

Let's connect faith and life *together*



Men's Chorus Spring Concert is May 5, 3 pm *"Wonder, Love and Praise"*

By Susan Shinn Turner

Jason Harwood was trying to plan the theme for the Men's Chorus Spring Concert, and, to be honest, it just wasn't happening. Then he had a revelation: why not ask the experts?

The experts, in this case, were the members of the Men's Chorus.

"I leaned on them a lot," admits Jason, who's led the group since September 2017. Since he is still getting to know the guys on a personal level, he asked the question, "What music have you done that speaks to you?"

Of course, he got a lot of answers — more than he could use for the concert. But together, they nailed down the list, and this year's concert is set for 3 pm Sunday, May 5, in the Sanctuary.

You'll notice a slightly earlier start time, Jason notes. That's because of another concert happening the same day at First Methodist Church, and the chorus is trying to be a good downtown church neighbor.

The St. John's concert will be themed "Wonder, Love and Praise," Jason says. "We're doing a bunch of well-known and well-loved hymns. The concert is centered around the idea of giving praise through song."

And the concert will feature selections that have been meaningful to the men over the years, Jason says. "When singing *Love Divine, All Loves Excelling*, I've often wondered, what would it feel like to be lost in wonder, love and praise?"

The men will explore that possibility in May — as will the congregation since *Love Divine, All Loves Excelling* will be a congregational hymn.

Jason says the men will sing a wide range of songs, such as traditional selections *Come Thou Font*, *Amazing Grace* and *It Is Well With My Soul*, along with *Precious Lord*, which has more of a gospel feel.

For the concert opener, Jason says, "We're doing a brand-new piece called *Silence of the Stones*." It's based on scripture often used on

Read more on page 17.

Pastor's Letter



Krista, Anna, Leo, and I ventured up north for Spring Break, stopping at some of the most historic cities in the country: Washington, DC, and Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. Since Anna and Leo are both high school juniors, we also toured some colleges along the way, but the main item on the agenda was to reconnect with our country's past. And that we did.

If you haven't been to DC or Philly lately, do yourself a favor and go. From a private tour of the Capital (thanks to Congressman Budd's office) to the National Portrait Gallery (the new, life-size Obama portrait is amazing) ... from standing where MLK delivered his "I have a Dream" speech, to a silent walking tour of the Korean War memorial ... from a glimpse at one of the few Gutenberg bibles still in existence (Library of Congress), to an interruption of an NBC live news update at the Supreme Court building (yep, that was us). And that was Day 1!

Anyway, go if you can. You certainly won't regret it.

I learned something new at the Betsy Ross house in Philadelphia. As you probably know, the Pennsylvania colony – and Philadelphia itself -- was founded by William Penn, a Quaker who was determined that the city be designed and ordered according to Quaker beliefs. Central to Quakers is the belief that all are created equal and possess within them a bit of God's eternal light. Government, by extension, must be a work of the people, and decisions should respect the opinions, insights, and "truth" that all bring to the table. And the people, Penn thought, should reflect a rich variety of backgrounds, denominations, and races. He actively recruited non-Anglicans and made sure that Pennsylvania was the first colony to outlaw slavery.

In addition, City leaders gathered in circles so that no one voice was more dominant than another. The country's first flag symbolized that ideal, with 13 stars arranged in a circular pattern, all states as equal partners. Likewise, representatives to the first Continental Congress (1774), chairs arranged in a circle at Carpenters' Hall, weren't yet interested in revolutionary phrases or incendiary actions; they simply wanted the English king to hear their collective voice and be recognized as equal participants in decision-making. Here's an idea: let's force President Trump and leaders of Congress to take a walking tour of Philadelphia! And what if we add to that list talk show hosts from MSNBC and Fox

News? Reconnecting with a little Quaker-inspired ideology just might make a difference in these oddly combative, ego-centered, overly-opinionated times we're living in. Or we could always hope

Until then, circle up with some friends and enjoy some time together. Listen to each other's opinions and be open to glimpses of light that emanates from within. Sounds like a good way to spend a Spring evening, doesn't it?

Blessings to you and yours this month. What a joy it is to work in the Garden with you.

+Pastor Rhodes



Carpenters' Hall, Philadelphia, PA



Hey kids: Sign up *now* for Summer Camps!

By Angel Owens

Now is the time to sign up for Summer Camps at St. John's and our Lutheran Partners!

During the Summer, we take a break from our Wednesday programming, but that doesn't mean there aren't plenty of Christ-centered, fun activities for our Kingdom Kids!

This Summer, we are offering 3 different individual day camp opportunities at St. John's for elementary-aged children.

Vacation Bible School is earlier in the summer this year, now June 17-21, 9 am – 12 pm, and as always, VBS is FREE and open to the community. 3-year olds to rising 5th graders are invited to join us for an epic African Safari Adventure. At "Roar!", our herd of kids will explore God's goodness and celebrate a ferocious faith that powers them through this wild life. Get ready for songs, games, drama, science experiments, and more! Learn more on page 4.

Hands and Feet Camp is a service-based camp for St. John's rising 3rd –5th graders, July 8-11, led by high school students. Space is limited to 20 students, so register now! Learn more on page 6.

All Things Bright and Beautiful is a FREE music and arts camp July 29– Aug. 2, 9 am– 12 pm, for rising Kindergarten through 5th graders. This camp is open to the community and has a limited number of spaces, so register now! Learn more on page 5.

Some of a child's earliest memories of faith formation and involvement in church ministry— engaging in worship and music, service, and fun— can happen at summer camp and VBS.

When Caroline Parrott helped lead Hands and Feet Camp back in 2015, a parent shared that her son felt the same way, "My son told me yesterday that he felt like he was now becoming a part of the church. It's ironic that it took this Hands and Feet camp to make an impression like that. After all we've been taking him to church since he was 2."

