

Let's connect faith and life *together*

Sign up NOW for the Churchwide Retreat!

October 5-7 at Lutheridge

*You are the light of the world
You are the light of the world
So shine, shine, shine where you are
You are the light of the world*

By Susan Shinn Turner

Just like the good ol' camp song says, this year's theme for the Churchwide Retreat at Lutheridge is "Light."

"We hope that people will recognize themselves as the light of Christ, and move that light back to Salisbury, to be light in our community," says Michael DeNise, who chairs the retreat planning committee.

This year's retreat is set for Oct. 5-7. Registration is available online, and the deadline is Sept. 9.

The churchwide retreats — in which St. John's has the use of the entire camp — began in 2009, when Pastor Rhodes joined the St. John's staff. They've continued mostly on a bi-annual basis, although a retreat did not take place in 2017 because of the Reformation anniversary, Michael notes.

This year's retreat will include a focus on St. John's global mission partners: Guatemala, Palestine, South Sudan, and Rwanda. Lubo and Ngor from South Sudan and Hernan and



Elvia from Guatemala will be on hand for the weekend. Michael hopes to be able to FaceTime Carter Woolly, who will be serving in Rwanda.

Activities surrounding these four mission partners will take place Friday evening during the ministry fair, and they'll also be incorporated as part of the Saturday morning Bible study, led by Pastors Rhodes and Laura.

The weekend will follow its traditional format, with vespers both evenings and concluding worship on Sunday morning. This year's service project features a rock painting project in the Faith Center on Saturday afternoon. The event follows the "kindness rocks" or "traveling rocks" trend of placing rocks in public places for people to find. But Michael says that folks can paint these rocks of encouragement to share with friends who may need them — another way of sharing light in the community once they return home.

Saturday afternoon free time offerings include canoeing at lake side, a hike nearby, area tourism opportunities, and a tour of the St. John's Tent Village. Completed in time for the 2018 summer season, the village is the first and only camp area named for a congregation.

Michael won't yet reveal the entertainment for Saturday evening, but does promise that a good time will be had by all.

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Pastor's Letter



Dear friends,

Let me jump into a topic that you might prefer I keep quiet about: Fame.

As you know, a beautiful bronze

statue, originally cast in Belgium, was dedicated in 1909 to honor fallen Confederate soldiers. Over these last 109 years, the "angel statue" has become part of Salisbury's cultural landscape, all the while attracting frustration from those who don't think the city should be honoring the Confederate cause.

It's a touchy issue, no doubt, made even more complicated because the statue and the plot of land upon which it sits belongs to the Daughters of the Confederacy (DOC).

Let's be brutally honest: this issue isn't going away. Something will happen ... either in the spirit of consensus or through mob rule (remember Silent Sam?) I hate the thought of it, but we simply cannot eliminate the possibility of two factions marching toward the statue from opposite ends of Innes Street, landing directly in front of St. John's Church. A frightening possibility.

Two thoughts come to mind.

How can we form consensus over such a divisive issue? That's what leaders do: they seek consensus if consensus can be found. Sometimes it cannot - for moral or ethical reasons, for example - but it's always an important place to begin. What can we agree about regarding the statue? Do the dedicatory plaques tell the whole story of our community's involvement in the war? Is the statue a piece of art or is it purely a memorial?

The last question is an important one. What if we, through consensus, claim the statue as more "art" than memorial? It's an important distinction. Good art, after all, isn't static. Artists are often unwilling to share their own interpretations of their artwork because "good" art is timeless, allowing the observer to lay his/her own interpretation upon the art, rooted in her own context, time, and place. In that regard, the dedication of Fame and the racial undertones that may or may not have accompanied its placement are secondary. Important - necessary, in fact - but secondary. Fame, as art, begs to be

reinterpreted for a modern context.

With that in mind, what if we unleashed the community's artists to help reinterpret the statue? Artists are often our best prophets, so what if we allowed them to wrestle with a broader, more holistic vision of Fame? How might they deal with the plaques at the base of the statue?

That's what happened with the slave cemetery next to the Old English Cemetery. There was a very clear reason why the stone wall was constructed nearly two centuries ago - to separate white from black. I completely understand the opinion of some that the wall should have been removed altogether.

Until someone had the brilliant idea of allowing artists to get in on the discussion - artists who, by the way, represented a variety of ethnic and socio-economic backgrounds. The result: pull down a portion of the wall. Allow the stones to look as though they were broken through and tossed aside. It's an incredible statement - theologically, culturally, and historically. The walls that separate us have been broken - not fully removed, but broken. The two cemeteries have become one.

How might we re-envision and reinterpret Fame? It's a beautiful piece of art, after all. Which is precisely my point: let's claim it as art. Art that isn't beholden to or enslaved to the artist's original intent, but is allowed to be reimagined throughout time.

There was a time when Fame represented our racist past (for some, at least). What might it represent in the future? How might it be a reflection of who we are? Who we ALL are?

"I pray," Jesus said, "that they may be one as we are one ... so that the world might believe." (John 17:21).

Let's dare to sit down and think in different ways. Let's dare to sit down and listen to one another, claiming this moment in time as an opportunity to tell a richer, fuller story of who we are. Let's dare to set an example for other communities? We can. I just hope that we will.

Peace to you and our community.

+Pastor Rhodes

All Hands on Deck for This Year's "God's work. Our hands." Day

Following Worship on Sept. 9 at Isenberg Elementary School

By Susan Shinn Turner

After worship, on Sept. 9, St. John's members will have the opportunity to serve at Isenberg Elementary School. "God's work. Our hands." is a ELCA-wide event, bringing church members together to volunteer in communities all over the country.

At St. John's, the event has been known as St. John's Serves, but this year is tied into the nationwide day of service, says Pastor Laura Henrik, pastor for discipleship.

"We will be working at Isenberg Elementary School, which is also where we do our Gator Reading Program," she says. "This day is for all ages and all ability and mobility levels."

Pastor Laura is issuing a special call to all artists, as one of the projects will be painting inspirational quotes on the walls in the media center.

Another media center project involves scanning in library books for inventory. A second seated project is assembling gift bags for teachers.

Volunteers will also be sprucing up nature trails and perhaps creating some outdoor learning spaces, so bring rakes and shovels along if you're interested.

On Sept. 9, Marvin Moore, Isenberg's principal, will be in worship to remind members of the special day.

We will meet after church at Isenberg at 1 pm. We will wrap up our day of service by 3 pm.

Sometimes, says Karen Puckett, the schools are an easy target



Pastor Laura is issuing a special call to all artists to paint inspirational quotes on the walls in the media center, but there are also seated opportunities to serve like scanning books and assembling gift bags.

for criticism. Puckett, a St. John's member, is media center coordinator for Isenberg.

"To know people are out there who are concerned that we succeed means a lot to us at Isenberg," she says. "It does take a village to raise a child, and I like the way St. John's goes out into the community to do outreach. St. John's is a model of going out into our community, which is wonderful. We love for people to come to school and see what it is all about."

Puckett is also gearing up for another year of the Gator Reading Program. Volunteers are asked to meet twice a week for 45 minutes around lunchtime to read with a child. Many volunteers share reading duties with one student, and come to the school once a week. The program will begin in October after in-house testing is complete.

"We'd love to have 10-15 volunteers for third-graders and 10-15 volunteers for second-graders," she notes.

If you'd like to participate in the Gator Reading Program, contact Karen Puckett at Isenberg Elementary School, at karenmcgeepuckett@gmail.com.



Students reading in the Isenberg Elementary School Media Center.

