

Let's connect faith and life *together*

"In God's Own Country" Begins Oct 12

By Susan Shinn Turner

If you haven't gotten your tickets for "In God's Own Country," now is the time. The opening show for the Piedmont Players 2017-18 season is set for Oct. 12-15 and 18-21. Shows are 7:30 pm nightly, with a Sunday matinee at 2:30 pm on Oct. 15.

A reception will follow the opening night performance on Oct. 12.

The show tells the story of Lutheranism in America, focusing on the dramatic story of Henry Muhlenberg, considered the father of American Lutheranism. A German theater group, Landesbuhnen Sachse, will join actors on the PPT stage. Jane Brown Taubert, a Rowan County native, manages the company.

The show is an international collaboration among the two theater companies and St. John's. It is a featured part of the congregation's commemoration of the 500th anniversary of the Reformation.

Members of St. John's choral ensembles are joining members of the community to serve as the show's choir. They've been learning music in English and in German.

"It's not been easy, but it sure has been fun," says Rob Durrocher, minister of music. "We're performing songs and chorales from the 1600s and 1700s. It's a mix of music, some of which is entirely original to the show."

If it sounds daunting, it is. "This has been one of the most complicated things we've done in our community. It's challenging, but it's also exciting. What a great way to commemorate this most important event in the life of the church."

"The music is really not hard at all, but it has been a challenge to learn the German for those of us who don't speak German," says Carol Everhart, Chancel Choir member. "Freya (Rhodes and Krista Woolly's German exchange student) has come the last couple of weeks to help us with our pronunciation, and it has helped a lot."

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The German language premiere of "In God's Own Country" was in April, opening in Germany to excellent reviews. Performers arrive in Salisbury on October 2 and will stay through October 22.

Pastor's Letter



Dear friends,

500th anniversaries don't come around often, and we have certainly taken full advantage of this one.

This year's commemoration of the Reformation has enabled us to partner with local historians, the Salisbury Symphony, Piedmont Players,

The Landesbuhnen Sachsen, and the the Ensembles Nobiles, both from Saxony, Germany, birthplace of the Reformation.

Appropriately, our schedule of events concludes with a Lutheran-Catholic dialogue between St. John's and Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Salisbury, beginning in November. The dialogue will explore our commonalities and our differences, using the recently published "Declaration on the Way" as our guide. The Declaration is the product of 50 years of conversation among Lutherans and Catholics. The highlight is a list of common practices and theological statements that draw us together as one.

Father John Eckert and I are looking forward to the dialogue. We've enjoyed meeting these last few months to explore

ways that our two congregations can grow together in the spirit of love and common purpose. We'll begin November 14 at St. John's, meet at Sacred Heart on December 5, and conclude with a covered dish dinner and panel conversation on January 9. Joining us on the panel will be professors from Lenoir-Rhyne and Belmont Abby to discuss the future of Lutheran-Catholic dialogue.

It's important to note that we very carefully avoid using the word "celebration" in connection to the Reformation. It's a commemoration — the commemoration of an event that ultimately, and necessarily, divided the church. If there is any celebration at all, it's in the way the church has recently been finding common ground by taking seriously Jesus' prayer that we might all be "one" (John 17:22).

Thank you for your attention, enthusiasm, and attendance during this Reformation 500 year. I sure hope to see you at the play in October, our Reformation 500 worship event on October 29, and for the Lutheran-Catholic dialogue in November.

Blessings to you and your family. What a privilege to be partners in ministry.

Peace+
Pastor Rhodes

Thank You!

Dear Friends of St. John's,

I have been overwhelmed by the Facebook posts, emails, cards, phone calls, and expressions of sympathy received following my Daddy's death. He was a wonderful father and I will always remember the good things about him.

Thank each of you so much for your love and support. In Thanksgiving,

Vernon Davis

To My St. John's Family,

Thank you for the prayers, cards, memorials, and visits that provided such comfort to me and my family at the loss of my father. Your kindness and caring is greatly appreciated.

God's blessings and peace,

Scott Rhodes

Volunteers Needed for Gator Reading Club

Begins in October

By Susan Shinn Turner

The Gator Reading Club is gearing up for October, and Karen Puckett has about 15 slots to fill.

Karen, media specialist at Isenberg Elementary School, explains that volunteers meet with third-graders who are not reading at grade level, a key indicator of future academic and social success. Tutoring takes place 12:15-1 pm on a weekday of the tutor's choice.

"Gator Reading Club is part of our Poverty Initiative," says Pastor Rhodes. "Since reading at grade level in 3rd grade is so intimately connected to that student's future success, our goal is to make sure every third grader in Rowan County can read at grade level. It only makes sense. Once perfected, this Isenberg project is something we want to replicate throughout the county, inviting other congregations to do the same with their neighboring schools."

Tutors spend the first 20 to 25 minutes of the sessions timing a child reading a passage aloud in order to measure the student's fluency. Then, they ask two questions during to measure a student's reading comprehension. For the last 20 minutes of the session, the tutor serves as a reading buddy by listening to the child read aloud, correcting any errors along the way.

In the three years that St. John's has been involved in the reading program, students have shown big growth in their third-grade reading tests.

But beyond the test scores, Karen says, "The kids love it. They feel honored to be a part of it."

"My students truly enjoyed meeting with their tutors and looked forward to it every week," says Tasha Key, third-grade chair. "The tutors were wonderful about making contact with me if they were going to be out, and the students were disappointed if their tutor couldn't make it."

"A lot of the tutors went the extra mile to get to know their students on a personal level, and that meant a lot to the students. They even purchased them books at the book fair, donated materials to our class, and taught lessons to our entire grade level on a few occasions."

"Overall, the experience was terrific. The tutors were reliable and supportive and we were lucky to have them."

"Every one of the kids in the program grew in the area of reading," Principal Marvin Moore says. "This year, we will track attendance to see if it's better on the days students have tutoring. When they know somebody's coming to work with them, they come to school. They look forward to it."

The program also benefits the students' "soft skills," says Mr. Moore. "They develop a relationship with people outside their age range. When you have kids in poverty, they don't circulate in a large group and it's hard for them to develop trust in others. This program helps our at-risk kids build confidence and develop trust in society."

"We appreciate everything that St. John's is planning with us and for us. I think it's great for people to see what's happening in our schools. Come out and see!"

The school will host a get-acquainted session and provide training for tutors.

If you'd like to participate in the Gator Reading Program, please contact the church office or speak directly to Karen Puckett at 704-798-6834 or email karen.puckett@rss.k12.nc.us.



Children's Ministry



Kingdom Kids is for our children 3 years to 2nd grade. EPIC is our "junior youth group" for all 3rd to 5th graders. We meet Wednesday afternoons from 4:30-5:45 pm.