It's also not too late to sign up for camp at NovusWay locations, like Lutheridge and Lutherock, or Camp Agapé. There are options for all age groups and families.

After May 1, a late registration rate applies.

Lutheridge Camp options include, Music Camp, Hammock Hangout, Rock & Raft, High in th Sky, Nite Owls, Cave & Wave, Canoe Camp, A.T. Trek, Grandparents CampPony Express, and much more.

Agapé Camps include Night Owls, Beach Camp, Surf Camp, Horse Camp, Classic!, Prime!, Moonlight, SIT Servants, Nature Discovery, Grand Camp, and more!

Visit www.novusway.org, agapekurebeach.org, or check out the booklets in the track racks.



Vacation Bible School

*Wherever you lead me, I'm gonna follow
I'm trusting you, God, you are good!
Life will get crazy, wild and amazing,
I'm trusting you, God, you are good!*

By Susan Shinn Turner

Are you ready for a wild adventure this summer? Then send your kids to Roar! VBS, where Life is Wild and God is Good.

This “mane” event is set for June 17-21 for 3-year-olds through rising fifth-graders. Each day from 9 am until noon, children will meet a different jungle animal who will share the day’s key Bible verse. Children will explore the Old Testament story of the Israelites in the wilderness, and learn about Jesus’ death and resurrection.

Children will rotate through stations featuring games, videos, music and movement, science and art, Bible stories, and, everyone’s favorite: snacks!

Stacey Shafer will be leading VBS for the first time since becoming children’s minister in September.

“This year, we will be having more games, and our snacks are themed to go with the Bible story of the day,” Stacey says.

As always, the children will gather as a large group at the beginning and end of each day. In between, they’ll break into “crews” led by adults and middle school or high school volunteers.

Stacey says that St. John’s VBS averages more than 250 children each year since moving into the Faith Center in 2015 — the very first event there — and has a long track record of success with the Group VBS kits.

“It gets Bible stories across in a fun way,” Stacey says. “My two older children still talk about the snacks. You can make them at home, too. And they always love the songs.”

Parents should definitely be prepared to hear the songs all



summer long.

It also takes about 40 volunteers to staff VBS.

“My goal is to have two people in charge of each crew of kids,” Stacey says. “Teamwork is a great thing at VBS.”

There are places for helpers with the crews, with music and dance, with snacks, crafts, and Bible stories. If you’d like to serve, please contact Stacey in the church office.

“If you love Jesus and love kids, we want you!”

“I want good energy with all the children’s programming,” Stacey says. “I want people to be excited about working with the kids, and make it a fun experience for everybody.”

So grab your safari gear, and we’ll see you in June!

Register Online:

stjohns-salisbury.org/event/vbs2019

Sign up to Donate Items Donate Items:

<http://tinyurl.com/roarsnacks>

Volunteer Meeting:

Wednesday May 22, at 6 pm in the Pit. All volunteers are should to attend to discuss volunteer roles, t-shirt sizes, and Safe Gathering requirements.



*All things bright and beautiful
All creatures great and small
All things wise and wonderful
The Lord God made them all.*

By Susan Shinn Turner

The music department of St. John's will host "All Things Bright and Beautiful," a free music and arts camp, from July 29-Aug. 2 from 9 am to noon, for rising kindergarteners through fifth-graders.

St. John's has a long history of music and arts camps, and this year's event will be in collaboration with music personnel from other local congregations, including St. Luke's Episcopal, First Presbyterian, First Methodist, First Baptist, and Sacred Heart Catholic.

"Music is a huge part of children's faith formation," says Rob Durocher, minister of music and deacon. "They meet God in the music."

So they decided to create a summer camp in order to expose children to all sorts of music in the church setting: singing, handbells, handchimes, drama, and visual arts.

"One goal of the camp is to show what children can do in worship," Rosemary says.

The duo hopes each participant will discover their own musical talent. Children will likely be drawn to different components of the camp, Rosemary says. "Each will discover how they can praise their creator in their own unique way."

At the end of the week, there will be a time of sharing for parents and other family members and friends.

As a group, the children will learn a processional based on "This Is My Father's World" that will include singing,

handbells, handchimes, and rhythm instruments.

Throughout, there will be age appropriate music for every group, and plenty of "silly songs," too.

The camp will take place in the Sanctuary building, with Kim Lentz leading the handbells and handchimes sessions, and Corinne Mauldin leading the daily opening session with all campers.

"I'm here to do whatever needs to be done," says Rob, who with Rosemary will facilitate the camp. Rosemary will lead the singing sessions. Other downtown musicians will fill in where needed once registration is complete.

Rob and Rosemary encourage parents who are planning summer activities to register now, as space is limited.

They hope that the children — and their instructors — will take what they learn to the other participating churches.

"We want to excite people in other places of worship," Rob says. "This is all cool stuff to do."

Register Online:

The camp is free, and open to the public, but space is limited so register online at stjohns-salisbury.org/event/musiccamp

Contribute:

The duo say they will welcome volunteers, as well as financial contributions to help defray the cost of music, supplies, and materials. Participating churches are providing daily snacks.

Watch upcoming publications for more developments about the music and arts camp.



By Susan Shinn Turner

Hands and Feet Camp is July 8-11 at St. John's. This servant day camp for rising third- through fifth-graders will take place 9 am-3:30 pm daily. The high school volunteers who are leading the camp have just finished up the schedule, which will include two service projects each day at local non-profit organizations, Kai says.

Some 17 high school volunteers will lead the camp, which carries the theme, "Aligned to the Vine," based on John 15:1-5, Kai says.

