



Let's connect faith and life *together*

Farewell, Pastor Danielle!

By Susan Shinn Turner

When Pastor Danielle DeNise came to St. John's, Matt Woolly was a confirmand. In July, she went to Lutheridge with the latest group of confirmands, and Matt, a rising sophomore at N.C. State, served as one of their counselors.

"That's the scope of time I've been here," Pastor Danielle says of her 5½-year tenure here, first as youth minister and then as pastor for discipleship.

When she arrived, she was a single gal.

"I was not even 30!" Pastor Danielle says, laughing. Now she's wife to Michael and mom to Moses, 7 months old.

She leaves July 30 to become one of the directors of evangelical missions for the ELCA, deployed to North Carolina. She'll work out of the N.C. Synod headquarters.

"It's been a journey," she says. "St. John's has been a place that has made space for each new season in my life. That's been a pure joy. It has shaped me in a way that I know I'll be able to have a strong voice in my new call. I know what it looks like to advance the kingdom. I love Jesus more because of this place."

Ironically, Michael works for the Synod, as director of finance and administration. Chuckling again, Danielle says she asked for the office farthest away from his — even though it's a small building.

"He's gotten very Lutheran," Danielle says of Michael, who grew up Baptist.

Danielle says that her new call very well aligned with her gifts, so much so that she feels a bit like Pastor Rhodes.

"I feel like an extension of Pastor Rhodes, because of the way I've been trained at St. John's," she says. "This is a move that just made sense for our family."

She adds, "We're so thankful that we can remain at St. John's, and that Moses will continue to attend the Child

Development Center. Moses is a part of this church family and St. John's will continue to be our church family during this new season of our lives."

Pastor Danielle says she's been part of a "remarkable team," and wishes the next pastor well.

"You will think bigger than you ever thought," she advises. "You will not think about surviving, you will think about how the kingdom can be advanced."



Pastor Danielle speaks with Mike Jacobs during a reception honoring her ministry at St. John's, July 29. At the 11:00 service the following day, Pastor Rhodes presented her with a congregational gift, a painting by Chinese American artist He Qi, entitled "The Lord's Prayer."

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From the pastor



To My Dearest St. John's Family,

As I sit down to write this letter my office is feeling a bit emptier and walls a bit more bare, and yet my heart is full to the point of overflowing. So many beautiful things have happened in our last five years together. Personally, Michael and I have joined our lives

together and welcomed our precious Moses. Thank you for all the ways you have made this place home for our family and loved us. We will treasure this place as our family's first faith community in ways I can hardly put into words.

And so many things have happened in ministry – a new building. Not just brick and mortar, but a space that has welcomed over 200 for Vacation Bible school since it's opening. A place where young people are gathered and nourished and then sent – like the 43 that went to Guatemala this summer. LifeGroups have formed and provided a place to experience authentic community. A GIFT has been opened as women from our community have been gathering together and serving.

Perhaps what I have treasured most is the journey to become your pastor. There is no greater honor than getting to be part of God's work in this place as one of

your pastors. Thank you for raising me up. Thank you for sharing Sunday mornings with me – worshipping together and wrestling with the Word of God. Thank you for sharing your stories and inviting me into sacred moments. I said to Michael just last night, "I did not know I could love a group of people so much." Thanks be to God.

Michael and I wanted to leave a gift with you as we begin a new season. We wanted to honor the many ways we have "been on the road" together. From beach retreats, wild women, congregational retreats, mission trips and more, we have been uniquely shaped by these gatherings around the country – and world. We leave with the congregation a retreat worship box – with pottery communion ware and baptismal bowl. As St. John's members, young and old, gather around it we hope that they feel the sustaining power of God. We pray that bread and wine serve as "medicine for your soul" (Ireneaus). We pray that as the baptismal waters touch your head for the first time or once again that those waters remind you that you are a precious child of God dearly and deeply loved.

Thank you for it all. To God be the Glory.

God's Love and Mine,

Pastor Danielle DeNise

What's Next? How a new pastor is called

As we bid farewell to Pastor Danielle, many folks are asking about the call of a new pastor. Although we'd like for this issue to be a chance to highlight and give thanks for Danielle's ministry among us, we knew it was important to take a quick look at what's next. Here are some highlights:

- Pastor Rhodes and a key group of leaders have clarified the job description for a second pastor and updated the Ministry Site Profile (MSP) for our congregation. The MSP provides potential candidates a careful look into the life and ministry of St. John's and our particularly context. To take a look at the job description, visit our website, stjohns-salisbury.org.
- We have been in conversation with the Synod about potential candidates since early June. Because there is a significant shortage of pastors these days, it is important to remember that it might take some time to identify the "right" candidate who happens to be available.
- When that list has been narrowed to a manageable size, a Council-appointed team will interview and make recommendations to the Council and congregation for a call to be extended.
- In the meantime, if congregation members would like to suggest names of pastors to be considered, please make those names known to Pastor Rhodes.

Barnabas Connection Returns this Fall

Renewed St. John's ministry partners with Knox Middle and the Center for Faith and the Arts

By Susan Shinn Turner

After a year's respite, the Barnabas Connection program will return with a new director.

Barnabas Connection began in 2008 as a ministry to at-risk students at Knox Middle School. The program was the brainchild of the late Shirley Ritchie, and her legacy will continue, says her daughter, Celia Jarrett. "We needed time to step back and re-group."

In reimagining the program, Celia visited Andi Cantrell at the Center for Faith and the Arts to get some new ideas and inspiration. "They were actually looking for a venue for their artists to work in the community. It's a really good match. We'll supply the structure, and they'll supply the artists. That was exactly what we needed."

Celia assembled an executive committee to restructure the Barnabas Connection: Pastor Rhodes, Wayne Nelson, Kai Thurow, Karen South Jones and Sandy Buechler.

"To move forward, we needed three things," Celia says. "We needed money, we needed a director, and we needed more intentional training for our volunteers."

Celia used money Shirley had left and also received funds from the Benevolent Foundation and from St. John's. The committee wrote a job description for a director and hired Nancy Gaines, a local attorney and artist, as director.

Volunteers for Barnabas, Celia says, are folks who can be consistent in the lives of at-risk children and care about them. "And be prepared to have fun," Celia adds.

Kay Wilson recently joined the program. "I enjoyed the time I was there," says Kay, who taught for 19 years at Knox and served for another 13 years at Corriher-Lipe Middle School as assistant principal. "It was fun getting back into education. Barnabas gives these children a chance to receive extra attention. It makes them feel special and sets them apart a little bit. It really does mean something to these children."

The executive committee has expanded training for volunteers, Celia notes. "Volunteers need to be prepared for the situations these kids come from. We're going to do a lot with poverty training, helping volunteers understand the trauma of being raised in poverty. "



Dave Roof has been a volunteer since the very beginning

Celia says that the training will be available for any church volunteers who work with at-risk youth, and those who want to better understand the consequences of poverty.

The group has always had devotion time, but will now be more intentional in talking about spiritual peacemaking, Celia says. "We want to have a time of sharing and conversation. How do you stay peaceful in a world that's not?"

Barnabas Connection will meet 2:30-5 pm Thursdays beginning Oct. 5. Each week, the students will receive a full meal, and have 30 minutes to do homework before diving into an hour of art instruction.

