott Pinkston and his crew of volunteers and gave room for conversation about the ministries of St. John’s.

Jonathan Williams presented the new St. John’s Sustainability Plan. Two years in the making, the Plan provides a framework for ministry 20-30 years into the future. It is divided into three areas: ministry, membership, and financial health, addressing core questions within each area: What will ministry look like in 20 years? What will our community need us to look like in 20 years? What level of membership will make St. John’s sustainable in the future? What steps need to be taken to look more like the community that surrounds us? How do we build a sustainable financial plan and model for the future?

Contact the church office if you would like a copy of the Sustainability Plan.

Mark Lewis then provided a brief update on the successful 2016 stewardship effort, which saw the largest number of pledges and pledge promises in history.

With great anticipation, Mark then outlined a timeline for phase 2 of our G2G plan. Phase 2 addresses the renovation needs of the sanctuary and CDC buildings. Primary attention in the sanctuary will be the addition of handicap accessible restrooms on the ground floor and sanctuary level. It also includes renovation of the fellowship hall and kitchen, the music department, and addresses deferred maintenance issues, including the replacement of 40 year old HVAC units.

Following each presentation, members were invited to ask questions or write down questions that would be addressed in a future newsletter article. Those questions included:

The Operational Endowment. What is it? The operational endowment is a new endowment, managed by the Benevo-

lent Foundation, to support specific operational needs of the church.

Questions about the roof replacement. There was some confusion about the new roof on the educational building, replacing the original roof from 1967. Since it was an entirely separate project, the problem with its installation was not the responsibility of the architect or general contractor for G2G phase 1. The project became even more complicated when the roofing company’s owner died and eventually declared bankruptcy. We are still pursuing a settlement.

What about parking? With the construction of a proposed “city park” across the street, St. John’s stands to lose a large number of parking spaces. Although the parking lot was never owned by St. John’s, it has long been available for

community use, including Sunday worship. Plans for the park include the elimination of the parking lot, but the addition of angled parking along Church, Fisher, and Jackson streets. To address parking concerns, Council has appointed a task force to consider options and develop a viable plan. At the meeting, members were encouraged to address their concerns with the city, which has faced significant parking issues for years.



The LSC Campaign. A ques-

tion was written about the congregation’s “\$1 million pledge” to the campaign for Trinity Oaks. The congregation has never made a formal pledge to the campaign, but in 2016 Council embraced a goal of raising \$250,000 for the effort. In September 2016 it was announced that we exceeded our goal, with over \$270,000 contributed.

Other questions regarding a “rail to the altar” and the publication of prayers were directed to our worship team. A suggestion about a “landscaping board” was directed to our Property Committee.

Children's and Youth Ministry

Summer Schedules

From June to August, there will be no Children's Sunday School or Centers.
Children's Worship will continue for the 9:27 and 11 am services.

The Well Grades 6-8			Fuel Grades 9-12		
June 4	Final Confirmation Class	5:30 pm	June 2-3	Guatemala Lock-in	7 pm-10 am
June 14	Knoxville Mission Team	7 pm	June 4	Graduate Sunday & Luncheon	
June 23	Movie Marathon Day 1	1 pm	June 12	Carowinds Trip	9 am
June 24	Movie Marathon Day 2	1 pm	June 23	Movie Marathon Day 1	1 pm
June 25	Movie Marathon Day 3	1 pm	June 24	Movie Marathon Day 2	1 pm
June 28	Faith Statement Retreat 1	4 pm	June 25	Movie Marathon Day 3	1 pm
	<i>(Rising 9th grade Confirmation students)</i>		June 25	Guatemala Commissioning	11 am
July 16-22	Confirmation Camp		July 2-8	Guatemala Trip One	
July 23-28	Knoxville Mission Trip		July 9-15	Guatemala Trip Two	
August 2	Faith Statement Retreat 2	4 pm	July 20	Welcome Back From Guatemala Party	
	<i>(Rising 9th grade Confirmation students)</i>		July 30	Worship led by Guatemala Teams	
August 11	Lake Day	1 pm	August 11	Lake Day	1 pm
August 16	6th Grade Milestone	6 pm	August 17	11th/12th Grade RAK Attack	2 pm
August 26	Confirmation Banquet		August 20	9th Grade Milestone	6 pm

VBS Registration Now Open!

July 31 to August 4

9 am—12:30 pm

Ages 3 years old to 5th grade

To register, visit stjohns-salisbury.org and click on the VBS home slider

At Maker Fun Factory VBS, kids become hands-on inventors who discover they're lovingly crafted by God! Kids will have the opportunity to experience God – the ultimate Maker – in new and wildly creative ways!

Scency-Fun Gizmos™, games, cool Bible songs, and tasty treats are just a few of the standout activities that help faith flow into real life. (Since everything is hands-on, kids might get a little messy. Be sure to send them in play clothes and safe shoes.) Plus, we'll help kids discover how to see evidence of God in everyday life—something we call God Sightings.



For more information or questions, please contact Kim Lentz at lentzke@carolina.rr.com.

Donation Request: We are in need of packing materials for a VBS activity that will fill lots of GUTSY Bears. Packing peanuts, shredded paper, etc, will go a long way! Donations can be dropped off at the church.

Children's and Youth Ministry



Hands & Feet Camp is June 26-29

Each year our rising 3rd-5th grade youth get to experience a wonderful week here at St. John's and in the community centered on serving. Our young people will be learning about the importance of a life of service and why we are called to serve others from 9am-3pm each day. During the week you might see groups of children around town helping at local non-profits, delivering meals, and visiting folks! We would love for you to lift these children up in prayer as they learn more about serving others!

Guatemala Mission Trip – Supplies Needed

This summer our high school youth are traveling to Guatemala and will be partnering with a school in Guatemala, Escuela Integrada that provides education to more than 120 children in poverty. The school is in need of some supplies, and we need your help collecting some NEW items for the school. Our mission team will take these items down to Guatemala when we travel there and we will be gifting them to the school.

The NEW items that we need help collecting = **Pens, Post-It Notes, and Fun Stickers**
Please bring any of these items to the church office by June 25th. We're packing everything up to head down to Guatemala on June 27th.



Spend Your Summer with Traveling Martin

In celebration of the 500th Reformation, we have "Traveling Martin Luther" to travel with you this summer!

Traveling Martin is here and ready to spend the summer with you and your family and be a part of all of your activities.

Wherever you happen to go, take Traveling Martin along and post pictures of you and Traveling Martin to our St. John's Facebook page. Let's find out how many different things you can do with Traveling Martin this summer!

This activity is open to children and adults alike. The Traveling Martins will be handed out to all who are interested on Sunday June 11th following the worship services.



Congratulations to our High School Graduates!



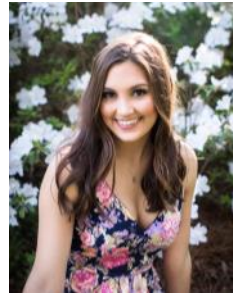
Juliana Anderson is graduating June 10 from Salisbury High School. The daughter of Jimmie and Luanne Anderson. Juliana will attend University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, majoring in Biomedical Engineering this fall.



Ashlyn Mills is graduating June 10 from East Rowan High School. Ashlyn is the daughter of Mandy and Bryan Mills, and the granddaughter of Cyndi and Ken Osterhus. This fall, she will attend Lees-McCrae, and will be majoring in Animal Science.



Faith Faller is graduating June 10 from East Rowan High School. The daughter of Gene and Ann Faller, Faith will attend Lenoir Rhyne University this fall, majoring in International Business. Faith was also recruited to run cross country, indoor track, and outdoor track for the Lenoir Rhyne Bears.



Haley Sims is graduating June 10 from Salisbury High School. The daughter of Joe and Janet Sims, Haley will be attending Appalachian State University this fall, majoring in Business Marketing and Sales.



Tate Houpe is graduating June 10 from East Rowan High School. The son of Dean and Carol Ann Houpe, Tate will attend Appalachian State University this fall, majoring in Finance and Banking. Tate was also recruited to play on the football team for the Appalachian State Mountaineers.



Robert Sullivan is graduating June 10 from Salisbury High School. The son of Rob and Sandra Sullivan, Robert will be attending North Carolina State University in the fall, majoring in Computer Science.



Charles Langlais is graduating June 10 from Salisbury High School. The son of Charles and Patricia Langlais, Charles will attend Liberty University this fall, majoring in Aeronautics



Caylynn Westberg is graduating June 10 from East Rowan High School. The daughter of Tonya and Daniel German, Caylynn will attend the University of North Carolina at Asheville this fall, majoring in Environmental Studies.