"Our Hands and Feet Camp was modeled after WOW in Knoxville," Kai explains. "There, they have a team of high school and college students who sit down and plan all the events, creating leadership from behind. The younger kids get a lot out of seeing the high school kids take so much ownership of this camp."



There will be high school students on the meal team (providing meals and snacks), the Bible study team with Pastor Laura, the craft team, and the worship team, which will create opening and closing events each day.

Cost is \$100. There are 20 spaces available for campers.

"For transportation and logistics purposes, we cap the camp at 20," Kai says, "and we usually have a waiting list."

Along with the high school volunteers, Kai will lead Hands and Feet Camp, assisted by Pastor Laura and Stacey.

Register:

Space is limited. Register online at stjohns-salisbury.org/event/hands-and-feet-camp/

Kingdom Kids at a Glance

During the summer, we will take a break from Wednesday Programming.

Sunday School — Age 3 through 5th grade, beginning at 9:45 in the ARK.
Note: Kids at the 9:27 service are dismissed from the Faith Center at 9:45.

Children's Church — Dismissed prior to the sermon during the 11 am Worship service.

Sunday School in May *Jonah and the Big Fish*

May 5 — Art
May 12 — Science
May 19 — Bible Skills & Games
May 26 — Cooking



Around the Church



1st Grade Milestone

On April 16, our 1st Grade Kingdom Kids learned about the Lord's Prayer.



Stay Connected

Newsletters, Emails, App, Social

Eagle's View—This Eagle's View newsletter is available on our website, along with a year of archived newsletters, where you can see all the fun in full color! You can also sign up to receive the monthly publication via email, instead of receiving the newsletter in the mail, just email angel@stjohns-salisbury.org to be added to the email list and let her know if you would like to be removed from the mailing list.

Faith+Life Weekly Email— Each Wednesday, receive an email with a letter from one of our pastors, calendar updates, links to online registrations, and more. You can sign up online or send an email to Angel Owens, angel@stjohns-salisbury.org.

Prayer list— Our prayerlist is updated and emailed daily. If you have a prayer concern to add or would like to receive the daily email, contact Joy Chaffin, joy@stjohns-salisbury.org.

St. John's App— St. John's App is available in the Apple App Store and Google Play. Listen to sermons, view quick-links to our website, access multiple versions of the Bible for free, and receive Push notification reminders of upcoming church events and changes in service times.



Facebook— On Facebook, you'll find blogs from our pastors, news updates, scriptures, photos of ministries and fellowship activities, Live videos featuring our pastors and program staff, links to online registrations, the occasional silly bible pun, and shared updates from our local and global ministry partners, like Escuela Integrada and Meals on Wheels.

St. John's Kindergarten, St. John's CDC, and Seasons Gifts are also on Facebook. Stay connected to different ELCA organizations, like the NC Synod, Lutheran Disaster Response, Lutheran Services Carolinas and many more.

Instagram— On St. John's Instagram, you'll find photos, videos, inspirational graphics, and event updates. Check out our stories to be inspired, laugh, and sometimes engage with our pastors after sermons.

St. John's Middle School Youth, St. John's High School Youth, and Seasons Gifts are also on Instagram. Follow for photos, updates on upcoming events, and new items at Seasons Gifts.

Youth Auction 2019 Nashville Nights

"We would like to say a special thank you to everyone who came out to enjoy a Nashville inspired evening at our Youth Auction this year. It was truly a wonderful event, and your generosity helped us raise \$19,362! The money that was raised will go toward helping us underwrite the cost of trips and retreats that our youth have the opportunity to attend each year. It's truly a blessing to be in such a generous congregation who believes in the life-changing experiences our youth can have. Thank you so much! And a big thank you to all of our great volunteers who helped the auction be so special!"

- Kai Thurow, Youth Minister



Student Ministry



On April 3, Confirmation Students led Midweek Lenten Worship.



Coming Up in May

Middle School

Sunday, May 5, 5:30-7:30 pm—Youth Group
Wednesday, May 8, 6 pm— 6th Grade Confirmation
Wednesday, May 15, 6 pm— 6th Grade Confirmation
Sunday, May 18, 6 pm— End of Year Youth Group Cook-out
Wednesday, May 22, 6 pm— 6th Grade Confirmation

High School

Sunday, May 19, 6 pm— End of Year Youth Group Cook-Out

Reggie Munday's Candy Ministry

By Susan Shinn Turner

Ask Reggie Munday how he became the Candy Man, and you'll get this answer: "It's a long story."

It's OK, Reggie, we've got plenty of time.

"Let me take you back a few years," Reggie says, "to 1963."

Reggie had just begun a new career with Jefferson-Pilot Life Insurance Co. He gave chewing gum to neighborhood kids — always Juicy Fruit, he says — and that soon carried over to other areas.

One Valentine's Day, he was out of town, and mailed his wife and three children cards. Each had a stick of gum and a dollar bill. That started a 50-year tradition.

Reggie came to Salisbury as a district manager with Jefferson-Pilot. He had four secretaries at offices here, as well as Albemarle, Statesville, and Lexington. He asked for the names of all of his employees' children and their dates of birth. He'd send birthday cards to the kids — with a stick of Juicy Fruit — and anniversary cards to the employees.

"They felt like they knew me," he says, "and the men who worked for me appreciated it."

He did the same thing when he was transferred to Asheville. He retired from Jefferson-Pilot in 1996 and returned to Salisbury. He and his first wife, Betty, became members of St. John's in 1999. By then, he was giving out Juicy Fruit and Big Red.

Betty died in 2012, and Reggie returned to church soon after her death.

"Pastor Jan and I were talking one Sunday, and a young lady walked up named Brenda," Reggie says. "Pastor Jan said, why don't you sit together?"



Reggie Munday keeps two things close at hand, Werther's candies, and his wife, Brenda.

