

Let's connect faith and life *together*

## Welcome Stacey!

### *Stacey Shafer Joins Staff as Children's Minister*

By Susan Shinn Turner

When Stacey Shafer learned the position of Children's Minister was open, the idea to apply kept coming to her mind — and she kept pushing it away. But during VBS, a friend suggested she apply. Then her daughter suggested it. Then her husband suggested it.

Finally, she says, "I stopped pushing it away and God took it from there."

Stacey became Children's Minister on Sept. 12 — a fitting day as that was the first day of Wednesday programming. In her role of serving children ages birth to fifth grade, Stacey will be working with the Kingdom Kids (for children ages 3 through second grade) and EPIC groups (for children in grades 3-5) that meet on Wednesdays.

Stacey has a first-hand knowledge of the youth programs at St. John's. She and her husband, Aaron, are the parents of three children: Grace, a sophomore at Gray Stone Day School; Grant, an eighth-grader at Erwin Middle School; and Gabriel, a first-grader at Granite Quarry Elementary School.

A graduate of North Rowan High School with an associate's degree from Rowan-Cabarrus Community College, Stacey is the daughter of Jeff Nelson and stepdaughter of Janice Nelson, and her grandmother is Pat Nelson. She has been a member of St. John's for 18 years, and she and Aaron have been married for 16 years.

When Stacey was considering applying for the job, Aaron pointed out that she loved being at church — and that she's there a lot, which is true. Besides volunteering for Kingdom Kids, she has been a nursery coordinator, VBS volunteer, Sunday School organizer and teacher, and children's worship coordinator for the 9:27 service. In addition, she and her dear friend Ashlee Dangerfield are longtime leaders of children's programming at the Lutheridge congregational retreat. The



two will again serve in that capacity the first weekend in October. Stacey will also assist Scott and Davey Rhodes with the Splash program for St. John's youngest members.

A year ago, Stacey started working two days a week — down from full-time — as registrar at Levine Cancer Institute in Concord. As of this fall, she's a six-year breast cancer survivor.

"It's fulfilling work," Stacey says. "I feel like I have a real purpose there. So the children's minister position works well with my other job. And the fact that it works around my kids' schedule is good."

Besides working with Kingdom Kids and EPIC, Stacey will lead the children's Milestone program and assist with VBS. She's been training with Kai Thurow, youth minister, and will report to Pastor Laura Henrik, pastor for discipleship.

"I'm really excited to see some of the new ideas from Stacey for Children's Ministry," Kai says. "She brings a lot of energy, excitement, a fresh set of eyes, and great ideas to our

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# Pastor's Letter



Dear friends,

I'm not sure what gives some people more courage than others, but it's a character trait I've often envied.

From the wide receiver who leaps for the perfect catch to the first responders rescuing folks stranded by

Hurricane Florence, there's something about risking it for the sake of the play — or for the sake of the other.

Let me introduce you to Stacey Shafer. Well, "introduce" might not be the right word since Stacey has been around St. John's for a long, long time. Let me introduce her as our new Children's Minister.

What a courageous decision she's made!

Not that it's *risky*. Stacey's been around long enough to know the DNA of the congregation. She knows the parents and kids and staff, the highs and lows, the challenges and opportunities.

And that's the thing. To be honest, this isn't an easy time to be in children's ministry. It's a conversation going on all around the country. Families and kids are stretched for time and attention. Traditional models don't seem to be working and churches are scrambling for "the next best idea." I read a statistic recently that US Sunday School attendance among children has dropped by over 50 percent in a generation. Young parents with kids are twice as likely NOT to go to church as their parents.

That's not to be discouraging. "It's just the fact, ma'am."

It's also a challenge. Is it worth it?

Think about it this way. It's 3rd and long deep in Panthers territory. Are Cam Newton and Devin Funchess gonna pack it up and head for the showers? No way. This is what they play for. This is when it gets fun!

I know, I know, Stacey isn't facing third and long and this isn't a rescue mission for hurricane survivors. But I would contend that this is an exciting time to be in children's ministry if you're the courageous type ... if you like a challenge ... if you're eager, deep in your heart and soul, to help make a difference in the lives of our children and families.

One thing is certain: Stacey isn't a one-person show. She's part of a team that includes parents, her supervisor (Pastor Laura), church staff, and others who want to be part of a new movement in children's ministry. It's going to be hard work. There will be ups and downs, successes and, well, non-successes (my new word for the month).

But it's worth the effort. And Stacey — the mother-of-three, loving-wife, ever-happy, cancer-survivor — is courageous and determined.

And she'd love to welcome you to the team. There's no doubt she needs some fellow-travelers, men and women who are, likewise, eager to make a difference in the lives of our kids. She needs some folks to join her on this new movement.

Interested? Give her a call. She'd love to chat.

Thanks so much for your work in the garden. Isn't this a great place to be?

Peace+  
Pastor Rhodes

***There's still room for you! Join us!***



# Want to make a BIG difference in the life of a kid and our community?

By Susan Shinn Turner

In our local schools, Chuck Moll says, “You can never have too many volunteers.”

He and his wife, Judy, are longtime volunteers for the Gator Reading Program at Isenberg.

Here’s a round-up of the volunteer opportunities available in the schools with which St. John’s partners.

## **Barnabas Connection with Knox Middle School**

Begun by the late Shirley Ritchie, the Barnabas Connection serving students from Knox begins Oct. 4. The program meets each Thursday at St. John’s from 2:30 to 5 pm. It includes a meal, small group discussion, creative art activities, and homework time. Adult volunteers are needed to share time with students and simply serve as a friend and someone to listen.

Nancy Gaines, the program’s director, says that enrollment is usually 16, with an attendance of 8 to 12. “We have six who volunteered last year, but some of those can’t be here for every session this year so would be nice to have at least three or four more on the list,” she says. “No special skills are needed — just an open heart, listening ears, and a willingness to try new things is important. I am always looking for people who have a talent to share. If someone would like to lead an art project, I would love to hear from them as well.”

Contact: Nancy Gaines at [ngaines@fibrant.com](mailto:ngaines@fibrant.com) or 704.213.0019.

## **Gator Reading Program with Isenberg Elementary School**

Students in the Gator Reading program continue to make progress in their reading scores. Most of the program volunteers come from St. John’s, and Karen Puckett, a St. John’s member who is the school’s media coordinator, says that about 16 tutors are needed this year for second- and third-graders. The students were tested in September, and the program starts the second week in October.

- Days and times for second-graders: 10:20-11:05 am Tuesday-Wednesday, 10-10:40 am Thursday-Friday.
- Days and times for third-graders: 10-10:45 Tuesday-Friday.

Most volunteers share a student and therefore volunteer once a week at the school, Karen says.

Contact: Bonnie Harrell, Communities in Schools coordinator at Isenberg, 704.639.3009, opt. 4, or [Bonnie.Harrell@rss.k12.nc.us](mailto:Bonnie.Harrell@rss.k12.nc.us). (Volunteers must complete an application, background check and one hour of training.)

## **St. John’s Child Development Center**

Serving 180-plus children, the CDC has many volunteer opportunities, says Jennifer Mauro, program manager. Opportunities range from reading books or presenting Bible stories to children, cleaning and organizing, and helping in the classrooms. The center also welcomes donations of new and gently used books and toys and changes of clothes. You may also make donations toward classroom events or to help families in need. “The options here are limitless,” Jennifer says.

Contact: Courtney Bost, 704.636.6756 or [stjohnscdcourtney@bellsouth.net](mailto:stjohnscdcourtney@bellsouth.net). (Please note that some volunteer opportunities may require a background check.)

## **St. John’s Kindergarten**

Director Teresa Stoner notes that the kindergarten offers the following volunteer opportunities: trace and cut out artwork; file children’s work; read to the children; listen to children read; one-on-one review of letters and sounds with children.