Children's Ministry

Kingdom Kids and EPIC Kick-Off Sept. 12

Join us on **Wednesday afternoons from 4:30-5:45 pm**, during the school year, to hear a Bible Story, enjoy a snack, play games, sing, and to have a lot of FUN with friends! Led by a dedicated team of volunteers, our children experience the story of God on their level in memorable and fun ways. One kindergartner exclaimed, "I love Wednesdays. Cheerios and Jesus – what could be better?"

Kingdom Kids, our children's ministry for children 3 years to 2nd grade, meets in the ARK and classrooms by the playground in the lower level of the Education Building.

EPIC is our Elementary Youth Group. EPIC stands for Energetic Peeps in Christ—and our young people are certainly that! EPIC's weekly gathering includes games, stories, music and more. This group is a great way for our elementary students to begin connecting with one another, develop faith-centered friendships and learn about God in a way that could include gaga ball one week and service projects the next week.



September Calendar

KK & EPIC Kick-off—Sept. 12, 4:30-5:45 pm

KK & EPIC— Sept. 19, 4:30 pm-5:45 pm

KK & EPIC— Sept. 26, 4:30 pm-5:45 pm

September Milestones

Thank you VBS Volunteers!



When several hundred children and adults crowd into the Faith Center for another year of VBS, you know it's going to be great. And it was! Thanks to all of our volunteers for making this year's one of the best yet!



Youth Ministry

Middle Schoolers kick off a New Year



The WELL is our Middle School Youth Ministry. Here students will discover the power of story - God's and their own. They will be invited deeply into God's love and challenged to live as God's representative in the world. Middle School is messy -- and we join in the mess with belly laughs, authentic community and creativity. Get ready for transformational trips, engaging youth group nights, and to see God move!

THE WELL Middle School Youth

Youth Kick-off— Sept. 16, 5:30-7:30 pm

Youth Group—Sept. 23, 5:30-7:30 pm

The WELL: Confirmation is a two-year faith experience that combines retreats, camp, Sunday evening classes, meals and more to help every student more fully connect faith and life. Through Confirmation, the students have the opportunity to make a personal, public and passionate testimony of faith.

Confirmation Schedule

Parent/Youth Orientation— Sept. 12, 6:30 pm

Unit 1—Sept. 19, 6:30 –7:30 pm

Unit 1—Sept. 26, 6:30-7:30 pm

FUEL High School Youth

FUEL is our youth ministry for high school students packed with trips, Sunday evenings, retreats, and more. At FUEL, students discover the power of story - God's and their own. Each student is treated as beloved and challenged to live that way in this world. At this age, we engage in conversations around giving, social justice, serving, and discernment of next steps. And we laugh and have fun too as we play a lot of games!

September FUEL Schedule

Youth Kick-off—Sept. 16, 5:30-7:30 pm

Youth Group— Sept. 23, 5:30-7:30 pm

Youth Group— Sept. 30, 5:30-7:30 pm



Wednesdays Meals Are Back Sept. 12!

By Susan Shinn Turner

My husband and I were having dinner with my son, Andrew Poe, the other night, when out of nowhere he said, “Gosh! Wednesday meals are starting soon. I can’t wait!”

A lot of St. John’s folks are thinking the same thing.

Wednesday meals return Sept. 12. Often called “the best-kept secret in town” by Pastor Rhodes, the meals are \$4 for adults, \$3 for youth grades 6-12, and \$1 for elementary students and younger. Also, according to organizer Celia Jarrett, you can purchase a season pass of 23 meals for the 2018-19 year, and receive two free meals.

“That makes it so easy,” she notes.

And easy is the name of the game for Wednesday meals, especially for families with young children.

“With two young kids, Davin and I love the ease of Wednesday nights at St. John’s,” Pastor Laura says. “We don’t have to meal plan, prep, or clean up. Plus, we get to meet many different members that span across all three services. It is a great fellowship event!”

“It’s just our Wednesday routine,” says Lauren Stephenson, a volunteer for Kingdom Kids children’s programming, which her sons Jeffrey and Emmett both attend. Husband Brad joins them for dinner. (Read more about Wednesday Children’s Ministry programming on page 4.)

“I get really sad every time it’s ending, because it’s my favorite night of the week,” Lauren says. “We get a hot, delicious home-cooked meal that’s better than I can cook. We know the meal schedule so our whole family knows what to expect, and everybody likes everything. It’s just kind of perfect for parents.”



Lauren and others also praise Carol Hair, who leads activities with children after the meals conclude, giving parents the opportunity to linger and visit a little longer.

“There’s people I don’t see all summer long, and I miss those people,” Celia says of the Wednesday evening fellowship. “It’s an opportunity to be with people you don’t get to see on Sundays or any other time.”

She adds, “Ott Pinkston has developed an established menu, and people have certain meals that they really like.”

Holly Zemke and her husband, Gary, attend the meals to spend time with son and daughter-in-law, Cory and Jennifer Gebhardt, and their daughters, Katherine and Sadie. The Zemkes moved to Salisbury a little over a year ago to be near their family.

“It’s a way for us to see Cory and Jennifer,” Holly says. “They’re always going to be there because they have a season pass, and we’re going to get one this year, too.”

She adds, “It’s a way to not only see their group of young people and their children, but it is a way for Gary and me to meet other people and see where we can plug in at St. John’s. It’s a great social time and the food is wonderful!”

Around the Congregation



Holly Zemke attends the meals in part to spend time with son and daughter-in-law, Cory and Jennifer Gebhardt, and their daughters, Katherine and Sadie.

Lynn Leonard also loves sharing a meal with her family, which includes daughter and son-in-law Kelly and Ben Goodman and their children, Sam and Anna Kate.

“We know how great the food will be because Kelly and Ben live next door to the Pinkstons,” Lynn says. “We have enjoyed lots of meals at their home, and they are all delicious. Ben helps Ott at the church when he can, and he is also a great cook, so the food is outstanding. It is also a great way to enjoy fellowship in a busy week and catch up on the happenings at St. John’s.”

“We can always use more hands, especially at clean-up,” Celia notes. That’s certainly another way to get to know folks.

If you go, please be sure to say hi to Andrew, who will be sitting with his MaMaw, Cora Shinn.

What’s on the Menu in September?

Sept. 12—Meatloaf, mashed potatoes and gravy, vegetable medley, cucumbers and onions, roll and dessert

Sept. 19—Chicken Tetrazzini, green beans, Caesar salad, Texas toast and dessert

Sept. 26—Lasagna, crunchy romaine salad, Texas toast and dessert



Wednesday Meals Season Pass



Please purchase a season pass by Sept. 9 to ensure your name is on the list for our first meal, on Sept. 12. Return this form to the church office with your payment.

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

Please place the following names on the season pass list:

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Senior Seasons Fall Season in Full Swing

Senior Seasons fall brochures were mailed out the second week of August. They are also available in the tract racks around campus. If you have any questions, please contact Diane Poole, Director of Senior Adults, at diane@stjohns-salisbury.org.

Academy Registration Open

Join us Sept. 18 at 9:15 am for our Senior Seasons Academy Kick-Off. We will share a light breakfast before making our way into the faith center to hear from WBTV's David Whisenant.

Sept. 25– Oct. 30, we will gather in the Peeler Hall for fellowship, coffee, and prayer, before heading to this seasons classes. You may decide to stick around all day or participate in only morning or afternoon classes.