The next Sunday, Brenda Cesario walked up and asked, "May I sit with you?"

Reggie and Brenda continued to sit together. Her husband, Doug, had died in 2011.

After that, Brenda and the late Clancy Bostian facilitated a GriefShare group at St. John's. Clancy had lost two children. Reggie became a part of the group, along with Norman Sloop and the late Roy Snider.

Reggie and Brenda started going to Wednesday night dinner together after GriefShare as part of the group.

Eventually, Reggie asked Brenda out to lunch after the Sunday service, but she always seemed to have things to do, he says. Then one Sunday, she said, "Let's go to the Farmhouse."

After that, Brenda invited Reggie to brunch and her house — with her grandson and his wife as their chaperones.

Reggie noticed that Brenda had a candy dish full of Werther's hard candies — so that started Reggie's tradition of passing out Werther's candy every Sunday at the 11 am worship service.

Around the Church and Community

Reggie and Brenda got married on Oct. 5, 2013, the day before Reggie's birthday. And guess what Pastor Rhodes gave him that special day? You're right, a piece of Werther's.

Reggie got by for awhile buying small bags of candy, he says. "Then my franchise started growing."

Reggie always made sure he gave ladies at church a piece of candy. But then he started noticing men glancing his way, so now he gives it to everybody he sees.

Brenda orders Werther's by the case from Amazon, with an automatic reorder every six weeks.

It seems a small price to pay.

"The smiles I get back!" Reggie says. "A smile

is a gift. They see me and they smile. It's just a joy. I feel like it's part of me."

"It's a lot of fun and Reggie enjoys it so much," Brenda says.

Reggie has taken to wearing suspenders with his belt because his pants pockets are so crammed full of candy, she says. But no matter what, he always holds two pieces back for each of the pastors and for Rob Durocher, minister of music and deacon. He in turn shares them with his grandson, Balian Witt, who calls Reggie "Pastor Reg."

"It's been a real good blessing for me," Reggie says.

And a sweet one at that.



Everyone looks forward to seeing Reggie Munday each Sunday. He gives out Werther's candy, and a smile, to everyone he meets.



St. John's men headed to Kure Beach for their annual Beach Retreat, April 5-7. Not pictured: Pastor Rhodes and Freddie Eller.

Meet Annetta Reeder, CDC Staff Member



By Barbara Corriher

If you walk through the CDC doors Monday through Friday you will be greeted by the sweetest person with the most gentle voice. This wonderful lady is Annetta Reeder. She has been with St. John's almost five years.

Annetta is the first point of contact for many at the CDC.

She answers the phone and takes messages. She also handles enrollment, conducts tours for those interested in enrolling their children at St. Johns, and creates enrollment packets. She also keeps track of each child's shots records and communicates them with the state, and communicates

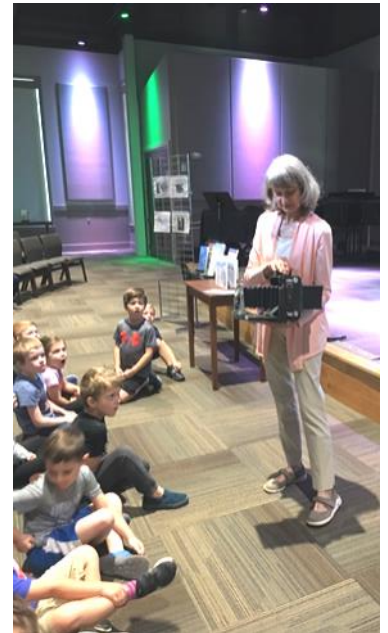
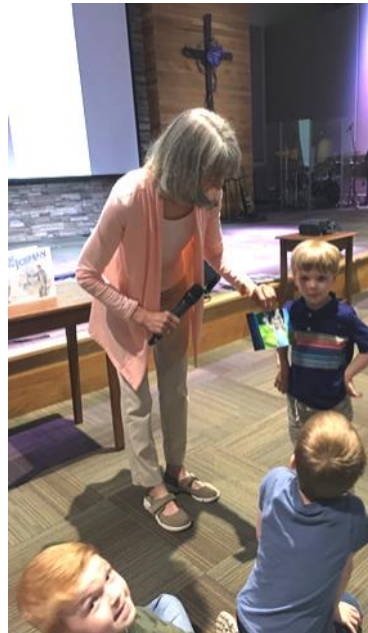
allergy information to the teachers and kitchen staff.

St. John's CDC was created to have a positive impact on the community. Annetta feels like our CDC truly does make an impact, and she enjoys being a part of that. She values contributing to the community by working with the families and their children. It is really special when a child travels around her desk to give her a hug. Annetta is a people person and loves interacting with the children and their families.

Annetta is married to Steve Reeder. They have twins, a girl, Celsea, and a boy, Cameron. Both currently attend Gardner Web University. Annetta loves to travel, enjoys yard work and always is happy when she is helping at her church in Rockwell.

St. John's Kindergarten: *Friendship Rocks*

In honor of Earth Day in April, the children hid friendship rocks all around campus. See if you can find one. Keep it for yourself, or hide it somewhere else to spread joy throughout the community!



The Picture Man

Author, Julie Ebel, read her book, *The Picture Man*, to the St. John's Kindergarten and talked to the children about how people tell stories through taking photographs.

Senior Seasons



Biltmore Trip, May 7

Let's go day tripping to Asheville's Biltmore House.....flowers in bloom, history, access to the main house, winery, restaurants, greenhouse, farm, and more.

When: Tuesday, May 7

Time: 7:30 am – 3:30 pm

Total Cost: \$55 (includes tour and bus)

Includes: Access to the entire Estate. You may do a self-guided tour through the house & gardens, visit the winery or tour the farm equipment.