Contact: Teresa Stoner, 704.636.4404 or [kindergarten@stjohns-salisbury.org](mailto:kindergarten@stjohns-salisbury.org). (Please note that some volunteer opportunities may require a background check.)



*64 members of St. John’s of all ages teamed up to serve at Isenberg Elementary for the ELCA’s “God’s work. Our hands.” day.*



# Children's Ministry

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Children's Ministry at St. John's. Her love for God is contagious, too, so that's fun to be around!"

Pastor Laura adds, "Stacey brings a new level of excitement, vision, and faithfulness to our children's ministry program. Her love of children, this church, and God made her an excellent candidate for this position. She is eager to jump in and think creatively about our children's ministry and how to take it to the next level. We feel blessed that God led her to this position and can't wait to see her in full force!"



"I'm blessed to be part of a staff that I've long admired," Stacey says.

For her part, she wants to continue to grow children's ministry, and grow the involvement of families and volunteers. She wants to get "back to basics" in teaching Bible stories, and strengthening the rotational Sunday School model.

"I want families to be active together in our congregation," she notes.

Besides spending time with her family, Stacey enjoys running with Ashlee four mornings a week — super early! Together the two log about 20 miles a week. She also enjoys scrapbooking and reading.

## What Are Our Kids Up to this October?

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.

Kingdom Kids, our children's ministry for children 3 years to 2nd grade, and EPIC is our Elementary Youth Group. EPIC stands for Energetic Peeps in Christ—and our young people are certainly that!

### October Calendar

KK & EPIC —Oct. 3, 4:30-5:45 pm  
KK & EPIC— Oct. 10, 4:30-5:45 pm  
KK & EPIC— Oct. 17, 4:30-5:45 pm  
KK & EPIC—Oct. 24, 4:30-5:45 pm  
Community Trunk-or-Treat— Oct. 27, 3-5 pm  
\*\* No KK & EPIC Oct. 31!



**Saturday, October 27**  
**3:00 - 5:00 p.m.**

*Located in the parking lot at the corner of  
East Liberty and North Main Street.*



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# Youth Ministry

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## Middle School Youth and Confirmation



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!

### October Middle School Schedule

Youth Group— Oct. 14, 5:30-7:30 pm

Youth Group—Oct. 21, 5:30-7:30 pm

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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.

### October Confirmation Schedule

Unit 1—Oct. 3, 6:30 –7:30 pm

Unit 1—Oct. 10, 6:30-7:30 pm

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## 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!

### October High School Schedule

Youth Group— Oct. 14, 5:30-7:30 pm

Youth Group— Oct. 21, 5:30-7:30 pm

Trunk-or-Treat Volunteer—Oct. 27, 3-5 pm





# Confirmation

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Confirmation is a two year journey during 7th and 8th grade in which students study the basics of faith and the Christian life. The journey ends with a week long confirmation camp at Lutheridge, always considered a high point of their two year experience.

7 of our youth were confirmed during a Unity Service on Aug. 26. A highlight was the sharing of their faith statements, excerpts of which are printed below.

For the complete faith statements, please visit our website at [stjohns-salisbury.org](http://stjohns-salisbury.org).

## **Luke Graeber**

"Faith has not always been the most important thing in my life. In fact, I sometimes would try ways to get out of going to church or going to confirmation because I just was not interested. But after going for a while and after listening to the things we talked about and understanding what they were teaching us, I quickly bought into the words they were preaching. This journey through confirmation has been AMAZING! I have not only grown closer to GOD but also my church family. You all have been right beside me to give me a helping hand in times of need. I had so many people show me support at Lutheridge by sending cards with words of encouragement written all over them, telling me to keep moving closer to God and to make the most of my experience at Lutheridge, and I truly believe I did. Something about Lutheridge just automatically makes you see the good God has done in the world and the things he has blessed us with."

## **Sydney Hlavacek**

"While I was at Lutheridge, I never had one really big moment where I felt God, but instead lots of little moments where I felt his presence...One of my favorites was when we all spread out and just sat in silence trying to feel the presence of God and just listening to the amazing world he gave us. I felt Him there through the sounds of the winds and bugs, and the birds and sounds of cars, and just all around me...What I took away from Lutheridge was that no matter how often or how little, how big or how small you have seen God in your life, he is always there. Genesis 28:15 states, "I am with you and will watch over you wherever you go, and I will bring you back to this land. I will not leave you until I have done what I have promised." This is the perfect verse to show how God is and wants to be in your life."

## **Ellison Frick**

"Through the years of building a stronger relationship with God, I've learned to appreciate everything God has given me. It was not until confirmation where I really took the time to really think about everything that God has provided me and done for me. God gave me a wonderful family, amazing friends, spectacular opportunities, hope, faith, and so much more. Without confirmation, I never would have truly understood all of God's sacrifices and gifts he has given. I am thankful that over the years my relationship with God has grown into something I never would've imagined."

# Confirmation

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## Emily Frick

“Not every circumstance that brought me closer to God was a happy one. When I was in 7th grade, one of my close friends and her entire family died in a tragic car accident. At the time, I admit I was angry at God. I was angry at him for taking away such an amazing person, a person that spread so much joy and was kind to everyone—a person who was truly created in his image. However, in the midst of the tragedy I turned to God asking him to be there for those who needed it and comfort those who were sad. I asked him to help us remember and cherish this wonderful family and all the good they did. Even though I still don’t fully understand the reasoning behind this tragedy, from then on I not only realized God could help me get through anything, but also that God blesses us in different ways than we expect. Instead of choosing to look at this as a depressing time, I choose to see it as a time where my relationships with friends, family, and God became stronger. And also what an amazing opportunity it was to meet such an amazing child of God.”

## Margaret Thurman

“Everyday and at all times, Jesus is with me.... He is with me through hardships as well as joyous times. It is through Him that I have learned in whatever situation I am in, to be content. As the Apostle, Paul, stated in Philippians 4: 11-13, “I am not saying this because I am in need, for I have learned to be content whatever the circumstances. I know what it is to be in need, and I know what it is to have plenty. I have learned the secret of being content in any and every situation, whether well fed or hungry, whether living in plenty or in want. I can do all this through him who gives me strength.” ...I have learned that whether win or lose, good or bad, light or dark, rain or shine, from the courage and power I receive through Christ, I am fulfilled. I am content.”

## Wade Robins

Recently, I had a life changing experience that strengthened my faith, and I felt Jesus’s presence more than ever before. On April 10 of this year, I found out that one of my best friends had cancer. I felt scared, upset, and confused. I questioned why a diagnosis like this was given to one of the nicest guys I know. Why did my friend have to get so sick and face this horrible fight? I didn’t know what to do, so I prayed. I prayed harder than I had ever prayed before. My family and I gathered close friends and asked them to pray with us. Kai, our youth director here at St. John’s, really helped me understand my emotions. Only days after the diagnosis, Kai came over to my house and met with five of my friends and me. We discussed our faith and we prayed together. We began to understand that we could not fix our friend, but we could rely on each other for support. Most importantly, Kai taught us that God and Jesus were here for all of us. After 6 rounds of chemotherapy, and with a fighting spirit, my friend came home from the hospital. Just this Friday, we received the best news! My friend’s PET scans came back all clear! I know that our prayers helped him and his family get through this difficult time. My life is going to have some tough times, but with my belief in Jesus Christ and the power of prayer, I will have strength to help overcome challenges.

## Sascha Medina

“Jesus is central in my life because he is our savior, he is the helper and he is our father. He is our savior because he saves us for the challenges and prepares us a heavenly kingdom. He is the helper because he helps us overcome everything. He is our father because he loves and provides for us more than we know. An example of him being our savior, helper, and father is when my grandmother got sick. She was diagnosed with two different cancers and our loving father provided hope for my family. He was our helper by working through the doctors who treated her. He was our savior because he saved us from all changes in this world, preparing us for the heavenly kingdom. This is not the only example of his love, but it is one that has touched me the most. These three things are what I believe Jesus is to me: He is my father, my helper, my savior.”