If you have any questions contact kai@stjohns-salisbury.org



October

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| Wed, Oct 4 – Kingdom Kids & EPIC | 4:30-5:45pm |
| Wed, Oct 11 – Kingdom Kids & EPIC | 4:30-5:45pm |
| Sat, Oct 21 – EPIC YouthQuake in Hickory, NC
<i>Register by Oct 10!</i> | 9:30am-4:30pm |
| Wed, Oct 25 – Kingdom Kids & EPIC | 4:30-5:45pm |

Note: There is no Kingdom Kids or EPIC on October 19

COMMUNITY TRUNK OR TREAT

SUNDAY
OCTOBER 29TH
2-4PM

270 WEST FISHER STREET

PARKING LOT ACROSS FROM
ROWAN PULIC LIBRARY

THIS EVENT IS FOR CHILDREN
5TH GRADE AND YOUNGER,
ALONG WITH THEIR FAMILIES

HOSTED BY FIRST PRESBYTERIAN, ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN, AND
FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCHES FOR THE SALISBURY COMMUNITY.



Youth Ministry



Our Middle School Youth Ministry (The Well) can sometimes be confusing, in that our Youth Group consists of 6th-8th grade youth, and our Confirmation Class consists of our 7th-8th grade youth.

If you have any questions about the schedule please contact kai@stjohns-salisbury.org

October

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| Wed, Oct 4 – Confirmation | 6:30-7:30pm |
| Wed, Oct 11 – Confirmation | 6:30-7:30pm |
| Sunday, Oct 15 – Youth Group | 5:30-7:30pm |
| Sunday, Oct 22 – Youth Group | 5:30-7:30pm |
| Sunday, Oct 29 – Youth Group | 5:30-7:30pm |



Our high school group (Fuel) meets most Sundays from 5:30-7:30pm, with a dinner starting at 5:30pm.

October

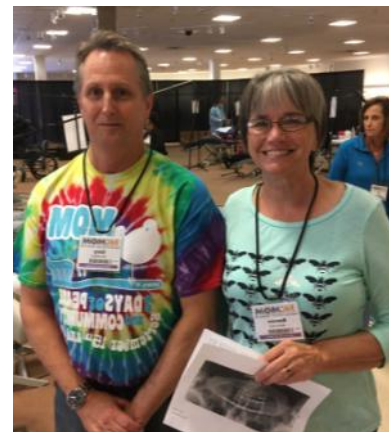
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| Sun, Oct 1 – Youth Group | 5:30-7:30pm |
| Sun, Oct 8 – Youth Group | 5:30-7:30pm |
| Sun, Oct 15 – Youth Group | 5:30-7:30pm |
| Sun, Oct 22 – Youth Group | 5:30-7:30pm |
| Fri-Sat, Oct 27-28 – Lock-In | 7pm-10am |



Around the Community

3rd Annual MOM Dental Clinic Held

This year's MOM clinic served over 700 patients in need of free dental care. The clinic, held at the old JC Penney store, had room for 80 dental chairs and involved over 600 volunteers, including a large number from St. John's. Krista Woolly directed the clinic and Margaret Basinger coordinated snacks and meals for all volunteers.



“Winter Harvest” food boxes available

Boxes of locally sourced fresh produce and food items will be available by subscription at the St. John's Community Ministry Center, thanks to the Bread Riot organization.

Each “Winter Harvest” box (\$30 value) will be available for pick up or delivery every other Wednesday after work from November through March. Each box contains a dozen eggs, a loaf of bread plus a revolving list of produce and foods items, depending on what is available. For example, last year's boxes contained an assortment of lettuce, cucumbers, bok choy, spinach, kale, collards, potatoes, sweet potatoes, onions, apples, honey, jam, mushrooms, corn meal, garlic, squash and herbs. All is local and very fresh. The cost is \$350.00 for 10 weeks – every other week (\$50 off if you pick up!) or \$700.00 for 20 weeks – every week (\$100 off if you pick up). You may pay by check or Pay Pal. \$100 down payment is needed by Oct. 31.

Go to www.breadriot.org to sign up. Questions can be sent to info@breadriot.org or call Dottie Hoy 704-603-8029.



Around the Church

New Parking Ministry Formed

By Susan Shinn Turner

With the recent loss of the First Bank parking lot, a Parking Ministry Team was formed.

A committee comprised of Mike Agee, Bill Johnson, Frank Goodnight, Norman Sloop and Glenn Stokes recently completed an assessment of the parking around St. John's campus.

"Within a half-block of campus, we have 312 spaces available Sunday mornings," Mike says. "You need one parking space for every two people who come to church, so there's enough parking. What we don't have is enough parking for members and guests with limited mobility."

The focus is on 11 am worship, Mike says, because there's plenty of courtyard parking for 8:30 worshippers, and there's a drop-off point on Jackson Street for 9:27 worshippers.

"We want to remind folks who can't park farther away from the church," Mike says. "The city lot behind us on Council Street has parking, as does the lot on Church Street."

The emerging plan is for members with limited mobility to park between the sanctuary and education building. If that is full, park in the Community Ministry Center lot at the corner of Church and Council streets, and ride a shuttle to the sanctuary, Mike says. The committee is

considering the purchase of a refurbished, 6-passenger golf cart. It will be parked inside at the Hedrick Building during the week.

The Parking Ministry is about more than parking, Mike says. It's about hospitality. "This team will be the first contact with people who are coming to church. We want to extend hospitality for the 11 am service."

If you would like to take advantage of the Parking Ministry, please contact Mike Agee at 704-636-7583 or mike.agee@fibrant.com.



Alex and Gabby with their daughter, Elly. Another daughter, Isabelle, was born this summer.

We celebrate the ordination of Alex J. Becker (our former Youth Minister) to the ministry of Word and Sacrament in the Evangelical Lutheran Church of America. Alex completed his Masters of Divinity at Luther Seminary last May.

Alex has been called to serve St. John's Lutheran Church in Annandale, Minnesota.

Senior Seasons



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, Nov. 5 and return early afternoon on Nov. 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: 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. We will end the day with Monday night shrimp boil hosted by Bob and Anne Loeblein.

Tuesday: Breakfast, Bible study and day trip into Charleston. 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 Oct. 18 with Carolyn Byrd at Carolyn@stjohns-salisbury.org or 704-636-3431.

Upcoming Senior Seasons Events

Oct 8 — Octogenarian Luncheon at 12:15

Dec 5 — Annual Christmas Gathering.

Dec 12 — Christmas at the Cove: Cost is \$35/person. We have a limited number of tickets available.

Registration deadline is October 25.



Fun day at the Panther's Stadium Tour.

