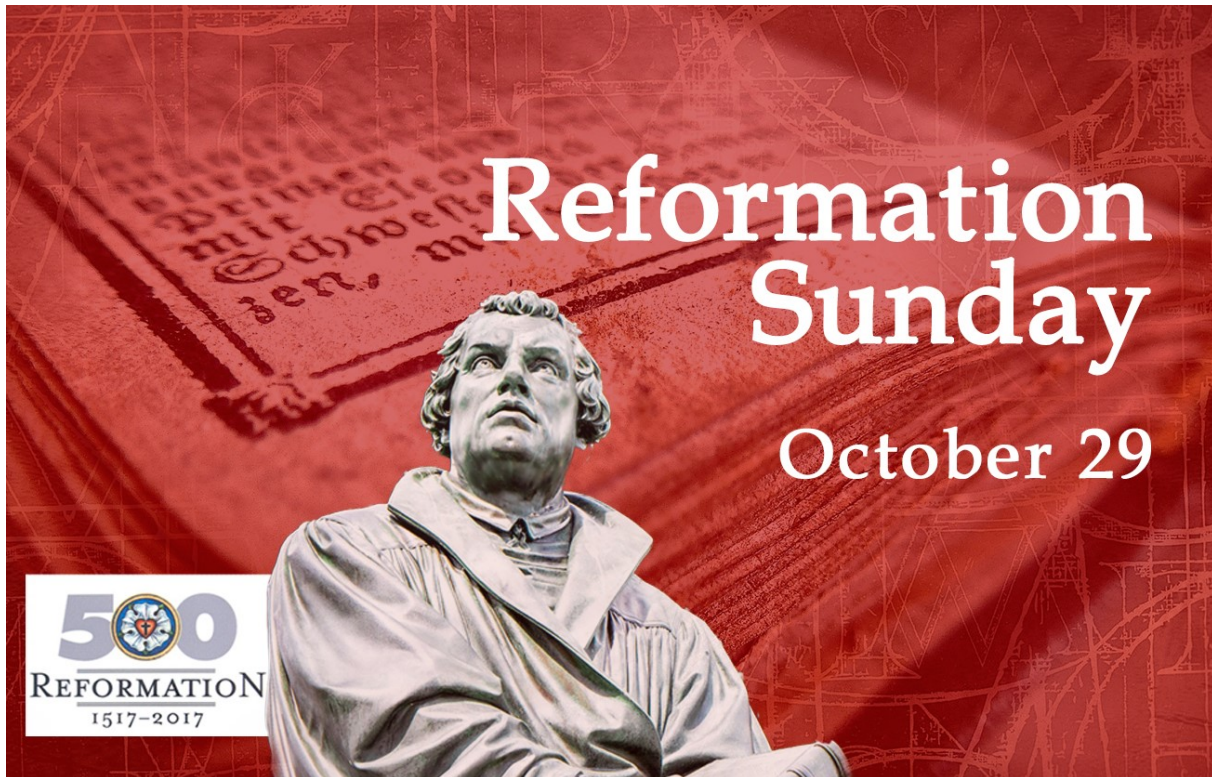


Let's connect faith and life *together*



By Susan Shinn Turner

Please join us on Sunday, Oct. 29, for the concluding event of St. John's year-long commemoration of the Reformation's 500th anniversary.

The 11 am service features a variety of St. John's musicians, with brass and festival liturgy. Dr. Vergel Lattimore, president of Hood Theological Seminary, will be a featured guest. The 9:27 service includes a new acoustic-contemporary version of "A Mighty Fortress" and dramatic spoken word poetry on the history of the Reformation.

Please note: there will be no 8:30 am service.

"We've spent this year reaching beyond the church walls as we observe the Reformation," Rob Durocher notes. "We've hosted the community for the Reformation Symphony in September, and 30 of our choir members participated in the English-language premiere of 'In God's Own Country' at the Meroney Theatre. It's been a very special year."

"I hope you'll make a special effort to join us on Oct. 29

as we come together as a congregation to observe a very significant day in world history."

Of note: The Miller Sunday School class is sponsoring a special one-day exhibit on Reformation Sunday in the room that will become the church museum, just to the right of the Welcome Desk. The exhibit features a collection of Lutheran books from the Reformation period, made possible through the generosity of David Pope, a member of St. John's, Statesville. 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.

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.

It's not often that we join together for a 500th anniversary, so we hope you'll join us for this very special occasion. *And don't forget to wear red!*

Pastor's Letter



Dear friends,

Thank God for weeds.

The main thoroughfare into and away from our home is down a sidewalk that lies in the middle of our backyard, which these days is a lovely patch of, well, weeds. Clover mostly, but I'm sure Darrell Blackwelder would have a field day

identifying the many other varieties we've allowed to take over the place.

It's a symbiotic relationship, to be honest. They have a nice place to grow and multiply and we have something that looks green. If you've got poor eyesight, it might look like green grass.

I'm sure there are solutions, some of which I might tackle next spring. But until then I've learned to say, "Thank you, God, for weeds."

For some reason these weeds remind me of a lovely lady friend in Winchester, Virginia. Miss Ginny's picture is in my Bible next to the phrase "salt of the earth." Not really, but if you knew her you'd understand.

Ginny lived by herself in a trailer she had made her home for over thirty years. She had a heart of gold, always eager to help out "in the background," she'd call it. Within a few months of joining the church she jumped into all the tasks no one else liked to do — cleaning the kitchen, deep cleaning the restrooms, serving on altar guild, scrubbing communion wine and candle wax off of the chancel carpet, and helping out at the local homeless ministry whenever she possibly could. She cleaned houses most of her life, so doing hard, dirty work at church was just another way for Ginny to serve the Lord.

I once asked Ginny to be a communion assistant, specifically to serve wine. I was stunned at her response: "I could never do that, Pastor. Look at my hands." She held out hands that

were big, strong, and admittedly rough around the edges. Calluses, fingernails that revealed the daily activities of a hard-working woman, the wear and tear of hands that would never have been chosen for a Palmolive commercial.

"Pastor, I would be embarrassed. The Lord deserves better than these old hands."

The irony was that I thought Ginny's hands were the most beautiful hands I had ever seen.

She held firm in her resistance, but from that moment onward, I paid close attention to those old hands. At communion, in particular, she would hold open those hands, so eager to receive the Body of Christ. On Maundy Thursday she would be the first to have her feet washed, so that she could then kneel and wash the feet of others. During the week, of course, she'd kneel that 75 year old body on the ground and clean up whatever dirt and grime the world threw at her.

Those were beautiful, life-giving hands.

Miss Ginny's death affected me more than most. She had no children and her extended family had mostly disappeared. Just writing these words transports me back to that one bedroom trailer decorated with frilly curtains and baby dolls. Holding her hand as she drifted off was profoundly sacred, when the veil between heaven and earth was lifted if but for a few blessed moments.