## Upcoming in GIFT Women's Ministry

### GIFT Women's Ministry Fall Circle



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. Books are available for purchase in Seasons Gifts.



*In August, 70+ people attended GIFT's Pray for Our Schools event. Featured speakers included Meredith Williams, principal at North Rowan, Tonya German, principal at East Rowan, and Luke Brown, principal of Salisbury High sang. In September, GIFT met at Cauble Creek Vineyard for the Celebration of Our GIFTs event. Pastor Laura led a devotion and table discussion. The ladies enjoyed a night of fellowship and laughter.*



Every quarter, GIFT Women's Ministry hosts a social gathering at a home filled with great food, beverages, lots of laughter, and catching up. Bring a snack to share! Our next Wild Women Social is Saturday, Oct. 16 at 7 pm at Lauren Stephenson's house! More details to come. Questions? Email Pastor Laura, [laura@stjohns-salisbury.org](mailto:laura@stjohns-salisbury.org).

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## Senior Seasons Events and Trips

Senior Seasons Fall Season is in full swing. The Academy Kick-Off was a success! Special thanks to our speaker, WBTV's David Whisnant. Classes began the following week. Don't miss out on our upcoming events and trips. Brochures are available in the tract racks. If you have any questions, contact Diane Poole, Director of Senior Adults.



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 Congregation

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## When the Need is There

### *Get to know our Durable Medical Equipment Check Out System*

*Remember this: The person who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and the person who sows generously will also reap generously. Each person should do as he has decided in his heart—not reluctantly or out of necessity, for God loves a cheerful giver. – 2 Corinthians 9:6-7*

Thanks to new member, Lynn Denker, the Durable Medical Equipment donated to St. John's is cleaned, cleared for appropriately working parts, and ready for St. John's members to check out and use for rehabilitation and recovery following a medical procedure or accident.

Lynn has sorted, organized, rehabbed, and cleaned the donated items. In addition, she has completed the arduous task of developing a spread sheet so record keeping is quick and checking items in and out is easily managed. It is just like checking a book out and returning it at the library!

If you or a family member has need of equipment, we have quite a few pieces in storage in the main Sanctuary Building. In gathering the DME's, the Community Care Clinic was a heavy donor, as well as many individuals who no longer need items they had purchased while convalescing. Carolyn Byrd, Chair of Health Care Ministry, thought it a great idea to share the wealth of such items among our parishioners. Saving money is a respected stewardship taught in the Bible, and the HCM is happy to assist in that endeavor.

As a technical point, DME means Durable Medical Equipment, and durable is a key concept. The term durable suggests the equipment is reusable, modern and/or up-to-date, sturdy, fully functional, and able to be cleaned to medical specifications.

All pieces of DME are used to assist in recovery and rehabilitation. There are a plethora of needs for DME's, but the important thing is that

each piece is necessary to the goal of maintaining good health, a subject close to the hearts of HCM members. The group cannot accept disposable supplies of any type, only equipment.

Currently in stock are crutches (aluminum), walkers, rollators (walkers with wheels and pouches and brakes), bedside commodes, shower chairs and benches, and wheelchairs. Some of these items are available in extra large, extra tall, or extra wide.

Lynn and her husband, John, spent some time using Clorox solution to clean each piece of equipment.

If you check out an item, please wipe it down prior to returning it. If you are donating items, please check for bent, broken, or dirty pieces before delivery to our church.

Lynn will further disinfect each item and check for wear and tear. We want our Church family to be safe, healthy and enjoy a full recovery without fear of spreading unnecessary germs or becoming injured on less than fully functioning pieces of equipment.

To contact Lynn about a need in your family, email her at [ladenker62@gmail.com](mailto:ladenker62@gmail.com) or call her at 805.455.0252.



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## Flu Shot Clinic Oct. 10

St. John's Health Care Ministry's annual flu clinic will run from 3 - 6 pm, Oct. 10, in the fellowship hall. Bring your insurance card. All major insurances accepted including Medicaid and Medicare. Provided by Scott Plyler through WalMart.

# Council Nominees

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Larry Breitwieser

Larry Breitwieser is a retired Machinist. He joined St. John's in 2016. He served on council at previous congregations, St. Mark's Lutheran, where he also served on executive committee and Wittenberg Lutheran. At St. Mark's, Larry also served as an usher and was part of the adult discussion Sunday School class. Larry currently serves as a substitute driver for Meals on Wheels, attends the Thursday Morning Men's Bible Study, and participates in 9:27 am Worship as a communion server.

Larry says, "I consider it a privilege to be asked to serve on the congregation council. I feel it is a good appointment to further serve the Lord and expand my knowledge and strengthen relationships with fellow Christians here at St. John's."



Mary Wymbs

Mary Wymbs joined St. John's in 2005. She is director of Network Communications and Infrastructure at Winston-Salem State University. She has previously served St. John's as a member of the Strategic Planning Committee, Call Committee, St. John's Leadership Training, and as a youth group volunteer. Mary currently serves on 11 am Worship committee.

Mary says, "When my husband and I moved to Salisbury over 14 years ago, one of the most important decisions we made was to walk through the doors of St. John's Lutheran Church. Since that faith-filled moment, we have been graciously and warmly received. Now, my two daughters are growing up in the church and I want to help craft and guide St. John's story over the next three years and beyond. The people at St. John's have given me and my family so much over the last 14 years; I feel it is time for me to give my time, and serving on our council is a small part of me doing just that.



Mike Edwards

Mike Edwards joined St. John's in 2013. He previous served on congregation council and executive committee at Lutheran Chapel in China Grove, NC. While at Lutheran Chapel, he also participated as a leadership discipleship committee member and usher. At Holy Trinity Lutheran Church in Gastonia, NC, he volunteered with the youth group and in global missions.

Mike Edwards is an experienced mentor and leader who utilized those skills as retail manager of Walmart. He enjoys working with people and is eager to become more involved in activities at the church that can benefit from those skills. His civic engagement includes President of Kiwanis, Salisbury Lion's Club, Board member of the Sout Rowan YMCA, and Vice President of Family Crisis Council.



David Hord

David Hord joined St. John's in 2014. He is a public school teacher at Jesse Carson High School. While attending Lutheran Chapel in China Grove, David served on council as President, Vice President, and Secretary. He also chaired various committees, taught Sunday school, and led worship services on occasion. He is presently a member of Adult Discipleship, Chancel Choir and St. John's Men's Chorus. He has completed the Disciple Bible Study course and participates in small groups.

David says, "I believe that we are all called to service. Our service can be different things at different times in our lives. Church councils need people who bring varied skill sets, but are unified in their love for the Lord. My background may prove useful.

# Council Nominees

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Fred Krusemark

Fred Krusemark was a member of St. John's from 2010-2012, and joined again in 2016. Fred is an HR Executive and Consultant. At previous congregations, Fred served as Eucharist minister, board member on Christian education, retreat planner and leader, choir member, and Sunday School teacher. At St. John's, Fred is a communion team member, serves on the "strategies for growth" committee, and sings with the chancel choir and men's chorus. He attends Sunday School, a life group, and Thursday Morning Men's Bible Study. His community service involvement includes serving as Lead Financial Interviewer and Lead Life Coaching at Rowan Helping Ministries, Meals on Wheels delivery, St. John's Tent Village building team, board member and past president and board member of "Mental Health America of Central Carolinas," as well as various other community service projects.

Fred says, "I feel truly blessed to be part of the St. John's family. In return, I offer my time and talents to help share this blessing with others in our community. As stated in James 2:26, 'I believe faith without works is dead.'"



Randy Overcash

Randy Overcash joined St. John's in 2011. He is a retired veteran from the US Army and a retired educator. He served as council president at Mt. Moriah Lutheran Church in China Grove, NC. He is a Vice President of the St. John's Men's Chorus, is co-chair of Worship and the Arts Ministry group, and has previously served as choir director at several churches.