Wayne Nelson and Dave Roof are longtime volunteers. "Dave is tireless," Celia says. "He is so devoted to the kids at Knox. And Wayne is so good with the kids. He's such a gentle soul."

Celia says she's looking forward to the new year. "We have been in a time of abiding," she says. "We needed the time to step back, rethink and re-energize."

She also looks forward to receiving new volunteers. "We need lighthearted people who want to have a good time," she says. "At the very least, we are two hours of light to these children. For two hours, the world is not so tragic."

To volunteer for Barnabas Connection, please contact the church office.

August Youth Schedule

Please note: Through 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

August 2	Faith Statement Retreat 2 <i>(Rising 9th grade Confirmation students)</i>	4 pm
August 11	Day at the Lake!	meet at 1 pm
August 16	6th Grade Milestone <i>Surviving Middle School! (see page 5)</i>	6 pm
August 26	Confirmation Banquet	
August 27	Confirmation Sunday	one service only (11:00 am)

Fuel Grades 9-12

August 11	Day at the Lake!	meet at 1 pm
August 17	11th/12th Grade RAK Attack	2 pm
August 20	9th Grade Milestone <i>Surviving High School! (see page 5)</i>	6 pm



VBS IS UNDERWAY!

277 kids are filling the Faith Center for a week of great fun!

At Maker Fun Factory, kids become hands-on inventors who discover they're lovingly crafted by God! Kids are experiencing 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. Plus, we're helping kids discover how to see evidence of God in everyday life—something we call “God Sightings.”

Special thanks to our leaders — Kim Lentz and Melissa Rhyne, and their team of teachers and volunteers. Check out our Facebook page for pictures and fun memories!



Milestones are special events that teach our children, youth – and their parents – different faith practices in environments that are fun and memorable.

Surviving Middle School as a Child of God (6th Grade) — August 16

We invite our rising 6th grade students and parents to attend our Surviving Middle School on Wednesday August 16 at 6-7:30 pm in the PIT. Following dinner, parents and students will talk about the fears they have of starting middle school and the ways God walks right alongside them through this journey. At least one parent must be present with their child. Feel free to share with friends!

Please RSVP to Kai Thurow at kai@stjohns-salisbury.org by August 9 so we have enough supplies prepared.

Surviving High School (9th Grade) — August 20

We invite our rising 9th grade students to attend our Surviving High School Milestone on Sunday, August 20 at 6 pm—7:30 pm in the FUEL Room for dinner and discussion. This milestone gives our rising high school students the opportunity to talk with current or recently graduated high school students about their experiences in high school and the ways God walks right alongside them through this journey.

Please RSVP to Kai by August 13 so we have enough supplies prepared.

Baptismal Partners (4th and 5th Grades) — September 6

We want to invite you to our Baptismal Partners Milestone on Wednesday, September 6th at 6 pm in the PIT. We will gather for dinner and finish our program by 7 pm. As fourth and fifth graders, we will be diving into baptism! This special milestone will include kids learning about the meaning of baptism and the baptismal elements through skits, sea-shells, and so much more. Kids will also have the opportunity to be a baptismal partner for the year!

One adult is to be present with your child at the milestone. We encourage siblings and other significant adults (Godparents, grandparents) to come too. This is a great way to equip all of God's people to live into our calling as children of God.

RSVP to Kai by Wednesday, August 30 so we have enough supplies prepared.



Mission to Knoxville

A group of 13 middle school youth and 2 adults traveled to Knoxville Tennessee to grow in their faith, learn more about themselves, and wrestle with the idea of being a neighbor to all. In Knoxville our youth had the opportunity to partner with a variety of non-profit organizations in the downtown area. WOW is a ministry of St. John's Lutheran Church in Knoxville.

Senior Seasons



By Carolyn Byrd

We hope everyone is having a great summer and looking forward to a new and exciting year of activities and trips with our Senior Seasons Ministry! The Steering Committee has been busy at work brainstorming and organizing events to challenge and entertain our seniors in the 2017-18 calendar year. We want all of our previous participants to join in the fun and “Bring a Friend” to share the experience!

Our **VIP Panthers Stadium Tour** is scheduled for Tuesday, August 15, in Charlotte. Cost for the trip is \$20 per person **plus lunch**. We will travel by bus at 10 am from St. John’s, have lunch in Charlotte, and enjoy a VIP tour of the Panthers Stadium at 1 pm. We will return to the church around 5 pm. **You must register by Wednesday, August 9!**

Our annual **Trolley Sculpture Tour of Salisbury** is slated for Tuesday, August 29, 2017, from 10 am - 12 noon. We will travel by trolley to view the newest sculpture pieces in the Salisbury/Rowan community. Jenn Selby, Fine & Applied Arts Chair at Rowan-Cabarrus Community College will be our tour guide. Cost per person is \$10.

Register for these two events online at stjohns-salisbury.org or by contacting Carolyn Byrd at Carolyn@stjohns-salisbury.org or by phone at 704-636-3431.

Senior Seasons Academy Launches on September 5

Join us Tuesday, September 5, 2017 at 10 am for this year’s kick off of our annual Senior Seasons Academy. We will hear from former Salisbury Mayor Susan Kluttz, who will share her perspective on our community and her years as a public servant at both the local and state level. Former Mayor Kluttz served two years in Governor Pat McCrory’s administration as Secretary of the NC Department of Natural and Cultural Resources. She was honored to receive Duke Energy’s Citizenship and Service Award in January 2017 at the Rowan County Chamber of Commerce’s Annual Gala.

Academy classes begin Tuesday, September 12, 2017, for the six-week fall term. You will note that the registration fees have been adjusted for participants who opt for only one course. Brochures will be mailed mid-August. Register online via stjohns-salisbury.org or by filling out the registration form in the brochure. We hope you will invite your friends to join us!

Let’s Go to the Isle of Palms!

Annual Beach Retreat is November 5-8, 2017

Our annual trip to the Isle of Palms will be in early November. This trip is a relaxing time of fun, food, and fellowship and is a favorite of many of our seniors. We will leave by bus at 2 pm on Sunday, November 5 and return early afternoon on November 8. Cost for the trip is \$190 per person/double occupancy.

Our schedule for the trip includes:

Sunday: Arrival and check-in followed by a delicious dinner of BBQ with all the fixins’ prepared by Jack and Jeanie Moore.

Monday: Breakfast, Bible study and day trip into Charleston followed by Monday night shrimp boil hosted by Bob and Anne Loeblein.

Tuesday: Morning tour with Barrier Island Ecotours - Cost \$25/person (cost is offset by monies from our Peeler/Casey grant). This tour is designed for participants to learn about the local ecosystem. The tour is led by naturalists (marine biologists) and will give us the opportunity to see dolphins, bald eagles, and many other natural inhabitants of the barrier islands. Our group will travel to Caper’s Island, an uninhabited barrier island by pontoon boat. The boat is outfitted with windows to protect us from wind and cold and also has bathroom facilities.

On Tuesday evening, our group will eat out together at a local seafood restaurant.

Wednesday: Morning breakfast and then travel back to Salisbury.

Many thanks to Randy Overcash for driving us in our large and comfortable 25 passenger bus!