Dirty, old hands are like weeds, I guess. To some they're unsightly. Others might be embarrassed by them, or even ashamed.

But like Miss Ginny's hands, I've learned to thank God for weeds. They might not be perfect in the world's eyes, but they're perfectly beautiful in the eyes of God.

Thank you so much for your partnership in the Gospel.

Peace+
Pastor Rhodes



Movie Night for the Family Sunday Nov 5, 5:30 PM

"Are you watching kids scroll through life, with their rapid-fire thumbs and a six-second attention span? Physician and filmmaker Delaney Ruston saw that with her own kids and learned that the average kid spends 6.5 hours a day looking at screens. She wondered about the impact of all this time and about the friction occurring in homes and schools around negotiating screen time—friction she knew all too well.

In *SCREENAGERS*, as with her award-winning documentaries on mental health, Delaney takes a deeply personal approach as she probes into the vulnerable corners of family life, including her own, to explore struggles over social media, video games, academics and internet addiction. Through poignant, and unexpectedly funny stories, along with surprising insights from authors, psychologists, and brain scientists, *SCREENAGERS* reveals how tech time impacts kids' development and offers solutions on how adults can empower kids to best navigate the digital world and find balance."—screenagersmovie.com

One of the biggest concerns Kai Thurow, St. John's youth and family minister, hears from families is how to balance the time teens spend on their digital devices.

After multiple inquiries from parents hoping to see the documentary, Kai scheduled a viewing of *SCREENAGERS* for Sunday Nov. 5 at 5:30 pm.

The movie addresses how children and parents struggle with screen time, social media, video games, etc. Kai hopes it will be helpful to a lot of families and stimulate healthy conversations between parents and teens.

If you've ever thought about how to balance the amount of time your child spends on their phone, videogames, or iPad, this is an excellent way to learn, grow, and start some healthy conversations.

Nichole Towns, a parent here at St. John's, looks forward to the showing, "Friends of mine have seen this with their children and have all highly recommended it."



We would love for **ALL** of our youth and their parents to come. Parents are highly encouraged to see the movie with their children who are 10 and older. You can kind of think of this as a family movie night here at St. John's!

Because this is such a relevant and important topic, we want to open this evening showing of *SCREENAGERS* to the community. Invite your friends!

There will be time, following the movie, for pizza and productive discussion.

This event will be free to the community with support from youth parents. Please contact Kai if you are interested in sponsoring this movie showing.

RSVP on the St. John's website by clicking the *SCREENAGERS* slide.

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.

Both groups meet Wednesday afternoons from 4:30-5:45 pm to hear a Bible Story, enjoy a snack, play games, sing, and to have a lot of FUN with friends!

If you have any questions, contact our Youth and Family Minister, Kai Thurow, kai@stjohns-salisbury.org

Children's Ministry Schedule for November



Wed, Nov 1 - KK & EPIC from 4:30-5:45 pm

Wed, Nov 8 - KK & EPIC from 4:30-5:45 pm

Wed, Nov 15 - KK & EPIC from 4:30-5:45 pm

Sun, Nov 19 — 3 Year Old Milestone from 12:30-1:30 pm

"Thank you, God, for Food"

Wed, Nov 22 — NO KK or Epic. Happy Thanksgiving!

Wed, Nov 29 — Kindergarten milestone from 6:00-7:00 pm

"Seasons of the Church Year"

Wed, Nov 29 - KK & EPIC from 4:30-5:45 pm



Please RSVP to Kai for Milestone events one week prior to event

COMMUNITY TRUNK OR TREAT

SUNDAY
OCTOBER 29TH
2-4PM

270 WEST FISHER STREET

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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) consists of Youth Group (6th-8th graders) and our Confirmation Class (7th-8th graders). Questions? kai@stjohns-salisbury.org

The Well Schedule for November

Wed, Nov 1 – Confirmation	6:30-7:30 pm
Sun, Nov 5 – Screenagers Movie Night	5:30 pm
Wed, Nov 8 – Confirmation	6:30-7:30 pm
Sun, Nov 12 – Youth Group	5:30-7:30 pm
Wed, Nov 15 – Confirmation	6:30-7:30 pm
Sun Nov, 19 – Order of St. John’s Training	5:30 pm (for all youth!)
Sun, Nov 26 – Youth Group	5:30-7:30 pm
Wed, Nov 29 – Confirmation	5:30-7:30 pm



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

Our mission is to create young disciples filled with God’s love so that they can go into this world and impact their neighborhoods, friends and community.

Fuel Schedule for November

Sun, Nov 5 – Screenagers Movie Night	5:30 pm
Sun, Nov 12 – Youth Group	5:30-7:30 pm
Sun, Nov 19 – Order of St. John’s Training	5:30 pm (for all youth!)
Sun, Nov 26 – Youth Group	5:30-7:30 pm

Around the Church and Community

It's Operation Christmas Child Shoebox Time

Again this year, the Girl Scouts are collecting Christmas shoeboxes for children around the world. Pick up a Shoebox in the Narthex, the Chapel area, or in the lobby of the Church offices beginning Wednesday, Nov 1. Fill your box and return it for our Dedication of the Shoeboxes on Sunday, Nov 19. Please read and follow the instructions on the brochure you receive with your shoeboxes. Remember to label the outside of your box or boxes with a boy or girl label, and mark the appropriate age level.

Volunteers are needed for the Drop off Site at St. John's during National Collection Week, November 13-20.

Volunteers are needed for the following dates and times:

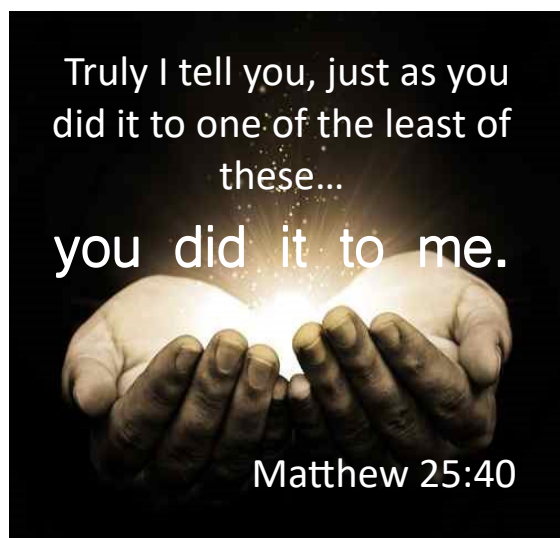
Monday, November 13	12:30pm—3pm
Tuesday, November 14	3pm—5pm
Wednesday, November 15	12:30pm—3pm
Thursday, November 16	3pm—5pm
Friday, November 17	9:30am—12pm
Saturday, November 18	1pm—3pm
Sunday, November 19	1pm—3pm
Monday, November 20	9am—12pm



Volunteers receive, count, and record Shoeboxes during our collection hours. Reserve your time by calling, texting or emailing Mikell Reynolds, St. John's Girl Scouts, at 704-640-6124 or jreynolds2@carolina.rr.com

Pastor's Discretionary Fund

Special Collection on Thanksgiving Sunday, Nov 19



A note from Pastor Rhodes

As cold weather approaches, please consider a donation to the Pastor's Discretionary Fund. These funds are used to assist community members in financial crisis with their utility bills.