Classes offered this season include:

- **Morning Course: *Moses: A Model for Community Leadership***, taught by Pastors Rhodes and Laura
- **Afternoon Option 1: *Memories to Memoirs Writing Class***, with Gene Hayden
- **Afternoon Option 2: *Local Folklore Series***, with Rev. John Tucker, Pastor of Gloria Dei Lutheran Church; Susan Waller, Historian; Aaron Kepley, Rowan Museum Director; and Cyndii Osterhus
- **Bonus Course: *Stretch, Balance & Breathe***, with Judy Childress

More information and registration available in the fall brochure and online. Register now! Questions? Contact Diane Poole.



Trolley Sculpture Tour

Eighteen Senior Seasons participants enjoyed the Trolley Sculpture Tour, sponsored by Salisbury's Public Art Committee. Jenn Selby was the tour guide and was very knowledgeable about the Sculptors' history and art. This is the tenth year the Tour has been held and was originally a downtown Salisbury walking tour. After the local colleges got involved, the program was able to expand. They now have entries from across the United States. All sculptures are available for purchase, and there is now a free mobile walking tour.



Seniors 80+ are invited to the Octogenarian Luncheon on Oct. 14 at noon. Come enjoy a meal, fellowship, and entertainment by the Moonglows, a musical group comprised of Kent Bernhardt, Kay Peeler, John Brincefield, Bill Bucher, Lauren Russell Stephenson, and Carol Harris. RSVP with the church office.



Come enjoy Christmas at the beach with us, Nov. 26– Dec. 1! This is the perfect way to unwind, relax, and get in the holiday spirit. Enjoy bible study, time at the beach and in downtown Charleston, and even a trip to the Charleston Stage to see "A Christmas Carol." Register now online!

Around the Church

Support St. John's Ministries through Thrivent

If you are a member of Thrivent Financial, you may have the opportunity to support ministries without any cost to you. If you aren't a member you can still support ministry with Thrivent Financial grant funding.

One option is a Thrivent Action Team project. Thrivent Action Team projects are charitable projects, which may include jumpstarting a fundraiser, service project, or educational event. Thrivent provides t-shirts, promotional material, banners, thank you cards, stickers, nametags, etc. along with \$250 community impact card for seed money. Any adult who is a Thrivent benefit member is eligible for two Thrivent Action Team projects per year. If you would like to use this as an opportunity to help serve our community but don't know where there is a need, check with church ministry leaders. There are lots of projects that can benefit from a Thrivent Action Team. For example, this spring, Pastor Laura used one to provide books to the CDC. You can apply online.

Another way you can support ministry is through Thrivent Choice Dollars. The amount of Thrivent Choice Dollars that can be directed depends on the amount of insurance premiums and or the amount of money an individual has invested in certain annuity products. Individuals can either call Thrivent Financial or go online to www.thrivent.com, login, and see how many Choice Dollars they have to direct. Choice Dollars accrue throughout the year and can be directed anytime. They can be directed to multiple organizations. A list of eligible participating organizations, including St. John's, can be found by doing a search on the website. You may have Choice Dollars that can be directed. Don't let them go to waste.

If you have any questions about applying for Thrivent Action Teams or allocating Thrivent Choice Dollars, you can contact

Boyd Hough, 704-637-8769.

Funds received by St. John's from Thrivent Choice Dollars are set aside into two accounts, one called "Thrivent Choice Fund – Executive Committee, to be used for funding special ministry needs as determined by the executive committee. A grant for new websites for St. John's and St. John's CDC was approved in August.

The remaining half is set aside in an account called the "Thrivent Choice Fund - Ministry Team" and is used for ministry funding request initiated by the congregation (St. John's members, groups, committees, boards, teams, etc.). These funds may be provided as grants to cover cost or as challenge money to stimulate fund raising efforts. It is suggested these funds be awarded to encourage entrepreneurial ministries and support different needs and projects from year to year as there are many different ministry needs and interest within St. John's.

Application forms for Ministry Team grants are available from the church office.

If you have any questions about applying for a Thrivent Choice Fund grant, please contact ruthann@stjohns-salisbury.org.

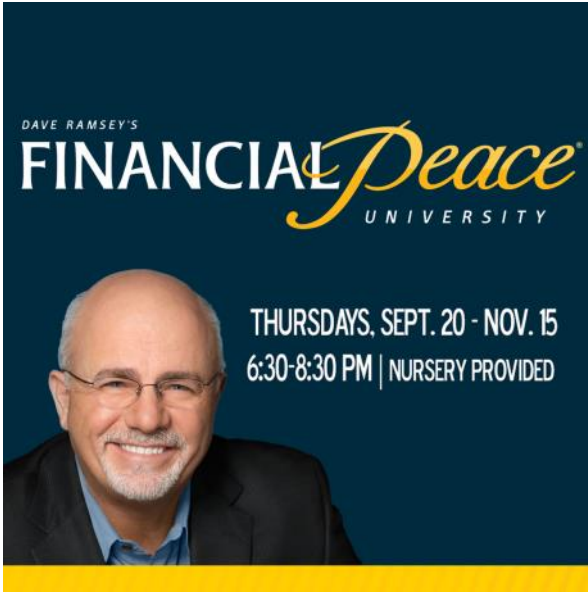


Prayer Shawl Ministry



If anyone is interested in knitting prayer shawls, please contact Diane Poole, diane@stjohns-salisbury.org.

Upcoming in September



Preview Course Sept. 13

Dave Ramsey's Financial Peace University has helped numerous people around the country and from St. John's take control of their finances. Thursdays, this fall, St. John's and Christ United Methodist Church are sponsoring Financial Peace University at St. John's. If you aren't sure if the course is right for you, you may attend the preview session Sept. 13. The course officially begins Sept. 20. You can register for Financial Peace University through stjohns-salisbury.org. Cost is \$99 for course materials. Childcare is provided.

To learn more, you may contact the facilitators, Wayne and Jill Nelson at wnelson7@fibrant.com.

September Sermon Series

Tyrants abound in history, and the Bible certainly has its fair share.

In this six week sermon series, beginning Sunday, Sept. 9, we will take a close look at six of the very worst, and explore the good and bad ways these tyrants have shaped us, the church, and the world in which we live.



Consecration Sunday is Sept. 30

It's almost here! Consecration Sunday will be Sept. 30, when we gather as a fellowship of believers to bring forth our tithes and offerings to be consecrated to our Lord's Ministries here at St. Johns. Last year's Consecration Services were filled with the Holy Spirit and we had a tremendous congregational response! This year's program will be similar in that we will be hosting a brunch in the fellowship hall after each service. In weeks leading up to Consecration Sunday, we will have fellow congregation members sharing their family's response to God's calling in our ministry together. We will be handing out and collecting RSVP cards from attendees at all 3 services on Sept. 9, 16, and 23, as Trinity Oaks is preparing a catered meal and we will need reservations to property plan.

Last year, we established a baseline for all pledgers based on

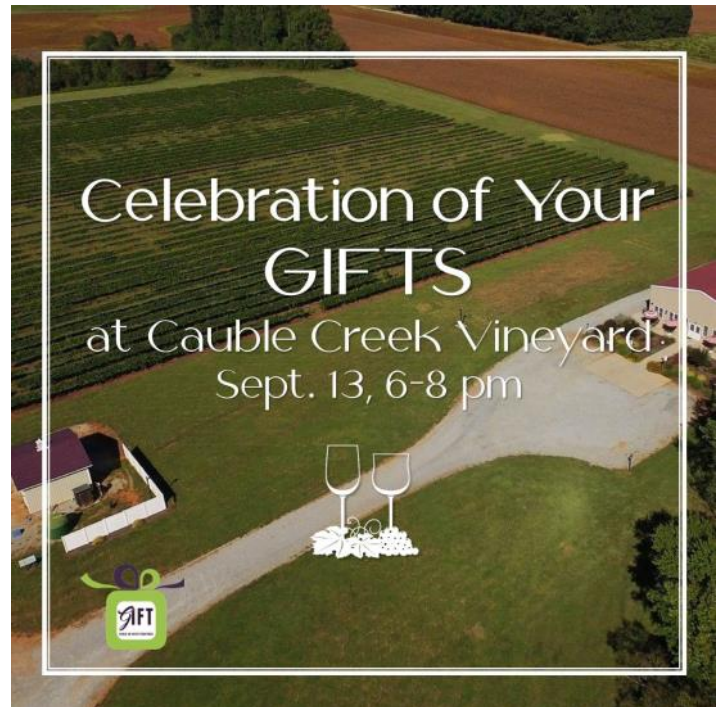
their weekly gifts. This year, we are asking members to prayerfully consider moving up to the "next step."