Randy says, "I feel called to a higher level of leadership at St. John's. My life experiences give me unique qualifications to serve in this capacity, through my background leadership in worship leadership, as an educator (both as a teacher and administrator), and through my 20-year career in the U.S. Army."



Davis Brown

Davis Brown has attended St. John's since 2012 and joined in 2016. He is a professor. He currently participates in senior communion and music programs at St. John's. He previously participated with Meals on Wheels and adult bible study.

Davis says, "I am honored to have been asked by others to stand for election, especially since I have never actively sought office. If elected, I bring experiences that include military service, legal practice, university professorship, musicianship, and lifelong belief in God, Christ, and the Church."



Mike Agee

Mike Agee joined St. John's in 1986. He is a retired electrical engineer. He has served on council and executive committee. He has previously served as a committee chairperson and youth group volunteer. Mike currently serves as a ministry group team member, committee member, usher, scout volunteer, Rowan Helping Ministries volunteer, and as part of the G2G steering committee. Mike also attends the Thursday Morning Men's Bible Study.

Mike says, "In 1986, we moved to Salisbury with two small children. St. John's welcomed us with open arms and quickly made us part of the church family. I have volunteered in several areas of St. John's. I feel my professional experience and my broad knowledge of St. John's would benefit the council."



# Council Nominees

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Charlie Sowers

Charlie Sowers grew up as a member of St. John's. He is a financial advisor and retired CPA. He has previously served on council as treasurer. Charlie was a member of the finance committee, a youth group volunteer, and served as treasurer for over 47 years.

Charlie feels his extensive financial background and contacts would be of service to the church council. He served on the board of the NC Association of CPAs and was titled Senior Investment Management Specialist on a former financial institution. Charlie also has strong St. John's heritage. His fourth great grandfather, Paul Hinkel, was the first Lutheran pastor in NC and his grandfather was senior pastor of St. John's.



Larry Britt

Larry Britt joined St. John's in 1975. He was a Rowan-Salisbury School Administrator. Larry Britt has served on the congregation council at least 4 times. He has also served on executive committee, scholarship committee, personnel committee, and kindergarten committee. Larry was also previously a member of the Men's Chorus, communion assistant, and reader. Larry presently serves as an usher team captain.

Larry says, "St. John's, throughout its rich history, has had members that freely give their time and talents to spread the love of God. Programs sponsored by our church enrich our community and our synod. Our missions programs spread God's love throughout the world. Through faith and prayer, the members of our Congregation Council provide leadership in seeking God's purpose and direction for our church. As a member of St. John's, I offer what talents God has given me in service to my God and my church."



Crystal Ryerson

Crystal Ryerson joined St. John's in 2006. She is marketing and enrollment manager at RCCC. She serves as Sunday School assistant, scout secretary and committee member, and on the 9:27 Worship welcome team.

Crystal says, "This is such a great opportunity to share my church and community. I grew up in a Southern Baptist church and moved to NC. My husband attended this church and we started attending. This opportunity will allow me to learn about the Lutheran Church and to give back. I currently work at Rowan-Cabarrus Community College in marketing and recruiting. I am married with two children (17 and 9)."

## Youth Nominees:



Anna Grace Woolly  
11th grader at Salisbury High School



Archie Dees  
11th grader Salisbury High School

# Around the Church and Community

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## Locally Sourced Food Boxes Available

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

Each "Winter Harvest" box (\$35 value) will be available for pick up or delivery every other Wednesday, after work, for 10



weeks from November through March. Each box contains a dozen eggs, a loaf of bread plus a revolving list of produce and other goods depending on what is available such as lettuce, cucumbers, bok choy, spinach, kale, collards, potatoes, sweet potatoes, onions, apples,

honey, jam, mushrooms, corn meal, garlic, baked goods, squash and herbs. All items are purchased from local farmers and vendors; most items are harvested the same day.

Cost is \$350 for 10 weeks (\$50 off if you pick up). A half share box (once a month) is \$175 (pick up only).

\$100 deposit is needed prior to November 5 to save your spot. Space is limited. Go to [www.breadriot.org](http://www.breadriot.org) to sign up. You may pay by check or Pay Pal.

This is a great way to support our local farmers and have good food to eat during the winter! Questions can be sent to [info@breadriot.org](mailto:info@breadriot.org) or call Dottie Hoy, 704.603.8029

## Volunteers Needed for Meals on Wheels

Volunteers are needed for Meals on Wheels delivery at 10:30 am on the first Wednesday of each month. A partner is helpful, but not required. Volunteers will meet at the Meals on Wheels Office at 1307 S. Salisbury Ave. Spencer, NC. **Route 7 is currently available:** This particular route is within the Salisbury City limits and takes about an hour. It begins at Wiley School Apartments, with several stops on Elm Street, Villas at Hope Crest, Salisbury Village Apartments, and Sterling Trace Apartments.

Contact Amy or Elaine for further information. Someone will ride along with you until you are comfortable going solo.

Substitute drivers are needed! Please give us a call if you would like to be added to the list.

First Wednesday Coordinator:  
Amy Ritchie at 704.798.3665,  
[amyritchie@fibrant.com](mailto:amyritchie@fibrant.com)

Second Wednesday Coordinator: Elaine Gerst at  
704.431.6115, [elainegerst2424@gmail.com](mailto:elainegerst2424@gmail.com)



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## St. John's Serves at Rowan Helping Ministries

A group of St. John's members participated in a Food for Thought packing party, on Tuesday, Sept. 11 at Rowan Helping Ministries. Food for Thought is a program that provides backpacks of food for students to take home from school, so they are well nourished and ready to learn. According to a recent Salisbury Post article, Food for Thought has provided meals to over 500 students so far this school year!



# Worship and the Arts

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**Jason Harwood**

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**AS THE CHANCEL CHOIR** begins to rehearse music for Reformation Sunday, All Saints Sunday, the Community Love Feast, Lessons and Carols, and Christmas, an enthusiastic invitation is extended to any High School –Adult singer to join them. Rehearsals are held each Wednesday at 7:15 pm in the Choir Room to prepare to lead our 11 am worship service in liturgy, song, proclamation and anthems. It's not too late to join them for the season!

**ST. JOHN'S WOMEN'S ENSEMBLE** will be rehearsing on Sunday, Oct. 14 and Sunday, Oct. 28 at 5 pm in the Youth Choir Room. It is still not too late to be part of the fun, fellowship and singing!

**ST. JOHN'S MEN'S CHORUS** is still welcoming High School – Adult male voices to join in rehearsals which are held each Sunday at 4 pm in the Choir Room. Rehearsals will continue at 4 pm each Sunday afternoon as the Men's Chorus prepares for their Christmas Concert, *Light of the World*, on Sunday, Dec. 9, 2018 at 4 pm in the main sanctuary of St. John's and also for St. John's Service of Lessons and Carols on Sunday, Dec. 16, 2018 at 11 pm.

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

**Community 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 pm on in the main Sanctuary.

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

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## Save the Date

*Community Block Party on Jackson St., Nov. 3*

Remember the days when you knew your neighbors?

The bible tells us to love our neighbor over 10 times, yet most of us nowadays do not even know our neighbors name.

Nov. 3, from 3pm- 7pm, we are shutting down Jackson Street with food, fun and fellowship.

Not only can you enjoy beautiful Fall weather, eating a hotdog and enjoying some amazing music, but this is also a great opportunity for us to get to know the community that we are here to serve.

So, invite your neighbor, your coworker, your best friends, your "not-so best" friends, your crazy uncle, the checkout attendant at Food Lion... invite whoever you want! This is going to be a great time, so make sure you don't miss it!





# Around the Church and Community

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## Reformation Sunday and Museum Opening Oct. 28

Reformation Sunday is Sunday, Oct. 28.

The 11 am worship service features a variety of St. John’s musicians, brass, and festival liturgy. Due to travel complications, Ensemble Nobiles, from Leipzig, Germany, will no longer be leading worship.