As a downtown church we greet a lot of people who are in immediate need. Through volunteer and staff support, each person is granted the gift of hospitality and then interviewed to assess need. The interview team and guest explore the variety of resources and community partners available for assistance, including Rowan Helping Ministries. In many cases, we are able to provide funds that help the guest avoid electricity or water from being disconnected.

You can help by donating to the Pastor's Discretionary Fund and/or serving on our Interview Team. Guests are interviewed on Mondays and Thursdays from 1:00-2:00 pm. Although you can donate at any time, we will receive a special collection for the Fund on Thanksgiving Sunday, November 19.

Homebound Members



Merry Christmas

Mail our homebound members Christmas Cards or bring them to the church office by Dec 10 to be delivered by visitors.

Hilda Bailey

711 Brownrigg Rd
Salisbury, NC 28144

Charles Heilig

614 Hidden Creek Circle
Salisbury, NC 28147

Robert Miller

820 Klumac Rd, Apt AA1
Salisbury, NC 28144

Alda Smith

114 North Milford Dr
Salisbury, NC 28144

Audrey Bradshaw

820 Klumac Rd. Rm A-14-A
Salisbury, NC 28144

Shirley Smith

345 Timberwolf Lane
Salisbury, NC 28147

Paul and Lois Carter

106 Covenant Woods Dr
Salisbury, NC 28144

Phyllis Edwards

414 Hidden Creek Cir
Salisbury, NC 28147

Marie Fork

104 Prestwick St
Salisbury, NC 28147

Fran Tannehill

728 Klumac Rd., Apt 123B
Salisbury, NC 28144

Anita Foreman

101 Covenant Woods Dr
Salisbury, NC 28144

Fran Hoke

2627 Southpoint Ln
New London, NC 28127

Judy Johnson

335 Lumen Christie Lane #104
Salisbury, NC 28147-6799

Romania Cline

100 A
728 Klumac Rd
Salisbury, NC 28144

Leon Williams, Jr.

820 Klumac Rd, Rm C-01
Salisbury, NC 28144

Sonny and Janie Allen

100 W. innes St. #6B
Salisbury, 28144

Andrew Stirewalt

1255 Stirewalt Rd
China Grove, NC 28023

Burt Harris

728 Klumac Rd
Apt. 220-B
Salisbury, NC 28144

Anne Steele

728 Klumac Rd, Apt. 324-B
Salisbury, NC 28144

Shirley Trexler

4355 Queens Rd.
Salisbury, NC 28144

Dottie Bedford

Autumn Care
1505 Bringle Ferry Rd #806
Salisbury, NC 28146

Dot Rendleman

Room 5-C
820 Klumac Rd
Salisbury, NC 28144

Gordon and Joyce Beaver

548 White Oaks Dr #215
Salisbury, NC 28147

Wag Wagoner

1625 4th St.
Salisbury, NC 28144

Mrs. Joyce Brady

c/o Mr. Robert Brady
829 Cherokee Place SW
Lenoir, NC 28645

Rachel Safrit

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Salisbury, NC 28144

Herman and Ermine Peeler

1221 Forestdale Dr
Salisbury, NC 28144-2126

Sonny Lippard

839 Fairmont Ave.
Salisbury, NC 28144

Karen Rawling

Littletowne Condominium
817 Mitchell Ave., #3-A
Salisbury, NC 28144-6270

Sally DuBois

301 Majestic Hgts. Dr.
Salisbury, NC 28144

Jim Chesky

8622 Sargent Creek Lane
Indianapolis, IN 46256

Peggy Smith

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Salisbury, NC 27188

Hal Furr

213 W Thomas St
Salisbury, NC 28144

Daisy Beaver

820 Klumac Rd Rm C-21
Salisbury, NC 28144



“In God’s Own Country” Premiered at the Meroney Oct 12

By Susan Shinn Turner

What an exciting experience St. John’s vocal ensemble members had in October, joining with the Piedmont Players Theatre and Landesbuhnen Sachsen in the American premiere of “In God’s Own Country.”

The play follows Henry Muhlenberg’s struggle to establish the Lutheran Church in America. Set during the start of the French and Indian War, the play presents a time of great challenge, yet great hope. Pastors weren’t so enthusiastic about turning over their congregations to Muhlenberg, yet he had a clear charge from Germany to unify the church here.

“In God’s Own Country” featured a clever set, where a set of benches functioned as, well, benches, but also served as a boat, a table, a wall — even a printing press. Much of the first act was presented in German, but as Muhlenberg became more familiar with his new country, the story, too, became clearer as more English was spoken.

Randy Overcash, who sang in the choir, agrees.

“After reading the script before the production began, I was

somewhat concerned about all the dialogue that was still in German,” he notes. “But as the show progressed, I was amazed at how the quality of acting helped overcome that. Even though I was in a location that prevented me from seeing much of the action, I still found I could follow the storyline better than I would have ever believed initially.

“The other thing I thoroughly enjoyed was the musical background provided by Ensemble Nobiles. I’ve told several people that their contribution alone was worth the price of admission.”

The Ensemble Nobiles, a group of five singers from the renowned St. Thomas Kirche in Leipzig, led worship at St. John’s on Oct. 8. They also performed several songs at the opening-night reception on Oct. 12, to the delight of the crowd.

“The singers of Ensemble Nobiles and especially composer Paul Heller were impressed with the quality of the choir and the great job Rob Durocher did in preparing them,” says Jane Taubert, a Rowan County native who led Landesbuhnen Sachsen.

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30+ members of the St. John's Chancel Choir participated in the play including, from left, Leslie Durocher, Dennis Rogers, Karen Rogers, Carol Everhart and Diane Goodnight.

"In comparison to some of the choirs we had worked with before, the St. John's Choir was particularly good with holding the intonation throughout the songs (not letting the pitch sag any), which is very important since almost all pieces are performed a cappella. Although learning the German lyrics to some of the pieces may have been a great challenge for the singers, they all mastered the task beautifully.

"The entire cast was impressed with the professionalism of the chorus and greatly appreciates the warmth and hospitality with which they were received. It's been fun for all involved."

Frank and Diane Goodnight have supported PPT for 35 years, sponsoring 15 plays over the years through their business, Diversified Graphics.

"We learned some new and rather interesting warm-up exercises from our German music director, Paul," Diane says. "I'm glad there were no cameras around to capture our most unattractive facial contortions and hopping around during these nightly warm-ups — please don't tell me there were!"