We are excited to announce The Rev. Carl Sachtleben will be our guest preacher on Consecration Sunday. He will share his thoughts and experiences with us at all 3 services and you will, certainly, be blessed by your attendance. Please make plans to join us that day as we consecrate our gifts to God's divine purpose.



Upcoming in GIFT Women's Ministry

GIFT, or Girls in Faith Together, is our Women's Ministry. GIFT provides opportunity for fellowship, prayer, service, and discipleship. GIFT brochures are available in the tract racks around campus. If you want to get involved, wish to be added to the GIFT email list, or have any questions, contact Pastor Laura Henrik, laura@stjohns-salisbury.org.



Fall Circle Begins Oct. 4

We will gather for conversation and encouragement as we discuss the book, *Outlaw Christian: Finding Authentic Faith by Breaking the Rules*, by Jacqueline Bussie. Fall

Circles will be held at both 10 am and 7 pm on Thursdays, Oct. 4– Nov. 8. We will explore the themes of how honest faith will help set us free to love! Childcare is available for both times.



Weekly Bible Study

On Tuesday mornings, at 8 am, women from St. John's meet for weekly bible study at Panera Bread. If you would like to attend, please email angel@stjohns-salisbury.org to be added to the email list to receive the weekly reading.



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Other Saturday evening activities include a campfire, songs and board games at Efird Hall.

Kai Thurow and other advisers will lead the youth in their own slate of events for the weekend. The high school youth group will be housed in Beam Cottage, and middle-schoolers with their families.

“Every year, our high-school youth do a lock-in during October,” Kai says. “This year, our hope is for the retreat to act as the lock-in. The weekend will be full of fun, games, relaxation, time for homework if needed, and some time with God and friends. Even if you have a home football game that Friday night, that’s OK, you can still come! We’ll have the church bus available to provide a ride up late Friday evening, and bring you back on Sunday afternoon.”

Ashlee Dangerfield and Stacey Shafer will lead activities for elementary-aged students during the Saturday morning Bible study. There is also a nursery available during this time.

Cost for the weekend is \$75 for adults; \$50 for middle school and high school youth; \$25 for children pre-K to fifth grade;



and free for children 3 and under.

In addition to Michael, Kai, Ashlee and Stacey, members of the retreat planning committee include Barbara Jo Corriher, Celia Jarrett, Doug and Donna Groce, Cyndii Owen, and Pastor Rhodes.

We look forward to seeing you on the mountain!



Registration Form

Register by completing this form or completing a similar form online at stjohns-salisbury.org

Register early — only 200 spots available! Deadline is Sunday, September 9.

Registration includes lodging, meals and programming — a fun filled family weekend! Want a closer look? Take a tour of Lutheridge by visiting lutheridge.com. Lodging is appropriate for people and families of all ages, including hotel-style accommodations in Kohnjoy Inn and Thornburg Hall. Family and small group accommodations are available in Lakeside cabins, the Bacot Center, H&H Cottage, and Carla Cottage. Our high school youth will be staying in the Beam Youth. All lodging includes linens except Beam.

You will receive your room assignment at check-in. Questions? Call Carol Everhart.

I / My Family will be attending:

☐ Adult Couple ☐ Adult Single Name(s): _____

☐ Children's name and ages/grade: _____

I will need childcare during Saturday morning programming and Sunday Worship:

_____ # of children requiring care, 3 and under

_____ # of children Pre-K to 5th grade

☐ My high school child prefers to stay with other youth in Beam cottage (with chaperone). Name(s): _____

Mailing address: _____

Preferred phone number: _____ Email: _____

Cost	# of individuals	Total Cost
Adults: \$75	_____	_____
Middle/High School: \$50	_____	_____
Children — Pre-K - 5th Grade: \$25	_____	_____
Children — 3 and under: Free	_____	_____
Please note: This year middle school children will stay with their families.	TOTAL DUE:	_____

To secure your spot, please return a registration form and non-refundable \$50 deposit as early as possible. Make checks payable to St. John's Lutheran Church and mark "Retreat 2018." Please mail or bring form and check to the church office.

☐ I have special needs for lodging: _____

☐ I have special dietary needs/allergies: _____

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

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

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

☐ I will need help with transportation to Lutheridge.

Worship and the Arts

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ST. JOHN'S CHAPEL SINGERS will meet at 6:30 pm in the Choir Room on Wednesday, Aug. 29, to rehearse music for the Chapel Service on Sunday, Sept. 2. Chapel Singers will meet again at 7:50 am in the Chapel on Sunday, Sept. 2, to rehearse for a second time.

THE CHANCEL CHOIR extends an enthusiastic invitation to any High School –Adult singer to join them. This choir rehearses each Wednesday at 7:30 pm in the Choir Room to prepare to lead our 11 am worship service in liturgy, song, proclamation and anthems.

The Chancel Choir will also help with some of the musical highlights of this year, including Reformation Sunday, Oct. 28; All Saints Sunday, Nov. 4; Thanksgiving Sunday, Nov. 15; the Moravian Love Feast, evening of Nov. 18; A Service of Lessons and Carols, Dec. 16; and Christmas Eve, Dec. 24. We encourage you to consider joining the Chancel Choir in leading worship – you are most welcome to join us!

ST. JOHN'S WOMEN'S ENSEMBLE will begin rehearsals for this new season on Sunday, Sept. 9, and Sunday, Sept. 23, at 5 pm in the Youth Music Room. The Women's Ensemble will continue to meet every second and fourth Sunday of each month at 5 pm through the rest of this year. A very warm welcome is extended to Middle School – Adult age women who enjoy fellowship and singing as the Women's Ensembles prepare to sing for worship on scheduled Sundays, including the Service of Lessons and Carols on Sunday, Dec. 16, at 11 am. The Women's Ensemble also gives concerts and leads worship at Trinity Oaks Health and Rehabilitation Center.



St. John's Chancel Choir

ST. JOHN'S FLUTE ENSEMBLE rehearsals resume in the fall. The St. John's Flute Ensemble still has room for more members. If you are interested in joining the group, or if you have questions, please contact Rosemary Kinard at rosemary@stjohns-salisbury.org.

ST. JOHN'S MEN'S CHORUS is beginning its exciting 25th year of ministry! The Men's Chorus welcomes male voices, High School – Adult age, who wish to sing to join. Rehearsals which are held each Sunday at 4 pm in the Choir Room, begin on Sunday, Sept. 9, 2018. The Men's Chorus Christmas Concert, "Light of the World," will take place on Sunday, Dec. 9, at 4 pm in the sanctuary. The Men's Chorus will also sing for St. John's Service of Lessons and Carols on Sunday, Dec. 16, 2018 at 11 am. For more information about the chorus, please contact director, Jason Harwood, jasonaharwood@gmail.com or Men's Chorus Council President, Dennis Rogers, dennis.rogers@ncfbins.com.