St. John's awards \$20,040 in scholarships

On June 4, St. John's will award 35 scholarships totaling \$20,040. The scholarships are the result of generous gifts from members who want to encourage and support students in their post-secondary education. The scholarships are part of the St. John's Benevolent Foundation, a \$7.5 million foundation started in 1974.

Congratulations to the following recipients:

The Thomas E. Gilbert and Viola H. Bailey Scholarship: John Yang, Caroline Parrott, Shelby Holden

The Dorothy Click Fesperman Scholarship: Caroline Parrott, Carter Woolly, Faith Faller, Georgia Kirchin, Haley Sims, John Yang, Laura Agner, Matthew Woolly, Paul McNeely, Riley Myers, Robert Sullivan, II, Samuel McNeely, Shelby Holden, Steven Page, Walker Brown

The Carl Edgar & Edna Cauble Leazer Church Music Scholarship: Laura Agner

The Scott Rierson Memorial Scholarship: Juliana Anderson, Ike Emerson

The Emily May Brown Memorial Scholarship: Ashlyn Mills, Juliana Anderson, Ike Emerson, Tate Houpe

The Bruce Alden Ketner Jr. Scholarship: Ashley Medina, Estefany Jacobo, Tate Houpe

The Margaret Cline & Ernest Crawford Safrit Sr. Scholarship: Alex Yang, Caroline Plyler, Caylynn Westberg, Carter Woolly

The Hugh B. and Lena B. Lyerly Scholarship: Christopher Derrick, David Derrick, Faith Faller

Dr. Cyndi Osterhus, scholarship chair, will make the presentations during the 11 am worship service. Tommy Page chairs the St. John's Benevolent Foundation.

Milepost Fundraiser – Guatemala Mission Trip

Our high school mission trip this summer is to Antigua, Guatemala – which would be 2703 miles one (as the crow flies). And we need your help to get there!

Here's how it works. We'll have some envelopes that are labeled to look like Mileposts with numbers on them. We ask that each envelope taken is brought back with the same amount of money (or more) as the number on the outside of the envelope. You can pick up an envelope in the narthex areas of each worship space on Sunday mornings or in the office hallway during the week starting on June 4.

The first \$5,000 collected through this fundraiser will be matched by an incredibly generous anonymous donor! This is our final fundraiser to get to Guatemala,

and we can't do it without your help! Did you know that it cost roughly \$1,400 for each youth to travel to Guatemala? Thanks for all of your support!



A Reformation Primer

In honor of the 500th anniversary of the Reformation, we will offer a special feature entitled “A Reformation Primer.”

In the monthly article we’ll take a look at some of the intriguing stories and personalities of the Reformation. Articles include:

February: A Reformation time-line

March: Little known stories of Martin Luther

April: Katie Luther, the nun who became Martin Luther’s wife

May: The Luther family. Who were Martin and Katie Luther’s children?

June- July: The Reformation in context — Why is it considered one of the most significant events of the millennia?

August: Philip Melancthon, Luther’s indispensable side-kick

September: The little town of Wittenberg — How an other-wise unknown town became the center of the Reformation

October: Luther’s year in exile — Luther’s year of hiding in Wartburg Castle changed the course of history.

November: “What makes a Lutheran a Lutheran?”

December: Luther’s Christmas traditions

The Reformation: A most significant event

Multiple news outlets list the Reformation as one of the most significant events of the last 1000 years. Here’s how it ranks in Life magazine’s list of top ten events:

10. Invention of the nautical compass in 1117. Without it, the great voyages of discovery would never have happened.

9. Hitler comes to power, 1933. Hitler made genocide a multinational industry, escorting in a global war and a word we’d love to forget: the Holocaust.

8. Signing of the Declaration of Independence, 1776. By any measure, this path breaking document changed the course of human history.

7. China develops gunpowder weapons, 1100. Among its many affects, the invention gave colonizers a huge advantage over native populations.

6. The Germ Theory of Disease, 1882. Disease was once thought to be caused by evil spirits. Connecting germs to disease ushered in the science of microbiology and led to massive improvements in medicine and health.

5. Galileo sees the moons of Jupiter in 1610, supporting the idea that the earth and planets revolve around the sun.

4. The Industrial Revolution gears up, 1796, paving the way for urbanization, landscapes loaded with mines and quarries, and the exploitation of child labor.

3. **Luther nails 95 Theses to the church door, 1517.** Because of his skepticism about papal authority, indulgences, and the idea that church tradition was on par with holy scriptures. The reformation led to massive changes in the church, theology, the arts, philosophy, and the political landscape of Europe.

2. Christopher Columbus “discovers” a new world, 1492. Although stumbling upon it, Columbus’ adventurous spirit helped to create a new, global civilization.

1. Gutenberg prints the Bible, 1455. Throughout history, the ability to read and write had been confined to the elite. A growing middle class in Europe hungered for knowledge, and Gutenberg’s invention — which allowed for the mass production of the written word — unleashed an information epidemic that rages to this day.



How Important is Each Child?

By Paula Bohland

Sponsorship means a lot to the children attending La Escuela Integrada. In Guatemala, the children from the school are told and experience constant messages of being “less than.” Their society looks down on them because they are poor, there are people who believe that because they are indigenous they are stupid and unable to learn, and some of the children live in homes in which they are unwanted or the parents are abusive. In their world, having a sponsor who lives in a different county and prays for them, writes to them, hopes for them, provides their education and thinks of them provides a loud statement that they ARE worthy and loveable. The children call the sponsors “Padrinos,” which in Spanish means Godparent. This word has a great deal of importance in the Guatemalan culture.

Because we know that having a sponsor is so important to the children during GRACES annual planning/supporters gathering meeting, we made it a goal to have all children sponsored. Currently, we have obtained sponsors for 146 of the 165 children attending the school. This is amazing considering that four years ago, we had eight children sponsored.

When considering these facts, however, taking the perspective of the children is imperative. When 146 of 165

children attending the school have sponsors and feel celebrated by that relationship, there are 19 children who are unsponsored.

Imagine how it must feel to come to school, a place where you are told you are worthy, your education is important, and to ignore the other messages you receive about being “less than” that you hear outside of school. Then, you see your peers writing letters to their Padrinos. Many of the children even have their sponsors visit them during the summer, bringing gifts and hugs. You would ask yourself, “Is there something about me that makes me not good enough to have a sponsor?” This situation is heartbreaking and easily solved.

If you are sponsoring already, THANK YOU. Your support of the children makes a difference. PLEASE help us to get all 19 children who are unsponsored to obtain a sponsor today. If you would like to sponsor one of the children, please email Hannah@graces.org.

Paula is the Executive Director of La Escuela Integrada and a member of St. John's. For more information about the school and/or to contribute to the food program, visit wearegraces.org.

An opportunity to double your support this summer

The school year in Guatemala is from January until October. Therefore, the kids in Guatemala are still in school while we are enacting summer plans and vacations. Their need for food and assistance continues through the year and is especially noted in summer months when donations are very low. This year a group of donors have come together and are offering to match funds which are donated to GRACES and **received** in the months of June and July! The stipulations for the match funds are:

- 1) They must be **new funds** (not a match for funds already committed to sponsoring a child or program);
- 2) Match funds must be donations to the school (match cannot be used for an individual's mission trip fees);
- 3) The funds MAY be used to sponsor a child who is currently unsponsored (therefore someone could effectively sponsor two children for the \$600 fee, if the entire sponsorship fee is paid in June or July); and,
- 4) The match will be provided for funds **received** during June and July that meet the above stipulations.

Please visit the GRACES website, www.wearegraces.org for more information about the school, the children and to support this wonderful mission this summer.

Worship and Music Ministry

Rob Durocher: 704.636.3431
rob@stjohns-salisbury.org

Rosemary Kinard: 704.637.7584
rosemary@stjohns-salisbury.org

Kimberly Lentz: 704.637.6830
lentzke@carolina.rr.com

Bradley Chestnut: 843.465.2049
bradley@stjohns-salisbury.org

Chancel Choir

Rob Durocher

This 40 voice choir helps to lead worship at the 11 am service each Sunday of the year. The choir rehearses each Wednesday evening from 7:15-8:45, with a well-deserved break during portions of the summer.

SJ Women's Ensemble

Rob Durocher

Our newest ensemble rehearses on Sunday afternoons and sings on occasion during the 11 am worship service.

SJ Men's Chorus

The Men's Chorus will return in September. If you would like to join The Men's Chorus, or if you know of someone who might be interested, please contact Rob Durocher.