"As a relatively new Lutheran, it has been intriguing to learn more about the formation of our church in America," Frank adds. "The pace of practice and performing has been grueling but the choir members have kept it light so it has been a hoot to participate."

Carol Everhart agrees.

"Though time consuming, being a part of this play has been a wonderful experience," she says. "Not only has it been fun being with my fellow choir members, but it has been great getting to know and working with the phenomenal members of the Ensemble Nobles. I have also learned so much about

this period in history, and especially Muhlenberg. This has definitely been a once-in-a-lifetime experience!"

Dennis and Karen Rogers, both members of the Chancel Choir, also served in the show's choir.

"Although it has required a lot of time and effort learning to sing German and knowing our places and our timely stage entrance moments, the experience and the pleasure of being around such talented performers have been moments in time Karen and I will treasure and never forget," Dennis says. "We have acquired a new appreciation of what it takes to bring together such a production with all the behind-the-scenes preparation that has to take place not only months and years before the actual performances, but also the behind-the-scenes activity each night of the play.

"Our new German friends are fantastic people with many life stories shared. They appreciate so much the hospitality we have shared with them including the very simple moments of introducing them to sweet tea and Cheerwine. For some of them, this is their first experience visiting America — and to think it took place right here in little old Salisbury."

"It's been a fun and stimulating history lesson with plenty of material to prompt comparison to current affairs," Missy Shives says. "Also, I've loved working with the German singers and actors."

"Lotta time, lotta work, but a lotta fun, too," David Hord adds. "The play has kindled my interest in the incredible challenges our forebears faced in coming to America, especially as they struggled to form the church. What an amazing legacy."



Jane Taubert talks with play personnel before the premiere of "In God's Own Country."

Lutheran-Catholic Dialogue Begins Nov 14

By Susan Shinn Turner

Beginning in November, Father John Eckert of Sacred Heart Catholic Church and Pastor Rhodes will facilitate a Lutheran-Catholic Dialogue.

“Alongside the 500th anniversary of the Reformation,” Pastor Rhodes says, “it makes sense for us to be in conversation as well.”

Pastor Rhodes is fond of setting context, and this issue is no different. Although the Reformation represents 500 years of division between Lutherans and Catholics, there are many things the denominations have in common. Both are searching for common ground in a time of national divisiveness.

Both churches have plenty of experience with division. “It’s interesting to remember that the beginnings of a Catholic community in Rowan County coincided with the growth of the Ku Klux Klan,” Pastor Rhodes says. “Klan members were equal opportunity haters of Jews, Catholics, and African-Americans. From the very beginning, our Catholic sisters and brothers in Rowan County had to manage conflict.”

Although Catholics and Lutherans rarely face that level of conflict, they still face the challenge of a divided church. With that in mind, the two church bodies have spent the last two decades developing the ecumenical document, “From Conflict to Communion,” published by Lutheran World Federation and the Pontifical Council for Promoting Christian Unity.

“I appreciate that we’re beginning this after the Reformation observations,” Father John notes. “Now we can discuss what we will do to move forward.”

Pastor Rhodes adds, “This is Year 501. Our hope and prayer is that we literally will move from conflict to communion.”

“It’s good to have this conversation,” Father John adds, “and significant that our two churches are creating space for it.”

The first session will take place Nov. 14 at St. John’s, while the second session will take place at Sacred Heart Dec. 5. The



Father John Eckert and Pastor Rhodes Woolly

format of this meeting will include a panel tentatively with professors from Lenoir-Rhyne and Belmont Abbey. The final meeting is a worship service and covered-dish dinner on Jan. 9, location TBA.

“We want to look at practical aspects of communication,” Father John says, “what are the next steps we can take to bring about unity in Salisbury?”

“This is an expression of unity,” Pastor Rhodes says of this effort. “If Jesus cared about unity — that all might be one — then we should, too.”

“We can literally quote Jesus on this matter,” says Father John, smiling. “What are we doing today? What are the steps that are moving toward unity? To stop and think about all this is very important.”

Pastor Rhodes agrees. “We use the word ‘unity’ all the time, but what is unity? How do we live into it?” he says.

“So often, we treat our faith like it’s a very private thing,” Father John says. “This is a chance for us to talk openly about what unites us and what divides us. We want to talk more deeply about community with one another and the fact that we both are rooted in Jesus Christ.”

Striving Toward Unity in Christ

A Lutheran and Catholic Reflection on Past Divisions, Present Realities, and Potential for the Future

November 14, 2017 - Background - Both Worldwide and Local

Dr. Gary Freeze takes looks at the arrival of Catholics and Lutherans in the Piedmont. *Dr. Freeze is professor of history at Catawba College, specializing in history of North Carolina, the American South, and the Civil War.*

50 years of Official Ecumenical Dialogue

Personal Accounts of Faith and Devotion

December 5, 2017 - Today's Realities

What do we have in common? Common concerns, struggles, hopes, devotions

What still divides us?

The evening includes a panel discussion with religion professors from Lenoir-Rhyne and Belmont Abbey.

January 9, 2018 - Potential for the future

What does this unity look like?

What are concrete steps we can take here in Salisbury?

Where do we go from here?



"I haven't seen you lately."

If you notice a fellow member has not been attending worship recently, reach out! You never know who might be in need or has simply gotten out of the habit of worshipping regularly. Your inquiry might make all the difference in the world.



Thank you to Bill Safrit for repairing and painting the CDC sign! And congratulations to our Landscaping Team for being honored as the city's Landscape of the Month for October.

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: Martin Luther in a Nutshell

December: Luther’s Christmas Traditions

Martin Luther in a Nutshell

Martin Luther was eight years old when Christopher Columbus set sail from Europe and landed in the Western Hemisphere. Luther was a young monk and priest when Michelangelo was painting the Sistine Chapel in Rome. A few years later, he was a junior faculty member at a new university in small-town Germany, intently studying the Scriptures, “captivated with an extraordinary ardor for understanding Paul in the Epistle to the Romans.”

In these days Luther was tormented by the demand for righteousness before God. “I did not love, yes, I hated the righteous God who punishes sinners, and secretly, if not blasphemously, certainly murmuring greatly, I was angry with God.” Then, in the midst of that struggle with God, the message of the Scriptures became clear, like a long-shut door opening wide. When he realized that a “merciful God justifies us by faith ... I felt that I was altogether born again and had entered paradise itself through open gates.”

What Luther discovered is the freedom of Christians trusting God’s mercy in Christ. As he later wrote, “Faith is God’s work in us. It changes us and makes us to be born anew of God. This faith is a living, busy, active, mighty thing. It is impossible for it not to be doing good works incessantly. Faith is a living, daring confidence in God’s grace, so sure and certain that believers would stake their lives on it a thousand times.”