Later that day, we will continue honoring our church heritage with the opening of the first exhibit at the St. John’s Museum. The exhibit opens in commemoration of the 250th Anniversary of the deed of the first church building.

Look for more information in the November Eagle’s View.



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## Council Awards \$34,250 in Endowment Grants

The St. John’s Endowment Fund was established in 1974 by a gift from the will of D.J. Mahaley to provide additional financial support for community outreach, the North Carolina Synod of the ELCA, and the missions of the ELCA on this continent and worldwide. Council distributes grants twice/year, in March and September. On September 18, the Congregation Council approved the following grant requests:

Sudan Rowan (Scholarship Assistance for our school in South Sudan)	\$1500
Isenberg Elementary School (Books)	\$2000
ELCA International Women Leaders (Scholarship)	\$1000
La Escuela Integrada (Food for students at our school in Guatemala)	\$3000
Agape-Kure Beach Ministries (Completion of Bolick Health Ctr.)	\$1000
Dar al-Kalima University building fund (only Lutheran college in Mid East)	\$5000
Lutheridge (Program expenses for the new Kairos Confirmation Camp)	\$2000
Barnabas Ministry at St. John’s	\$2000
Community Care Clinic (Medicines & Supplies)	\$1500
Julie Carr Memoire (Printing Expenses)	\$2500
St. John’s CDC Playground	\$3000
Lutheran Services Carolinas (Resettling refugee family support)	\$3000
Prevent Child Abuse Rowan	\$3000
Meals on Wheels (sponsorships)	\$3750
Total:	\$34,250

# Our Lutheran Partners

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## Hurricane and Flood Relief Needs your Help



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

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

Learn more on the Lutheran Disaster Response Facebook or [ELCA.org](http://ELCA.org).

## Father –Son Retreat at Agape Camp

November 30– Dec. 1



Fathers, sons, grandfathers— this retreat offers a great opportunity to connect! Gather around the campfire, tell stories, fish, shoot an arrow, or explore the woods of Agape. The retreat is free for children 3 and under, \$60 for 3 to 12 years, and \$90 for ages 13 and up. This includes meals, one night lodging , retreat staff, and programs activities. Further information on what to bring, directions to Agape, etc will be sent upon receipt of registration and \$50 reservation deposit. Register online at <https://tinyurl.com/father-son-agape>

## LTSS Scholarship Drive



Scholarships at Lutheran Theological Southern Seminary seek to provide meaningful and direct financial assistants to all seminarians. The purpose of scholarships is to enable seminarians to give themselves completely to their study and formation as future servants of the church without the worry of seminary indebtedness. It is through the committed generosity of faithful donors that scholarships are made possible.

A scholarship is established with a \$25,000 gift. If you are not prepared to make a gift at that level, a donor may build the fund to \$25,000 through smaller gifts; however, distribution will not occur until the fund reaches \$25,000. Once fully established at the \$25,000 level, your scholarship will be funded on an annual basis. Scholarships are gifts that remain in perpetuity, helping to train future leaders of the Lutheran church.

Contact The Reverend Dr. Robert E. Allen for more information, 828.328.7313 or [Robert.allen@lr.edu](mailto:Robert.allen@lr.edu)

# Seasons Gifts

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## Seasons Gifts is Ready for Autumn

By Gerrie Blackwelder

Following what appears to have been a successful sale in August, Season's Gift Shop has restocked with items that suit every member of the family. Like most, I am usually drawn to the sweet and wonderful children's items or to women's jewelry, but this month I have been most drawn to the beautiful birdhouses.

The ceramic structures come in a couple of styles that are both appealing to the eye and appropriate for a very special population. Perhaps, like many others, you have friends or family members who are in nursing homes or are shut-ins for a period of convalescence. If so, the birdhouses are a wonderful gift that reaches that special someone in a natural and beautiful manner.

Placed just outside a window the birdhouse provides hours of natural beauty, as birds make a home for the winter months to come. The houses come in natural brown tones so are not offensive in a garish way to the landscape and give the birds a natural setting that will allow them to feel comfortable.

Imagine yourself alone at home or in a facility of care with only a television for company. A birdhouse, full if life would make a thoughtful and pleasant gift that you would probably enjoy, so share the idea with someone you love soon.

Another gift appropriate for an active cook, is a bread warmer basket with a warming tile. The time is composed of pottery and is simply beautiful. For buns, biscuits, or breads of any kind, this is a beautiful serving accessory!

And for little ones who need focused stimulation in a world filled with anything but, investigate the Pretend Play sets that build imagination and lead children to natural discovery of jobs and responsibilities. You may find a Veterinarian set that allows children to imagine that field and has auxiliary prescription pads, stickers for pet patients, as well as a Doctor of Veterinary Science Certificate to hang on the wall. Other sets include everything to make a learning environment for School or a Diner, named Best Pals! What a wonderful way to learn to care for animals, understand the importance of reading and writing in school, or get on the job math skills at the diner.



There is also the stock appropriate for our members newly born. Natural burp cloths, fabulously beautiful christening bibs, and sweet, sweet baby jewelry are on display over by the window, shedding light on our responsibility of bringing light to the lives of little ones born into our fold.

For dads, there are man tools, beer openers, and ties, and books...again. And a shrinking stock of shoe shine kits! Go figure.

But for grown up girls, there are a myriad of things to enjoy from household handy items, to scarves, pottery canisters and baskets, and charming things called jewelry that simply cry out for you and need homes! Come visit soon! Stock is dwindling as we speak!



# Adult Discipleship

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## Interested in Joining the Church?

*Our next Encounter Class is Oct. 14 at 6 pm*

One way to take a next step at St. John's is by attending one of our Encounter Classes.

In the class you'll learn about the congregation's purpose, various ministries, and our great desire to help you connect faith and life. In addition we'll share basic information about the Lutheran church, including its many ministries around the world ... and, of course, leave time for your own questions.

For some, Encounter leads to membership at St John's ... although that's certainly not an expectation. It's simply an opportunity for you to learn as much as you can about this special place. If you *do* choose to join the church (either as a member or as "associate member," in which you maintain your full membership elsewhere), we will welcome new members on a Sunday that is convenient for you.

**The next Encounter Class is scheduled for Oct. 14 at 6 pm in room 218.**

To find out more about our next Encounter Class and how to get involved at St. John's, please email Pastor Laura at [laura@stjohns-salisbury.org](mailto:laura@stjohns-salisbury.org).



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## Think Lutheran.

*For those new and those ready to renew their faith.*

On Wednesdays in October, we begin a new course on Lutheranism for adults.

Pastor Laura says many of our members come from different church backgrounds and may not be familiar with some of the Lutheranism basics. And that's okay. This course is designed to be a fun way for adults to learn and engage with our Lutheran heritage.

Pastor Laura says, "Think Lutheran is a new addition to our Adult Discipleship. If you are new to Lutheranism or want to renew your faith, this is the class for you."

The course will hit five core topics of the Lutheran denomination (history, the Creed, 10 Commandments, Lord's Prayer, and the Sacraments) in 3 to 4 weeks sessions that will help us to "Think Lutheran." If you end up going through all five classes, we will have a fun (and funny) patch for your grand achievement.

The first of the five sessions will last three weeks, Oct. 24, Nov. 7, and Nov. 14, and will take place in the education hall. The course is at 6:30 pm, so participants can enjoy Wednesday Night Meals before heading into class.

An online portion is also in the works, to make the course more available to members who have other obligations on Wednesday nights, like Choir rehearsal.

If you have any questions, contact Pastor Laura Henrik, pastor for discipleship, at [laura@stjohns-salisbury.org](mailto:laura@stjohns-salisbury.org).



# Adult Discipleship

## Join a LifeGroup at St. John's!

*GroupLink is Oct. 21 at 6:30 pm*

Are you ready to dig deeper into relationships at St. John's, draw closer to Christ, and serve the community? Consider joining a LifeGroup.