Chapel Singers

Deanna Boksleitner

The Chapel Singers sing on the first Sunday of each month. There is no Chapel worship service on June 4 and July 2.

Handbells

Kimberly Lentz

Two handbell choirs perform throughout the year at the 11 am worship services. For more information about either choir, contact our director, Kimberly Lentz.

Trinity Singers and Ringers

Rosemary Kinard

Please make plans to join us for our Eighth Annual Joint Concert on Sunday, June 11, at 3 pm in the Special Events Room at Trinity Oaks. The Trinity Singers and Ringers will join with the Y-Wonders Choir, directed by Kathy Norris, to present a gala concert of music for choirs and hand chimes. The Concert will be followed by a reception.

The Trinity Singers rehearse each Thursday mornings at 10:15 am in the Special Events Room at Trinity Oaks. The Trinity Ringers rehearse each Thursday mornings at 11 am. Anyone who is age 60 or older is cordially invited to join either (or both) of these groups.

St. John's Flute Group

Rosemary Kinard

The John's Flute Group played a lovely Prelude at the 11 am service on Mother's Day. After enjoying a summer off, they will resume rehearsals in September. The Ensemble is always happy to welcome new members. If you are interested in joining the group, or if you have questions, please contact Rosemary Kinard at 704-637-7584, or e-mail rosemary@stjohns-salisbury.org

9:27 Worship Team

Bradley Chestnut

Rehearsals will continue in the Faith Center on Thursdays at 6 pm throughout the rest of the year. Interested in being a part of the team? Contact our 9:27 worship leader, Bradley Chestnut, at bradley@stjohns-salisbury.org.



We are blessed to have a wide variety of gifted instrumentalists at St. John's, building upon the congregation's long and rich history of quality church music. Do you have an instrument or gift of music to share? Contact Rob Durocher. He'll buy you a cup of coffee or might even meet you at New Sarum for conversation!

Worship and Music Ministry

June Sermon Series

Living a Life of Prayer

For three weeks in June, we will be unpacking what it means to pray and invite our congregation into a rich and deep discipline of prayer.

“Prayer is powerful,” says Pastor Danielle, “and yet for some, even those who have been life-long followers of Jesus, it can be mysterious and often feel awkward.”



In addition to the sermon series, the adult discipleship team will be hosting prayer events during the summer months. To kick things off we will participate in the World Council of Churches prayer service on Pentecost Monday, June 5 at 11 am. The service invites Christians around the world to prayer for unity and peace in Palestine, the same prayer lifted up by the disciples on the day of Pentecost over 2000 years ago.

The June sermon series will focus on the following topics:

June 11 – *Pray without Ceasing*

June 18 – *Holy Conversation*

June 26 – *Thy Will Be Done*

Upcoming: *Mark your calendars now!*



September 23, 7 pm The Salisbury Symphony and Chorus will present Mendelssohn’s Reformation Symphony as part of the St. John’s Reformation500 celebration.

October 18-24 St. John’s and the Piedmont Players present “In God’s Own Country,” a story of Henry Muhlenberg and the birth of the Lutheran church in America. The play is presented by a 20+ person professional theater company in Germany.



The German language premier of “In God’s Own Country” was in April, opening in Germany to excellent reviews. The play begins its outdoor season in June. 17 members of the German production will travel to Salisbury in October, joining an equal sized cast from Piedmont Players, and a choral group of local singers.

St. John’s is spearheading an effort to raise \$21,000 for the production. If you would like to participate and/or purchase an ad in the Playbill, contact Pastor Rhodes.

Our Lutheran Institutions

There's still room at Lutheridge!



A week at Lutheridge fills the memories of thousands of people around the southeast. "It absolutely helped to form me into the person I am today," says Pastor Rhodes. "I honestly believe that the world would be a better place if every kid had a chance to go to Lutheridge for a week."

Interested? Even a little bit? There's still room during this summer's camping season. Visit Lutheridge.com.

Lutheridge is one of four camps and conference centers supported by the North Carolina Synod. It is known as the largest Lutheran camp in the country and widely considered "the Cadillac of Lutheran camps." Check it out!

Joy in the Journey: Celebrate LSC Senior Services



Bible studies, art and exercise classes, and group outings are just a few examples of the life-enriching activities that occur during a typical day at a senior living community or adult day program of Lutheran Services Carolinas. These activities bring joy to the lives of the older adults trusted to LSC's care. Caregivers also find joy through LSC in the moments of rest and support they receive from in-home care staff and care management services.

Nearly 4,000 individuals benefited from LSC's senior services ministries in 2016. This would not have been possible without the continued prayers, donations, and volunteer work from congregations across North Carolina. Take time throughout the month of May to celebrate the LSC senior services ministry as well as the older adults within your own congregation. Thank you for your continued partnership in service and for sharing your joy with LSC!

Seniors Retreat at Lutheridge October 6-8



Lutheridge's 50Forward ministry is sponsoring its 2nd annual "Living Well" Retreat at Lutheridge October 6-8, 2017. The retreat is designed for folks 50+ who are eager for good fellowship, a beautifully restful time-away, and fun but challenging presentations. This year's LIVING WELL retreat focuses on humor. Workshops will include Editorial Cartoons, Tapping into the Healing of Humor, Laughter Yoga, Improv & Alzheimer's...and others. Gather a group of your 50Forward friends and come to explore the power and promise of this amazing gift of God. Visit lutheridge.com for more information.

Did you know that the North Carolina Synod of the ELCA partners with 6 Lutheran institutions: Lutheran Services Carolinas (senior care, family services, and immigrant/refugee resettlement), NovusWay (a camping and conference ministry with locations near Asheville, Boone, and Atlanta), Lenoir-Rhyne University, Lutheran Theological Southern Seminary, Agape-Kure Beach Ministries, and the Twin Lakes Retirement Community in Burlington. The Synod, founded in 1802 at St. John's, is grouping of 199 Lutheran congregations throughout North Carolina. For more information, visit nclutheran.org.

Around the Congregation

GIFT at Food for Thought

Our GIFT Women's Ministry has been serving together at Food for Thought in April. Over 30 women gathered on April 11 and 27 to pack food for students in Rowan County to eat over the weekend. Food for Thought is currently serving over 600 students a week-end.



Don't miss our Summer Circle. We will gather for conversation, encouragement, and laughter this summer as we discuss the book *Craving Connection*. The book is available in Seasons Gifts. Summer Circle will be held on July 11, 16, and 25 at both 10 am and 7 pm.



Childcare is available at both times. Each session is independent so come for one or all. We will meet in Peeler Hall – if the weather is nice, we will be meeting on the Terrace.



Join Mike Connor in Palestine!

As reported in last month's Eagles View, Mike Connor is spending three months in Palestine as an international Ecumenical Accompanier. Because he has been asked not to post to social media, you can follow Mike's journeys by signing up to receive his emails filled with stories and an occasional picture.

Email Mike at mjconnor1982@gmail.com.

Reformation 500

In celebration of the 500th year of the Reformation, St. John's would like to create an altar parament reminiscent of the one given by the Queen of Denmark to Castle Church in Wittenberg, Germany. We would like any one with skills in sewing/applique to join our group to prepare the altar frontal. For any questions or to help out, contact Gretchen Witt.



Donate to the St. John's Tent Village at Lutheridge

St. John's has been asked to raise \$50,000 to fund a new platform tent village at Lutheridge. The church has already received \$20,000 towards the project.

Adding the four elevated tree-house style platform tents will serve the camp's High School Outdoor Adventure Program in several ways:

- The Outdoor Adventure Program at Lutheridge has grown during the past 15 years, outgrowing the four platform tents already in place. The new tent village will give the program more room to grow in the coming summers.
- Adding the tent village will free up cottages to increase Lutheridge's growing adult and family programming.

- The new elevated tent village will have a "wow" factor, much like the new pool, attracting campers and helping retain current campers. Any commitments over \$50,000 will go toward remodeling restrooms in Lakeside Lodge.

A group of six St. John's members is serving as the steering team for the project. They are Mike and Sharon Edwards, Harrison Parrott, Dave Roof, Cora Shinn, and Anna Grace Woolly. Although a more formal campaign will be held later this year, donations can be directed to the project even now.

For more information about Lutheridge, visit their website, www.lutheridge.com.



Around the church and community



By Susan Shinn Turner

People from all over Rowan County — and all over the country, too — helped the Ritchie family celebrate Cheerwine’s 100th birthday on May 20 in Downtown Salisbury.