If you would like an audio tour of the house, you can purchase the recorder/headphones for \$10.98. Complimentary wine tasting is included. Following the tour, we'll eat lunch together.

There are additional fees for **Guided Tours** for 10+ people, such as a 60-minute guided tour of the inner workings of the main house; a Rooftop tour, giving a closer look at the architecture and design of the house; and a Land Tour giving the history of the land and structures.



Lunch & Learn, May 21 at 12 pm

Topic: Growing Rowan

Speakers: Paula Dibley, Executive Director of Marketing & Enrollment at RCCC and Mike Brown, Owner of Miller Davis Advertising Agency.

Lunch: Box lunch from L.A. Murph's or bring your own.



Ice Cream Social , June 11 at 4 pm

When: June 11, 2019 at 4 pm

Where: Diane Poole's home on 150 Quail Drive, Salisbury



In April, Author, Julia Ebel, visited St. John's to speak with Senior Seasons and St. John's Kindergarten to discuss the importance of capturing photos and telling stories through pictures and words. This was the first program of a new collaboration between Senior Seasons and Catawba College.

GIFT Women's Ministry

GIFT Spring Circle *Wednesdays in May*

This May, GIFT women will dive into the story of Mary. She was not only the Mother of Jesus but a strong and faithful woman. Learn from her story, about an inner strength you never knew you had!

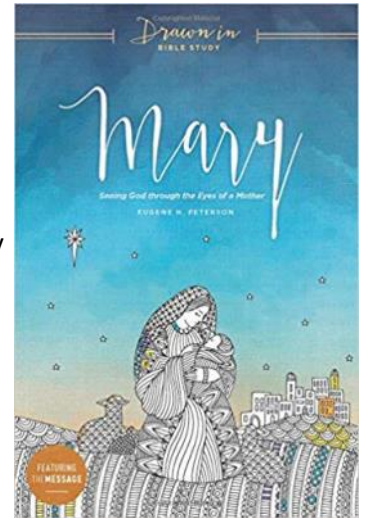
Spring Circles will be held on Wednesdays, May 1-22, at both 10:30 am in room 216 and 6:30 pm in room 218. Ladies are invited to attend whichever time best fits their personal schedule.

The new co-chairs of the GIFT ministry book circles, Carol Brown will be leading mornings and Cyndi Krusmark will be leading evenings.

If childcare is needed, please contact GIFT@stjohns-salisbury.org ahead of time.

The women will be using *Mary: Seeing God through the Eyes of a Mother* (Drawn In Bible Study) by Eugene Peterson. This is the same type of study as the Ruth study, last year.

Books are available in Seasons Gifts !



GIFT “Food for Thought” Packing Party *May 14 at 1 pm at RHM*

Throughout the year, GIFT partners with Food for Thought to pack backpacks for hungry children in our community!

The next event will take place at 1 pm, on Tuesday, May 14, at Rowan Helping Ministries. Please enter on the lower side door on E. Liberty St and park on E. Liberty St.

Thank you for helping us be God’s hands and feet by serving the children in our community.



GIFT Wild Women Social *May 30 at 6:30 pm at Stacey Shafer’s House*

All women are invited for an evening of fun and fellowship, May 30, at 6:30 pm at Stacey Shafer’s house. Bring a snack to share.

We will color and embellish flower seed envelopes to give to children at St. John’s CDC.

If you want more information on this or any other GIFT event you can email GIFT@stjohns-salisbury.org or sign up for the GIFT email updates with angel@stjohns-salisbury.org.



Christian Terry Publishes Book on Homelessness



By Susan Shinn Turner

Christian Terry's motive for writing a book was simple: He saw a problem and he wanted to fix it.

The problem is homelessness, and he and his fiancé, Daysja Phillips, decided to write a book that would not only tell stories of unsheltered people, but would address the complicated nature of homelessness as well.

"Words That Hit Home" was published in 2017, and proceeds from the book will benefit finding a long-term solution to preventing homelessness.

Christian, 25, and Daysja, 23, met as undergraduate students at UNCW, where he is now a doctoral student in clinical psychology, and she is a master's student in the social work program.

The two decided they wanted to interview homeless people, and share their stories. Growing up at St. John's, Christian — the son of Glenn and Rebecca Terry — often volunteered at Rowan Helping Ministries. Christian has two older brothers, Andrew Shearin and Zach Terry.

"People have stereotypes and stigmas associated with homelessness," Christian explains. "We wanted to do something to change people's minds."

They interviewed 20 homeless people. Additionally, they

interviewed Kyna Grubb, executive director of RHM, and six others who work with the homeless population. They interviewed guests at RHM, and the City of Refuge in Atlanta, along with the unsheltered homeless in Wilmington and Pittsburgh. The whole process took about four years.

They wanted to know who's homeless and why, and they discovered some trends.

"Most of the people in this book had very bad childhoods," Christian says. Many also have substance use disorder.

There's also a lot of judgment about the homeless, he says. "People have this basic preconception, an implicit bias. But we haven't seen that person's life and what they went through."

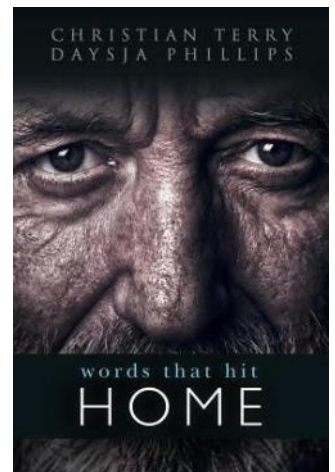
Christian is in the second year of a five-year doctoral program. He'll receive a doctorate in clinical psychology with a concentration in co-occurring substance use and mental health disorders.