This discovery set Luther’s life on a new course —both his

own life and his public service as a preacher and teacher. When a church-endorsed sales team came to the Wittenberg area in October, 1517, Luther was concerned that the promotion and sale of indulgences undermined the promise of God’s unreserved mercy in Jesus and the faith that trusts that promise. His *95 Theses* or *Disputation on the Power and Efficacy of Indulgences* became the first of a life-long stream of books, sermons, letters, essays, even hymns in which he expressed his confidence in this life-giving promise from God, the Gospel, and its liberating implications for all of life in church and society.

Drawn from the ELCA website, www.elca.org.



Martin Luther, 1483-1546

Mark Your Calendars



Senior Seasons Christmas Gathering

Join us for fellowship, food, fun and entertainment on Tuesday, Dec. 5, 2017 in the fellowship hall! We will gather at 11 am and be finished by 1 pm.



Christmas Eve at St. John's *Sunday, December 24*

11 am— Children's Service (sanctuary)
A beautiful Christmas service created with our children in mind. Musicians include the 9:27 worship team

7 pm— Traditional Candlelight Service
Our traditional evening service with brass, choirs, festival liturgy, and candlelight

A Service of Lessons and Carols

Sunday, Dec 17, 11:00 am



Bethlehem Prayer Service

Celebrating the birth
of the Prince of Peace



Christmas Lutheran
Church in Bethlehem

National Cathedral
In Washington DC

Join us for a live broadcast

**9:30 am Saturday,
December 16**

Men's Chorus Christmas Concert

Sunday Dec 10, 4pm



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Chancel Choir

Rob Durocher

THE CHANCEL CHOIR continues to prepare to lead worship each Sunday at 11 am, and is rehearsing music for worship in November, including ALL SAINTS SUNDAY, THANKSGIVING SUNDAY, and for the Sundays of Advent in December, including A Service of Lessons and Carols, Dec. 17, and for Christmas Eve, Dec. 24. This is the perfect time to join us for those of you who like to sing but may not be able to make a year-long commitment. The Chancel Choir meets each Wednesday at 7:30 pm in the Choir Room.

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

ST. JOHN'S WOMEN'S ENSEMBLE rehearses on Sunday, Nov. 12, 19 and 27th at 5 pm in the Youth Music Room as they prepare to sing for the Service of Lessons and Carols on Sunday, Dec. 17, 2017

SJ Men's Chorus

Jason Harwood

THE ST. JOHN'S MEN'S CHORUS rehearses each Sunday at 4:45 pm in the Choir Room, as they prepare for their first Christmas Concert under the direction of Jason Harwood. This event is slated for Sunday, Dec. 10, 2017 at 4 pm. It's not too late for any interested singer to join them!

Chapel Singers

Deanna Boksleitner

ST. JOHN'S CHAPEL SINGERS will meet at 7 pm in the Choir Room on Wednesday, Nov. 1, 2017 to rehearse for the Nov. 5 8:30 am Chapel Service. The Chapel Singers will also rehearse that Sunday morning in the chapel at 7:50 am.

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.

Children's Music Ministry

Our EPIC and KINGDOM KIDS CHOIRS are preparing for their Christmas Program which will be presented on Wednesday, Dec. 13, 2017 (time TBA) in the Faith Center. Our Children's Choirs will present Stars, Angels, Shepherds, Kings, by Mark Patterson. The Children are under the direction of Rosemary Kinard and Rob Durocher. The Children will also be scheduled to sing sometime in November.



German quintet, Ensemble Nobiles, performed during 11 am worship, Sunday, Oct. 8. The group was featured in the play "In God's Own Country" and entertained during a special reception on opening night.

Our Partnership with the NC Synod will be explored Wednesday, Nov 15, 6:15 pm



I thank my God in all my remembrance of you... because of your partnership in the gospel... (Philippians 1:3-5)

Partners in the gospel—that is who we are as congregations, the NC Synod, and the Church-wide organization. Let us celebrate being church together. Join us on Nov. 15 at 6:15 pm, following the Wednesday Night Meal, as we learn more about that partnership, our shared ministries, and institutions. The event is brought to us by the NC Synod.

The visit will include:

- An encouraging video about being church together
- Conversation around two questions:
 1. What is God up to in your congregation and how are lives changed?
 2. What are the challenges your congregation is facing?



Reminder:

Escuela Integrada Coffee is available for purchase in the church office. Proceeds benefit Escuela Integrada, a school in Antigua Guatemala.

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.



Lutheran and Moravian Women of the Reformation

Join Lutheran/Moravian women in ministry at the upcoming retreat happening Nov. 12-14 at Laurel Ridge. The topic "Lutheran and Moravian Women of the Reformation" will be presented by Dr. Susan Wilds McArver and Julie Tomberlin Weber.



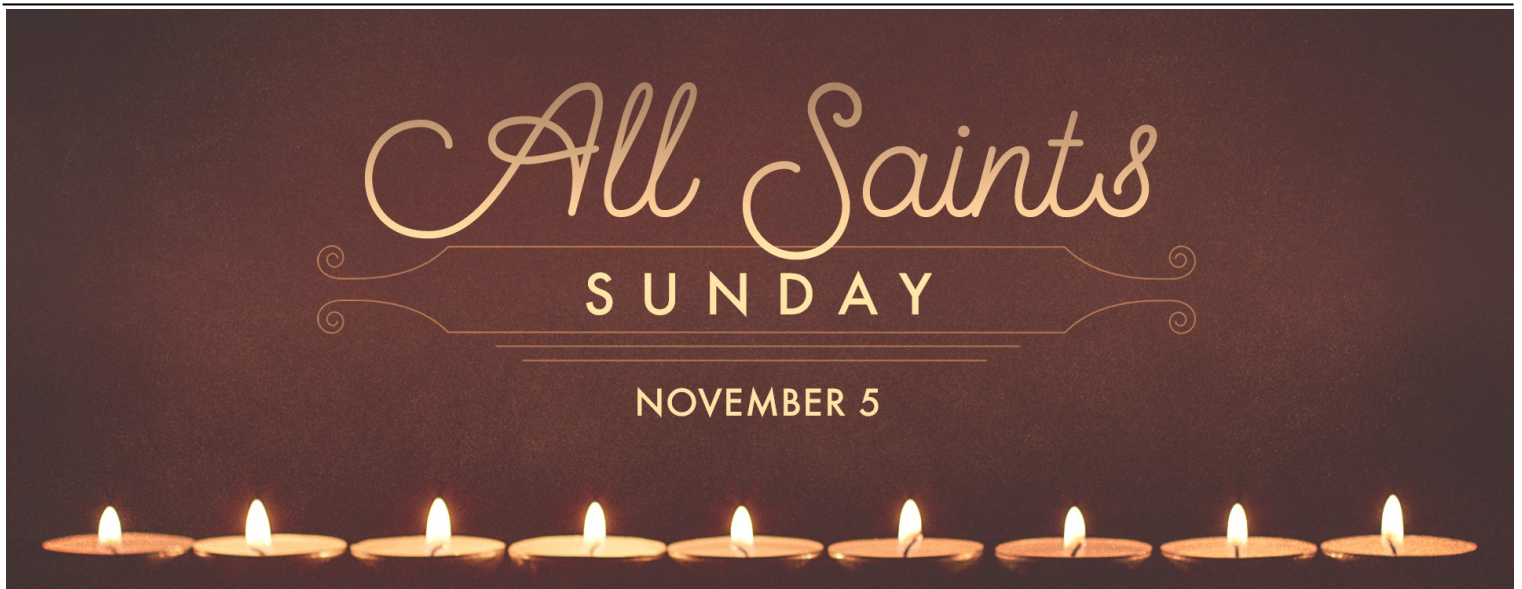
Hurricane and Flood Relief Still Needs Your Help

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



Ritual can be a powerful bridge between the present and the eternal. Worship embraces all kinds of rituals, including the following time-honored one on All Saints, the day we remember those in faith who have gone before us.