“We felt very privileged that everybody came out to honor the anniversary of Cheerwine,” says Mark Ritchie, a fourth generation of the Cheerwine family, and the company’s former CEO. “We were thrilled with that.”

Most of the planning for the event fell to his niece, Joy Ritchie, the company’s director of marketing. She’s the daughter of Cliff and Amy Ritchie, and Cliff serves as current CEO.

Mark says he got to enjoy the day along with everyone else. “It was hot, but heat is better than rain. We had cold Cheerwine for a hot day, and I had more than one.”

Just as the Ritchie family’s connection with Cheerwine stretches back generations, so does its connection with St. John’s.

L.D. Peeler, grandfather of the late Shirley Ritchie — mother to Mark, Cliff, and Celia Jarrett — invented Cheerwine in 1917. His brother was A.G. Peeler, who founded Bamby Bakery. “They were both members of St. John’s,” Mark notes.

The family has deep ties to all three worship spaces. In 1931, members of the Peeler family gave the Deagan tower chimes in the Sanctuary in member of Lewis Peeler. In 2011, members of that family, including representatives from the Peeler, Ritchie, McQueen and Tatum families, restored those chimes.

In 1967, Greg Peeler, the son of A.G. Peeler, gave the lead gift for the chapel in memory of his father. Greg Peeler was the father of the late Christine Whitton. In 2015, her husband, Jim Whitton, gave the lead gift for Peeler Hall in her memory, as well as in memory of her parents. In turn, the Whittons’ three children honored their parents with the lead gift for Whitton Terrace.

The late Raymond Ritchie, Shirley’s husband, married into St. John’s, and they also contributed to the worship space. They were heavily involved in the congregation throughout their lives. They supported the St. John’s Child Development Center, which Shirley founded and was deeply connected to until her death.

Raymond and Shirley gave their three children a solid foundation at St. John’s, Mark says. Shirley and Celia participated in the Barnabas Connection, a weekly arts program which helped at-risk youth. Amy continues her involvement with the CDC as a member of the Rainbow Makers, a dedicated small group. She also served as youth adviser when her and Cliff’s three children were growing up at St. John’s and helped with Wednesday meals, something Celia now coordinates. Despite Cliff’s busy schedule with Cheerwine, he continues to serve as an usher team chief.

Since Mark’s retirement in 2007, he has become a certified Spiritual Director, life coach, small group leader, and consultant to nonprofits, and increased his involvement at church as well.



Cliff Ritchie helps to serve some of the free Cheerwine at the 100th birthday celebration.

It’s also worth noting another member of the Peeler family. Michael Peeler was the brother of A.G. and L.D. Peeler. His gift of the Michael Peeler Fund provides a lasting legacy for the N.C. Synod.

Mark says he’s proud to be part of a legacy of all of these forerunners.

“It certainly also carries some responsibility,” he notes. “We have been blessed as a result of the work of our family, plus our hard work. We’re blessed to be a blessing, and we’re happy to pass along the blessings that we’ve received.”

Mark says that Cheerwine is the reason that he and his two siblings have remained in Salisbury. He also notes that it’s rare for a family business to run into the fifth generation — but that’s exactly what Cheerwine has done.

With so many family members in town for the Cheerwine celebration, Mark and his family hosted lunch for 28 at Still Point — seeing folks he hadn’t seen in a long time.

Around the congregation

Library Open House

We will host an Open House in the library on Sundays July 7 & 16 at 10:30am. Interested in knowing how to access books – even how to do it from home? Join us!

Chapel to Open for Prayer

In an effort to provide a peaceful place for our community to pray throughout the day, starting June 12, our chapel will be open Monday – Thursday from 10 – 3 pm. Entrance will be through the breezeway.

Senior Seasons—Upcoming Events

July 11, 2017—Ice Cream Social

Take a break from the heat! Join us for delicious ice cream and toppings, fun, and fellowship in The Pit. Cyndi Osterhus is going to lead us through a fun afternoon together!



August 1, 2017—Panthers Stadium Tour

We plan to take a charter bus to Charlotte to get an “insider’s” tour of the Panthers stadium. Cost is ___ per person. We will also stop for lunch in Charlotte. Sign up online through our website, or contact Carolyn Byrd at carolyn@stjohns-salisbury.org.

August 29, 2017—Trolley Sculpture Tour

Come join us to see all the new sculptures around Salisbury and learn about the sculpture and the artist from Jenn Selby. Cost is \$10 per person. Sign up online through our website, or contact Carolyn Byrd at carolyn@stjohns-salisbury.org.

November 5-8, 2017—Isle of Palms Trip

Save the date! More information to follow.

December 12, 2017—Christmas Trip to The Cove

Come with us to celebrate the birth of our Savior by singing your favorite Christmas carols and hearing an inspiring devotional. We will then enjoy a delicious buffet lunch in The Cove’s dining room. Cost is \$35 per person with a limited number of tickets available. Sign up soon! Contact Carolyn Byrd for more information about our ministry with senior adults: carolyn@stjohns-salisbury.org.

Thank You, Lauren!

We want to offer a heartfelt thank you to Lauren Thurow, who has served as our children’s ministry coordinator since last September. Lauren stepped in to serve in an interim capacity and brought remarkable skills to this position including administration, communication, creativity and joy. We have been blessed by the ways she has impacted the programs for our young people. Lauren will begin a new career journey serving at the North Carolina Synod Office as the Administrative Assistant for Candidacy. If you have questions about children’s ministry, please direct them to Kai – our Youth and Family Minister – at kai@stjohns-salisbury.org. We will formally thank Lauren for her service on June 11. Young families, check your email for details!



Handicapped Parking Spaces Available

A reminder that the parking area between the sanctuary and education building is reserved for elderly and handicapped parking on Sunday mornings and for all other congregation-wide activities (special worship events, concerts, meals, etc).

“Thanks for not propping our doors.”

A reminder not to prop open doors for special events or activities. When doors are propped open, our Access Control System cannot operate properly and the facility is left unsecured. Doors are automatically locked and unlocked according to the event leader’s request. For more information, please contact our facilities manager, Jon Koppe, at jon@stjohns-salisbury.org.

Eagle’s View deadline

The August Eagle’s View will be published in July. Please email stories and news to joy@stjohns-salisbury.org by **July 14**.

Three SJ members show how faith impacts their work in long-term care

By Susan Shinn Turner

If you're a senior adult and have given any thought to long-term care, the time to plan is now. And let your children know about your plans, too, say St. John's three members who are longtime nursing facility administrators in our community.

Bill Johnson, Mike Menius, and Glenn Terry recently sat down for lunch together at Trinity Oaks Retirement Community, where Johnson is director of operations for Rowan County for Lutheran Services Carolinas. He's been with Trinity Oaks for 11 years, and in the industry for 33 years, right out of college. Trinity Oaks is a continuing care retirement community.

"You meet the most interesting people," Bill says. "No day is the same."

His colleagues concur.

Mike has been with the company that owns Carillon Assisted Living for seven years, becoming its executive director in August 2016. He'd worked in packaging sales for 25 years.

"You remember what happened in 2008 and 2009," he says. "I just was really looking for something more stable." Family members suggested senior care.

"I really enjoy the operations side," he says. Carillon has 60 residents. "By the time they get to our doorstep, they're really needing help. It's a tough bridge to cross — giving up your independence, your home, and your car. We can't replace home, but we try to enhance your life for the time you have left."

The same is true at Autumn Care, a 100-bed facility that offers skilled nursing care, long-term care and short-term

rehabilitation. Glenn has been its administrator for 10 years. He's been in the business since 1976, and says the highlight of his work is still getting to know the residents and their families.

"It's a ministry," he says. "You have a chance to make someone's life be the best it can be. We can't be home, but we make it as most like home as we can. Getting to know and care for residents is our motivation."

There are 310 residents on the Trinity Oaks campus.

"Staffing is always a challenge," Bill says, and Mike and Glenn agree. The three have good working relationships with Novant and the local home health agencies, which is a good thing since insurance has become so complicated.

"There are a lot of balls to keep juggling," Bill says.

Regulations are also a challenge, Mike adds, because

nursing homes are the second most heavily regulated industry after the nuclear power industry.

"They can come in any time to look at regulations," Glenn says, "but that's part of the profession and we realize that."

The three say that patient-centered care is the current buzzword — an individual care plan for each resident, with an entire team in place to care for each one.

"We talk about it in our morning meeting," Mike notes.

And in this profession, maybe more so than others, death is a part of life.

"There are a lot of things worse than death," Bill says.