Register by contacting Carolyn Byrd at Carolyn@stjohns-salisbury.org or 704-636-3431.

Wednesday Meals Return September 6



It takes a village to run our Wednesday meals for 150+ people each week! It also takes some good leaders. Many thanks to Ott Pinkston and Celia Jarrett for coordinating meals and volunteers, and to Carol Hair (second from left) for leading children's activities. Volunteers like Barbara Jo Corriher (far left) fill in the blanks. Thank you to all!

By Susan Shinn Turner

Wednesday meal lovers, rejoice! The perennially popular Wednesday meals return on September 6. This year, healthy alternatives have been added.

“We already serve fresh frozen vegetables and unsweetened tea,” says Celia Jarrett, who partners with Ott Pinkston and his crew to prepare meals. “This fall, we’ll start offering fresh fruit as a dessert alternative, and salad without dressing. We’ll continue to offer peanut butter and jelly sandwiches for the kids.”

Celia notes that while Ott cooks with healthy foods —

real butter, real milk, real cream — they’re not necessarily low-calorie or low-fat. “We’re just going to be more conscious and aware of our choices. If we can find healthy choices, we’ll try them out.”

“We can all be more aware of what we eat,” says Carolyn Byrd, director of senior ministry, who serves on the Healthy Rowan executive team. “It’s also a healthy thing to spend time with one another in fellowship, and that doesn’t cost us any calories at all!”

Season passes are now available (see below). Please purchase your meal pass by Sept. 1 from the church office.



Wednesday Meals Season Pass

Please purchase a season pass by September 1 to ensure your name is on the list for our first meal, cut and return to the church office with your payment. Prices include all 25 meals for the 2017-18 season. Adult: \$90; youth 6-12 grade: \$70; elementary and younger: \$20.

Attached is \$_____ for season pass(es). #___ adults ___ 6th-12th ___ elem./younger

Please place the following names on the season pass list:

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: Philipp 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

Philipp Melancthon: Luther’s indispensable side-kick

When it comes to the "how?" and "why?" of the Reformation, experts are unanimous: It never could have happened without Philipp Melancthon. A formidable right-hand man, Melancthon was Luther's best friend and favorite intellectual sparring partner. Fiercely intelligent, he attended Heidelberg University at age 12 and went on to study everything from mathematics and law to astronomy and philosophy. By the time he was 21, he had already published many works, including a guide to Greek grammar (1518). Obviously quite taken with the Greek language, he even changed his German name "Schwartzertdt" ('black earth') to the Greek equivalent: Melancthon.

Hired by the University of Wittenberg as its first professor of Greek, he soon came under Luther's influence and switched to theology. Despite a 14-year difference in age, the two formed a fast and unshakable bond. While Melancthon's lectures often drew 600 students at a time, he was known to be less charismatic than Luther; however, he was more organized than his mentor, who could be impulsive and emotional. At a time when Christianity was in turmoil, Melancthon stayed cool, calm, and collected, preferring reason to passion and always looking for areas of agreement with fellow Christians.

When Luther was called to Augsburg in 1530 to defend his controversial teachings, it was Melancthon who drew up the so-called Augsburg Confession. Of the 28 articles of Lutheran faith, the first 21

confirm the foundations of Lutheranism, while the last seven pinpoint the major differences between Lutheranism and the Roman Catholic Church. Sixteen years later, Melancthon led the German Reformation movement after Luther's death. Ever the conciliator, he searched for common ground after Lutherans were defeated at the Battle of Muehlberg in 1547. His concessions led hardline Lutherans to denounce him as a traitor. He is also known for reforming the German education system.

Philipp Melancthon died in Wittenberg in 1560 and was buried in the Castle Church next to Martin Luther, determined to remain at his side even in death.

— *from visit-luther.com, an introduction to the land and people of the Reformation.*





August 30 from 6-8 pm — Celebrating Katie Luther

All women of St. John's are invited to join us as we celebrate Katie Luther and her role in the Reformation. We lift a glass to her faith, her courage, and her wit. We will gather at Cauble Creek Vineyard. Wine will be available for purchase, refreshments provided. The night will even include a "visit" from Katie herself! The event is hosted by the GIFT Women's Ministry.

September 12, 19, 26, October 3, 10, 17 — Senior Seasons Academy presents "Lutheranism in America"

The Academy for our senior adults will be studying the spread of Lutheranism in North America. Led by Pastor Rhodes, the class will explore the history of Lutheranism through key leaders – and especially highlight the history right here in Rowan County. The class will include teaching, discussion as well as follow-up reading each week. For more details and to register visit the website or Senior Seasons brochure.

September 23 at 2 pm — NC and SC Synod Reformation Worship

Lutherans in both the North and South Carolina Synods are encouraged to attend the capstone worship at Covenant Presbyterian Church in Charlotte on Saturday, September 23, at 2 pm. ELCA Presiding Bishop Elizabeth A. Eaton will preach. Choirs and other musical groups from Newberry College and Lenoir-Rhyne University will participate, as well as a choir of volunteer singers from congregations in both Carolinas.

September 23 at 7 pm — Reformation Symphony

The Salisbury Symphony with the Salisbury Symphony Chorus under the direction of David Hagy will perform music based on "A Mighty Fortress" and Mendelssohn's Symphony No. 5 "Reformation". This is a once-and-lifetime event. Tickets are available now. Symphony members can purchase tickets at a special price through the symphony box-office. All other tickets are available in Seasons Gifts or online at stjohns-salisbury.org. Tickets are \$20. General Admission Seating.

October 8, 15, 22 — Joint Catholic & Lutheran Study

Join us as we study together and engage in conversation with our Catholic sisters and brothers from Sacred Heart. Led by Father John Eckerd and Pastor Rhodes Woolly, we will discuss the *Declaration on the Way*. The Declaration draws together a litany of 32 consensus statements, where Catholics and Lutherans already have said there are not church-dividing differences between them. An elaboration of these agreements grounds them in the dialogues' work. Finally, a more tentative section identifies some "remaining differences" – not intending to be comprehensive but suggesting some ways forward. We will gather on Sunday evenings from 6 to 7:30pm. Location TBD. Childcare available.

October 12-15, 18-21 — In God's Own Country

To celebrate the 500th anniversary of the Reformation in 2017, a German theater company is bringing the story of Henry Muhlenberg to Salisbury. The play, "In God's Own Country," chronicles Muhlenberg's struggle to establish the Lutheran church in America. Opening night for "In God's Own Country" is Oct. 12, 2017, with shows presented Oct. 12-15 and 18-21. Tickets can be purchased through the Piedmont Players box office.

October 26 — Martin Luther: The Idea that Changed the World movie screening

Join us at Tinseltown Cinemark Theater for the movie *Martin Luther: The Idea that Changed the World*, October 26 at 1:30 and again at 6:30 pm. This entertaining new film follows the great adventure story of Luther's life, packed with political intrigue, kidnappings, and life-or-death showdowns. At the same time, it's a story about the most important questions of life, including "Who am I?" and "What is my purpose?" This is the first time in more than 60 years that Lutherans have made a feature-length film about Martin Luther and the Reformation. Filmed in historic locations across Europe, the movie brings Luther's story to life with exquisite attention to detail. It's a chance to strengthen your faith by revisiting the birth of the Protestant Reformation and to share that experience with others. *Please note: tickets must be purchased in advance.* Tickets can be purchased online or through the church office.