St. John's History

Reformation Sunday Museum Exhibit Oct 29

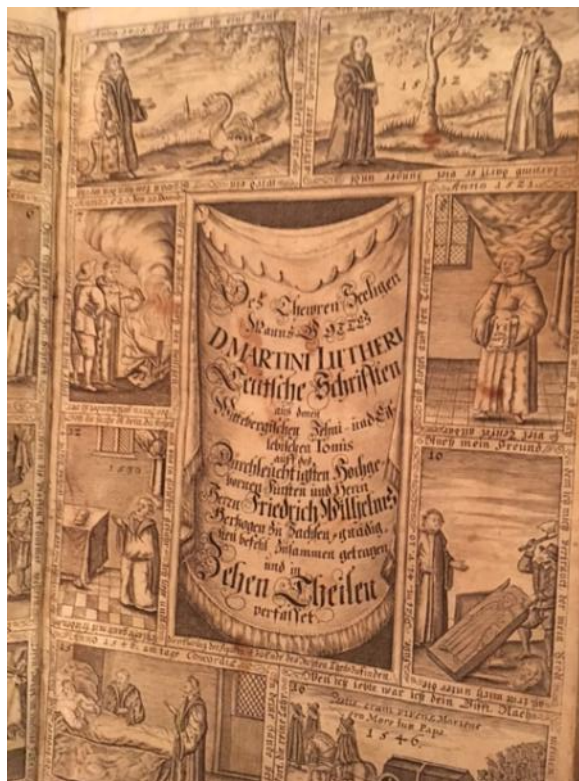
As part of the congregational observance of the legacy of 1517, the Miller Sunday School class will sponsor a special one-day exhibit on Reformation Sunday, October 29, in the room that will become the church museum. The museum is located in Peeler Hall, just to the left of the Welcome Desk.

A collection of Lutheran books from the Reformation period will be on display. The generosity of David Pope, a member of St. John's, Statesville, has made this possible. Pope has been collecting German-language religious books since the 1960s. The exhibit will include both Luther Bibles and collections of his commentaries, including his essays on the Psalms, printed in 1556.

"This is a rare occasion to see books that are central to our collective heritage as people of faith," said Dr. Gary Freeze, museum committee member. "David's devotion to preserving this literary legacy is testament both to his faith and ours. They are in amazing condition, and their illustrations and texts are worthy of the attention of all age groups."

The books will be on display from 8:30 am to 3:30 pm on Reformation Sunday. Dr. Freeze will be on hand at the end of both services to answer questions about the exhibit and the planned museum. At 2 pm, Freeze will give a short talk, "Printing, in Historical Context" in Peeler Hall. The public is invited to attend.

In 2018, the St. John's museum committee will continue to interpret the legacy of the Reformation with its first long-term exhibit. "The Ministry to the Forest Dwellers" will examine the life and labors of the first German pastors to serve "der stad kirk," that is, "the Salisbury church" that evolved into St. John's in the 1800s. There will be a commemoration of the 1768 deed given by John Lewis Beard, which provided the means for the first sanctuary and cemetery.



Woodblocks from a 1600s book depict themes of the Reformation.

Archives team wants to add to holdings

The Archives Team is seeking items to add to its collection.

During the renovation of the office building, the church archives were moved from the old nursery under the sanctuary to the administrative hall. Team members Linda Safrit, Pat Epting and Barbara Rufty have worked to organize the new space. They formed as a team seven years ago and continue their work most Wednesday afternoons.

Members who would like to do research or simply browse St. John's history can visit the room by contacting one of the committee members. Also, if you have old pictures, articles from St. John's past that need to be preserved, please get in touch with one of these ladies.



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

Luther’s Year in Exile:

His year of hiding in Wartburg Castle changed the course of history

After being excommunicated from the church and threatened with his life, Elector Friedrich the Wise arranged to have Martin Luther brought to the Wartburg Castle near Eisenach on May 4, 1521. The powerful Elector hoped that taking Luther out of the limelight would weaken the constant attacks against the Reformation.

Luther lived incognito at the Wartburg; he called himself Junker Jörg (Knight George), grew out his hair and sported a beard.

Unfortunately, Luther suffered from the exile and complained of various physical ailments. He wrote about his many fights with Satan, including the proverbial “throwing of the inkwell,” a story passed down through history.

Despite his struggles, Luther devoted himself to a new task. He translated the New Testament from its original Greek into German. The work was later edited by Melancthon and printed in 1522. This so-called “September Testament” was tremendously popular and as a result made a large contribution to the development of a standardized written German-language.

Although the castle is over 1000 years old, “Luther’s

stay from May 1521 to March 1522 is the pre-eminent event,” says Wolfram Nagel, one of the castle’s curators. “With the translation he wrote here, Luther actually gave the Germans their language, the one we still speak today.”

Luther returned to Wittenberg in 1592, when the more radical functions of the Reformation appeared to have gained control, such as the iconoclastic movement under Andreas Karlstadt.

Due to its outstanding cultural-historical significance the Wartburg was awarded the title of “World Heritage Site” by UNESCO in 1999. As many as half a million people make the steep climb every year.





Reformation Sunday is October 29

Special service commemorates the 500th anniversary

By Susan Shinn Turner

Reformation Sunday, Oct. 29, culminates St. John's year-long commemoration of the 500th anniversary of the Lutheran church.

The 11 am worship service features a variety of St. John's musicians, brass, and festival liturgy. A featured guest will be Dr. Virgil Lattimore, president of Hood Theological Seminary in Salisbury. There will be no 8:30 service.

The service caps a busy fall for the church, including the Salisbury Symphony performing in the sanctuary and many choral ensemble members participating in Piedmont Players Theatre's production of "In God's Own Country" (see page 1).

"The Reformation service will be a very creative service, true to our Lutheran heritage" Rob says. "We're delighted to have Dr. Lattimore with us, who represents a new age in our this reformation movement, one marked by ecumenism and the quest for common ground. We're eager to present this capstone worship service."

Please join us Oct. 29 — **and don't forget to wear red!**



MOVIE SCREENING CANCELLED

Due to multiple showings on PBS, we have decided to cancel the screening of *Martin Luther: The Idea that Changed the World*, scheduled for October 26 at Tinseltown Cinemark. For those who have already made reservations, please note that your credit card has not been processed and the transaction will be cancelled. If you have any questions, give us a call.

You can watch the film on TV or online at <http://www.pbs.org/program/martin-luther-idea-changed-world/>

Lutheran-Catholic Dialogue Begins in November

Nov 14, Dec 5, Jan 9

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 culmination of 50 years of ecumenical conversation between Lutherans and Catholics. It draws together a litany of 32 consensus statements and 5 general categories where we share common ground. We will gather on Sunday evenings from 6:30-8:00 pm, beginning at St. John's on November 14 and continuing at Sacred Heart on Dec 5. We'll end on Jan 9 with a covered dish supper. Childcare available.