"Most of our residents know that," Glenn says, "but it's the family members who have a hard time."



From left, Glenn Terry, Bill Johnson and Mike Menius are colleagues and friendly competitors in their roles as administrators for local nursing facilities. All three are members of St. John's.

All three facilities provide support for families when a death occurs. There are often memorial services in the Trinity Oaks, and Mike says that Carillon even hosted a service for a resident.

“It was considered home,” he says, “and it allowed our residents to come and pay their respects.”

“One of the things I’ve really enjoyed is meeting our World War II veterans,” adds Mike, whose father served in WWII. “I have met the coolest guys.”

Glenn regrets that he has more administrative duties that take him away from spending time with residents. “That’s frustrating, because that’s why I got into it.”

All three men stress the need to plan ahead, and become familiar with the facilities that are available here. Most facilities have a mix of private pay, Medicaid and Medicare patients, Bill explains. The men suggest learning what these

three options pay for — and what they don’t. Long-term care insurance is a great option, Mike adds.

“A lot of times, a parent has a fall and ends up with us,” Glenn says. “The family has no idea what to do and is scared to death. Shop around, because every facility is different.”

And how does faith impact your work? “Faith speaks to everything we do,” says Bill. “The way we treat our residents, the words we use, our message of hope.”

“My work is definitely enriched by my faith,” adds Glenn. “One goes hand in hand with the other.”

“It’s a gift we share with everyone we meet.”

What a beautiful way of connecting faith and life. *Together.*

whatever is . . .
true noble pure
right admirable lovely
if anything is
excellent or praiseworthy
think about such things.
PHILIPPIANS 4:8

Worship Leaders for June and July

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

LAY ASSISTING MINISTERS	
June 4	Pastor Danielle DeNise
June 11	Randy Overcash
June 18	Frank Goodnight
June 25	Dave Roof
July 2	Gretchen Witt
July 9	Jonathan Williams
July 16	Randy Overcash
July 23	Gretchen Witt
July 30	Dave Roof

READERS	
June 4	No 8:30 Worship , Mary Willis Page
June 11	Lee Wagoner*, Youth
June 18	Judy Childress*, Pat Nelson
June 25	Charles Moll*, Ann Steele
July 2	No 8:30 Worship , TBA
July 9	Bob Loeblein*, Youth
July 16	Parker Hatchett*, Scott Rhodes
July 23	Stacey Shafer*, Brian Wymbs
July 30	Acquawon Stallworth*, Lynne Robinson

COMMUNION ASSISTANTS	
June 4	Wesley Rhyne, Susan Myers, Donna Beifuss^
June 11	Carol Beaver*
June 18	Kaathy Norris, Donna Beifuss^
June 25	Parker Hatchett*
July 2	No 8:30 Worship , Elaine Gerst, Willi Beifuss^
July 9	Beth Boger*
July 16	Marilyn Smith, Willi Beifuss^
July 23	Gretchen Witt*
July 30	5th Sunday—No Communion

ALTAR GUILD	
June	Melanie Ferguson, captain; Carol Beaver, Marsha Tucker
July	Linda Phillips, Barbara Stauffer

COMMUNION PREPARERS	
June	Susan and Gene Myers
July	Linda and Roger Hull

GREETERS	
June 4	Jay/Meg Dees, Darrell/Gerri Blackwelder
June 11	Franco/Brenda Goodman, Stan/Sandy Jordan
June 18	Harold/Peggy Mowery, Harold /Stamie Overcash
June 25	Dot Miller, Dottie Hoy, Linda Phillips
July 2	Penny/Aiden Moss, Linda Phillips
July 9	Jake/Carol Parrott, Bill/Linda Safrit
July 16	Ron/Marilyn Smith, Sonny/Nancy Lippard
July 23	Jody Sedberry, Donna Weinhold, Bill/Toni Kenerly
July 30	Raymond/Kay Coltrain, Ott/Julie Pinkston

June 4
June 11
June 18
June 25
July 2
July 9
July 16
July 23
July 30

WELCOME PLACE GREETERS

Mimi Carlton
Janice Raper
Linda Safrit
Lorna Reasor
Barbara Waggoner
Hen Henderlite
Linda Phillips
Carolyn Hood
Linda Safrit

AFTER-SERVICE GREETERS

Nancy Shirley, Karen Rogers, Bill Safrit
Cory Gebhardt, Gary Rhodes, Donny Yost
Dennis Ingold, Frank Goodnight, Ron Smith
Bill Johnson, Karen Puckett, Norman Sloop
Nancy Shirley, Karen Rogers, Bill Safrit
Cory Gebhardt, Gary Rhodes, Donny Yost
Dennis Ingold, Frank Goodnight, Ron Smith
Bill Johnson, Karen Puckett, Norman Sloop
Jeanie Moore, Ben Goodman, Karen South Jones

ACOLYTES

Archie Dees, Sam Wood
Bethanie Stauffer, Caylynn Westberg
Anna Grace Woolly, Katherine Sullivan
Kevin Agner, Tessa Brown
Grant Shafer, Ty Buechler
Sydney Hlavacek, Lillie Rusher
Olivia Kyles, Rebecca Lewis
Spencer Everhart, Jared Hensley
Julie Kenny, Cali Proper

CRUCIFERS

Mary Wood
Callie Kirchin
Robert Sullivan
Gemma Brown
Elizabeth Jones
Bo Rusher
Elizabeth Ann Graeber
Rebecca Lewis
Chad van der Poel

ELEMENT BEARERS

Maggie Dees
Chris Kafitz
Grace Shafer
Luke Graeber

TORCH BEARERS

Aaron Yang, Ellen Yang

BANNER BEARERS

Harrison Parrott, David Holden

STREAMER

Victoria Plyler

June 4
June 11
June 18
June 25
July 2
July 9
July 16
July 23
July 30

June 4
June 11
June 18
June 25
July 2
July 9
July 16
July 23
July 30

June 4
June 11
June 18
June 25
July 2
July 9
July 16
July 23
July 30

June 4
June 18
July 2
July 16

June 4

June 4

June 4

USHERS: Head Ushers

June Ernie Kirchin, Glenn Stokes
July Glenn Stokes, Dan Waggoner

USHER TEAMS

June 4 Team 1E* Tom Childress, Mark Derrick
Team 8 Glenn Ketner, captain
June 11 Team 2E* Tom Smith, Jeff Nelson
Team 9 Cliff Ritchie, captain
June 18 Team 3E* Bob Loeblein, Jeff Nelson
Team 10 Larry Britt, captain
June 25 Team 4E* Bob Rusher, Bobby Rusher
Team 1 Mark Derrick, captain
July 2 Team 1E* Tom Childress, Mark Derrick
Team 2 Scott Robinson, captain
July 9 Team 2E* Tom Smith, Jeff Nelson
Team 3 Carole Parrott, captain
July 16 Team 3E* Bob Loeblein, Jeff Nelson
Team 4 Loyd Hill, captain
July 23 Team 4E* Bob Rusher, Bobby Rusher
Team 5 Steve Puckett, captain
July 30 Team 5E* Ronnie Smith
Team 6 Troop 443 Boy Scouts

NURSERY

Jun 4/Jul 2 Annette Brown, Ebony Alexander
Jun 11/Jul 9 Annette Brown, Natalee Taylor
Jun 18/Jul 16 Natalee Taylor, Sandra Jiles
Jun 25/Jul 23 Natalee Taylor, Annette Brown
Jul 30 Sandra Jiles, Annette Brown

9:27 HOSPITALITY TEAM

Jun 4/Jul 2 Angel Barber, Cammie Yarborough, Wayne
Everhart, Irene Stewart, David and Julie Carr
Jun 11/Jul 9 Dean and Tammy Safrit, Jenny Ryerson, Judy
Klusman, Deb Miller, Lindsey Wineka
Jun 18/Jul 16 Debbie Carter, Cheryl, Jack and Chad Van der
Poel, Mike Jacobson, Cyndii Owen
Jun 25/Jul 23 Rhonda and David Harrison, Jack and Jeanie
Moore
Jul 30 Doug and Donna Groce. Stacy and Grace Shafer,
Kim Robinson, Ben and Eva White

9:27 USHER TEAM

June/July Missy and Anthony Weaver, Steve and Camille
Butner

9:27 COFFEE VOLUNTEERS

Jun 4/Jul 2 David and Julie Carr
Jun 11/Jul 9 Sharon Agee
Jun 18/Jul 16 Cyndii Owen, Jill Nothstine
Jun 25/Jul 23 Stan and Sandy Jordan
Jul 30 Bob and Sandy Melton

PA OPERATORS

Jun 4/Jul 2 Darrell Blackwelder
Jun 11/Jul 9 Mike Agee
Jun 18/Jul 16 David Wilson
Jun 25/Jul 23 Roger Alexander
Jul 30 Taylor Hutchins

St. John's Leadership

CONGREGATION COUNCIL

2017 President Karen South Jones
Vice President Ben Goodman
Secretary Jeanie Moore
Treasurer Gary Rhodes

Term Expires 2017

Karen South Jones
Norman Sloop
Nancy Shirley
Ronald Smith
Donny Yost

Term Expires 2018

Ben Goodman
Frank Goodnight
Jeanie Moore
Gary Rhodes
Bill Safrit

Term Expires 2019

Cory Gebhardt
Dennis Ingold
Bill Johnson
Karen Puckett
Karen Rogers

Youth Members

Grace Faller and Victoria Plyler

MINISTRY GROUP CHAIRPERSONS

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

Worship Attendance

May 7 512
May 14 524
May 21 576
May 28 461

Buck-a-Meal Sunday

Sunday, June 4 and July 2 (1st Sunday of each month)

Buck-A-Meal for May was \$271. Every dollar bill donated equals a meal at RHM.