October 29 — Reformation Worship Celebration

We culminate our Reformation 500 celebration with a festival worship service at St. John's, featuring a variety of St. John's musicians, brass, and special guests.

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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 to 8:45, with a well-deserved break during portions of the summer.

SJ Women's Ensemble

Rob Durocher

Our newest ensemble will resume Sunday afternoon rehearsals this September. The Ensemble sings on occasion during the 11 am worship service.

SJ Men's Chorus

The Men's Chorus will return in September with a new director! 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 Bokslaitner

The Chapel Singers sing on the first Sunday of each month at the 8:30 chapel service. Contact Deanna for information.

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

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

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.

An Open Invitation to Sing with Us at the Meroney Theater!

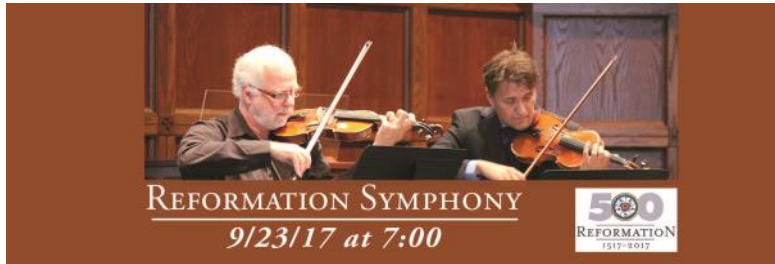


A note from Rob: One of the most exciting drama and musical events that we'll experience this year will be the joining of St. John's Lutheran Church with the Piedmont Players in the US premier of *In God's Own Country*. The exquisite Ensemble Nobile — a male vocal quintet trained at the St. Thomas Choir School, Leipzig, Germany — and our very own Chancel Choir will make up the musical chorus throughout the production!

We are holding an open invitation to anyone who would like to be a part of this unique singing event by joining us for rehearsals beginning Wednesday, August 9, 2017 at 6:30 pm in the Choir Room. The songs are not difficult, we'll get to learn and sing a few of them in German, and when we get close to performance time we'll have the honor of being led by the Ensemble Nobile's Director, Paul Heller.

The rehearsals will run through September, as needed, and we will be committing to the Meroney Theater's schedule of dress rehearsals (one or two evenings) and performances.

We will have questions/answers at the first two rehearsals in August where more information will be provided — but for now, please plan on joining your voice with ours and get excited about participating in this very special performance opportunity! If you are interested or have any questions please feel free to contact Rob Durocher at rob@stjohns-salisbury.org or call (704) 636-3431 Ext.208.



By Susan Shinn Turner

As part of St. John's Reformation celebration, the Salisbury Symphony will perform Mendelssohn's Symphony No. 5, "The Reformation Symphony," in the Sanctuary at 7 pm Sunday, Sept. 23.

Tickets are available in Seasons Gifts or at stjohns-salisbury.org for \$20 each.

"This is quite a rare treat," says Rob Durocher, St. John's minister of music. Over the years, the symphony has performed only a handful of times outside of a concert hall, according to Maestro David Hagy. "But the symphony's sound in the St. John's sanctuary is sure to be spectacular."

Rob adds, "The idea came about as we were thinking through our events for Reformation 500. When we dreamed of collaboration with the symphony, we asked Rosemary Kinard, who serves on the symphony board, to make some initial inquiries. David Hagy and Linda Jones, the

symphony's former executive director, were immediately excited about the idea."

Rob notes a need for volunteers to serve as ushers, hosts, parking assistants and shuttle drivers.

"It's going to take a lot of teamwork," Rob says of the event. "This is very similar to a concert premiere."

If you'd like to help, please call the church office at 704-636-3431.

Volunteers needed!

To lend your hand as a volunteer for the symphony's Reformation concert at St. John's, Contact the church office.



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

“The best week of my life!”



As Lutheridge wraps up another summer camping season, we thought we'd share a social media post made by Lillie Rusher the day she returned from Confirmation camp:

“Where do I start...this has literally been the best week of my life. I've grown closer to God and I feel like a new person. These counselors and new friends have impacted me so much. Coming to this camp I wasn't excited because I thought it would be boring. And now I'm crying because this camp is the best thing that has ever happened to me. I know now that God is always by my side and I will always be forgiven. I never would've thought that one week would change me this much. I want to thank my new cabin friends and my counselor Maura for this life changing experience. Y'all rock!”

New Lenoir-Rhyne President to be installed September 8



Lenoir-Rhyne University will install its 12th president on Friday, September 8. Lenoir-Rhyne is a college of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America.

Dr. Fred Whitt was elected by the university's Board of Trustees and assumed his new role on February 1. Prior to L-R, Dr. Whitt was the founding dean of the Beaver College of Health Sciences at Appalachian State. He was born in Mount Holly and received his degrees from ASU and the University of Tennessee. He and his wife, Donna, are the parents of two adult sons, one of whom serves as a Lutheran missionary in Nepal.

“Dr. Whitt brings incredible talent, experience, and enthusiasm to the university,” says Pastor Rhodes Woolly, who has served on the LR Board of Trustees since 2009. “He has a unique ability to connect with people of every background, always sharing his love for higher education and his vision for the future. After his interview, we knew there was no better person for the job.”

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.

Around the Congregation



Kevin Agner shares his talents at Trinity Oaks every week. Kevin, a cellist, is a rising 11th grader, an active member of the St. John's youth group, a member of the Charlotte Youth Symphony, and a frequent guest musician in worship.

Reformation 500 Altar Parament

In celebration of the 500th year of the Reformation, St. John's will create an altar parament reminiscent of the one given by the Queen of Denmark to Castle Church in Wittenberg, Germany.

We would like anyone with skills in sewing/applique to join our group to prepare the altar frontal. For any questions or to help out, contact Gretchen Witt.



Council Nominations

It's that time of year again—to seek nominations for Church Council. Perhaps you feel the gentle nudge to serve or you know that certain St. John's member that God has prepared to be a leader. **We Need You!** Watch your mailboxes for nomination forms. Return these to the church office ASAP or contact Nancy Shirley (nancyruffshirley@gmail.com).

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

St. John's has been asked to raise \$50,000 to fund the new St. John's 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. 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 now.

Calling A Few Good Men!

To get the project going, we need 8-10 men to work with Lutheridge staff in helping to clear the area for the the St. John's Tent Village. We'll leave Monday morning, August 28, and return that Tuesday evening. Room and meals will be provided.

Interested? Contact Gary Taylor at gstaylor@carolina.rr.com



Around the church and community

Hands & Feet Camp June 26-29

Our 3rd – 5th grade youth had a week-long experience of being Christ's Hands and Feet in our local community this summer. Each day they went out and did two or three different service projects, which included delivering Meals on Wheels, shopping for Rowan Helping Ministries food bank, helping at the Community Care Clinic, creating and dropping off care packages at local fire stations, doing some home visits, and spending time with residents at Trinity Oaks. They learned about Jesus being the Light of the World and how we can help spread that light! If you see some of these kids, ask them about it!