Worship and Music Ministry

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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. During the month of October, we will begin to rehearse music for the Advent/Christmas Season, including A SERVICE OF LESSONS AND CAROLS and the late Christmas Eve Service . You are cordially invited to join them each Wednesday evening as they prepare to lead each 11 am Sunday service (schedule will vary slightly for involvement in "In God's Own Country" performances) .

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.

SJ Women's Ensemble

Rob Durocher

The Women's Ensemble will not meet Sunday, Oct. 8 ("In God's Own Country" matinee at 2:30 pm) but will rehearse on Sunday, Oct. 22, and Sunday, Oct. 29, at 5 pm in the Youth Music Room.

SJ Men's Chorus

Jason Harwood

The Men's Chorus will continue to rehearse each Sunday at 4:45 pm in the Choir Room, as they prepare for the upcoming CHRISTMAS CONCERT to be held on Sunday, Dec. 10, 2017 at 4 pm. It's not too late to join the Men's Chorus to sing for this Seasonal event!

Chapel Singers

Deanna Boksleitner

This group will rehearse at 7:50 am on Sunday, Oct. 1 in the Chapel to help lead the 8:30 am Chapel Service that morning. Additional voices are welcome. All scheduled special music and choir singers are appreciated by early worshipers. Please call Deanna Boksleitner if interested at 704.647.9774

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.



St. John's welcomed the Salisbury Symphony Orchestra and Chorale on Saturday for a celebration of the 500th Anniversary of the Reformation.

Worship and Music Ministry

THE ENSEMBLES NOBILES 11am Sanctuary Worship, October 8

By Rob Durocher

As part of our Reformation 500 Commemoration, the *Ensembles Nobiles*, a male vocal quintet from Leipzig, Germany, will be singing for our 11 am Worship Service Sunday, Oct. 8, 2017.

Founded in January 2006, the choristers met each other during their nine-year education in fine arts as members of the St. Thomas Boys Choir in Leipzig, Germany, where Johann Sebastian Bach was once the Cantor of the Thomas School. The Ensemble Nobiles serve as the official ambassador of the 'Forum Thomanum' (faith, singing, learning) education campus for St Thomas Boys Choir Leipzig.

Their repertoire ranges from late medieval mass songs to modern age works. The five young musicians attach great importance to the works of German Romantic composers, such as Schubert, Schumann and Mendelssohn, as well as to their extensive repertoire of church music.

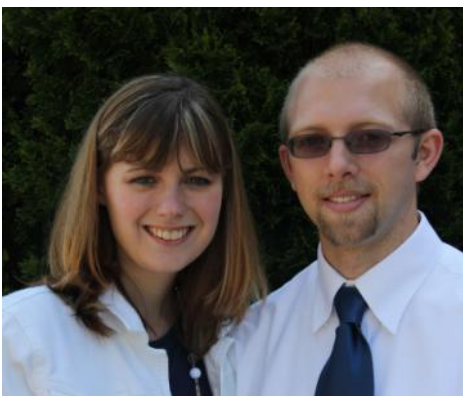
In addition to several performances in Germany, like the renowned Bachfest Leipzig and Schleswig-Holstein Musikfestival, the ensemble has also performed in

Australia, New Zealand, Singapore, Switzerland, France, Italy, Norway, Slovenia and the Netherlands.

The Ensemble Nobiles will also be featured throughout the upcoming play, "In God's Own Country", which begins at the Meroney Theater on October 12, 2017 and continues through Saturday, Oct. 21 (See article on page 1).



A Special Thank You to Daniel and Michelle Trivette!



We want to express our sincere thanks to Daniel Trivette for his inspiring and uplifting enhancement to St. John's music ministry, as our 9:27 contemporary service drummer and our 11 am service percussionist for the last 8 years. We also send our thanks to Michelle Trivette who has blessed us by playing the alto saxophone for worship, Men's Chorus Concerts, and our Lenten 'Music and Meditation' series. Both Daniel and Michelle are committed to remaining a part of our worshipping family here at St. John's, but with their busy schedules have found it necessary to step back to be able to enjoy time with each other. We honor their priorities and although we'll miss their musical presence in worship – we are so happy that they'll continue to worship with us together, but from their pews, and who knows? Maybe sometime down the road we'll get to experience the blessings of their music again!

Our Lutheran Institutions

Memory Makers Memory Café



You are warmly invited to join us on the 4th Tuesday of every month at 10:30 a.m. for our Memory Café at Gary's Bar-B-Que, 620 US-29, China Grove, NC.

A Memory Café is a place for anyone experiencing Alzheimer's/Dementia related symptoms. Loved ones or care partners can join in and share time together while having fun in a social setting. Our goal is to provide a place for individuals with memory impairment to enjoy themselves in a safe and friendly environment. Come join us and make new friends, participate in fun activities and discussions, and have a good time surrounded by good people. For questions, contact Teresa Dakins with Trinity at Home, a ministry of Lutheran Services Carolinas, at 704-603-2776.

Seniors Retreat at Lutheridge October 6-8



Lutheridge's 50Forward ministry is sponsoring its 2nd annual "Living Well" Retreat at Lutheridge Oct. 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.

Hurricane and Flood Relief Needs Your Help



St. John's is working with Lutheran Disaster Response (LDR) to aid in the relief effort for victims of recent hurricane devastation. LDR is currently on-site offering assistance, counseling, relocation, and basic necessities.

At this time, financial gifts are most beneficial. Because the ELCA covers all of LDR's administrative costs, all gifts designated for "Hurricane Response— United States" will be used in full (100%) until the response is complete to help disaster survivors recover and rebuild.

Learn more on the Lutheran Disaster Response Facebook.
<https://www.facebook.com/ELCALDR/>

Around the Church

2nd Anniversary of the Faith Center

By Susan Shinn Turner

Two years after its opening, the Faith Center continues to exceed expectations, serving the congregation and the community.

“Every time I go in there, to this day, it just astonishes me,” says Mark Lewis, chair of the G2G steering committee. “It has more than fulfilled its original promise.”

On average, the building hosts 64 to 83 events each month, according to Ruth Ann Diehl, business manager. In 2015, contemporary worship had an average attendance of 124. In 2017, that number has grown to 190 for the 9:27 service.

Krista Woolly has hosted several community events there in her role as executive director of the Community Care Clinic. The Faith Center played host to the clinic’s 20th anniversary celebration, and was the site for filming a video shown at the event. A community health summit — with plenty of room for breakout sessions — also took place in this building.