St. John's Men's Chorus welcomes new members, high school to adult. If you are interested in joining, please contact Jason Harwood.



Worship and the Arts

THE ST. JOHN'S CHILDREN'S CHOIRS resume rehearsals on Wednesday, Sept. 12, as a part of the afternoon activities of EPIC and Kingdom Kids. All children from Kindergarten through Fifth grade are encouraged to join us. For more information, please contact Rosemary Kinard, Director, or Rob Durocher, Minister of Music and accompanist.



THE ARTS AT ST. JOHN'S *A Look Ahead!*

The Ensemble Nobiles, a male vocal quintet from Leipzig Germany, are set to return to St. John's to lead worship at 11 am on Reformation Sunday, Oct. 28, 2018 and to offer a concert at 3 pm that afternoon.

Moravian Love Feast is set for the evening of Sunday, Nov. 18, in the Faith Center.

St. John's Men's Chorus Christmas Concert will be held Sunday, Dec. 9, 2018, at 4 on in the main Sanctuary.

A Service of Lessons and Carols is scheduled for Sunday, Dec. 16, 2018, at the 11 am service.

Trinity Singers and Ringers Concert *The Musical Legacy of the Haworths*



Trinity Singers and Ringers honored the musical legacy of Ann Hatchett's parents, Marjorie and Homer Haworth, in concert, on Aug. 23 at Trinity Oaks.

Marjorie Haworth was a valued singer in the alto section of the Trinity Singers. A former music teacher and choral conductor, she was unfailingly cheerful and always an enthusiastic supporter of the group, its director and accompanist. She would happily take new members "under her wing" and give them encouragement from her vast store of musical experience. Her husband, Homer, their children, and grand-children also attended performances when possible. Marjorie suggested that a former student,

Mark Cabaniss, who is now a composer, might have some pieces that the Singers would like to sing. She encouraged him to send several, and August's concert featured one of them, "Rockwood River," which was sung in her memory and in Homer's honor.

Composer Mark Cabaniss, former student of Marjorie and Homer Haworth, has written a tribute to his former music teachers. A successful music publisher, producer, conductor, ASCAP composer and arranger, his works include choral anthems, musicals, cantatas, and instrumental pieces. He is also an Instructor of Music Business at Belmont University in Nashville. His success builds on the solid foundation laid by his early music teachers, and he graciously credits their influence for his choice of music as a career. As one of Marjorie's children said, "One never knows how much they impact others."

The tribute was published in the Salisbury Post and can be read on the St. John's Facebook page.

Our Lutheran Partners

ELCA Monthly Podcast



Three Sides is a monthly podcast featuring stories from the ELCA. As a church that believes God is calling us into the world – together, Three Sides presents diverse voices from across the ELCA. Listen as they share unique stories from the many expressions of this church. From our members whose lives are grounded in faith, love of God and neighbor. From our congregations that work every day to share the love of Christ with all God's people. From our global companions and partners that join us as we work to build up Christ's church throughout the world.

The first full length episode, "Women Who Lead," features Presiding Bishop Elizabeth Eaton, Wendy Davidson, President of U.S. Specialty Channels of the Kellogg Company, and Sylvia Sloan Black, Chair of the NC Synod Candidacy Committee. Listen and download at livinglutheran.org/podcasts.

5K Walk/Run for Clean Water



Saturday, Sept. 22, at 8:30 am, Grace Lutheran Church in Salisbury is hosting their second annual 5K Run/Walk for Clean Water. The cost of the run is \$5 for the Kids Half-Mile Fun Run, \$20 for the 5K if you pre-register, and \$25 race day. All proceeds benefit ELCA Clean Water Ministry. Last year, they were able to purchase a well and 2 emergency filtering systems.

Enjoy a day of fun, raising money for clean water around the world. You even get fresh hushpuppies at the end of the race. Register at runsignup.com or download the application at www.salisburyrowanrunners.org.

Grace Lutheran Church is also using the opportunity to host a Nike-Reuse-A-Shoe Program. They invite you to bring your old, worn-out athletic shoes, regardless of brand. The shoes material is used for athletic and playground surfaces.

Fall Events at Lutheridge and Lutherock



50Forward Living Well Retreat, Oct. 19-21 at Lutheridge: Gather with others 50+ to find inspiration and information for Living Well in the late career/early retirement years. Engaging speakers, informative workshops, optional outings, and activities explore this year's theme: LIVING SIMPLY. How much is enough? How do we live more with less? Find out more by visiting lutheridge.org.



Quilting Bee, Nov. 1-4 at Lutheridge. Women are invited to join renowned teacher Holly Anderson for a weekend of stitching fun. Bring your own project or create a wall-hanging of Holly's design. The retreat will include daily devotions, a Trunk Show, Show & Tell, and a field trip to the Folk Art Center.

Awakening Soul retreat, Nov. 8-11 at Lutheridge. Visit awakeningsoulpresents.org for more information about this very popular event.

Mountaintop Family Advent Retreat, Nov. 30-Dec. 2 at Lutherock. Visit lutherock.org for more information.

Our Rich Heritage

Join us on Oct. 28 for (Another) 250th Anniversary of the Church!

On Oct. 28 at 6:30 pm, we will continue the commemoration of the 250th Reformation in Rowan by launching the heritage museum.

The John Lewis Beard deed of 1768 provided land for the location of a church— the first to be built in Salisbury— in the eastern square of the county seat.

The exhibit will interpret the background of the German settlement of the area that began about 1747, Salisbury's role as the "orderly" capital of the North Carolina backcountry, the cultural traits and habits of the nearby "Dutch Side," the political context of the North Carolina Regulation (a taxpayer revolt that prompted official British support for an "orderly" German church in Salisbury), and the service provided to the Salisbury Church (which later became known as St. John's) by it's first established Lutheran pastors during the American Revolution.

Dr. Gary Freeze will speak about the history and heritage of St. John's. The museum will feature artifacts and video.

Look for more information in the Salisbury Post leading up to the exhibit debut.



Salisbury Germanfest Sept. 15

Before the museum opening, begin honoring Salisbury's German Heritage this month at Germanfest, hosted by New Sarum Brewing Company and Rowan Museum Inc.

This event will take place on Sept. 15, 11 am– 4 pm, on the grounds of the Old Stone House.

Enjoy German inspired foods provided by the Brown-Fisher association, for purchase.

Discover the art of basket-weaving and candle-making, as artisans create them in front of you. These handcrafted items will also be available for purchase. Enjoy tours of the Old

Stone House, and join in on traditional German and colonial dances.

Children will have the opportunity to take part in colonial games and crafts, including handheld wooden games, writing on slate, ring toss, hoop rolling, and bubble blowing. The children will also enjoy readings from colonial books.

Admission is \$5 for adults and \$3 for students.



“Thursday Mornings are the Best Mornings.”

Thursday Morning Men’s Bible Study

By Susan Shinn Turner

Each Thursday morning for the last seven years, a group of 20-25 men gathers for food, fellowship, and the opportunity to dive deep into the scripture lesson for the upcoming Sunday worship service. Pastor Rhodes leads the study.

Since May 2017, the group has been meeting in the dining room at Trinity Oaks. It’s a great central location, and super convenient for those in the group who just happen to live at Trinity Oaks. Residents who aren’t members of St. John’s are also welcome to participate.