Around the church and community

Laura Agner in concert



Organist Laura Agner will be in concert on August 13 at 4 pm, playing an impressive collection of classical music on the 86 rank Cassavant organ at St. John's.

Laura is the daughter of David and Sally Agner, a graduate of the NC School of the Arts, and an organ performance student at Salem College in Winston-Salem.

Save the Date:

God's Work, Our Hands—Weekend of September 9-10

Joanna Smith to be Honored Aug. 13

Joanna Smith, former director of the CDC, will be honored on August 13 during the 11 am worship service. Joanna served as the CDC director for 7 years.



St. John's members volunteering at Rowan Helping Ministries. Did you know that SJ members provide and serve breakfast and dinner at RHM once/month? Contact the church office if you would like to help.

Chapel Open for Prayer

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

Handicapped Parking Spaces Available

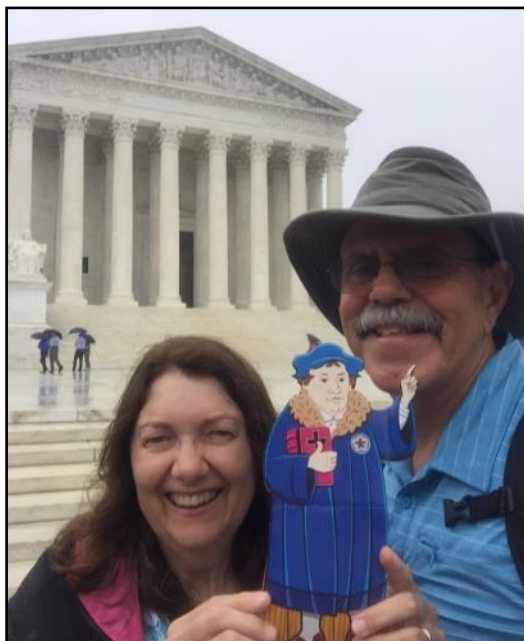
A reminder that the parking area between the sanctuary and education building is reserved for elderly and handicapped parking on Sunday mornings.

Thanks for not propping 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. For more information, please contact our facilities manager, Jon Koppe, at jon@stjohns-salisbury.org.

Parking at St. John's

The parking lot across the street from St. John's has been closed in preparation for phase 1 of the new park on the former Maxwell Chambers lot. There is still plenty of Sunday morning parking available, although you might have to consider a new location. A special team is exploring other options, as well. Visit our website for a map of parking options.



Luther goes to court!

Michael & B.J. Connor take Traveling Luther to the Supreme Court Building, on July 6. Mike had just returned from serving as an Ecumenical Accompanier in Palestine. The three month program is a ministry of the World Council of Churches. Mike will lead a course about "Life in Palestine" during this fall's Senior Seasons Academy. Welcome home, Mike!

Bob Melton Keeps on Teaching

By Susan Shinn Turner

For 40 years — half his life — Bob Melton has taught Sunday School once a month at Yadkin House.

On a recent summer morning, Bob chuckles over a cup of coffee as he considers his long tenure. “It just kinda slipped up on me. You know how things like that happen.”

In 1968, Bob and his family moved to Salisbury, where Bob helped install a new cable television system. At the time, his wife, Sandy, was Methodist and he was Baptist. “For a year, we visited, trying to find the church that fit. My son had a playmate whose family went to St. John’s, and he told us, ‘I want to go to St. John’s, because they have live animals.’”

Sure enough, it seems one of the pastors had used a lamb in a children’s sermon, and it made an impression on the young boy. So he and his parents went.

“It fit,” Bob says. “We felt like we were giving and getting.”

Bob and Sandy joined the Brooks Sunday School class, and one morning, the call went out for associate teachers. Sandy raised her hand.

“Bob’ll do it,” she said.

“I stated as an associate teacher with Bob Loeblein, and a number of other good teachers,” Bob remembers. “It felt right.”

During the early 1970s, Bob served on the church council. “The Christian education committee needed a Sunday School teacher for Yadkin House,” he says, “and they gave me the job of finding a replacement. I sat around and didn’t find anyone until the Sunday came, and I went. That was in 1977.”

Bob teaches the fourth Sunday of each month. “This year, I’ll pass my 500th lesson. I’ve always had a questioning faith. Each Sunday I taught, I took notes. I’ve gathered up the snippets of insights I’ve gained over the years.”



The result is, “Once Upon a Human Journey: Observations on Faith and Life.” Bob hopes to publish it one day for his family.

“This is the selfish part,” he says, thumbing through the binder. “This is what it’s done for me.”

Bob has found an unusual group at the Yadkin House. “Some come from economic underprivilege and some don’t. It’s such a melting pot.”

These days, seven in a class is a “large crowd.” “The last Sunday I taught, we had two ladies visiting with their dad, because he didn’t want to miss,” Bob notes.

Bob utilizes a variety of materials in putting his monthly lessons together. “I get a lot of material out of the Student Bible. You can take side notes and build on them. I’ve used the Augsburg series. Usually, I’ll start preparing a lesson and something will hit me.”

Disciple classes and other courses he’s taken at St. John’s have informed his teaching, he says. “I don’t like teaching. I like leading. I do try hard to promote discussion, and try not to stay away from hard stuff I can’t even answer.”

Bob thought about resigning at Christmas. Nobody was showing up. But the residents asked him not to, and he thought about the Bible verse from Matt. 18:20, “For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them.” Attendance picked up.

He hasn’t missed many classes, he says. “Since it’s just once a month, you can arrange your schedule around it, and I do

that. This ministry says a lot about St. John’s. I wouldn’t be here without the support of St. John’s.”

“Bob’s long commitment to ministry at the Yadkin House has been incredible. It’s a ministry of compassion and faithfulness that has made a big, big difference to residents there,” Pastor Rhodes says.

Every fourth Sunday, Bob drops Sandy off for the 9:27 service, then goes to Yadkin House, where he teaches for about 30 minutes. “I throw out a subject or question, and see if somebody bites. Sometimes we get into a discussion and we run over. Sometimes there are awkward silences and we run short. I want it to be as natural as possible. I just want it to be a conversation about faith.”

Teaching the class, Bob says, has strengthened his faith. “Sometimes I feel like I go in unprepared, and it’ll come off great. It’s just amazing.”



New Medical Transport Ministry Begins

By Susan Shinn Turner

Beginning in September, St. John’s will offer a Medical Transportation Ministry, providing a formal program for a service that several members have been providing on an informal basis.

“I have received phone calls for requests for transportation,” says Carolyn Byrd, director of senior ministry. “You know how God nudges you?”

So she pulled together a group of people willing to serve as drivers: Pat Roos, Lorna Reasor, Elaine Gerst, Eleanor Sifford, and Randy Overcash. Pat will match drivers with members who need transportation.

“This is something I’ve been doing on my own for several years,” Pat says. “I think that a lot of members will use this service. This is a free service, and there are not that many options here in Salisbury for public transportation. If you can no longer drive, it’s nice to have a friend or advocate to take you to a medical appointment. These appoint-

ments can be stressful, and if you have someone there to sit with you, you don’t feel so alone.”