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

Announcements

Consolation

Linda Phillips on the death of her niece, Laura Phillips, on May 7, 2017.

Elaine and Tyler Holden on the death of his sister, Phyllis Keels, on May 13, 2017

John and Jeanne Tucker on the death of his mother, Johanne Crafton, on May 22, 2017.

Pastoral Care and the Prayer Chain

A reminder to let us know if you will be in the hospital so that our pastoral care team and hospital visitors can join with you in presence and prayer. Also, names are added to the daily Prayer Chain by request and permission only. To honor your privacy, we only include those names that are shared with us and have been approved by the person added to the list.

Church Decorating Committee Seeks Members

The St. John's Decorating Committee is responsible for decorating our worship areas during the Christmas and Easter seasons. Our goal is to reflect the joy and celebration of each season while enriching the worship experience. We meet a few times a year for planning and gather each season to decorate. You do not have to have a talent for decorating.....just a desire to help.

We have three worship areas to decorate and would like to create teams for each area. If you are interested in serving, please contact Sandy Jordan at sjordan@fibrant.com or 704-202-9681.

Volunteers Needed for Greeters

If you are interested in being a Greeter at the 11 am worship service, please contact Linda Phillips, at 704-637-7464. Singles and couples are welcome. This is a great way to meet the members of St. John's.

Happy Birthday!

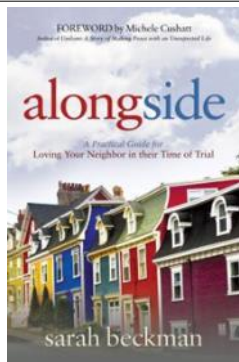
Congratulations to our Octogenarians celebrating birthdays this summer:

June Birthdays

Claude Hampton, Jack Connery, Dorothy Bedford, Anne Steele, Anne Palmer, J.B. Rabon, Lorna Reasor, Wag Wagoner, Gloria Samuelson, Ed Shinn

July Birthdays

Daisy Beaver, Dot Rendleman, Charles Bridgers, Peggy Mowery, Barbara Vogt, Pat Fahey, Mary Ann Nelson



Book of the Month for June

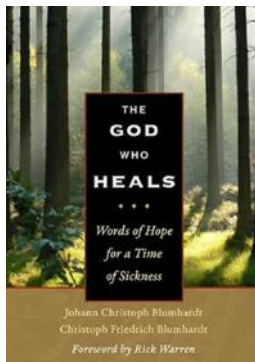
alongside, by Sarah Beckman

Whether it's Cancer, death of a loved one, long-term illness or another significant challenge, we all know someone facing trial. We wonder, "What can I do to help?" Filled with practical tools, personal experience and insights from those who've faced hardship, Sarah Beckman delicately weaves together action and inspiration to create this comprehensive resource. *Alongside* will become your trusted guidebook so you'll know exactly how to bring life-giving help, hope and encouragement to people you care about in their greatest time of need.

Book of the Month for July

The God Who Heals, by Johann and Christoph Blumhardt

These sixty short daily reflections, each based on a verse from the Bible, will guide a believer facing serious sickness – and his or her family – to a rock-solid faith and trust in the will of God. With confidence in the healing power of God and the possibility of miracles, the Blumhardts, a father-son team of pastors renowned for their healing ministry, point us away from our troubles and toward a Creator who is supremely wise and good and wants the best for each of us.

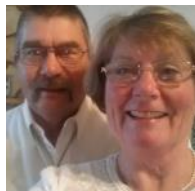


Welcome New Members!



June Battle comes to us from Riverchase Methodist Church in Birmingham, Alabama, having recently moved to the area to be near her family. She is retired, and learned about St. John's from her neighbors, Raymond and Kay Coltrain. She enjoys painting. 524 Confederate Ave, Salisbury, NC 28144; 704-775-6026

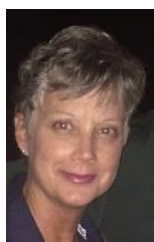
Larry and Yvonne Breitwieser are retired and live in Cleveland. The couple has three adult children, Addy, Brian and Clint. They read about St. John's online. They enjoy babysitting their grandchildren and traveling in their camper. 3140 Old US Hwy 70, Cleveland, NC 27013; 704-467-0986



W.A. and Joyce Cline have been a part of the Rowan community for a long time. They are both retired from Rowan-Salisbury Schools, with W.A. coaching a number of East Rowan football teams to great success. He also enjoys playing golf, watching college football and basketball, going to the Y, working out, and working in the yard. They both enjoy spending time with their grandchildren. 322 Stone Ridge Dr, Salisbury, NC 28146; 704-223-1819



Bill and Shari Graham. Bill is a partner with Wallace and Graham law firm, and Shari is a home-maker and event coordinator. They have two children, Perry, a 2017 master's graduate of the University of Toronto, and Caroline, a 2017 graduate of Catawba College. Bill and Shari learned about St. John's from their friends, John and Hen Henderlite. Shari enjoys directing and planning weddings, volunteering in the community, playing tennis, cooking and gardening. Bill is the chairman of the Catawba College Board of Trustees. 2719 Crenshaw Ct, Salisbury, NC 28144; 704-202-2536



Wendy Harris joined St. John's after being introduced to it by co-workers Christine Mowery and Kelly Goodman. She has found a home in the 9:27 service. Wendy is the Business Manager at First Presbyterian, Salisbury and enjoys reading, walking and spin classes. 1431 Old Mocksville Rd, Salisbury, NC 28144; 704-798-0071



John and Jayne Helms. John is a sales manager and Jayne is a real estate broker. They have three adult children. Jayne enjoys helping others, and is involved in various community organizations, including serving on the board of the Community Care Clinic. 524 Confederate Ave, Salisbury, NC 28144; 704-798-5726

Taylor Hutchins comes to us from Calvary Baptist Church, and serves as St. John's media specialist. Away from work, he enjoys relaxing with family and friends, listening to jazz, traveling, enjoying spirited political debate, and visiting historical landmarks. Taylor says, "Besides the fact that I work here, I feel like this congregation is where God is calling me to serve as well as worship." 4055 Long Ferry Rd, Salisbury, NC 28146; 828-310-5596



Marshall and Pattie Parker, both retired, have moved to Salisbury to be near family. They found out about St. John's from the sign out front and the website. Pattie has already joined the Chancel Choir and enjoys painting, traveling, and sewing. Marshall enjoys gardening, helping people and spending time with family. 6711 Old Mocksville, Rd, Salisbury, NC 28144; 336-408-6446

Jim and Ellen Yeatts come to us from Good Shepherd Lutheran Church in Raleigh. They live at Trinity Oaks. James is a retired Air Force lieutenant colonel, and also worked in his family's grocery business and in real estate. Ellen is a retired nurse. They hear about St. John's from their fellow Trinity Oaks residents. James enjoys reading, watching sports, playing pickleball, biking and travel. Ellen enjoys being outside, gardening, walking, riding bikes, visiting historical sites, singing in the choir, reading, and classical music. The couple spends two months at the beach each year, camping with family and friends. They enjoy spending time with their two grandsons, Tyler, 16, and Timothy, 12. 111 Covenant Woods Dr, Salisbury, NC 28144; 704-870-8332



Anita Yost is now a regular at our 11 am worship service and especially enjoys the music and liturgy. Anita is a Sales Business Manager at Shat-R-Shield. Additionally, Anita and her husband, Biff, own Cauble Creek Vineyard and Winery. Anita and Biff have one adult child, Alex. 202 Miller Chapel Rd, Salisbury, NC 28147; 704-633-5943

Free Day Camp Day



**Saturday June 10
9:00 am – 3:00 pm
Rising 1st to 5th Grade**



**REGISTER TODAY AT
stjohns-salisbury.org
Click on the home slider**



Questions? Contact Kai at St. John's!