“Present.” During the All Saints Litany, names will be read of those St John’s members who have died since last All Saints Day. As each name is read, the congregation whispers “present.” The tradition dates to Nicaragua in the 1980s when the political revolution led to the deaths of many Christians. In worship the names of the dead would be

voiced and the congregation would say with one voice, “present.” The statement was a way for these grieving Christians to say that their loved ones were still present with them.

Indeed, this Sunday as we whisper “present” we proclaim the reality of the Communion of Saints.

Join us for All Saint’s Sunday, Nov. 5.

Chapel Open for Prayer



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

Centering Prayer

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.

Around the Church and Community

Wednesday Meals

What's on the menu?

November 1

Meatloaf, mashed potatoes and gravy, vegetable medley, cucumbers and onions, roll and dessert

November 8

Chicken tetrazzini, green beans, Caesar salad, Texas toast, and dessert

November 15

Lasagna, crunchy romaine salad, Texas toast and dessert

Don't forget:

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

We Rejoice in 23: Making Room for More

by Bradley Chestnut, 9:27 Worship Leader

We rejoice that we were able to raise enough funds to purchase 23 more chairs for the Faith Center. We rejoice knowing that God will fill these chairs with people eager to know of his love. We rejoice in those who donated to this cause, for it was your gift that will bless 23 more lives. Lastly, we rejoice in knowing that we now have space for 23 more people to be impacted by Christ through the 9:27 service!



Upcoming GIFT Women's Ministry

Shop For a Cause & GIFT Exchange



Join us as we shop for a cause— supporting missions like Graces, that benefits La Escuela Integrada in Antigua, Guatemala. Let your holiday gifts tell a story by supporting ELCA Good Gifts and ministries highlighted in Seasons Gifts. Additionally, we will have the ultimate GIFT exchange in Peeler Hall. Please bring a \$10 gift and snack to share!



Anita Renfroe Comedy Concert



By Angel Owens

St. John's GIFT Women's Ministry hosted comedian Anita Renfroe, Oct. 1 in the Faith Center.

Traveling with her Mother-in-law, Kay, Anita drove up that day from her home in Atlanta, after flying home from Arizona the night before.

Close to 250 women, ranging from age 14 to 86, along with a few brave men, enjoyed an afternoon of laughter and fellowship.

Women came from all over. Winston Salem, China Grove, and Charlotte were all represented.

Catawba students, Hannah Addair and Destiny Stone, led worship at the beginning of the program.

Anita began the event with her famous, "Mom Song," but not before poking fun at the audience. Women in attendance all know who Constance is and just how important those seats in the front row can be.

Lauren Stephenson, GIFT program director, said she felt like she was in a comedy club. Anita didn't just perform her routine; she also played off the audience. Throughout the afternoon, no individual or age group was off limits as the target of a joke. We experienced it together as a community of women.

Anita proudly shared her gift of Parody with the audience, and had the whole place connected through shared experience and laughter.

When asked what Salisbury was known for, the crowd proudly responded "Cheerwine" and "Food Lion;" Celia Jarrett made sure that Anita Renfroe had a chance to try

some Cheerwine before the afternoon came to a close.

Before the event was over, Anita recognized the true heroes in the audience, the women who have overcome or are battling breast cancer.

As a ministry, GIFT seeks to reach women in the community, extending outside the walls of St. John's. This event accomplished just that. It was a great afternoon of unity in the Church. Guests from different denominations came together as women and believers.

In the week following the concert, St. John's felt the gratitude of women in the community, receiving "thank you" notes from different church groups in attendance for opening the event up to the public for free.

Additionally, the love offering raised over \$1000 for the GIFT Ministry.

Anita provided a Sunday afternoon break for women in attendance, while successfully embarrassing the few men in the audience.

Be sure to check the bulletins and FaithLife emails for more upcoming GIFT events you won't want to miss out on.



Around the Church

Poinsettias, Wreaths, and Candles

Be a part of a beautiful tradition at St. Johns, as we decorate our worship spaces for the Advent and Christmas seasons. Purchasing a poinsettia, hanging a wreath, or lighting a candle is a way to remember and honor those you love, appreciate, or admire—perhaps a family member, teacher, church leader, friend, or neighbor.



For centuries, lighting candles has been a symbol of hope and remembrance. This year, we are offering the opportunity to light a candle in honor or memory of a loved one or friend. Proceeds will be used to purchase new lantern lighting for our worship areas.

Donations may also be made to the general decorating fund in honor or memory of someone.

Money for poinsettias, wreaths, and candles may be mailed to or taken to the church office. Please fill out the form below and enclose it with your donation. Deadline for ordering will be Wednesday, Dec. 13. Donations will be acknowledged in the Christmas Eve Service bulletin.



2017 Christmas Decorations Poinsettias, Wreaths, and Candles

Given by _____

Decoration	Price	In Memory of.....	In Honor of.....
Poinsettia	\$12.50 each		
Hanging a Wreath	\$25.00 each		
Lighting a Candle	\$20.00 each		
General Decorations	Amount \$ _____		

Stay Up to Date...

Congratulations

Nathan Hough and Danielle Jones who were married Saturday, Sept. 30, 2017 in Robbinsville.

Lindsay Starrett and Josh Triplett, who were married on Saturday, Oct. 21, at St. John's.

Ben and Sara Beaver Legler on the birth of their daughter, Coraline Claire, in Seattle, WA on Oct. 1, 2017. Grandparents are Carol and Trip Beaver. Great grandmothers are Dot Smith and Barbara Beaver.

Consolation

Devin and Ashley Phipps, family and friends, in the death of Devin's grandmother, Edith Phipps, on Oct. 9, 2017 in Virginia.

Vernon Davis, family and friends, in the death of Vernon's mother, Mary Davis, Oct. 19, 2017.

Larry Cesario, Brenda Cesario Munday, family and friends, in the death of Larry's brother, Greg Cesario, Oct. 20, 2017.