Before digging into scripture, the men first dig into a hearty buffet breakfast. The staff opens a few minutes early to accommodate the group, and the men have this part of the dining room to themselves. Breakfast begins at 7:30 am, with the Bible study beginning around 7:45 — depending on how long the men want to talk about recent trips, health concerns, and other news and current events. And to be sure, there’s always time for good-natured ribbing among the friends.

“We got started at The Palms,” says longtime member Mike Jacobsen. “That room got tight — and hot!”

The men then tried several places around town before settling on Trinity Oaks after Bill Johnson, its executive director, offered the space.



More often than not, the men linger to chat for a few minutes before going their separate ways for the day.



Fred Krusemark reads the gospel text on his tablet, while Don Duggan, at right, pores over a hard copy.

“I learn a lot,” Bill says. “There are lots of different perspectives.”

So does Ted Goins, executive director of Lutheran Services Carolinas, who on this morning has to eat and run.

“It’s just family,” Ted says of the group. “I love having guys from church and our residents together.”

Not only that, but it’s a chance for men who attend different worship times to get to know one another better.

Pastor Rhodes, who leads the weekly study, has a reserved spot in the middle of the U-shaped table. It’s set up for 25, and this morning is nearly full.

“Don’t tell anyone,” Pastor Rhodes quips, “but these guys are responsible for my sermons.”

“It’s the highlight of my week, no doubt,” he continues. “The camaraderie, humor, and mutual upbuilding are things I look forward to every week.”

Besides Mike, Bill, Ted, and the pastor, also on hand are Bill Safrin, Geof Hoy, Dennis Rogers, Norman Sloop, Larry Cesario, Randy Overcash, Mike Agee, Don Duggan, Jack Connery, Fred Krusemark, Bob Loeblein,

Discipleship



Pastor Rhodes, right, talks with longtime Bible study member, Norman Sloop, after the session has concluded.

Chuck Moll, Acey Worthy, Larry Breitwieser, David Phillips, and Gary Rhodes.

Gary Taylor is a regular but is recovering from recent outpatient shoulder surgery. Others in the group are traveling.

Randy says he just drove a group of 150 Mormons to Illinois with Crossroads Tours.

"It was an eye-opening experience," he says. "I shared with the other driver about Lutheranism. We all need to understand other faiths."

Dennis and Norman sit near one another in Chancel Choir and at breakfast, and are longtime members of both groups. Norman shares news of a recent family reunion at Crossnore. More often than not, he also leads the closing prayer. Jack is new to the group and asks to be put on the weekly email reminder list.

Pastor Rhodes leads a discussion with the men about the upcoming scripture from Luke, the story of Jesus cleansing the 10 lepers. He encourages the men to spend time with God in gratitude, and not to forget to say thanks.

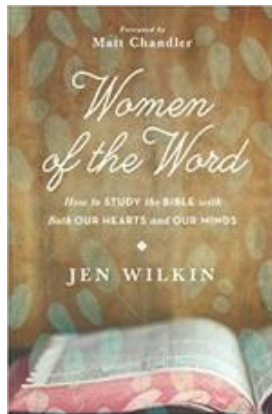
"See you in church," he says, as the group dismisses around 8:45 am. They linger in groups of two or three, chatting a bit longer before going their separate ways for the day.

If you'd like to be a part of the Men's Bible Study, send an email to Joy Chaffin at joy@stjohns-salisbury.org.

St. John's Library: *Check it Out!*

New Book in the Library

We all know it's important to study God's Word, but sometimes it's hard to know where to start. What's more, a lack of time, emotionally driven approaches, and past frustrations can erode our resolve to keep growing in our knowledge of Scripture. How can we, as Christian women, keep our focus and sustain our passion when reading the Bible?



Check out *Women of the Word* today!

How to Search for a Book from Home

1. Go to St. John's website
2. Click on Discipleship drop-down menu
3. Click on Library & Resources
4. Click on Check out (our library)
5. Go to Search Online
6. Click Search box (at top)
7. Type in Title or Author you want
8. It will give you both DVDs and book call number



Juliana Anderson's Summer as an Intern at Escuela Integrada

By Juliana Anderson
From the Graces Blog

I am currently sitting at my gate at La Aurora Airport in Guatemala City, watching the sunrise, and feeling oh so incredibly blessed. I could not have asked for a better time here. I learned so much about this place, the culture, the people and myself. I felt so many things I either never felt before or have not felt in a really long time. I feel different coming home. I truly feel as though I am leaving Guatemala a different person.

I feel changed. I feel happier, lighter, more confident and inspired to continue doing work that uplifts others. My mom has always said to me, "It is not what you say or do that makes people remember you, it is how you make them feel that leaves the lasting impression." I greatly understand this because the way I am feeling right now is a feeling I know I cannot and will not forget.

...the feeling when they gave me a reassuring smile
...when they repeatedly passed me the soccer ball even

though I failed to do anything successful with it every time
...how they asked to come with me after school to paint
...when they made one of their goofy faces just because they know it makes me laugh
...when they said a joke I heard a thousand times, but they know the joke is ours, so they say it again and again anyways

It is laughing together, embracing one another, encouraging each other, highlighting one's strengths and strengthening one's weaknesses. I felt these things: all of these pure, raw emotions that inevitably caused me to absolutely fall in love with this country, these people, my experiences and my new family here.

It is in these moments when I have this feeling, and the only way I know how to describe this feeling is that in each of these moments I am feeling His presence. I am realizing now as I am writing this that the reason I feel so changed is because this experience, these students and this place reintroduced God into my life, and for that I am eternally grateful.

Global Ministry

I feel spiritually strengthened. I've been lost for the past few years with my faith, not whether or not I believed, but that I did not feel His presence. And now I do in everything I do. He is this feeling that I keep talking about. I feel Him when I walk into the school and a herd of students run to me and welcome me with hugs and besos. I feel Him when I walk through the streets of Antigua and am constantly surrounded by His creations. I feel Him as I mediate and reflect on my experiences and worries. I feel Him so fully and not only in the beauty, but in the suffering because I know He is present to teach me, help me get back on my feet, and guide me through the deepening of my faith. And I feel Him now as I sit here writing this in Guatemala City, watching the sunrise, and feeling so incredibly blessed for this opportunity I will never forget.

I came to Guatemala to help and support the school, but every time I leave this place, I know that these students and these people helped me and saved me in ways I didn't even know I needed to be saved. It's funny. I didn't ask for any of this. I didn't even know I needed any of this, but the Lord

works in mysterious ways, and I truly believe that this journey—my journey—could not have happened in any other place, at any other time, and without the people that helped me experience *this feeling*.

I learned that pure, true love comes not from similarities or how well people get along, but from how you overcome one another's differences. It is about seeing a person for who they are, accepting them and embracing each perfection and flaw to the fullest, while pushing them to be the very best version of themselves, even when they cannot see it.

Escuela Integrada and Guatemala did for me what I could not do for myself. I made friendships in Christ, questioned and deepened my faith, and experienced a love for others and from others unlike I ever have before. I feel ready, as I head back to the United States, to begin this next chapter of my life through Christ.