“It’s an amazing space for conferences with its breakout rooms, natural light, and coffee bar,” Krista says. “It’s the best space in town. You’re in a space that’s multipurpose. It’s a worship space, but we’ve also had VBS there. We watched the World Championship Softball game there, and had a blast. It works for everything.”

In fact, VBS was the first event that took place in the new building in August 2015, even before it was dedicated in mid-September.

“When we were in the old space, we could only accommodate 120 children,” says Kimberly Lentz, who co-chairs VBS with Melissa Rhyne. “We went from that to 250 that first year. We had the first 9:27 service in the Faith Center the day before VBS. We had to use the screen and the sound system without ever practicing with it. It was crazy! We had all these kids signed up, and we went on faith. It worked out. God just took care of it.”

This year, Kim says, VBS had 273 children registered throughout the week, with 70 volunteers. “We have had families from VBS attending worship services. There’s no doubt it’s a valuable outreach tool.”

Courtney Bost, director of the Child Development Center, says that children and staff alike were thrilled to attend VBS once the new space was available.

“It has been very fun,” she says. “The children came back every day talking about what they learned. It gave our teachers a break from the normal routine. The students and staff seemed to enjoy it a lot.”

From plays and concerts to community meetings, from VBS to worship, the space is being used, Mark says. “When you look at our new membership and new ministries, it’s no surprise about the numbers when you have a building that beautiful to do ministry in. Many Sundays, it’s jam packed. I only see more utilization out of it.”



GIFT Celebrates Katie Luther



By Susan Shinn Turner

More than 50 women who attended the GIFT gathering Aug. 30 at Cauble Creek Vineyard got to meet a very special guest— Katie Luther.

Katie was portrayed by Leigh Pittman of Greensboro, who has performed at other area churches and events celebrating women of the Reformation. Bif and Anita Yost, owners of the vineyard and new members of St. John's, hosted the occasion in their event center. The vineyard was established in 2006 as North Carolina's 100th vineyard.

"We were really excited about the strong turnout," said Lauren Stephenson, GIFT ministry coordinator. "It was a

good evening to hang out and connect on a purely social level. We also learned a lot we didn't know about Katie Luther."

"It just goes to show you that behind every good man is a good woman!" Lynn Wisecarver said. "The evening served to portray Katie Luther in a way that made her seem well. Martin chose well when he married her."

"I loved it!" Hannah Addair said. "I just love the community that our Lutheran ladies have together, and the fun we had in seeing Katie Luther's awesome life and dedication to her husband and her faith."

"I thought the presentation was fantastic," Pansy Peeler said. "The information on Katie Luther was on point. The setting was great, and I'm a real fan of Cauble Creek. The whole evening was very enjoyable."

Marsha Tucker brought a contingent of women from Wittenburg Lutheran, her home church, including her mom, Phyllis Tucker.

"They loved it," Marsha said. "They're still talking about it. I went to homecoming Sept. 10 and that was the first thing they mentioned. I just think it's important for women in the community to be together."

Watch the bulletins and faith+life emails for upcoming GIFT events.



Upcoming

Anita Renfroe - October 1, 4pm

Fall Circle- Monday's in October at 10am and 7pm

Packing Party- November 13 at 1pm

GIFT Exchange- December 7

Women's Retreat- April 27-29

Around the Church and Community

Wednesday Meals

What's on the menu?

October 4

Pulled pork served with hash brown casserole, green beans, slaw, cornbread and dessert.

October 11

Roasted chicken with mac & cheese, broccoli salad, roll and dessert

October 18

Baked potato bar with broccoli, baked apples, Boger's best buns and dessert

October 25

Pork loin served with pineapple casserole, limas and corn, slaw and dessert

Don't forget:

Blood pressure screenings are conducted each week by members of our Health Care Ministry Team.

Encounter

A class for new members

Sunday evening, October 8
from 6:15-8:00 in Peeler Hall.

Thank you Ernie Kirchin!

Ernie Kirchin will retire as Head Usher in October. He has served in the position for 22 years. We would like to recognize Ernie for his dedication. Thank you Ernie!



The City of Salisbury recognized St. John's for the "Landscape of the Month."

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.

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.

Around the Church and Community

“The gift I wanted to share”

*Mack Lampert retires after 20 years as financial secretary
Charlie Sowers served 48 years as treasurer*

By Susan Shinn Turner

If you think about it, St. John’s is like a big business, and it needs businesspeople to help it run smoothly. Mack Lampert and Charlie Sowers have been two of those people.

That’s exactly why the Rev. Carl Sachtleben, a former senior pastor, asked Mack Lampert to serve as financial secretary in 1995.



Mack Lampert and his wife, Meeta

After 20 years, Mack retired from those duties in June. Brenda Munday is now serving in the volunteer role that has evolved into a financial advisory position, according to Mack.

“Carl asked me to focus on the revenue side,” Mack remembers. “The big issue was that we had not sent out quarterly statements in

a timely manner. So I helped with that and helped get giving envelope boxes ordered — pretty mechanical things.”

Both Mack and Charlie predated the finance committee, Mack says, which was formed in 2005.

“I looked at the revenue and cost side of the budget and developed it from there into a financial advisory position,” Mack notes. “Brenda Munday is picking it up real quick, so it’s in good hands.”

All of this work has been second nature to Mack, who retired in 1993. He and his father started Norman’s of Salisbury, and Mack served as an owner and general manager in the home furnishings industry.

“If I have a gift, it’s operational management and structure,” he says. “St. John’s has a multimillion-dollar cash flow and needs good management and structure.”

Both the financial secretary and treasurer serve as ex-officio members of the Congregation Council, Mack explains. So he worked not only with council, but also with Ruth Ann Diehl,

St. John’s longtime business manager.

Unlike a regular business, the staff and volunteers must develop a budget that balances costs with expected revenues.

“In a church, you’re generating costs with the hope of getting revenues. That’s the hope of all churches,” Mack notes. “We’ve had a successful stewardship campaign the past couple of years. We have a very large campus and a very large payroll, with dynamic programs. All of that requires staffing — quality staffing. That’s the cost of dynamic discipleship.”

In setting aside his responsibilities at St. John’s, he and wife Meetta plan to travel more. They have two grandchildren in Raleigh, 24 and 17, and triplet 8-year-old grandchildren in Colorado. They try to visit often to help out the parents.

“We basically run a shuttle bus service,” Mack says.

Mack says that his service over the years has been gratifying.

“It’s what I love to think about,” Mack says of finances. “It’s my background and it’s my mindset. I was born into the St. John’s congregation and I’ve been a lifelong member. It’s the gift I wanted to share.”