A GroupLink event to match small group participants is slated for Sunday, Oct. 21, from 6:30 to 8 pm in Peeler Hall. Participants will be brought together in groups of eight to 12 who are in the same stage of life or who hold a common interest, says Pastor Laura Henrik, who leads the LifeGroup effort as pastor for discipleship.

For example, LifeGroups could be set up for young moms, for couples with young children, for singles — for anyone who wants a small-group experience within the framework of a larger congregation.

lifegroups



*LifeGroup serving at Rowan Helping Ministries*

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## More Adult Discipleship Opportunities

Already a member of a LifeGroup? St. John's offers a number of other adult discipleship opportunities, throughout the week.

### **Adult Sunday School**

On Sundays, there are two Sunday School Classes that meet in the education hall, the Martin Luther Class, taught by Gary Rhodes and Krista Woolly, and the Miller Class, taught by Dr. Gary Freeze.

### **Women's Bible Study**

Every Tuesday morning, the Women's Bible Study meets at 8 am at Panera Bread with Pastor Laura to discuss the preaching text for the following Sunday. Attendees receive the reading via email each Monday.

If you would like to attend the Women's Bible Study, please send your email to [angel@stjohns-salisbury.org](mailto:angel@stjohns-salisbury.org) to receive the weekly reading.

### **Men's Bible Study**

On Thursday mornings at 7:30 am, the Men's Bible Study meets at Trinity Oaks for breakfast, followed by Bible Study

with Pastor Rhodes. The men also receive the preaching text for the week via email.

If you would like to attend the Men's Bible Study, please send your email to [joy@stjohns-salisbury.org](mailto:joy@stjohns-salisbury.org) to receive the weekly reading.



*About two dozen men typically meet each week for the Thursday morning Men's Bible Study.*

## Consider a Gift to the Dar al-Kalima Building Pledge Drive

By Susan Shinn Turner

During October, members of St. John's will have the opportunity to raise money for Dar al-Kalima University College of Arts and Culture in Bethlehem.

Dr. Mitri Raheb, former pastor of Christmas Lutheran Church in Bethlehem, founded this institution (see accompanying note from Mitri). He and Christmas Lutheran are longstanding mission partners with St. John's. In 2017, the university completed its Library and Multimedia Resource Center, but had a shortfall of \$180,000.

St. John's has set a fundraising goal of \$5,000 during this month, with another \$5,000 in matching grants.

Michael Connor, who leads the congregation's Palestine Ministry, is also leading this fundraising effort. Michael has visited the Holy Land three times, including serving as a ecumenical accompanist through the World Council of Churches for three months in spring 2017. He and his wife, B.J., will return to Palestine for 10 days in January as tour leaders for Bright Stars of Bethlehem, which raises funds for the university here in the U.S. In 2020, they'll spend three months volunteering at a guest house in the Old City of Jerusalem.

During the past several years, St. John's has hosted three events in conjunction with the university: the Room for Hope culinary event in September 2015, the Palestinian art show later that year, and the Palestinian Unlimited photography exhibit in March 2018. In addition, St. John's is also a host site for the annual simulcast from Christmas Lutheran Church and the National Cathedral in Washington, DC.



"We've had a longstanding relationship with the university and with Mitri," Michael notes.

During this month's congregational retreat at Lutheridge, Michael hopes to show a brief promotional video about the effort. Pastor Rhodes will also add his encouragement. Also this month, look for bulletin inserts and Faith+Life Moment presentations from Michael and from Betty Brown.

"The university encourages free thinking," Michael says, "and it allows individuals to invest in the future leaders of Palestine. The other aspect of this project is the opportunity for student exchanges, forums, and conferences."

In his endeavors, Michael has had support from Mitch Siegel, who is Jewish. Mitch is a member of the Chancel Choir and the Men's Chorus.

Mitch explains, "Judaism looks upon Dar al-Kalima's plight in two ways. First, when it comes to charity, Jews are compelled to offer charity (to be viewed as a gift) as long as one is able. This is viewed as a deed of loving kindness, a righteous act or, a 'mitzvah.' Many modern Jews would see that by helping Dar al-Kalima, they would be decreasing the influence of Hezbollah in the West Bank.

"The second view Judaism would be what is termed *Tikun Olam* (the healing of the world). This is based on the concept that the Messiah cannot come into a world where chaos rules and unconditional love is lacking. Reformed Judaism views Messiahship in this way: Each of us carries a spark of the Messiah. When humanity truly comes together then the healing of the world can take place. Thus, a contribution toward this monumental task is always welcomed."



## A note from the Rev. Dr. Mitri Raheb



Dear sisters and brothers at St. John's,

Greetings from the little town of Bethlehem.

Dar al-Kalima University College of Arts and Culture (DAK) is the first and only Lutheran college in the entire Middle East among 350 million Arab and Muslim people. DAK is the first and only university in Palestine with a focus on art and culture.

The Library and Multimedia Resource Center was a requirement by the accrediting ministry of higher education. Any university that gives bachelor's degrees has to have a library. Otherwise, it will lose its accreditation and will function as a community college only. This innovative library houses not only over 25,000 books and media titles in Arabic and English from primarily American authors and film makers, but serves as a center for students, community forums and academic research excellence between the people of the United States and Palestine.

The library creates free access to information while giving equal access to men and women in promoting gender equality. This also supports and informs citizens — that is key for a strong, civil, and inclusive society. The library has an archive for Palestinian art, which is the first of its kind in Palestine. This will help maintain the Palestinian cultural heritage in general and

Palestinian Christian heritage in particular.

The building is a statement of hope and resilience in a very difficult situation.

Our relationship with St. John's started many years ago. I was able to visit and speak at the church several times, and we were thrilled to host a group from St. John's here in Bethlehem as well. This partnership in Christ is something that we cherish, and it enables us as Lutherans to reach out to the larger community educating the next generation of creative leaders for Palestine.

Our vision statement is from John 10:10, that we might have life and have it abundantly.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank each and every person at St. John's for your prayers, support, and partnership. We need those especially at times like this.

Blessings,  
Mitri

*Dr. Mitri Raheb is president of Dar al-Kalima University College of Arts and Culture in Bethlehem and former pastor of Christmas Lutheran Church in Bethlehem.*



# Worship Leaders for October

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

## LAY ASSISTING MINISTERS

Oct 7 Gretchen Witt  
Oct 14 Randy Overcash  
Oct 21 Jonathan Williams  
Oct 28 David Roof

## READERS

Oct 7 Ted Goins  
Oct 14 \*Cindy Fink, Karl Kinard  
Oct 21 \*Bob Loeblein, Dan Waggoner  
Oct 28 \*Carol Beaver, Mary Willis Page  
Nov 4 \*Gretchen Witt

## COMMUNION ASSISTANTS

Oct 7 Wesley Rhyne, ^Dennis Rogers  
Oct 14 \*Beth Boger  
Oct 21 Perry Hood, ^Dennis Rogers  
Oct 28 \*Anne Hatchett, Linda Hull, ^Dennis Rogers  
*Reformation* (both 8:30 & 11)  
Nov 4 Marilyn Smith, ^Willi Beilfuss

## ALTAR GUILD

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

## COMMUNION PREPARERS

Oct Laura Salow, Maria Lewis

## GREETERS

Oct 7 Tom and Mimi Carlton, Howard and Diane Everhart  
Oct 14 Bill and Toni Kenerly, Bill and Linda Safrit  
Oct 21 Darrell and Gerrie Blackwelder, Kent and Carol Brown  
Oct 28 Harold and Peggy Mowery, Ott and Julie Pinkston  
Nov 4 Harold and Stamie Overcash, Steve and Karen Puckett

## WELCOME PLACE GREETERS

Oct 7 Barbara Waggoner  
Oct 14 Carol Pomeroy  
Oct 21 Barbara Stauffer  
Oct 28 Linda Phillips  
Nov 4 Janice Raper