"I want to play a role in how we predict people who are likely to have substance use disorders," he says.

Christian, a graduate of Salisbury High School, says, "I was very fortunate to have super loving parents who kept me from going down a path others may go. I had to change some friends who did not go down the right path. It was hard to leave, but a lot of people do not have that guidance. I still see those friends, and their path is not great."

Away from school, Christian loves traveling and an "adventure-oriented" life that includes surfing, mountain biking, hunting and fishing. After a few days in Salisbury for spring break, he was headed to Linville to backpack for a couple of nights. Christian and Daysja plan to marry in May 2020 in Wilmington.

You can purchase "Words That Hit Home" from amazon (\$19.99 paperback, \$9.99 Kindle). You may also visit their Web site, wordsthathithome.org.



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THE CHANCEL CHOIR REHEARSALS will begin at 7:15 pm each Wednesday evening in May as the choir continues to prepare to lead 11 am worship. A fresh batch of sacred choral music, responses and hymn treatments will be learned and shared with our congregation in the weeks to come, and if you'd like to be part of our choir for the late Spring – Summer months we encourage you to come and join us especially as they prepare for the Sunday of the Holy Trinity and Pentecost!

ST. JOHN'S CHAPEL SINGERS will rehearse at 6:30 pm on Wednesday, May 1, 2019 in the Choir Room to prepare to lead the 8:30 am Chapel Worship. Chapel Singers will also meet on Sunday, May 5, 2019 at 7:45 am in the chapel.

ST. JOHN'S WOMEN'S ENSEMBLE will have a new schedule of rehearsals published for May and June and will look forward to leading a chapel service at Trinity Oaks Health and Rehabilitation Center sometime in June.

Ascension Day Service

Thursday, May 30 at 12 pm in the Chapel

An Ascension Day worship service will be held at 12 pm noon in the Chapel on Thursday, May 30, 2019. Ascension Day celebrates Christ's ascension to heaven according to the scriptures, and is usually celebrated forty days after Easter. Pentecost is celebrated 50 days after Easter.

Matthew 28:19-20, Mark 16:19-20, Luke 24:50-53 and Acts 1:6-11 all give an accounting of Jesus ascension.

While on earth, He was a servant. Now in heaven, He is exalted and the ruler and Lord of all. By entering heaven as the representative of mankind, He completed the work of our salvation and guarantees the eventual glorification of all who love Him. Just as Jesus went up in the clouds, He will return the same way.



New Sermon Series:

Romans, the letter that changed the world

During the month of May, our pastors will dive into Paul's letter to the church at Rome, widely considered the most theologically significant writing in Christian history. The letter carefully explores the major themes of Christianity and concludes with a dramatic appeal by Paul to boldly proclaim the Gospel, especially to those who are doubtful or who have not yet heard: that "those who have never been told of him shall see, and those who have never heard of him shall understand" (Romans 15:21).

Paul wrote the letter prior to his arrival in Rome. Many believe that he was executed while in prison there.

Men's Chorus, continued from page 1.

Palm Sunday in Luke 19:40 where Jesus says of the crowd, "I tell you, if these were silent, the stones would shout out."

"We have to do our part," Jason says. "We have to sing praise to silence the stones."

The men, Jason says, "have fond memories of singing together. I love that this ministry is so meaningful for them."

The concert will also feature the St. John's Handbell Ensemble, and more instrumentalists than usual, including Rob Durocher, organ; Davis Brown, synthesizer and percussion; Rosemary Kinard, flute; Amber Norris, clarinet; and a full brass quartet. Janie Rollins continues to serve as the group's longtime accompanist.

The concert will benefit Prevent Child Abuse Rowan.

As always, Jason never hesitates to sing praises about the chorus.

"The group sounds really good. We have a lot of new people. The core sound is really good, and they are even impressed with themselves!"



Trinity Singers and Ringers Joint Concert with Y-Wonders *Sunday, May 19 at 3 pm, in Trinity Oaks Special Events Room*

The Trinity Oaks Singers and Ringers will present their Tenth Annual Joint Concert with the Y-Wonders on Sunday, May 19 at 3 pm in the Special Events Room at Trinity Oaks.

The Trinity Singers, directed by Rosemary Kinard and accompanied by Rob Durocher, will perform with the Y-Wonders Choir, directed by Kathy Norris, and the Trinity Ringers, directed by Karl Kinard. The concert, "This is My Father's World," will be followed by a reception hosted by Trinity Oaks.

The program is free and open to the public.



Everybody Get Together

Celebrate the Ministries of Lutheran Services Carolinas in May

"And let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works, not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day drawing near."

- Hebrews 10:24-25

Each year, congregations in North Carolina set aside a special Sunday in May to celebrate their partnership with Lutheran Services Carolinas and to learn more about the mission and vision of LSC. Thank you for joining with us, thank you for your support, and thank you for honoring the work of LSC this month and throughout the year.

In 2018, LSC served nearly 8,000 individuals and families including seniors and caregivers, children in foster care, those affected by natural disasters, refugees, unaccompanied children, and adults with intellectual and/or developmental disabilities.

This month, consider ways in which you can show compassion to the vulnerable populations within your own community. You could volunteer your time at a local LSC

program or make a tax-deductible contribution. Checks can be made payable to Lutheran Services Carolinas and mailed to P.O. Box 947, Salisbury, NC 28145. Gifts also can be made securely online at LSCarolinas.net.

Please come together with Lutheran Services Carolinas as we serve as the "hands of the church" to provide healing and hope for those in need. For more information, visit LSCarolinas.net or call 1-800-HELPING.