“St. John’s is on the right path and is in good hands,” he says. “I’m very proud of our new sustainability plan. With its implementation, our dynamic church will thrive into the future.”

Charlie Sowers has retired as treasurer after serving faithfully in that capacity for 48 years.

Charlie considers himself 100 percent German, being able to trace all of his family lines back to Germany. His great-great-grandfather was Jacob Stirewalt. His uncle, Martin Luther Stirewalt Jr., was a pastor. An aunt was a Lutheran missionary to China before World War II. His St. John’s roots run deep as well. His grandfather, Martin Luther Stirewalt Sr., was senior pastor at



Charlie Sowers

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St. John's from 1930 to 1938.

His father, Jerry Lewis Sowers, served as treasurer of St. John's from 1938 to 1948. Frank Stoessel took over in 1948, and the two worked together at the post office, putting the offering in the safe there each Sunday until it could be counted on Monday morning, Charlie recalls.

When Stoessel resigned in 1968, Charlie was asked to serve,

and did so for the next 48 years. He was an accountant and later became a financial advisor, a position he continues today. He saw the Benevolent Foundation grow from the very beginning.

"It's a big operation," Charlie says of St. John's. "I've always been interested in investing. I know that ordained pastors are called to ministry, and I felt like I was called to be treasurer."

"God's Work. Our Hands" Day at Salisbury High School



A Note from Ann Bourque, SHS Art Teacher

"To everyone who painted my art room at SHS, I just want to thank all of you for volunteering your time and effort on a Saturday to paint my new art room. I am beyond grateful and my room looks amazing! I am really pleased with the beautiful colors that I chose... very cool and soothing. I could not be happier! From the bottom of my heart, thank you!

You do wonderful things at St. John's."



The show's featured singers are a male quintet from Leipzig called Ensemble Nobiles. The singers will help lead worship Oct. 8 ahead of the show's premiere on Oct. 12. The group studied at Bach's own school and church, the famous St. Thomas Lutheran Church in Leipzig.

"They have a longstanding tradition of excellence," Rob notes (See article on page 13).

In addition to helping with the play, St. John's has been busy arranging housing for our out-of-town guests. 14 German performers will be in Salisbury for 18 days.

Nine of the performers will be staying with folks who live in the cottages at Trinity Oaks. Trinity Oaks is graciously providing breakfast and transportation to the Meroney every morning.

"It's a great way to welcome the wider community into this event," says Pastor Rhodes. "As usual, Trinity Oaks has bent over backwards to partner with us. Bill Johnson was quick to arrange cottages, always asking 'How else can we help?' I love their eagerness to be connected to the Salisbury community."

Tickets still remain for all performances, says Cam Hall, box office manager, but seats are going quickly for the Sunday matinee.

Tickets are \$25 each plus tax, or \$20 each plus tax for groups of 20 or more.

To purchase your tickets, please call the PPT box office at 704-633-5471 or visit the Piedmont Players website Piedmontplayers.com



Stay Up to Date...

Congratulations

We celebrate with Anni Barber and Jeremy Wiles and big brother Layton Barber in the birth of a daughter, Juno Madison Wiles, on September 2, 2017. Proud grandparents are John and Ann Barber.

Consolation

Vernon Davis, family and friends, in the death of Vernon's dad, David Davis, on September 13, 2017.

Mark and Lisa Emery, family and friends, in the death of Mark's father on September 11, 2017 in Morganton, NC.

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.

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.

The St. John's App is now available



This is a great tool for members to get connected and stay up-to-date on events. You can also read the bible, take sermon notes, and listen to past sermons. Available on apple and android devices. Questions? Contact Bradley Chesnut at bradley@stjohns-salisbury.org

VACCINE CLINIC

Wednesday, October 18 3-6pm

Our clinic this year is brought to us by Walmart. We plan to offer flu and pneumonia vaccines. Please bring your insurance card with you.



Consider a Gift to the Cornerstone Trust

St. John's has been blessed throughout the years with generous financial support of its many ministries. One form of support that has been missing is a special operational endowment. St. John's sustainability campaign for the Cornerstone Trust has been established to provide members and friends gifting opportunities that would support the endowment for the annual operating budget and provide legacy gifts that will last forever. The Cornerstone Trust will be supported by gifts as well as estate bequests.

Estate gifts provide ongoing, long-term support by endowing St. John's operating budget. From estate and outright gifts, the congregation can utilize investment earnings from the endowment principal. All funds will be added to the St. John's Benevolent Foundation and administered by its trustees. Estate gifts are truly gifts that keep on giving!

All gifts are welcome, but this particular campaign emphasizes estate plans and bequests. Your gifts support three categories: Worship and Music Ministry Fund, Disciple Ministry Fund, and Undesignated Legacy Gifts. Through its mission and ministries, St. John's is making notable impact in our community and in our world. Please prayerfully consider how you can strengthen this endowment for future generations. Be a blessing... Be a Cornerstone giver.

To learn more information about this effort, please contact Tom Childress or Pastor Rhodes.

CORNERSTONE
TRUST *Sustaining God's Gifts*

Worship Leaders for September

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

LAY ASSISTING MINISTERS

Oct 1 Jonathon Williams
 Oct 8 Judy Klusman
 Oct 15 Andrew Poe
 Oct 22 Randy Overcash
 Oct 29 Gretchen Witt

READERS

Oct 1 *Mitch Siegel, Anne Steele
 Oct 8 *Charles Moll, Kathy Rusher
 Oct 15 *Carol Beaver, John Henderlite
 Oct 22 Bob Loeblein, Cyndi Krusemark
 Oct 29 Ann Bostian
 Nov 5 *Parker Hatchett, Kim Robinson

COMMUNION ASSISTANTS

Oct 1 Geoffrey Hoy, Elaine Gerst, ^Dennis Rogers
 Oct 8 *Bob Loeblein
 Oct 15 Marilyn Smith, ^Dennis Rogers
 Oct 22 Stacy Shafer
 Oct 29 Wesley Rhyne, Melody Moxley, ^Dennis Rogers
 Nov 5 Donna Weinhold, ^Dave Roof

ALTAR GUILD

Oct Susan Myers, captain; Pansy Peeler, Kathy Rusher, Sylvia Ludwig, Geneva Allen, Stamie Overcash

COMMUNION PREPARERS

Oct Laura Salow and Maria Lewis

GREETERS

Oct 1 Darrell and Gerry Blackwelder, Stan and Sandy Jordan
 Oct 8 Steve and Karen Puckett, Linda Phillips
 Oct 15 Harold and Peggy Mowery, Penny and Aiden Moss
 Oct 22 Ott and Julie Pinkston, Harold and Stamie Overcash
 Oct 29 Raymond and Kay Coltrain, Ron and Marilyn Smith
 Nov 5 Dottie Hoy, Linda Phillips, Sonny and Nancy Lippard