**St John's Lutheran Church
200 West Innes Street
Salisbury, NC 28144**



Bee-ing Good Stewards of the Environment

By Susan Shinn Turner

It may sound silly, but St. John's is all abuzz about sustainability.

Over the past several months, St. John's has incorporated a number of items into its sustainability initiative — from the addition of solar panels to the Education Building roof, the eliminating Styrofoam campus-wide, to the use of LED lighting. Add to that list urban beekeeping.

“Our goal is to be proper managers and stewards of our resources,” Pastor Rhodes says. “It’s also to serve as an example to other churches and businesses to see that good environmental stewardship is something all of us can do.”

“We’re doing more and more recycling,” notes Mike Agee, a member of the property committee. “We have stopped using Styrofoam because most of it cannot be recycled. And we’re participating in a program with Duke Energy to upfit and replace our fluorescent lighting. In a matter of months, Mike says, the new bulbs pay for themselves. And the new fixtures are being purchased at extreme savings thanks to Duke rebates.

“Any time you reduce energy,” Mike explains, “you save money and decrease your environmental impact.”

Staff and volunteers are working on this project, he notes. The campus will have fewer fixtures, but with greater output. “It’ll be a little brighter. If you’re a lighting purist, you replace every three years. We replace when they burn out. You’ll definitely see a noticeable difference.”

But what’s this about Urban Beekeeping? Pastor Rhodes recently took a course in beekeeping and developed a special interest in urban beekeeping, thanks to his friend Ted Goins. A block away from St. John’s, Ted keeps bees on the roof of Pottery 101, at the home he shares with wife Cheryl. Knowing of the great need for urban beekeeping, the plan was hatched: to install a hive on the rooftop of St. John’s.

At his very first class, Pastor Rhodes ran into Nathan Hough, a 24 year old member of St. John’s who wanted to be a state certified beekeeper. Nathan was excited about the church’s project and immediately signed on to help.

Nathan has been interested in bees since he was “knee high,” thanks to grandmother. At one time, Mrs. Hough

kept nearly 40 hives at her home near China Grove. She’s known by some as the Queen Bee. Nathan would agree. “She’s taught me everything I know.”

In recent years, Nathan says, his grandmother needed someone to take over for her. “She basically passed the torch to me. I have two hives at my house and four at her house, and Pastor Rhodes and I now have one at church. They are his bees, but I’m helping. He’s doing a great job.”

There’s a lot to beekeeping, to be sure, and Nathan says it takes regular monitoring to see how the bees are doing, what they’re doing, and be on guard against disease and other potential problems.



Nathan says that the honeybee population has declined as much as two-thirds during the last ten years because of pesticide use and disease. “If we lose the honeybee, we’ll be in a fallout zone. We’ll have to manually pollinate crops.”

And bees pollinate a lot of things — from crops to trees to flowers to grass, Nathan says. “I mean everything! People don’t realize how important it is to keep bees.”

That’s why beekeeping — especially urban beekeeping — is so crucial, says Nathan.

“It’s a really good thing. And it has a Christian aspect, because you can see the glory of God when you watch bees. Every bee in that hive has a job. Every bee is working for the queen — as we should all be doing our part to work for God.”

The honey harvested from the St. John’s hive will be sold at Seasons Gifts in early July, with proceeds to support Escuela Integrada, our mission partner in Guatemala. And for those with questions about safety, don’t worry. “Unless you’re 4-5 feet from the hive, there’s no risk at all. And the only thing that close to the hive are the new solar panels!”

By the way, we’re looking for a name for the honey. If you have a suggestion, let us know!

New Prayer Room to be Dedicated June 4

By Susan Shinn Turner

As part of the renovation of the Education Building, St. John's now has a new prayer room.

"Space matters. The new prayer room allows us to create and cultivate **sacred space for sacred moments**. We hope that each person that steps into the room will feel surrounded by the presence of God and enter into greater conversation with God through prayer."

Not only is the prayer room, formerly classroom 211, used for a place of prayer and meditation, it's also offered as space for celebrations for brides, and a gathering space for families before funerals. Again, providing sacred space in these sacred moments.

The Sims family set up the original prayer room several years ago in memory of the late Joseph Lon Sims.

"He had a prayer station at his house, with pictures of every member of his family. That's how he started his day," says Barbara Jo Corriher, his granddaughter, and a member of the prayer room team. "That's why the prayer room has been so important for our family."

Others on the team include Sherry Mason Brown and Mark Ritchie.

The prayer bench and Queen Anne wood chairs came from the former prayer room and have been reupholstered for the new space. The late Dr. David Martin made a stained glass Luther Rose for Eleanor Andrews, which she donated for the room. This hung in the previous

prayer room and has been reframed in a light box, with wooden spandrels created and donated by the Goodman family.

The primary artwork above the sofa is "Through the Fog," by Judith Judy.

"The prayer room team feels this painting represents the sun rising on a new life together, or a sun setting on a life well lived," Sherry says. "It also will serve as an inspiration for contemplative prayer and all other prayers lifted up in this place."



"The gift of the space is that is more than just furnishings and pictures hung on a wall," says Pastor Danielle, "It is an invitation. Prayer stations throughout the rooms allow you to engage in habits of prayer."

A prayer and journaling station is also

available, along with a basket of yarn and needles for making prayer shawls. Centering prayer cushions, a wooden finger labyrinth and a variety of devotionals are available. A magnetic world map serves as an inspiration to remember our prayer partners. Meditation and healing music CD's are available, as well as prayer cards. The prayer room will be dedicated on June 4 at the 11 am worship service with a reception to follow in the chapel narthex and visits to the prayer room.

Opportunities to use the prayer room this summer

- Experience Lectio Divinia on July 12 @ Noon
- Experience Centering Prayer on June 20 @ Noon

“Making Way for More” Campaign Begins

By Bradley Chestnut

The 9:27am Service at St. John’s is a thriving service where all are welcome to come just as they are in order to experience and hear of God’s love for them.

And what’s particularly exciting is that it’s growing.

I’ve been the 9:27 Worship Leader for a year now, and I have to say, *How could I not be excited?* When so many churches are struggling, we’re actually talking about adding chairs!

There are currently 250 chairs in the Faith Center, while 9:27 attendance is now in the low 200s. Think of the smile on God’s face when Pastor Rhodes said recently, “we need more chairs!”

To do just that, we are announcing our “Making Way for More” campaign — a campaign to add 50 additional chairs to the Faith Center. The campaign will last from June 11 to July 16. Chairs are \$150 each, although we will accept gifts of any size.

I hope you’ll join me in “Making room for more!”

For additional information, please contact me at bradley@stjohns-salisbury.org.