Lutheran Services Carolinas Receives Governors Award

In April, Lutheran Services Carolinas was honored by N.C. Gov. Roy Cooper with the Governor's Award for Volunteer Service for its hurricane recovery efforts. A number of individual staff members were nominated for the award, but Governor Cooper wrote that it "was too hard to pick just one so he awarded it to the entire staff. Congratulations to an amazing group of people. Your Governor appreciates you all."

LSC volunteer Chris Ethridge received the teen award for using his \$200 savings to buy supplies for disaster survivors.



Around the Church

Columbarium Improvement

Since the Columbarium was dedicated in 1997, we have done nothing to improve the appearance other than trimming of the shrubbery and trees. We have planted grass each year and power washed several times. It has become a "tired and overgrown area." We owe it to those now placed in the Columbarium and to those in the future which will be placed there.

We need to make a complete "make-over", therefore the Columbarium Committee made the decision to make desired improvements. We will plant new crape myrtle trees, azaleas, camelias, Japanese maples and other plants.

There will be a new irrigation and lighting system which will show the wall of niches which would be an improvement. We also will have two large flower pots with flowers to add color. We have become behind with the process due to weather and a delay in the shipping of some of the plants



which we wanted. However, it should be completed by the first or second week of May. I think it will be a place which will be very pretty (like a garden) and I feel the congregational members will be proud of this improvement. Thank you for your patience.

Bill Safrit, Columbarium Chair

FIBRANT EMAIL ADDRESSES—

If you have recently changed your email address, please contact the church office so we can update your contact information.

Please note: All fibrant emails will be discontinued May 15.

If you have any questions about changing email providers, feel free to email the church office.



Debbie Martin



We will be honoring Debbie Martin in worship on Sunday, May 26 for her certification as a lay preacher through the NC Synod.

More information to come in the June/July Eagle's View.

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Shop Hours:

Tuesday-Thursday
10:30 am-1:30 pm

Sunday
9am-11 am

Worship Leaders for May

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

LAY ASSISTING MINISTERS

May 5 Andrew Poe
May 12 Missy Hunter
May 19 Gretchen Witt
May 26 Dave Roof

READERS

May 5 *Gretchen Witt, Karen Rogers
May 12 *Judy Childress, David Hord
May 19 *Ann Hatchett, Hen Hederlite
May 26 *Cindy Fink, Dave Foreman
June 2 *Chuck Moll, Cyndi Krusemark

COMMUNION ASSISTANTS

May 5 Wesley Rhyne, ^Gretchen Witt
May 12 *Carol Beaver
May 19 Perry Hood, ^Gretchen Witt
May 26 *Stacey Shafer
June 2 Elaine Gerst, ^Dave Roof

ALTAR GUILD

May Donna Beilfuss, captain; Kay Coltrain, Ann Hatchett, Sharon Kluttz, Cyndi Owen, Gretchen Witt

COMMUNION PREPARERS

May Carol and Kent Brown

GREETERS

May 5 Howard and Diane Everhart, Ron and Marilyn Smith
May 12 Steve, Tamara, Brooklyn and Albanese, Stan and Rita Honeycutt
May 19 Jay and Meg Dees, Bill and Toni Kenerly
May 26 Aiden and Penny Moss, Pansy Peeler, Carol Pomeroy
June 2 Steve and Karen Puckett, Harold and Stamie Overcash

WELCOME PLACE GREETERS

May 5 Hen Henderlite
May 12 Janice Raper
May 19 Linda Phillips
May 26 Lorna Reasor
June 2 Carolyn Hood

AFTER-SERVICE GREETERS

May 5 David Phillips, David Hord, Larry Cesario
May 12 Cory Gebhardt, Mary Wymbs, Cindy Fink
May 19 Dennis Ingold, Mike Agee, Wesley Rhyne
May 26 Bill Johnson, Karen Puckett, Larry Britt

ACOLYTES

May 5 Ella Lockhart, Quinn Lockhart
May 12 Drew Rabon, Mitchell Allen
May 19 Callie Wisecarver, Aaron Yang
May 26 Drew Bitzer, Joe Bohland

ELEMENT BEARERS

May 5 Makara Trick
May 19 Ashley Yang

CRUCIFERS

May 5 Jude Lockhart
May 12 Claire Allen
May 19 Ellen Yang
May 26 Kari Downs

NURSERY

May 5 Annette Brown, Sandra Jiles
May 12 Annette Brown, Sandra Jiles
May 19 Annette Brown, Tangy Roseborough
May 26 Ruth Koppe, Gemma Brown

Eagle's View Deadline

The June/July Eagle's View will be published in May
Please email stories and news to
angel@stjohns-salisbury.org by **May 10!**

Worship Attendance

March 31	500
April 7	513
April 14	559
April 21	881
April 28	476

Happy Birthday!

*Congratulations to our Octogenarians
celebrating*

May Birthdays:

Eleanor Andrews, James Bradshaw, Harold Deal, Don Duggan, Diane Everhart, Bud Graeber, Charles Harris, Tom Hurlocker, Kathy Isenhour, Barbara Rufty, Jean Rufty, Cora Shinn, Walter Tatum

USHERS: Head Ushers

May Stan Ferguson, Larry Cesario

USHER TEAMS

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

9:27 COMMUNION PREPARERS

May Vernon Davis, Cyndii Owen, Cheryl Sjoblom

9:27 COMMUNION ASSISTANTS

May 5 Tiffany Kneip, Sandy Melton, Stacey and Aaron Shafer, Steve Butner
June 2 Doug and Donna Groce, Catherine Soderberg, Larry Breitweiser, Caitlin Holman