Gail and Doug Jacobs, family and friends, in the death of Gail's sister, Laura Michael, on Oct. 19, 2017.

Hannah Addair, whose father, Billy, died in Washington state on Oct. 23.

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.

Thanks for not propping doors

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.



Do you like to take pictures at St. John's services or events?

Send your photos to angel@stjohns-salisbury.org

The St. John's App is now available



The App 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 and podcasts. Available on Apple and Android devices.

Questions? Contact Bradley Chesnut at bradley@stjohns-salisbury.org

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Your check made payable to St. John's with "Living Lutheran" in the memo line must be received no later than November 9 for a 2018 subscription. Please include the complete mailing address for the subscription with your check.

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Worship Leaders for November

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

LAY ASSISTING MINISTERS

Nov 5 Jonathon Williams
Nov 12 Judy Klusman
Nov 19 Andrew Poe
Nov 23 Gretchen Witt
Nov 26 Randy Overcash

READERS

Nov 5 *Parker Hatchett, Kim Robinson
Nov 12 *Acquawon Stallworth, Scott Rhodes
Nov 19 *Lee Wagoner, Millie Wymbs
Nov 23 Susan Myers
Nov 26 *Anne Loeblein, Glenn Ketner
Dec 3 *Gretchen Witt, Franco Goodman

COMMUNION ASSISTANTS

Nov 5 Donna Weinhold, ^Dave Roof
Nov 12 *Beth Boger
Nov 19 Donna Beilfuss, ^Dave Roof
Nov 26 *Ann Hatchett
Dec 3 Perry Hood, ^Willi Beilfuss

ALTAR GUILD

Nov Patti and Dennis Beaver, Jane Barrier, Karen Hough, Linda Bryant

COMMUNION PREPARERS

Nov Carol and Kent Brown

GREETERS

Nov 5 Harold and Stamie Overcash, Sonny and Nancy Lippard
Nov 12 Bill and Toni Kenerly, Donna Weinhold, Jody Sedberry
Nov 19 Stan and Rita Honeycutt, Gary and Scott Rhodes, Davey Rhodes
Nov 26 Tom and Mimi Carlton, Dot Miller, Linda Phillips
Dec 3 Carol Pomeroy, George and Shirley Everhart

WELCOME PLACE GREETERS

Nov 5 Barbara Stauffer
Nov 12 Linda Phillips
Nov 19 Barbara Waggoner
Nov 26 Lorna Reasor
Dec 3 Carolyn Hood

AFTER-SERVICE GREETERS

Nov 5 Nancy Shirley, Karen Rogers, Bill Safrit
Nov 12 Cory Gebhardt, Gary Rhodes, Donny Yost
Nov 19 Dennis Ingold, Frank Goodnight, Ron Smith
Nov 26 Bill Johnson, Karen Puckett, Norman Sloop
Dec 3 Nancy Shirley, Karen Rogers, Bill Safrit

ACOLYTES

Nov 5 Kevin Agner and Jared Hensley
Nov 12 Elizabeth Ann and Luke Graeber
Nov 19 Callie Kirchin and Anna Patel
Nov 26 Maddie Eudy and Grace Faller

CRUCIFERS

Nov 5 Abby Buechler
Nov 12 Olivia Dagenhart
Nov 19 Bethanie Stauffer
Nov 26 Rebecca Lewis

ELEMENT BEARERS

Nov 5 Ty Buechler
Nov 19 Chris Kafitz

TORCH BEARERS

Nov 26 Tessa and Gemma Brown

BANNER BEARERS

Nov 26 Harrison and Carsyn Parrott, David Holden, Jared Hensley, Victoria Plyler, Olivia Kyles

Happy Birthday!

*Congratulations to our Octogenarians
celebrating:*

November Birthdays:

Rob Crawford, Richard Imblum, Benny Banks, Pat Nelson, Claudette Barger, Phyllis Edwards, Anita Foreman, Willie Shaver, Connie Gardner, Tommy Austin, Johnsie Brown, Charlie Sowers

Eagle's View Deadline

The December/January Eagle's View will be published in November.

Please email stories and news to angel@stjohns-salisbury.org by **November 10!**

USHERS: Head Ushers

Nov Glenn Stokes, Dan Waggoner

USHER TEAMS

Nov 5 Team 1E* Tom Childress, Jim Boger
Team 10 Larry Britt, captain
Nov 12 Team 2E* Tom Smith, Jim Boger
Team 1 Mark Derrick, captain
Nov 19 Team 3E* Bob Loeblein, Jeff Nelson
Team 2 Scott Robinson, captain
Nov 26 Team 4E* Bob Rusher, Bobby Rusher
Team 3 Carole Parrott, captain

NURSERY

Nov 5 Annette Brown, Ebony Alexander
Nov 12 Annette Brown, Natalee Taylor
Nov 19 Natalee Taylor, Sandra Jiles
Nov 26 Natalee Taylor, Annette Brown

9:27 COMMUNION PREPARERS

Nov Cheryl Sjoblom, Cyndii Owen, Vernon Davis
Dec Cheryl Sjoblom, Cyndii Owen, Vernon Davis

9:27 COMMUNION ASSISTANTS

Nov Karen Jones, Dennis Ingold, Deb Miller, Wendy Harris, Mindy Allen, Scott Ryerson
Dec Kathy Ingold, Jeanie Moore, Jenny Ryerson, Mark Ritchie, Catherine Soderberg, Larry Brietweiser

9:27 HOSPITALITY TEAM

Nov 5 Angel Barber, Cammie Yarborough, Wayne Everhart, Irene Stewart, David and Julie Carr
Nov 12 Dean and Tammy Safrit, Jenny Ryerson, Judy Klusman, Deb Miller, Lindsey Wineka
Nov 19 Debbie Carter, Cheryl Van der Poel, Jack Van der Poel, Chad Van der Poel, Mike Jacobson, Cyndii Owen
Nov 26 Rhonda and David Harrison, Jack and Jeanie Moore, Adam and Crystal Ryerson

9:27 USHER TEAM

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

PA OPERATORS

Nov 5 Darrell Blackwelder
Nov 12 Mike Agee
Nov 19 David Wilson
Nov 26 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

Worship Attendance

October 1	501
October 8	428
October 15	400
October 22	426

Buck-a-Meal Sunday

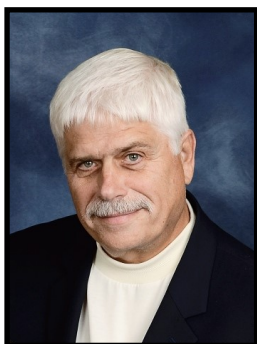
Sunday, November 5 (1st Sunday of each month)

Buck-A-Meal for October was \$545.00. 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 November.

Council Nominees

Annual Meeting Nov 12, 10:15 am in the Sanctuary



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."