WELCOME PLACE GREETERS

Oct 1 Carolyn Hood
 Oct 8 Lorna Reasor
 Oct 15 Janice Raper
 Oct 22 Linda Safrit
 Oct 29 Linda Phillips
 Nov 5 Barbara Stauffer

AFTER-SERVICE GREETERS

Oct 1 Nancy Shirley, Karen Rogers, Bill Safrit
 Oct 8 Cory Gebhardt, Gary Rhodes, Donny Yost
 Oct 15 Dennis Ingold, Frank Goodnight, Ron Smith
 Oct 22 Bill Johnson, Karen Puckett, Norman Sloop
 Oct 29 Jeanie Moore, Ben Goodman, Karen South Jones
 Nov 5 Nancy Shirley, Karen Rogers, Bill Safrit

ACOLYTES

Oct 1 Anna Everhart and Lillie Rusher
 Oct 8 Kayla Sachse and Caroline Houpe
 Oct 15 Julie Kenny and Sam Wood
 Oct 22 Aaron and Ellen Yang
 Oct 29 Sydney Sims and Katherine Sullivan

CRUCIFERS

Oct 1 Elly Burks
 Oct 8 Nina Sachse
 Oct 15 Mary Wood
 Oct 22 Cali Proper
 Oct 29 Chad Van der Poel

ELEMENT BEARERS

Oct 1 Lucy Burks
 Oct 15 Lucy Heilig
 Oct 29 Kari Downs

TORCH BEARERS

Oct 1 Spencer Everhart
 Oct 29 Bo Rusher

BANNER BEARERS

Oct 29 David Holden and Harrison Parrot

BIBLE BEARERS

Oct 29 Carsyn Parrott

Happy Birthday!

Congratulations to our Octogenarians celebrating:

October Birthdays

Reggie Munday, Karl Kinard, Lois Carter, Steve Mozolak, Janie Allen, Mimi Carlton, Mildred Brown, Fran Hoke

USHERS: Head Ushers

Oct Ernie Kirchin, Glenn Stokes

USHER TEAMS

Oct 1 Team 1E* Tom Childress, Jim Boger
Team 5 Steve Puckett, captain
Oct 8 Team 2E* Tom Smith, Jim Boger
Team 6 Troop 443 Boy Scouts
Oct 15 Team 3E* Bob Loeblein, Jeff Nelson
Team 7 Mickey Black, captain
Oct 22 Team 4E* Bob Rusher, Bobby Rusher
Team 8 Glenn Ketner, captain
Oct 29 Team 5 E* Jim Boger, Ronnie Smith
Team 9 Cliff Ritchie, Captain

NURSERY

Oct 1 Annette Brown, Ebony Alexander
Oct 8 Annette Brown, Natalee Taylor
Oct 15 Natalee Taylor, Sandra Jiles
Oct 22 Natalee Taylor, Annette Brown
Oct 29 Sandra Jiles, Annette Brown

9:27 COMMUNION ASSISTANTS

Oct 1 Bill Johnson, Vernon Davis, Larry Breitweiser,
Tiffany Kneif, Stacey Shafer
Nov 5 Karen Jones, Deb Miller, Wendy Harris, Mandy
Mallen, Dennis Ingold, Scott Robinson

9:27 HOSPITALITY TEAM

Oct 1 Angel Barber, Cammie Yarborough, Wayne
Everhart, Irene Stewart, David and Julie Carr
Oct 8 Dean and Tammy Safrin, Jenny Ryerson, Judy
Klusman, Deb Miller, Lindsey Wineka
Oct 15 Debbie Carter, Jack and Chad Van der Poel,
Mike Jacobson, Cyndii Owen
Oct 22 Rhonda and David Harrison, Jack and Jeanie
Moore, Adam and Crystal Ryerson
Oct 29 Doug Groce, Donna Groce, Stacy Shafer, Grace
Shafer, Kim Robinson, Ben White, Eva White

9:27 USHER TEAM

Oct Anthony Weaver, Missie Weaver, Steve
Butner, Camille Butner, David Carr

PA OPERATORS

Oct 1 Darrell Blackwelder
Oct 8 Mike Agee
Oct 15 David Wilson
Oct 22 Roger Alexander
Oct 29 Taylor Hutchins

Eagle's View Deadline

The November Eagle's View will be published in October.

Please email stories and news to
angel@stjohns-salisbury.org by **October 13!**

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 Safrin

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

Worship Attendance

September 3	453
September 10	510
September 17	424
September 24	504

Buck-a-Meal Sunday

Sunday, October 1 (1st Sunday of each month)

Buck-A-Meal for September was \$451.00. Every dollar bill donated equals a meal at Rowan Helping Ministries.

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

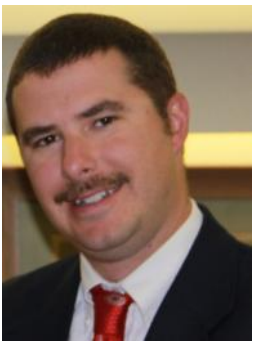
Council Nominees



David Phillips

David Phillips retired from the Dept. of Veteran Services, as the Chief of Nutrition and Food Service, in 2014. He joined St. John's in 2014. He served his previous congregation, St. James Fayetteville, on the Congregation Council for 3 terms, as well as on the executive committee as council secretary. He also served as a Chairperson for the St. James Social Ministry, Mutual Ministry, Christian Ed., and Stewardship. He was a member of the St. James Finance, Social Ministry, Mutual Ministry, Christian Ed., and Endowment Committees. Additionally, he served as a substitute Sunday School teacher and usher. He currently attends the Miller Sunday School class and Discipleship class. He volunteers with Meals on Wheels, the Annual MOM Clinic, and in the Resource Center. Additionally, he participates in Senior Seasons Academy, serves as an usher, and has served as minute taker for the NC Synod for the last 5 years.

David says "I have always enjoyed being involved in church related activities. My parents were always very active in the church when I was growing up, and this is just a natural progression to their training and influence. Working with various committees and projects in the church helps me to give back what God has given me, my time and talent."



Wesley Rhyne

Wesley Rhyne joined St. John's in 2011. He served his previous congregation, Faith Lutheran Church, in a number of ways; he was a member of the Congregation Council, Evangelism Committee, and Property Committee. He also served his previous congregation as an usher. He serves St. John's as a communion assistant and as a member of the Hand bell Choir.

Wesley says, "If elected, I would be honored to serve on the St. John's Church Council. I have experience in maintenance needs, worship planning and have been on a church council before. Look forward to serving this congregation."