9:27 HOSPITALITY TEAM

May 5 Angel Barber, Cammie Yarborough, Wayne Everhart, Danny, Noah, and Rosalind Hines, David and Julie Carr
May 12 Dean Safrit, Tammy Safrit, Judi Downs, Henry Hopf, Barbara Brown, Lindsey Wineka
May 19 Debbie Carter, Doug Carter, Cheryl, Jack, and Chad van der Poel, Mike Jacobsen, Cyndii Owen
May 26 Stacey and Grace Shafer, Jack and Jeanie Moore, Adam and Crystal Ryerson

9:27 COFFEE VOLUNTEERS

May 5 David and Julie Carr
May 12 Mike and Sharon Agee
May 19 Dennis and Kathy Ingold, Cyndii Owen, Jill Nothstine
May 26 Stan and Sandy Jordan

9:27 USHER TEAM

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

PA OPERATORS

May 5 Darrell Blackwelder
May 12 Mike Agee
May 19 David Wilson
May 26 Roger Alexander

St. John's Leadership

CONGREGATION COUNCIL

2019 President Bill Johnson
Vice President Cory Gebhardt
Secretary David Phillips
Treasurer Tommy Page
Financial Secretary...Brenda Munday
Personnel Secretary ... Jeanne Moore
President-elect (for 2020) ... Cindy Fink

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

Term Expires 2021

Randy Overcash
David Hord
Mike Agee
Mary Wymbs
Larry Britt

Youth Members

Anna Grace Woolly and Archie Dees

Benevolent Foundation Trustees

Nancy Shirley, Chair
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Chip Bridges
Chris Agner
Margaret Kluttz

MINISTRY GROUP STAFF CONTACTS

Worship & The Arts – Rob Durocher
Discipleship – Pastor Laura Henrik
Mercy & Justice – Pastor Rhodes Woolly
Congregational Life – Diane Poole
Stewarding God's Resources – Ruth Ann Diehl

Buck-a-Meal Sunday

(1st Sunday of each month)

Sunday, May 5

Buck-A-Meal for April was \$366. 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.



Many thanks for all the cards, calls, prayers, and visits during Sonny's recent hospitalization and recovery at Autumn Care. Please keep him in your thoughts and prayers as he recuperates at home.

Thank you,

Sonny and Nancy Lippard

To our St. John's family,

I'd like to thank Men's Chorus for providing such a wonderful experience for my son, Andrew Poe. He graduates in May from Catawba College. Andrew sang with the chorus his first two years of high school, then returned for his Catawba tenure after finishing high school at the N.C. School of Science and Math in Durham. The guys heartily welcomed him.

Thank you to all, and thanks for so many years of terrific music!

In Christ,

Susan Shinn Turner

Congratulations

Michael and B.J. Connor on the birth of a grandson, Bennett Joshua Connor, on March 25, 2019, to Sean and Esther Connor, of Edina, MN. Aunt, uncle and cousins are Nichole, Erron, Connor and Jillian Towns.

Consolation

Joyce Beaver, Mark, Maria and Rebecca Lewis, family and friends, on the death of Joyce's husband, Gordon Beaver, on April 2, 2019.

Ermine Peeler, family and friends, on the death of her husband, Herman Peeler, on April 1, 2019.

Tom, Michelle, Nina, and Kayla Sachse, family and friends, on the death of Tom's mother, Mary Sachse, on March 25, 2019.

1st Quarter Financial Report

January 1, 2019 through March 31, 2019

St. John's Church

Revenue	\$326,795
Expenses	\$317,881

Based on an annual budget of \$1,377,940

Child Development Center

Revenue	\$354,926
Expenses	\$314,603

Based on an annual budget of \$1,330,700

St. John's Kindergarten

(August 2018 through March 31, 2019)

Revenue	\$75,124
Expenses	\$62,754

Based on an annual budget of \$87,775

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May 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
5 8:30a Chapel Worship 9:27a Contemporary Worship/HC 9:45a Children's Sunday School 10a Adult Sunday School 11a Sanctuary Worship/HC 11:15a Children's Worship 3p Men's Chorus Spring Concert 5:30p Youth Group 5:30p Women's Ensemble Rehearsal	6 10a Staff Meeting 1p Monday Rembrandts 5:30p G2G Steering Committee 6:30p Cub Scouts Pack 443 Den Meeting 7p Luther Ringers	7 8a Women's Bible Study 8:30a St. John's Kindergarten Parents and Pastries 7p BSA Troop 443 Order of the Arrow	8 10a Chrismon Meeting 10:30a GIFT Spring Circle 5:30p CDC Advisory Visioning Meeting 6:30p 6th Grade Confirmation 6:30p GIFT Spring Circle 7p Chancel Choir Rehearsal	9 7:30a Men's Bible Study 10:15a Trinity Singers 11a Trinity Ringers 2:45p Barnabas Connection 6p 12th Grade Dinner 6p 9:27 Worship Rehearsal	10 EAGLE'S VIEW DEADLINE FOR JUNE/JULY ISSUE 12 PM	11
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St. John's Ministry Staff

Pastoral Ministry

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

Worship and Music Ministry

Minister of Worship and the Arts, Deacon.....Rob Durocher
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Director of Music Emeritus, Deacon.....Karl Kinard
Director, St. John's Men's Chorus..... Jason Harwood
Assisting Organist.....Deanna Boksleitner
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YouthKai Thurow
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The Rev. Dr. Timothy M Smith, Bishop of the NC Synod
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.

Listen to worship each Sunday morning at 11 am on stjohns-salisbury.org, and click Listen Live. Listen to previous week's service at 9 am Sunday on WSAT 1280 AM.

Office hours — Monday-Thursday, 9 am-5 pm; Friday 9-12.
Telephone 704.636.3431; Fax 704.636.4461

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Joy	200	Jon	207
Stacey	201	Rob	208
Brenda	202	Taylor	217
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.

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. Also let Joy know if you would like to receive the daily Prayer Chain.

Let's connect faith and life *together*.