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."



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."



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



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."



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."



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."

Youth Nominees:

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

Benevolence Foundation Trustee Nominee:

Chris Agner

Cindy Fink Named Director of Meals on Wheels

By Susan Shinn Turner

Cindy Fink grew up at St. John's, and has fond memories of confirmation and Luther League. She recently returned to Salisbury, and in March was named director of Meals on Wheels.

St. John's has been involved with Meals on Wheels since its inception in 1976, and is one of the larger church teams today.

Cindy came back to Salisbury last fall while she was job hunting.

"The more I looked, the more I felt like I wanted to be in Salisbury more than anything else," she says.

Her mother, Margy, died suddenly two years ago, and her dad, Ken, is still here. The two now share his home, and it's a good arrangement, Cindy says. "We have plenty of room, plus he really likes my dog, and Pickles likes him."

For years, her mom was director of the food service program for the city schools.

"She fed the children, and I worked with senior living communities," Cindy says. "It just kinda came together that my interest in working with seniors has come full circle."

Cindy admits that she "does OK" as a cook.

"I recently took one of my mom's cakes to a choir event," she says. "Everybody calls it funeral cake but I think we should call it friendship cake. People said it was like Mom was here again, because it tasted like hers. That made me feel good. I said, 'She's back!'"

Cindy has joined the Chancel Choir, and recently participated with choir members in the production of "In God's Own County."

When asked how working with Meals on Wheels helps her connect faith and life together, Cindy says, "That is so easy. Meals on Wheels is such a mission for folks who need a little boost and who may not have family nearby."

Clients can receive Meals on Wheels temporarily, or on a

more long-term basis, Cindy says. The two requirements are that you must be a homebound senior or be disabled and homebound. Most clients, she says, are above age 60.

Cindy has a master's degree in business, and is working to develop a database to manage the program's 200 clients and 1,000 volunteers.

Meals on Wheels serves about 200 people a day, but served some 427 different people in 2016.

Not only does Meals on Wheels deliver a hot meal, volunteers also come with a friendly greeting and make sure each client is safe and doing well.



Longtime friends Cindy Fink, left, and Carol McNeely have reconnected in their work with Meals on Wheels.

Cindy has enjoyed reconnecting with Carol McNeely, who serves as project assistant.

"Carol is a godsend," Cindy says. "She can do anything. She walks in the door with the biggest smile."

Carol returns to compliment. "Cindy is energetic and inspiring to work with," she says.

Amy Ritchie and Elaine Gerst have long coordinated the St. John's meal routes on the first and second Wednesday of each month. At present, they are looking for substitute drivers.

Elaine says it's good to have two people per route, so that one can drive and one can navigate.

"Two is always better than one," she says, "and it's more enjoyable and easier with two volunteers."

"We have a good core group of volunteers," Amy says. "I know Meals on Wheels appreciates it when St. John's serves, because we are a very faithful group. It's just a part of St. John's ministries."

If you'd like to be a Meals on Wheels volunteer, Cindy would love to have you. And if you can't come the first or second Wednesday, that's OK, too.

"We certainly have a place for you," Cindy says. "Come and bring a friend."

For more information about Meals on Wheels, call 704-633-0352. You can also register to be a volunteer online at mowrowannc.org.

November 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>5 All Saint's Day 8:30a Chapel Worship 9:27a Contemporary Worship/HC 9:45a Children's Worship/SS/Centers 10a Adult Sunday School 11a Sanctuary Worship/HC 11:15a Children's Worship 4:45p Men's Chorus 5:30p Screenagers Movie Screening 7p <i>The Gods of Syria-Palestine</i> at the Hull's</p>	<p>6 Senior Season's Retreat 10a Staff Meeting 1p Monday Rembrandts 1:45p Contemporary Worship Meeting 7p Luther Ringers Rehearsal 7p Troop 443 BSA Meeting</p>	<p>7 Senior Season's Retreat 7:45a Women's Bible Study 5:30p Outreach Team Meeting 7p BSA Order of the Arrow 7p Worship Group</p>	<p>8 Senior Seasons Retreat 7:15a Wed Morning Breakfast with Kai 9a Campus Outreach Meeting 9:30a Kindergarten Chapel 3p Bread Riot 4:30p Disciple Bible Study 4:30p Kingdom Kids/EPIC 5:45p Wednesday Meals 6:30p CAMPfire 6:30p Lutheranism 301 6:30p Classic Ringers 6:30 The Well Confirmation 7:30p Chancel Choir Rehearsal</p>	<p>9 7:30a Men's Bible Study 10:15a Trinity Singers 10:45a Bible Study- Carolyn Byrd 11a Trinity Ringers Rehearsal 2:30p Barnabas Connection 3:30p Contemporary Worship Walk-Through 4p Brownies Meeting 6p 927 Worship Rehearsal 6:30p 10th Grade Dinner</p>	<p>10 1p St. John's Book Club EAGLES VIEW DEADLINE FOR DECEMBER/JANUARY ISSUE</p>	<p>11 2p Rainbow Tea</p>
<p>12 St. John's Serves Sunday 8:30a Chapel Worship/HC 9:27a Contemporary Worship 9:45a Children's Worship/SS/Centers 10a Adult Sunday School 11a Sanctuary Worship 11:15a Children's Worship 12p Octogenarian Luncheon 4:45p Men's Chorus 5p St. John's Women's Ensemble 5:30p FUEL and the Well Youth 7p <i>Israel's Ancestral History</i> at the Hull's</p>	<p>13 Shoe Box Collection 10a Staff Meeting 1p Monday Rembrandts 1p GIFT Food for Thought 1:45p Contemporary Worship Meeting 7p Luther Ringers 7p Troop 443 BSA Meeting</p>	<p>14 7:45a Women's Bible Study 4:30p Finance Committee Meeting 6:30p Lutheran Catholic Dialogue 7p BSA District Roundtable Meeting</p>	<p>15 7:15a Wed Morning Breakfast with Kai 9:30a Kindergarten Chapel 4p Benevolent Foundation Meeting 4:30p Kingdom Kids/EPIC 4:30p Disciple Bible Study 5:45p Wednesday Meals 6:30p CAMPfire 6:30p Classic Ringers 6:30p Partners Celebration with Synod 6:30p The Well Confirmation 7:30p Chancel Choir Rehearsal</p>	<p>16 7:30a Men's Bible Study 10:15a Trinity Singers 11a Trinity Ringers 12p Next Chapter 2:30p Barnabas Connection 3:30p Contemporary Worship Walk-Through 5p Executive Committee Meeting 6p Contemporary Worship Rehearsal</p>	<p>17</p>	<p>18</p>
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St. John's Ministry Staff

Pastoral Ministry

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

Worship and Music Ministry

Minister of Music.....Rob Durocher, Deacon
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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.

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Nov 10-12	Pastor Rhodes Woolly
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