Cindy Fink

Cindy Fink is the executive director of Meals on Wheels. She attended St. John's from 1972-1989, and joined the congregation in 2017. She served her previous congregation, Oxford United Methodist Church, as a member of the Congregation Council, a Ministry Group Chairperson, a Committee Chairperson, as a Pre-K teacher, an usher, a Lay reader, and a nursery volunteer. She was also part of an adult discipleship bible study and the church circle small group. She previously served as the President of the Pines Carolina Girl Scout Council and participated in the Friends of Our Cabana global mission.

Cindy says, "I am interested in serving on the council in hopes of sharing my experiences in governance, board development, policy making, and marketing. Church council has the opportunity to lead with vision, energy and inspiration. I want to be part of the group that takes this challenge."



Brad Brady

Brad Brady is a partner at Thrivent Financial. He joined St. John's in 2011. He served his previous congregation, Union Lutheran, as a member of the Congregation Council, a member of the Executive Committee, and as an usher. At St. John's, he has served in the nursery.

Brad says, "My family and I have loved our time at St. John's. We feel this is a special place with amazing people who have done so much to make this our church home. I would love the opportunity to serve on church council at St. John's as a way to give back to such a special place."

Council Nominees



Steve Albanese

Steve Albanese is a labor leader/arbitration advocate. Steve joined St. John's in 2013. He serves St. John's as a greeter at the 9:27 Contemporary Service.

Steve says, "For most of my adult life, I negotiated and reviewed contracts, mediated, and arbitrated disputes. I have managed large budgets and approved purchases for my organization. I provided assistance to persons in need and negotiated settlements when necessary. I believe these skillsets will be helpful while serving on the church council."



Larry Cesario

Larry Cesario previously served on the St. John's Congregation Council. He has also served as both a Committee Member and an usher. He has also volunteered his time in hospital visitation and as a Wednesday Night Meals dish washer.

Larry says, "My life revolves around my family, my son's, their wives and four grandchildren, and my church, St. John's. I enjoy talking to people about St. John's, telling how much St. John's offers. I was raised at a young age to make time to give back. I enjoy working with St. John's Men's Ministry, our Men's Bible Study continues to grow in numbers. We learn so much from Pastor Woolly."



Aleksandr Witt

Aleksandr Witt is a music performer and college educator. He joined St. John's in 1989. He has been involved in the youth group and scouts at St. John's. He is currently a member of the music team for the 9:27 service and participates in the Chancel Choir.

Aleksandr says, "As a younger congregation member who is active in all three worship services our church provides, I feel I can represent a great variety of constituents. I have also been a member of this church practically all of my life. It is home for me, and I want to help it grow."

Youth Nominees:

David Holden, an 11th grader at Salisbury High School
and Spencer Everhart, an 11th grader at North Rowan High School

Phase 2 of Generation to Generation will Begin Mid-2018

By Susan Shinn Turner

Phase 2 of the Generation to Generation campaign is slated to officially begin in mid-2018, according to Mark Lewis, G2G steering committee chair.

But some advance work will begin in the narthex this fall to help correct a significant drainage problem. "Although most of the work will be unnoticeable, it provides us with the opportunity to freshen up the narthex with new paint, carpeting, and lighting," says Mike Agee, a member of the steering committee.

Beyond the narthex work, Phase 2 includes a renovation of the fellowship hall and installation of handicapped accessible restrooms on both levels of the sanctuary building. It also includes a sound system upgrade for the sanctuary.

"Right now we are at the stage of finding the right architect," Mark says. "We need someone with knowledge of historic buildings.

"The good news is that we already have several hundred thousand dollars in the G2G fund. That's a great way to start the campaign and to begin work on some of these early projects."

Downstairs, Mike adds, the nursery has already been refurbished and lights have been replaced in the fellowship hall. The fellowship hall remains the largest gathering space on campus, he says, and, with the restroom renovation and new commercial kitchen installation, makes up the bulk of the Phase 2 plan costs.



Thank You, Property Committee!

New Lights Installed throughout campus

The Property Committee strives to be the best possible stewards of St. John's funds while maintaining our campus to the best of our ability. We were recently presented with an opportunity to replace the existing fluorescent light fixtures with new LED fixtures. Peeler Hall and the renovated areas in the Educational Building were converted to LED lighting as a part of G2G Phase 1. The choice was made to purchase new energy efficient lighting as the cost to repair the existing lighting will be more expensive to maintain than purchase new lights.

Through the efforts of Jon Koppe, our Facilities Manager, we were offered the new LED fixtures at a price of \$35.00 per fixture. This was possible due to a Duke Energy rebate. To date, members of the Property Committee have changed out the light fixtures in the Kindergarten classrooms and in the Fellowship Hall. Jon and Austin have also changed out the some lights in the CDC and other lights in various locations as time has allowed. The choir room is scheduled to be the next area where the LED lights will be installed.

Thanks to Jeff Nelson, Eric Lasker, Mike Agee, Freddie Eller, Dennis Rogers, Raymond Coltrain, and Steve Jarrett for volunteering their time to complete this work.

October 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Consecration Sunday 8:30a Chapel Worship 9:27a Contemporary Worship/HC 9:30a Consecration Sunday Breakfast 9:45a Children's Worship 11a Sanctuary Worship/HC 11:15a Children's Worship 4p Anita Renfroe Event 4:45p Men's Chorus 5:30p FUEL Youth Group	2 10a Staff Meeting 1p Monday Rembrandts 1:45p Contemporary Worship Planning 7p Luther Ringers Rehearsal	3 7:45a Women's Bible Study 9:30a Seasons Academy 5:30p Outreach Team Meeting 7p Worship Group	4 7:15p Wednesday Morning Breakfast with Kai 9:30a Kindergarten Chapel 10a GIFT Fall Circle 4:30p Disciple Bible Study 4:30p Kingdom Kids/EPIC 5:45p Wednesday Meals 6:30p CAMPfire 6:30p Classic Ringers 6:30p GIFT Fall Circle 6:30p The Well Confirmation	5 7:30a Men's Bible Study 10:15a Trinity Singers 11a Trinity Ringers 3:30p Contemporary Worship Walk-Through 6p Contemporary Worship Rehearsal	6 1p St. John's Book Club 7:30p In God's Own Country EAGLES VIEW DEADLINE FOR NOVEMBER ISSUE	7 7:30p In God's Own Country
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Sunday Worship Services

8:30 am — Chapel

9:27 am — Contemporary

11 am — Sanctuary

Holy Communion

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Chapel Worship: 2nd and 4th Sundays

Sanctuary Worship: 1st and 3rd Sundays

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Oct 13-15	Pastor Rhodes Woolly
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Oct 27-29	Pastor Rhodes Woolly

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