22 men enjoyed the 5th annual Men’s Beach Retreat at Kure Beach. In addition to golf, a bike ride to Southport, and the Tommy Carlton Annual Shrimp Boil, a highlight of this year’s trip was Skyping with Mike Connor, a regular participant who this year was unable to attend because of his 3 month mission to Palestine.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
June 2017						
<p>4 PENTECOST/GRADUATION SUN 8:30a Chapel Worship 9:27a Contemporary Worship/HC 9:45-10a Child. Worship/Adult SS 11a Sanctuary Worship/HC 11:15a Children's Worship 12p Prayer Room Dedication 12:30p Graduation Luncheon 5:30p End of Year Confirmation</p>	<p>5 11a Pray for Peace 1p Monday Rembrandts 3p Trinity Ringers/Singers/ Y-Wonders Rehearsal</p>	<p>6 7:45a Women's Bible Study 5:30p Outreach Team Mtg 7p Worship Group</p>	<p>7 10a Staff meeting 4p Willi Beifuss Lifegroup 7p Chancel Choir</p>	<p>8 7:30a Joshua Group 10:15a Trinity Singers/Ringers 1:30p Weekly Contemporary Walk-Thru 6p Contemporary Worship Rehearsal</p>	<p>9 9a Knox MS 8th Grade Breakfast 10:30a NCPK Graduation 1p St. John's Book Club 1:30p AGAPE Day Camp Preparation</p>	<p>10 7:30a SHS SAT Testing 9a AGAPE Day Camp</p>
<p>11 HOLY TRINITY SUNDAY 8:30a Chapel Worship/HC 9:27a Contemporary Worship 9:45-10a Child. Worship/Adult SS 11a Sanctuary Worship 11:15a Children's Worship 12p Baptism Luncheon (DeNise) 3p Trinity Ringers/Singers/ Y-Wonders Concert 5p Women's Ensemble</p>	<p>12 9a Carowinds Trip 1p Monday Rembrandts 4p Benevolent Foundation</p>	<p>13 7:45a Women's Bible Study 3:30p Personnel Committee 4:30p Finance Committee 5:15p Health Care Ministry</p>	<p>14 10a Staff meeting 4p Willi Beifuss Lifegroup 7p Chancel Choir</p>	<p>15 7:30a Joshua Group 10:15a Trinity Singers/Ringers 1:30p Contemporary Walk-Thru 5p Executive Committee 6p Contemporary Worship Rehearsal</p>	<p>16</p>	<p>17</p>
<p>18 8:30a Chapel Worship 9:27a Contemporary Worship 9:45-10a Child. Worship/Adult SS 11a Sanctuary Worship/HC 11:15a Children's Worship</p>	<p>19 9a Summer String Camp 1p Monday Rembrandts</p>	<p>20 7:45a Women's Bible Study 9a Summer String Camp 5:45p Adult Discipleship Team 7p Congregation Council</p>	<p>21 8a Summer String Camp 10a Staff meeting 4p Willi Beifuss Lifegroup</p>	<p>22 7:30a Joshua Group 9a Summer String Camp 10:15a Trinity Singers/Ringers 1:30p Contemporary Walk-Thru 6p CDC Preschool Graduation 6p Contemporary Worship Rehearsal</p>	<p>23 9a Summer String Camp 1p MS/HS Movie Marathons</p>	<p>24 1p MS/HS Movie Marathons 2p Organ Recital</p>
<p>25 GUATEMALA COMMISSIONING 8:30a Chapel Worship/HC 9:27a Contemporary Worship 9:45-10a Child. Worship/Adult SS 11a Sanctuary Worship 11:15a Children's Worship 1p MS/HS Movie Marathon 5p Women's Ensemble</p>	<p>26 9a Hands and Feet Camp 1p Monday Rembrandts 4:15p Seasons Gifts Board</p>	<p>27 7:45a Women's Bible Study 9a Hands and Feet Camp 2p Healthy Rowan 5:30p 927 Team</p>	<p>28 9a Hands and Feet Camp 10a Staff meeting 4p Willi Beifuss Lifegroup</p>	<p>29 7:30a Joshua Group 9a Hands and Feet Camp 10:15a Trinity Singers/Ringers 1:30p Contemporary Walk-Thru 6p Contemporary Worship Rehearsal</p>	<p>30</p>	

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
30 (July) 8:30a Chapel Worship 9:27a Contemporary Worship 9:45-10a Child. Worship/Adult SS 11a Sanctuary Worship 11:15a Children's Worship	31 (July) 9a VBS 1p Monday Rembrandts	<h1>July 2017</h1>				1
2 HS Mission Trip to Guatemala NO CHILDREN'S WORSHIP 9:27a Contemporary Worship/HC 10a Adult SS 11a Sanctuary Worship/HC	3 1p Monday Rembrandts	4 OFFICE CLOSED	5 10a Staff meeting 4p Willi Beifuss Lifegroup	6 7:30a Joshua Group 10:15a Trinity Singers/Ringers 1:30p Weekly Contemporary Walk-Thru 6p Contemporary Worship Rehearsal	7	8
9 8:30a Chapel Worship/HC 9:27a Contemporary Worship 9:45-10a Child. Worship/Adult SS 11a Sanctuary Worship	10 1p Monday Rembrandts	11 7:45a Women's Bible Study 10a GIFT Summer Circle 2p Senior Seasons Ice Cream Social 4:30p Finance Committee 7p GIFT Summer Circle	12 10a Staff meeting 4p Benevolent Foundation 4p Willi Beifuss Lifegroup	13 7:30a Joshua Group 10:15a Trinity Singers/Ringers 1:30p Contemporary Walk-Thru 5p Executive Committee 6p Contemporary Worship Rehearsal	14 1p St. John's Book Club EAGLE'S VIEW DEADLINE FOR AUGUST ISSUE	15
16 CONFIRMATION CAMP 8:30a Chapel Worship 9:27a Contemporary Worship 9:45-10a Child Worship/Adult SS 11a Sanctuary Worship/HC	17 1p Monday Rembrandts	18 7:45a Women's Bible Study 10a GIFT Summer Circle 5:45p Adult Discipleship Team 7p Church Council 7p GIFT Summer Circle	19 10a Staff meeting 4p Willi Beifuss Lifegroup	20 7:30a Joshua Group 10:15a Trinity Singers/Ringers 1:30p Contemporary Walk-Thru Rehearsal 7p Welcome Back/Guatemala/HS	21	22
23 KNOXVILLE MS MISSION TRIP NO CHILDREN'S WORSHIP 8:30a Chapel Worship/HC 9:27a Contemporary Worship 10a Adult SS 11a Sanctuary Worship	24 1p Monday Rembrandts 4:15p Seasons Gifts Board	25 7:45a Women's Bible Study 10a GIFT Summer Circle 2p Healthy Rowan Meeting 7p GIFT Summer Circle	26 10a Staff meeting 4p Willi Beifuss Lifegroup	27 7:30a Joshua Group 10:15a Trinity Singers/Ringers 1:30p Contemporary Walk-Thru Rehearsal	28	29

St. John's Ministry Staff

Pastoral Ministry

Senior Pastor.....The Rev. Rhodes Woolly
 Pastor for Discipleship.....The Rev. Danielle Kosanovich DeNise
 Visitation.....Wade Rouzer

Worship and Music Ministry

Minister of MusicRob Durocher
 Associate Parish Musician.....Rosemary Kinard
 Assisting MusicianDaniel Trivette
 Director of Music EmeritusKarl Kinard
 Assisting Organist.....Deanna Boksleitner
 Media Specialist.....Taylor Hutchins
 Contemporary Worship Leader.....Bradley Chestnut

Program Ministry

Youth.....Kai Thurow
 Senior AdultsCarolyn Byrd
 St. John's Kindergarten (4 and 5 year olds)Teresa Stoner
 Child Development Center (infant -age 4 and after school).....Joanna Smith

Administrative Team

Business ManagerRuth Ann Diehl
 Office Manager.....Joy Chaffin
 Bookkeeper.....Toni Peeler
 Communications Assistant.....Susan Shinn Turner
 Facility Manager.....Jon Koppe
 Maintenance.....Austin Oliver
 CustodianSandra Knox

Sunday Worship Services

8:30 am — Chapel

9:27 am — Contemporary

11 am — Sanctuary

Holy Communion

Contemporary Worship: 1st Sunday of the month

Chapel Worship: 2nd and 4th Sundays

Sanctuary Worship: 1st and 3rd Sundays

Nursery provided for infants through age 5 during services.

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

Office hours — Monday-Thursday, 9 am-5 pm; Friday 9-12.

Telephone 704.636.3431; Fax 704.636.4461

Extension # to leave message after hours:

Joy	200	Jon	207
Toni	202	Rob	208
Ruth Ann	203	Rosemary	218
Kai	204	Carolyn	220
Pastor Danielle	205	Bradley	222
Pastor Rhodes	206		

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

EAGLE'S VIEW (USPS 716—020)

is published once a month by St. John's Lutheran Church
 200 West Innes Street, Salisbury, NC 28144

Vol. 17, Issue 6

Periodical postage paid at Salisbury, North Carolina

POSTMASTER: Send address change to

EAGLE'S VIEW, 200 W. Innes Street, Salisbury, NC 28144

Please deliver by June 3

On Call List

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

Pastor Rhodes Woolly	Cell 704.754.2250
Pastor Danielle K. DeNise	Cell 919.475.1391
Wade Rouzer	Cell 980.234.0699

June 2-4	Pastor Danielle DeNise
June 9-11	Pastor Rhodes Woolly
June 16-18	Pastor Danielle DeNise
June 23-25	Pastor Rhodes Woolly
June 30-July 2	Pastor Danielle DeNise
July 7-9	Pastor Danielle DeNise
July 14-16	Pastor Danielle DeNise
July 21-23	Pastor Rhodes Woolly
July 28-30	Pastor Rhodes Woolly

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