## AFTER-SERVICE GREETERS

Oct 7 Karen Rogers, Bill Safrit, Larry Cesario  
Oct 14 Cory Gebhardt, Gary Rhodes, Cindy Fink  
Oct 21 Dennis Ingold, Wesley Rhyne  
Oct 28 Bill Johnson, Karen Puckett, Sacha Witt

## ACOLYTES

Oct 7 Carsyn Parrott, Harrison Parrott  
Oct 14 Maddie Eudy, Tessa Brown  
Oct 21 Kevin Agner, Jared Hensley  
Oct 28 Katherine Sullivan, Sydney Sims

## ELEMENT BEARERS

Oct 7 Susie Trexler  
Oct 21 Caylinn Helm

## CRUCIFERS

Oct 7 David Holden  
Oct 14 Emma Ryerson  
Oct 21 Rebecca Lewis  
Oct 28 Olivia Dagenhart

## TORCH BEARERS

Oct 28 Julie Kenny, Anna Grace Woolly

## BANNER BEARERS

Oct 28 Carolina Houpe, Quinnlan Watson

## BIBLE BEARER

Oct 28 Cali Proper

## NURSERY

Oct 7 Annette Brown, Sandra Jiles  
Oct 14 Annette Brown, Gemma Brown  
Oct 21 Natalee Taylor, Sandra Jiles  
Oct 28 Natalee Taylor, Sandra Jiles

## Eagle's View Deadline

The November Eagle's View will be published in October  
Please email stories and news to  
angel@stjohns-salisbury.org by **October 5!**

## Happy Birthday!

*Congratulations to our Octogenarians  
celebrating*

## October Birthdays:

Janie Allen, Mimi Carlton, Lois Carter, Fran Hoke,  
Karl Kinard, Steven Mozolak, Reggie Munday

## USHERS: Head Ushers

Oct Larry Cesario, Glenn Stokes

### USHER TEAMS

Oct 7 Team 1E\* Tom Childress, Jim Boger  
Team 8 Glenn Ketner, captain  
Oct 14 Team 2E\* Tom Smith, Jim Boger  
Team 9 Cliff Ritchie, captain  
Oct 21 Team 3E\* Bob Loeblein, Jeff Nelson  
Team 10 Larry Britt, captain  
Oct 28 Team 4E\* Bob Rusher, Bobby Rusher  
Team 1 Mark Derrick, captain

### 9:27 COMMUNION PREPARERS

Nov Vernon Davis, Cheryl Sjoblom

### 9:27 COMMUNION ASSISTANTS

Nov Larry Brietweiser, Michele Johnson, Richard and Delores Imblum

### 9:27 HOSPITALITY TEAM

Oct 14 Dean and Tammy Safrit, Judy Klusman, Deb Miller, Lindsey Wineka  
Oct 21 Debbie Carter, Doug Carter, Cheryl van der Poel, Jack van der Poel, Chad van der Poel, Mike Jacobsen, Cyndii Owen  
Oct 28 Stacey Shafer, Grace Shafer, Jack and Jeanie Moore, Adam and Crystal Ryerson

### 9:27 COFFEE VOLUNTEERS

Oct 14 Mike and Sharon Agee  
Oct 21 Dennis and Kathy Ingold, Cyndii Owen, Jill Nothstine  
Oct 28 Stan and Sandy Jordan

### 9:27 USHER TEAM

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

### PA OPERATORS

Oct 7 Darrell Blackwelder  
Oct 14 Roger Alexander  
Oct 21 David Wilson  
Oct 28 Mike Agee

## Worship Attendance

Sept. 2	398
Sept. 9	468
Sept. 16 (hurricane)	185
Sept. 23	597

## St. John's Leadership

### CONGREGATION COUNCIL

2018 President .... Gary Rhodes  
Vice President .... Ben Goodman  
Secretary .... David Phillips  
Treasurer .... Tommy Page  
President-elect ... Bill Johnson

#### 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

Larry Cesario  
Cindy Fink  
David Phillips  
Wesley Rhyne  
Aleksandr (Sacha) Witt

#### Youth Members

David Holden and Spencer Everhart

#### Benevolent Foundation Trustees

Bobby Rusher, Chair  
Nancy Shirley  
John Henderlite  
Chip Bridges  
Chris Agner

### MINISTRY GROUP STAFF CONTACTS

Worship & The Arts – Rob Durocher  
Discipleship – Pastor Laura Henrik  
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, October 7

Buck-A-Meal for September was \$213.00. 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 October.



# Around the Church and Community

## Trinity Living at St. John's Provides Much-needed Respite Care for Adults

By Susan Shinn Turner

They say the journey of 1,000 miles begins with one step. That's also true in building a new program. You have to start at the beginning.

The Trinity Living at St. John's began in August with one participant, and Christina Joyce, executive director of Trinity Living Center, continues to meet with local groups to encourage others to sign up. She's heard from other programs in the state that respite care can be a slow-growing program.

"Once you finally get several people in, it will grow," she says. "But the starting point is really hard."

Christina says she will keep making contacts in the community, says that a handful of volunteers are in place and ready to serve participants. "We know there are people who need the service. We just have not gotten anyone else who's ready to sign up."

The half-day, group respite program is designed to offer caregivers a break, while providing loved ones with a wide range of activities, Christina says. The program is for adults ages 60 and older in the early stages of cognitive memory loss, as recognized by family members.

Trinity Living at St. John's now takes place from 9 am to 1 pm Monday and Thursday, and follows the same schedule as Trinity Living Center. Cost for the program is \$30 per day and includes lunch, snacks, and all activities.

For Debbie King and her husband, Mack, both 68, it's been a godsend. Mack's mom, Evelyn, 91, has been coming twice a week since mid-August.

"She says she sees old friends that she hasn't seen in years," Debbie says, laughing. "We've had her for 2 ½ years, and her memory problems are getting worse. We just think she needs some stimulation outside of us. Lord knows we need it."

On Monday and Thursday, Debbie brings Evelyn over from Mooresville.

"It's a drive, but it's worth every mile," she says. "After six months of having my mother-in-law with us, I wished there had been something like this. It's very stressful on the family."

Debbie wholeheartedly recommends the respite program. "I've already gone on Facebook and recommended it. For respite care, it's absolutely the way to go."

Volunteer Monica Thompson agrees.

"It is just a very, very heartwarming program," she says. "It's so rewarding."

Monica, who lives in China Grove, says that she and Evelyn have done puzzles and made crafts together. "She is such a pleasant person, and it's just awesome. I'm 68, but I think older people are so much fun. I'm really looking forward to us getting more folks, so we can have even more fun."

For more information about Trinity Living at St. John's, please call Christina Joyce or Cynthia Hubbard, site manager, at 704.637.3940.



*Trinity Living at St. John's visited the CDC, and Ms. Evelyn spent some time with the Sugar-n-Spice class!*

# Around the Congregation

## Wednesday Meals

What's on the menu?

**October 3**

**Loaded baked potato bar**, steamed broccoli, baked apples, Boger's best buns, dessert

**October 10**

**Chicken Supreme**, rice with mushrooms, peas and carrots, garden salad, roll, dessert

**October 17**

**Pulled Pork**, green beans, pintos, slaw, cornbread, dessert

**October 24**

**Roasted Chicken**, mac & cheese, broccoli salad, roll, dessert

**October 31**

**Orange glazed pork loin**, pineapple casserole, limas & corn, slaw, dessert

## Congratulations

Tiffany and Chase Kneip on the birth of a son, Easton Maddox Kneip, on September 8, 2018. Tiffany is the daughter of Dennis and Kathy Ingold.

Scott and Amy Peeler on the birth of a son, Graham Peeler, on Sept. 21, 2018. Scott is the son of Pansy and Gerald Peeler.

## Consolation

Donna and Doug Groce, family and friends, on the death of Donna's father, Don Williams, on September 11, 2018 in Florida.