PLEASE JOIN US AT THE

Quetzal Gala

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

Cocktails, Dinner, and Dancing

September 22, 2018 at the Vista at Walnut Hill
from 6:30 to 11PM Cleveland, North Carolina

\$75
per person

Open Bar
Semi Formal Dress, Tux optional

For online reservations
visit wearegraces.org/gala

Worship Leaders for September

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

LAY ASSISTING MINISTERS

Sept 2 Randy Overcash
 Sept 9 Missy Hunter
 Sept 16 Gretchen Witt
 Sept 23 Jonathan Williams
 Sept 30 Dave Roof

READERS

Sept 2 *Acquawon Stallworth, Dave Foreman
 Sept 9 *Chuck Moll, Jack Connelly
 Sept 16 *Anne Loeblein, Larry Britt
 Sept 23 *Anne Hatchett, Donna Beilfuss
 Sept 30 *Stacey Shafer, Cyndi Krusemanrk
 Oct 7 *Bob Loeblein, Ted Goins

COMMUNION ASSISTANTS

Sept 2 Cheryl Sjoblom, ^Eleanor Sifford
 Sept 9 *Parker Hatchett
 Sept 16 Elaine Gerst, ^Eleanor Sifford
 Sept 23 *Carol Beaver
 Sept 30 No Communion
 Oct 7 Wesley Rhyne, ^Dennis Rogers

ALTAR GUILD

Sept Judy Trexler, captain; Donna Weinhold, Angela Greene

COMMUNION PREPARERS

Sept Fran and Jerry Lawson

GREETERS

Sept 2 Raymond and Kay Coltrain, James Bradshaw
 Sept 9 Gary, Scott, and Davey Rhodes, Bradley and Laurie Stevens
 Sept 16 Harold and Stamie Overcash, Stan and Melanie Ferguson
 Sept 23 Jake and Carol Parrott, Steve, Tamara, and Brooklyn Albanese
 Sept 30 Brian and Mary Wymbs, Carol Pomeroy, Dot Miller
 Oct 7 Tom and Mimi Carlton, Howard and Diane Everhart

WELCOME PLACE GREETERS

Sept 2 Barbara Waggoner
 Sept 9 Linda Phillips
 Sept 16 Lorna Reasor
 Sept 23 Carolyn Hood
 Sept 30 Linda Phillips
 Oct 7 Linda Safrit

AFTER-SERVICE GREETERS

Sept 2 Karen Rogers, Bill Safrit, Larry Cesario
 Sept 9 Cory Gebhardt, Gary Rhodes, Cindy Fink
 Sept 16 Dennis Ingold, Wesley Rhyne
 Sept 23 Bill Johnson, Karen Puckett, Sacha Witt
 Sept 30 David Phillips, Ben Goodman, Gary Rhodes

ACOLYTES

Sept 2 Sam Medina, Sascha Medina
 Sept 9 Grant Shafer, Grace Shafer
 Sept 16 Ty Buechler, Wade Robins
 Sept 23 Sydney Hlavacek, Margaret Thurman
 Sept 30 Luke Mesimer, Layton Barber

ELEMENT BEARERS

Sept 2 Millie Wymbs
 Sept 16 Joe Bohland

CRUCIFERS

Sept 2 Hannah Greene
 Sept 9 Elizabeth Jones
 Sept 16 Hank Robins
 Sept 23 Morgan Jeter
 Sept 30 Landon Mesimer

NURSERY

Sept 2 Annette Brown, Sandra Jiles
 Sept 9 Annette Brown, Gemma Brown
 Sept 16 Natalee Taylor, Sandra Jiles
 Sept 23 Natalee Taylor, Sandra Jiles
 Sept 30 Sandra Jiles, Annette Brown

Eagle's View Deadline

The October Eagle's View will be published in September.
 Please email stories and news to
angel@stjohns-salisbury.org by **September 14!**

Happy Birthday!

*Congratulations to our Octogenarians
 celebrating*

September Birthdays:

Joyce Brady, William Cline, Dave Foreman, Charles Heilig,
 Pat O'Neal, Shirley Smith, Fran Tannehill, Jewel Ziprik

Worship Attendance

July 29 468
 Aug 5 459
 Aug 12 488
 Aug 19 444
 Aug 26 351

USHERS: Head Ushers

Sept Stan Ferguson, Larry Cesario

USHER TEAMS

Sept 2 Team 1E* Tom Childress, Jim Boger
Team 3 Carole Parrott, captain
Sept 9 Team 2E* Tom Smith, Jim Boger
Team 4 Loyd Hill, captain
Sept 16 Team 3E* Bob Loeblein, Jeff Nelson
Team 5 Steve Puckett, captain
Sept 23 Team 4E* Bob Rusher, Bobby Rusher
Team 6 Troop 443
Sept 30 Team 5E* Jim Boger, Ronnie Smith
Team 7 Mickey Black, captain

9:27 COMMUNION PREPARERS

Sept Vernon Davis, Cheryl Sjoblom

9:27 COMMUNION ASSISTANTS

Sept Caitlin Holman, Jenny Ryerson, Mark Ritchie, Catherine Soderberg
Oct Larry Brietweiser, Michele Johnson, Richard and Delores Imblum

9:27 HOSPITALITY TEAM

Sept 2 Angel Barber, Cammie Yarborough, Wayne Everhart, Irene Stewart, David and Julie Carr
Sept 9 Dean and Tammy Safrit, Judy Klusman, Deb Miller, Lindsey Wineka
Sept 16 Debbie Carter, Doug Carter, Cheryl van der Poel, Jack van der Poel, Chad van der Poel, Mike Jacobsen, Cyndii Owen
Sept 23 Stacey Shafer, Grace Shafer, Jack and Jeanie Moore, Adam and Crystal Ryerson
Sept 30 Doug and Donna Groce, Deb Miller, Kim Robinson, Ben and Eva White

9:27 COFFEE VOLUNTEERS

Sept 2 David and Julie Carr
Sept 9 Mike and Sharon Agee
Sept 16 Dennis and Kathy Ingold, Cyndii Owen, Jill Nothstine
Sept 23 Stan and Sandy Jordan
Sept 30 Bob and Sandy Melton

9:27 USHER TEAM

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

PA OPERATORS

Sept 2 Darrell Blackwelder
Sept 9 Roger Alexander
Sept 16 David Wilson
Sept 23 Mike Agee
Sept 30 Taylor Hutchins

St. John's Leadership

CONGREGATION COUNCIL

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Term Expires 2018

Ben Goodman
Jeanie Moore
Gary Rhodes
Bill Safrit
Mike Agee

Term Expires 2019

Cory Gebhardt
Dennis Ingold
Bill Johnson
Karen Puckett
Karen Rogers

Term Expires 2020

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David Phillips
Wesley Rhyne
Aleksandr (Sacha) Witt

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Mercy & Justice – Pastor Laura Henrik
Congregational Life – Diane Poole
Stewarding God's Resources – Ruth Ann Diehl

Buck-a-Meal Sunday

(1st Sunday of each month)

Sunday, September 2

Buck-A-Meal for August was \$474.00. 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 August.

Welcome Back to School!

By Barabara Corriher

NC Pre-K: Children playing, learning and growing never stops at St. John's CDC, but at the end of August the number of little ones entering the CDC's doors increases. On Monday, August 27, our facility welcomed 26 NC Pre-K students. All of our NC Pre-K positions are filled. You may ask what is NC Pre-K? Here's the answer. North Carolina Pre-Kindergarten is a state funded, pre-Kindergarten educational program designed to provide high quality educational experiences to enhance school readiness for eligible four-year-old children. St. John's is proud that we were approved to house two NC Pre-K classrooms.

We also want to announce the addition of a new toddler classroom. The title for this new classroom is the Little Ducklings. Too cute!