The drivers will transport fellow members to local doctors’ appointments only. There is no transportation to regional medical centers. Drivers will need to know if members have special needs or use a wheelchair or walker. Each driver should carry liability insurance.

“We have members of our church family who want to remain at home,” Carolyn says, and getting help with transportation is one way they can continue to live independently.

If you’d like to schedule transportation to a doctor’s appointment, or volunteer to serve as a driver, please call or text Pat Roos at 704-232-0171.



Worship Leaders for August

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

LAY ASSISTING MINISTERS

Aug 6 Randy Overcash
Aug 13 Jonathan Williams
Aug 20 Andrew Poe
Aug 27 Dave Roof (Confirmation Sunday)
Sept 3 Judy Klusman

READERS

Aug 6 Gretchen Witt*, Gary Freeze
Aug 13 Charles Moll*, Youth
Aug 20 Lee Wagoner*, Dianne Goodnight
Aug 27 Judy Childress*, Confirmand
Sept 3 Anne Hatchett*, Dave Foreman

COMMUNION ASSISTANTS

Aug 6 Cheryl Sjoblom, Dave Roof, Karen Rogers^
Aug 13 Bob Loeblein*
Aug 20 Roger Hull, Gretchen Witt, Karen Rogers^
Aug 27 Carol Beaver*, Confirmands, Karen Rogers^
Sept 3 Wesley Rhyne, Perry Hood, Eleanor Sifford^

ALTAR GUILD

Aug Toni Kenerly, captain; Bill Kenerly, Pat Epting,
Edith Julian, Nancy/Sonny Lippard, Jane Rowland

COMMUNION PREPARERS

Aug Melody Moxley

GREETERS

Aug 6 The Rhodes family, Stan and Rita Honeycutt
Aug 13 Jake and Carol Parrott, The Albanese family
Aug 20 Steve and Karen Puckett, Bradley and Laurie Stevens
Aug 27 Harold and Judy Ann Deal, Tom and Mimi Carlton
Sept 3 Kent and Carol Brown, Stan and Melanie Ferguson

WELCOME PLACE GREETERS

Aug 6 Linda Phillips
Aug 13 Janice Raper
Aug 20 Lorna Reasor
Aug 27 Barbara Stauffer
Sept 3 Mimi Carlton

AFTER-SERVICE GREETERS

Aug 6 Nancy Shirley, Karen Rogers, Bill Safrit
Aug 13 Cory Gebhardt, Gary Rhodes, Donny Yost
Aug 20 Dennis Ingold, Frank Goodnight, Ron Smith
Aug 27 Bill Johnson, Karen Puckett, Norman Sloop
Sept 3 Nancy Shirley, Karen Rogers, Bill Safrit

ACOLYTES

Aug 6 Archie Dees, Hank Robins
Aug 13 Carsyn Parrott, Harrison Parrott
Aug 20 Anna Grace Woolly, Katherine Sullivan
Aug 27 Anna Everhart, Kayla Sachse

CRUCIFERS

Aug 6 Bethanie Stauffer
Aug 13 David Holden
Aug 20 Julie Kenny
Aug 27 Nina Sachse

ELEMENT BEARERS

Aug 6 Wade Robins
Aug 20 Millie Wymbis

TORCH BEARERS

Aug 27 Spencer Everhart, Lillie Rusher

BANNER BEARERS

Aug 27 Bo Rusher

Eagle's View deadline

The September Eagle's View will be published in August.
Please email stories and news to
joy@stjohns-salisbury.org by **August 11**.

SEASONS GIFTS

Annual Sale

50% off large selection of
merchandise

August 13—August 31, 2017

Check it out!



USHERS: Head Ushers

Aug Dan Waggoner, Stan Ferguson

USHER TEAMS

Aug 6 Team 1E* Tom Childress, Jim Boger
 Team 7 Mickey Black, captain
 Aug 13 Team 2E* Tom Smith, Jim Boger
 Team 8 Glenn Ketner, captain
 Aug 20 Team 3E* Bob Loeblein, Jeff Nelson
 Team 9 Cliff Ritchie, captain
 Aug 27 Team 4E* Bob Rusher, Bobby Rusher
 Team 10 Larry Britt, captain

NURSERY

Aug 6 Annette Brown, Ebony Alexander
 Aug 13 Annette Brown, Natalee Taylor
 Aug 20 Natalee Taylor, Sandra Jiles
 Aug 27 Natalee Taylor, Annette Brown

9:27 HOSPITALITY TEAM

Aug 6 Angel Barber, Cammie Yarborough, Wayne
 Everhart, Irene Stewart, David and Julie Carr
 Aug 13 Dean and Tammy Safrit, Jenny Ryerson, Judy
 Klusman, Deb Miller, Lindsey Wineka
 Aug 20 Debbie Carter, Cheryl, Jack and Chad Van der
 Poel, Mike Jacobson, Cyndii Owen
 Aug 27 Rhonda and David Harrison, Jack and Jeanie
 Moore

9:27 USHER TEAM

Aug Missy and Anthony Weaver, Steve and Camille
Butner

9:27 COFFEE VOLUNTEERS

Aug 6 David and Julie Carr
 Aug 13 Sharon Agee
 Aug 20 Cyndii Owen, Jill Nothstine
 Aug 27 Stan and Sandy Jordan

PA OPERATORS

Aug 6 Darrell Blackwelder
 Aug 13 Mike Agee
 Aug 20 David Wilson
 Aug 27 Roger Alexander

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 Carolyn Byrd, staff liaison
Discipleship, Adult David Hord
Discipleship, Youth Sandra Sullivan

2nd Quarter Financial Report

April 1 through June 30, 2017

St. John's Church	Actual	Budget
Revenue	\$536,200	\$524,798
Expenses	\$552,248	\$582,465
Child Development Center		
Revenue	\$666,759	\$661,600
Expenses	\$648,361	\$657,105
St. John's Kindergarten fiscal year August 2016—July 2017		
Revenue	\$84,473	\$86,700
Expenses	\$70,306	\$79,041

Worship Attendance

June 4	506	July 2	361
June 11	438	July 9	414
June 18	400	July 16	415
June 25	483	July 23	446
		July 30	521

Buck-a-Meal Sunday

Sunday, August 6 (1st Sunday of each month)

Buck-A-Meal for June was \$367, and July was \$369. 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 August.

Announcements

Consolation

Nancy Shirley in the death of her friend, Lou Ann Sink, on June 27, 2017.

Tyler and Elaine Holden, family and friends, on the death of Tyler's sister, Suzanne Gregor, July 10, 2017.

Family and friends of Eleanor Johnson who died July 12.

Jennifer and Robert Canipe, family and friends, on the death of Jennifer's father, Bob Boskuhl, July 13, 2017.

Congratulations

Stephanie and Micah Roseman on the birth of their daughter, Eden Eileen Roseman, on July 5, 2017.

Keith and Melissa Livesay on the birth of their twin sons, Cullen and Thomas, on July 19.

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.

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.

Funds Raised for Community Care Clinic

The St. John's Men's Chorus raised nearly \$2,000 for the Community Care Clinic at its Spring Concert held in May at St. John's. Thank you!