Holly Zemke, Cory and Jennifer Gebhardt, family and friends, on the death of Holly's husband, Gary Zemke, on September 16, 2018.

## How Do You Listen?

*We need your feedback*

At St. John's there are a number of ways to listen to Sunday's sermon. You can stream the service live at 11 am, listen online the day following the service, or listen to the previous week on WSAT 1280.



We want to make sure we are making the service available in ways that best suit those who want to listen. In order to do this, we need your feedback! Email Taylor Hutchins to let him know how you listen, at [taylor@stjohns-salisbury.org](mailto:taylor@stjohns-salisbury.org).

## *"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.



*On Sunday, Sept. 9, Pastor Laura Henrik gave the invocation at the Carolina Panthers NFL football game.*

## Fall in Love with St. John's CDC!

By Barbara Corriher

What's not to love about St. John's CDC? Here are some things that have happened at our CDC because someone fell in love!

**New Books:** Pastor Laura reads to children at the CDC once a month. Pastor Laura was able to get age appropriate Bibles and scripture-based books for each classroom through a Thrivent grant.

Jane Britt, a member of the Rainbow Markers, also purchased a Bible based, age appropriate book for each classroom. These books were presented during a Rainbow Makers Welcome Back to School breakfast for the staff.

**Engage Together Program:** Engage Society is experiencing an ever increasing segregation of the very young and the very old. Most children spend much of their time in child care or school settings with same-aged peers, while older adults often live in communities, such as long term care living centers surrounded by people 60+. Older adults have a lifetime of experience and knowledge. Children are missing out on support, wisdom and guidance from our older generation. To help mend that bridge, Trinity Oaks began the Engage Together program in September. Twice a month, children from the CDC visit Trinity Oaks and twice a month residents from Trinity Oaks visit the CDC. Each week will hold a different activity ranging from music, reading, arts, gardening, off campus outings and luncheons.

**Fall Festival:** The Rainbow Makers will host a Fall Festival for approximately 100 of the CDC's children on Friday, Oct. 26. They should have a lot of fun having their faces painted, catching Goldfish crackers at the Go Fish booth, painting with glow-n-the-dark paint and more.

**A New Monitoring Camera:** A new camera system has been purchased. The previous system's quality was poor and outdated. The center now has a brand new camera that provides clear pictures of the classrooms, the lobby, the playground and the parking lot. This allows our director to monitor the activity inside and outside the building. The new and improved camera is a safety feature for our CDC and can provide helpful feedback if needed.

**Jenifer Mauro:** Jenifer Mauro, also fondly referred to as Jimmer, fell in love with St. John's CDC 18 years ago and the staff and families fell in love with her. She started at the center in the toddler classroom as a co-teacher with our director, Courtney, while she worked toward an associate's degree at RCCC. She eventually took time off from the CDC to pursue her bachelor's degree in early childhood, birth through Kindergarten. After receiving her bachelor's she returned to St. John's as a NC Pre-K teacher in August 2013. In 2015, she became a program coordinator. Jenifer also has taken some master classes at UNC-Charlotte. Her husband is Darin Sifford and they have three children. Her oldest, 9-year-old Ruthie, attends Salisbury Academy and comes to St. John's for after school care. Her younger two children are enrolled at our center. Ollie May is two and is in Busy Bees, while Holt is a three month old and is in Little Lambs. Jenifer says God keeps her here at St. John's because she wants to make a difference in children's lives. St. John's is her mission field. Two things she enjoys about being at St. John's are being able to share her faith with the CDC families and employees. She also enjoys working with Courtney to make sure her vision is accomplished.

Let's all make it our vision to FALL in love with our incredible Child Development Center.





# October 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	<b>1</b> 9a Respite Care 10a Staff Meeting 1p Monday Rembrandts 6:30p Cub Scouts Pack 443 6:30p Salisbury Symphony Chorale 7p Luther Ringers	<b>2</b> 8a Women's Bible Study 9:30a Senior Seasons Fall Academy 7p Worship and the Arts Meeting	<b>3</b> 7:15a High School Breakfast 4:30p Kingdom Kids/EPIC 5:45p Wednesday Meals 6:30p Confirmation 7:15p Chancel Choir	<b>4</b> 7:30a Men's Bible Study 9a Respite Care 10a GIFT Fall Circle 10:15a Trinity Singers 11a Trinity Ringers 12p CDC Advisory Committee 5:30p Property Committee 6p 9:27 Worship Rehearsal 6:30p Financial Peace University 7p Fall Circle	<b>5</b> Churchwide Retreat	<b>6</b> Churchwide Retreat
<b>7</b> <b>CHURCHWIDE RETREAT</b> <b>NO 8:30 AM OR 9:27 AM WORSHIP</b> 11a Sanctuary Worship 11:15a Children's Worship 4p Men's Chorus Rehearsal 7p Religion in the Ancient Mediterranean	<b>8</b> 9a Respite Care 10a Staff Meeting 1p Monday Rembrandts 4p Leadership Development Task Force 6:30p Cub Scout Pack 443 7p Luther Ringers Rehearsal	<b>9</b> 8a Women's Bible Study 9:30a Senior Seasons Fall Academy 4:30p Finance Committee 5:15p Healthcare Ministry Team 7p Sapona District Round Table Meeting	<b>10</b> 7:15a High School Breakfast 3p Flu Shot Clinic 4:30p Kingdom Kids/EPIC 5:45p Wednesday Meals 6:30p Confirmation 7:15p Chancel Choir Rehearsal	<b>11</b> 7:30a Men's Bible Study 9a Respite Care 10a GIFT Fall Circle 10:15a Trinity Singers 11a Trinity Ringers 3p Girl Scout Troop 470 5:15p Executive Council 6p 9:27 Worship Rehearsal 6:30p Financial Peace University 7p GIFT Fall Circle	<b>12</b> 1p St. John's Book Club  <b>EAGLE'S VIEW DEADLINE FOR NOVEMBER ISSUE 12 PM</b>	<b>13</b>
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## St. John's Ministry Staff

### Pastoral Ministry

Senior Pastor .....The Rev. Rhodes Woolly  
 Pastor for Discipleship.....The Rev. Laura Henrik  
 Visitation.....Wade Rouzer

### Worship and Music Ministry

Minister of Music.....Rob Durocher, Deacon  
 Associate Parish Musician.....Rosemary Kinard  
 Director of Music Emeritus.....Karl Kinard, Deacon  
 Director, St. John's Men's Chorus..... Jason Harwood  
 Assisting Organist.....Deanna Boksleitner  
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 Media Specialist.....Taylor Hutchins  
 Contemporary Worship Leader.....Bradley Chestnut

### Program Ministry

Children.....Stacey Shafer  
 Youth .....Kai Thurow  
 Senior Adults .....Diane Poole  
 St. John's Kindergarten (4 and 5 year olds) .....Teresa Stoner  
 Child Development Center (infant –age 4 and after school)....Courtney Bost

### Administrative Team

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 The Rev. Dr. Elizabeth Eaton, Presiding Bishop of the ELCA

## 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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Ruth Ann	203	Rosemary	218
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Pastor Woolly	206	Bradley	222
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If there is a pastoral emergency, please call **704.856.9751** to reach the pastor on call.

Sept. 28– Oct. 4	Pastor Rhodes
Sept. 5– Oct. 11	Pastor Laura
Oct. 12– Oct. 18	Pastor Laura
Oct. 19– Oct. 25	Pastor Rhodes
Oct. 26– Nov. 1	Pastor Rhodes

**Prayer Chain.** Our Prayer Chain is updated daily and emailed to interested persons Monday through Friday. To add or subtract a name, please contact Joy Chaffin at [joy@stjohns-salisbury.org](mailto:joy@stjohns-salisbury.org). Also let Joy know if you would like to receive the daily Prayer Chain.

Let's connect faith and life *together*.