Listed below are all the CDC's classrooms:

Infant classrooms: Little Lambs and Wee Wonders

Toddler Classrooms: Owls, All Stars, Sweet Peas, and our new classroom, Little Ducklings

Two Year Old Classrooms: Busy Bees and Kangaroo Kids

Three Year Old Classroom: Jolly Ranchers

Three and Four Year Old Classroom: Sugar and Spice

Four Year Old Classroom: Mini Blessing

NC Pre-Kindergarten: Two classrooms, totally 26 children

Hiring: With numerous children entering our CDC building every day we need many hands caring for them. In fact, we are in the process of hiring new employees for various positions. We are hiring full-time classroom lead teachers and assistant teachers, who will receive hourly pay with health insurance benefits. The CDC is also hiring part-time floating teachers who fill in where there is a need. If you or someone you know is interested in applying for a position with the CDC you may do the following: Apply online at [Indeed.com](https://www.indeed.com); apply in person at the CDC, 300 West Innes St. or you may call the CDC at 704.636.6756. For job descriptions, experience and education requirements refer to [Indeed.com](https://www.indeed.com).

We ask the congregation to pray that the CDC will find new employees who will become part of our loving, Christian environment and for persons who will embrace and love the precious children who will be in their care.

Lelonna Richardson: This month we would like to highlight an employee that fits the above description and walks into



Lelonna Richardson

St. John's CDC every day full of positive energy and with a warm smile. Her name is Lelonna Richardson. Lelonna moved to Salisbury from Ohio and said she immediately fell in love with the state and the warm, friendly people. She started working at St. John's CDC on June 2, 2003, when it was located in our educational building. Her first position was as a 3-year-old teacher, then later as a 2-year-old teacher. Before she knew it, she was part of the administrative team. Lelonna completed her bachelors in education, ages birth through Kindergarten in May 2018. She also has her associates from RCCC in early childhood as well as her administrative credentials. While at St. John's Lelonna has worked with 3 directors: Krisna Lail, Joanna Smith and currently Courtney Bost. Lelonna states, "It is a blessing to work here in a Christian environment. St. John's CDC has become my family, especially since my family still lives in Ohio." Noelle, her daughter, has grown up at the CDC, attending our childcare program, our after school program and our summer camp program. Noelle will be a seventh grader this school year at Erwin Middle School. Courtney Bost, our CDC director, shares that Lelonna is constantly upbeat, positive and smiling. "She is always ready to lift up a child or adult who is down and she sees what is special and beautiful in every one of God's children," says Courtney. The staff calls Lelonna the "baby whisperer" because she has the magical touch and is able to calm a baby so they are comforted. Lelonna says she is blessed to be working at St. John's but St. John's CDC, the families and their children are blessed by Lelonna as well. So if you see Lelonna, be sure to share with her one of the friendly smiles she always wears and thank her for all she brings to St. John's CDC.

Around the Congregation

Funeral Ushers Needed

It has become very difficult to find eligible volunteers to help in this important position. Over time, many of us have become older and have health problems that prohibit us from these necessary functions. Funerals do not occur often, but when they do I need your help on two days' notice.



Thank you for your consideration. Please contact me, Bill Safrit.

Thank You Volunteers!

The Property Committee wants to thank the volunteers who gave up their Saturday morning (and early afternoon) to trim and cut down the trees around the CDC parking lot, pressure wash, and change out lights in one of the classrooms. Special thanks to Bob Glover for bringing his trailer so we could load and haul the trimmings to the street.

Children's Minister Position

St. John's is looking for a Children's Minister to help complete our wonderful staff! If you or someone you know may be interested, please contact Pastor Laura, laura@stjohns-salisbury.org or share the link below.

stjohns-salisbury.org/staff/childrens-minister/



Congratulations

Danielle and Michael DeNise on the birth of a daughter, Olive Kathryn, on July 31, 2018. Moses DeNise is the proud big brother.

Stan and Rita Honeycutt on the birth of their first grandson, Weber Dean Assey, on July 23, 2018. Parents are Charles and Megan Honeycutt Assey, of Columbia, SC.

Consolation

David Bingham, family and friends, on the death of his wife, Eva Bernhardt Bingham, on Monday, August 6, 2018.

Family and friends upon the death of Jim Epting, Sr., who died August 22, 2018 in Greensboro.

Baptisms

Emily and Ellison Frick were baptized at 11 am Worship on Aug. 26, 2018. Parents are Lynn and Tyler Frick.



Dear St. John's family,

Thank you so much for the prayers, calls, cards, texts, and visits during my mom's sudden illness and death. It means so much to belong to such a loving and caring congregation, and your care and concern brought me such joy in such a difficult time. Thank you to all who visited her (and me) in the hospital. I appreciate it more than you will ever know.

Ann Hatchett

Dear St. John's Family,

We thank all of you for the cards, visits, emails, texts, phone calls and especially the prayers as Gene went through colon cancer surgery and resulting complications this summer. We never felt alone in our struggles through all of this and truly cherish our church family. God bless you all.

Gene and Susan Myers

Around the Community

Be a Barnabas Friend

By Celia Jarrett

Most of us, at some point in our childhood, have had an adult friend who listened to us and helped us get through the difficulties of growing up. It may have been a teacher, a pastor, a coach, or another adult to whom we could talk freely and who offered us support. They did not necessarily do anything other than listen and point us toward how to get through our difficulties, but their presence in our lives was very important.

For children who come from homes that are fighting illness, poverty, violence, drugs, or criminal activity, having that listening ear is so much more important. Sometimes just getting things off your chest, even if the person listening can't fix the problem, relieves a lot of the pressure under which these children live.

St. John's Lutheran Church has had a long-term program, the Barnabas Connection, that reaches out to children at Knox Middle School who are dealing with difficult circumstances. Volunteers provide that needed listening ear as they share a meal with the children, join them in small group discussion, work with them on creative art activities, and help with homework. Once a week for a few hours, these volunteer friends are there for that child when they may have no one else to talk to.



The new school year is approaching and we are looking for volunteers to be Barnabas Friends to these children. Barnabas meets at the church each Thursday, except for school holidays, from 2:30 to 5 pm, beginning Oct. 4 this year. If are interested in volunteering for the school year or for a few sessions to spend time with and be a friend to these young people we'd love to have you join us. For more information, contact Nancy Gaines, director of the Barnabas Connection, at ngaines@fibrant.com. There is nothing so rewarding as a child's smile, and you can be a part of bringing a smile to the Barnabas children.

Parking Update

In late August, we received word that the construction on the Future City Park will not yet begin. They have reopened the parking lot for public use for the next 60 days. You are free to continue to use the parking lot during that time for Sunday worship and all other church events.

We will continue to look at parking options, as attendance picks up and in anticipation of losing those parking spaces.

Please continue to leave the spaces between the sanctuary and the chapel for handicap parking on Sundays out of courtesy to those who are unable to walk very far. If you come to he church during the week, please avoid parking in Hedrick Industries' lot, as they need those spaces for their employees.

If you have any questions or concerns, feel free to call the church office, 704.636.3431.

Visit our stjohns-salisbury.org— *About > Our Campus* for maps and updates.



September 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
2 7:45a Chapel Singers 8:30a Chapel Worship 9:27a Contemporary Worship/HC 10a Adult Sunday School 11a Sanctuary Worship/HC	3 Office Closed Memorial Day	4 8a Women's Bible Study 7p Worship and the Arts Meeting	5 7:30a Men's Bible Study 9a Respite Care 10:15a Trinity Singers 11a Trinity Ringers 12p CDC Advisory Committee 5:30p Property Committee 6p 9:27 Worship Rehearsal	6 7:30a Men's Bible Study 9a Respite Care 10:15a Trinity Singers 11a Trinity Ringers 12p CDC Advisory Committee 5:30p Property Committee 6p 9:27 Worship Rehearsal	7 1p St. John's Book Club EAGLE'S VIEW DEADLINE FOR OCTOBER ISSUE 12 PM	8
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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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