Please join us for the

Quetzal Gala

Benefitting the children of la Escuela Integrada and its mission in Antigua, Guatemala

September 16, 2017, 6:30pm until 11:30 pm
The Country Club of Salisbury
Cocktails, Dinner, and Dancing
\$75 per person

For reservations, visit weareGRACES.org

Rowan County Library's Summer Reading Challenge

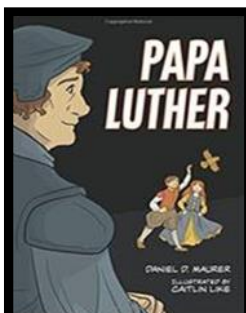
The book for August is *Blood Done Sign My Name*, by Timothy Tyson. The discussion will be led by Dr. Ken Walden, of Hood Theological Seminary, and will be held in the Hurley Room of the Rowan Public Library on Tuesday, August 15, from 7 -8 pm.

Happy Birthday!

Congratulations to our Octogenarians celebrating birthdays this summer:

August Birthdays

Elmina Grabowski, Harold Mowery, Becky Auten, Bill Safrit, Ermine Peeler, Bruce Ketner, Bee Soderberg, Rich Soderberg, Bob Rusher, Norman Sloop, and Loyd Hill



Book of the Month for August

The exciting story of Martin Luther, told through the eyes of his children Hans and Magda. This colorful, 88-page "comic book" is geared especially toward children ages 8 to 13, but will intrigue all ages.

For this book and many more, visit the St. John's Library in Peeler Hall.

Community Partnerships

MOM Dental Clinic Returns this September

By Susan Shinn Turner

The third Missions of Mercy (MOM) dental clinic is slated for Sept. 15-16 at The Event Center at West End Plaza (formerly Salisbury Mall), and Krista Woolly wants YOU.

Krista, executive director of the Community Care Clinic, is serving as community coordinator for the dental clinic, a ministry that was initiated by downtown churches in 2013. Some 300 volunteers are needed to serve 800 patients over a two-day period.

“To put it into perspective, in one weekend this clinic provides 6 months of the services we can provide at the Community Care Clinic. It’s an amazing gift.” Krista notes.



Bill Kennerly, MOM volunteer

Not only are dental professionals — dentists, hygienists and oral surgeons — needed for the event, but community volunteers are needed to serve as greeters, provide data entry, help with set up and break down, take out trash, ferry supplies and serve meals.

St. John’s member Margaret Basinger is co-chairing the food committee to serve meals to volunteers. Margaret has assembled a team with each member responsible for each of the meals.

“We are gathering food for our volunteers for six meals — Thursday evening set-up with 50; Friday morning breakfast for 200; Friday lunch for 300; Saturday breakfast for 300; and Saturday evening clean-up for 50,” Margaret says.

For breakfast, Margaret is seeking donations of muffins, buns, croissants, bagels, fruit, yogurt, juice, water, and coffee. For lunch, she’s looking for sub sandwiches, and for dinner is looking for pizza. You can either purchase the food or give the committee money with which to purchase it, she says.

Margaret invites members to apply for Thrivent Community Grants to help cover expenses and supplies for each meal. To assist with the meals for volunteers, please contact Margaret at dbasinger1@outlook.com.

Attorney Jay Dees spoke to his Rotary Club in July about his experience as a volunteer. “To be a part of a project that provides absolute and immediate relief from pain is really amazing,” Jay says.

He adds, “In talking with the people who come to the MOM clinic, you find that some are unemployed because they’re too embarrassed to an interview because of the condition of their teeth.

“We often hear patients say, ‘Now I can smile again.’ But it’s more than that. They now have the confidence to re-engage as an employee and re-engage in society. It’s about becoming a whole person again.”

If you’d like to volunteer at the MOM Clinic, please visit ncmom-salisbury.com.

NC MOM Salisbury Clinic facts

- Since 2003, the North Carolina Dental Society has held 200 clinics throughout the state. Over the years, nearly \$33 million in free care has been provided by more than 17,000 volunteers to more than 63,000 patients.
- During each Salisbury clinic 800+ patients were seen, and more than 400 community and professional volunteers spent 7,000+ hours during the two-day period.
- The two Salisbury clinics have provided more than \$1,000,000 in needed dental care.

To contribute to the Salisbury MOM Clinic, send your gift to:

Salisbury NCMOM
c/o Community Care Clinic of Rowan County
315-G Mocksville Ave.
Salisbury, NC 28144

New Members



Anita Yost has lived in the area for a long time, but recently became connected to St. John's. She and her husband own Cauble Creek Vineyard in Salisbury, which has the distinction of being North Carolina's 100th winery.

"I love God, family, and work. I especially love meeting people from all around the world at the winery." Anita is also the sales manager at Shat-R-Shield.



Wendy Harris joined St. John's on May 28. She is the Business Administrator at First Presbyterian Church in Salisbury.

"I've been an active member of a church my whole life, serving in almost every capacity," Wendy says. At St. John's she is particularly interested in serving in the women's ministry program. In her spare time Wendy loves to read, walk, and is a self-professed "spin class addict." Welcome, Wendy!



Mindy Allen (far right) joined St. John's on July 23. Mindy had been active at Set Free Church in Salisbury, a congregation that was recently dissolved.

"I love to read and spend time with my family," Mindy says. "And I love to help with outreach ministry by giving back to the community." Mindy was introduced to St. John's by friend and new member, Wendy Harris.

The Burk Family (to the left) also joined St. John's on July 23. Dan is a physical therapist and Jennifer is a registered nurse. Their oldest, Chloe, is a sophomore at East Carolina. Elly is a senior at Gray-

stone, while Lucy is a 6th grader at Salisbury Academy. Together they love to go camping, play games, read, and spend time together as a family.

"We love anything related to church education and healthcare ministry," says Jennifer. "We're looking forward to becoming involved in a LifeGroup and participating in Bible studies." Welcome, Burks family!

Guatemala Youth Mission Trips—July 2-8, July 9-15



“Thank you for your generous support!”

43 youth and advisors traveled to Guatemala this summer, thanks to the generosity of this faith community. The trip’s purpose was to continue fostering our partnership with la Escuela Integrada, a school for children living in extreme poverty in and near Antigua. St. John’s is the primary supporter of the school, with congregation members providing full scholarships for 45 of the school’s 165 students.

“Ask any of us about the trip, and we’ll all be happy to share stories with you!” says Kai Thurow, St. John’s youth minister. For daily blog posts from the youth, visit www.stjohns-salisbury.org and scroll toward the bottom of the home page for the “StjSalisbury Blog.”

GIFT Ministry: The gift that keeps on giving

By Susan Shinn Turner

With the departure of Pastor Danielle, Lauren Stephenson has been named to the new position of GIFT Women's Ministry Coordinator.



"GIFT has started and it is awesome," Pastor Danielle says. "It is here to stay. We've had 31 women attending our summer circle. We met in the morning and in the evening, and Lauren led the morning circle. I have been praying for someone

to lead the GIFT Ministry. Lauren has served in women's ministry in her former congregation. I talked with the Women's Team, and they loved the idea. Lauren is an answer to prayer."

Lauren and her husband, Brad, spent four years in Columbia, Missouri, where Brad attended graduate school. There, they joined a large church with many young members. They have two young sons, Jeffrey, 7, and Emmett, 4, and Brad is an assistant theater professor at Catawba College.

"They had an exploding women's ministry I was able to get really involved in," says Lauren, 34. She facilitated Bible study groups there. "Because it was such a young church, there were tons of stay-at-home moms. That's

where I connected and found my community. When we moved to Salisbury, the first thing I did was look for a women's ministry group. That was something I immediately missed."

"Lauren brings a voice to the table for an age group of women we want to include," Pastor Danielle adds. "She's always thinking about how GIFT can be relevant to young moms."

On the other hand, Pastor Danielle notes, "the summer circle program reinforced the idea that GIFT is for every age. We had college age women and women in their 80s.

And Lauren likes the fact the GIFT is open to all women in the community. "It's a community resource," she says. "That's a needed thing in Salisbury."

She also appreciates the fact that GIFT encompasses a variety of ages. "In women's ministry, you have the opportunity to have women minister to each other intergenerationally. This is a chance for us to come together and be kind to each other.

"The GIFT ministry will continue at St. John's. It's a gift that keeps on giving!"

Members of the Women's Discipleship Team include Sharon Agee, Carol Brown, Cathy Eller, Pat Epting, Scott

GIFT to make welcome baskets for newborns

The GIFT women's ministry makes welcome baskets for new babies born into our congregation! We have five who were born in July alone!

We need your help. Please bring donations of small baby items like bibs, pacifiers, onesies, teething rings, etc., that can be used in these baskets. You can leave your donations at the front desk with a note for Sally Taylor.



Drinking Coffee with Purpose

By Susan Shinn Turner

If you have purchased a bag of Escuela Integrada coffee, then you are one of the first people to become involved in an exciting new sustainability project that benefits the school.

All profits from coffee sales will go to la Escuela Integrada, says Paula Bohland, executive director of GRACES, the non-profit organization which oversees our partner school in Antigua, Guatemala.

“Our coffee is fair trade, grown locally and organically,” Paula says. “It’s a specialty blend made exclusively for our school.”

The coffee’s profile has berry notes, pleasant acidity, and chocolate aftertaste. It’s roasted by Tretto Caffee in Guatemala by Christian “Frosty” Giron, whose wife, Hannah, is Escuela Integrada’s scholarship coordinator.

Available in beans or ground coffee, the 12-ounce bags cost \$13 plus shipping from wearegraces.org. St. John’s members can buy it from the church office.

“It is great-tasting coffee for a great ministry,” says St. John’s member Bill Johnson. Carole Parrott agrees. “It is delicious coffee! We are enjoying ours.”

Members of our youth returned in mid-July from a mission trip to Guatemala with a suitcase full of 100 bags of coffee, all of which sold in a single Sunday.

The next Sunday, they sold an additional 40 bags, so there are plenty of bags now available for sale. Additional coffee will be brought back by Paula, board members or church members who travel to Guatemala.

Paula calls it a “win-win-win” situation. “The farmers are making money, it’s a win for coffee lovers, and it’s a win for our students.”

Private supporters provided the initial investment, Paula says, to purchase the coffee wholesale, have the bags designed and printed, and purchase the bags. “We need to continue to invest in this project. We continue to seek investors and grants. In the long run, it will be a phenomenal sustainability project.”



Pastor Rhodes to offer Disciple Bible Study this Fall

Eager to learn more about scripture? Have you always wanted to dive into the Bible but never thought you had the time or ability? Worried that you'd get lost along the way?

This Fall Pastor Rhodes is once again offering the popular Disciple Bible Study class, an intensive look at the stories that shape our faith. You'll uncover the profound truths behind the pages of scripture and God's ultimate purpose through it all.

The class is presented as "an intensive look at scripture," and as such will incorporate daily Bible readings, reflection, and a commitment to participate in the weekly discussion groups. Disciple lasts for 24 sessions and meet from 4:30 to 5:45 pm on Wednesday Evenings.

"It's an unusual time, admittedly," says Pastor Rhodes, "but it's our hope that this new time is con-

venient for a wider variety of people, including those who have just completed work, those who already attend the Wednesday meals and want to show up a little bit early, and for parents dropping off their kids at Kingdom Kids and EPIC. We'll see!"

The class utilizes a small group approach to weekly discussion, so space is limited to 12 participants. Sign up early so that you can be one of the 12!

An introduction to the class will be on September 13. Class sessions begin September 20.

For more information, speak with Pastor Rhodes or sign up by calling the church office or emailing joy@stjohns-salisbury.org.

DISCIPLE



Other Discipleship Opportunities

August 30 from 6-8 pm— Celebrating Katie Luther



All women of St. John's are invited to join us as we celebrate Katie Luther and her role in the Reformation. We lift a glass to her faith, her courage, and her wit.

We will gather at Cauble Creek Vineyard. Wine will be available for purchase, refreshments provided. The night will even include a "visit" from Katie herself! The event is hosted by the GIFT Women's Ministry.

Prayers for our Schools

Join us on August 21 as we pray for our schools and their leaders. We will gather in the Faith Center at 6:30 pm to ask God's blessing on the new year of learning and discovery. The evening will include a special GIFT for all our teachers, principals, administrators, and support staff.

Centering Prayer Group

Join us every 4th Tuesday at Noon in the Prayer Room. Whether new to the practice or looking for a peace-filled moment in your day, join us for centering prayer.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<h1>August 2017</h1>						
6 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	7 1p Monday Rembrandts	8 7:45a Women's Bible Study 4:30p Finance Committee	9 10a Staff meeting 4p Willi Beifuss Lifegroup 6:30p Choir Rehearsal for "In God's Own Country"	10 7:30a Joshua Group 10:15a Trinity Singers/Ringers 1:30p Weekly Contemporary Walk-Thru 5p Executive Committee 6p Contemporary Worship Rehearsal	11 1p St. John's Book Club 2p Youth Lake Day EAGLE'S VIEW DEADLINE FOR SEPTEMBER ISSUE	12
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27 CONFIRMATION SUNDAY NO CHILDREN'S WORSHIP NO 8:30 WORSHIP 9:27a Contemporary Worship 11a Sanctuary Worship	28 1p Monday Rembrandts 4:15p Seasons Gifts Board	29 7:45a Women's Bible Study 10a Senior Seasons Sculpture Tour/Trolley	30 10a Staff meeting 4p Willi Beifuss Lifegroup 6p Celebration of Katie Luther (GIFT) 7:15p Chancel Choir	31 7:30a Joshua Group 10:15a Trinity Singers/Ringers 1:30p Contemporary Walk-Thru Rehearsal	1	2

St. John's Ministry Staff

Pastoral Ministry

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

Worship and Music Ministry

Minister of Music, Deacon.....Rob Durocher
 Associate Parish Musician.....Rosemary Kinard
 Assisting MusicianDaniel Trivette
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 Assisting Organist.....Deanna Boksleitner
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Administrative Team

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 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.*

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On Call List

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

Pastor Rhodes Woolly	Cell 704.754.2250
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Aug 4-6	Pastor Rhodes Woolly
Aug 11-13	Pastor Rhodes Woolly
Aug 18-20	Pastor Rhodes Woolly
Aug 25-27	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.