

Let's connect faith and life. *Together.*

Buy Your Tickets for the Youth Auction on March 22

By Susan Shinn Turner

Guat's Up?

The annual Youth Auction, that's what! Uh, Guat.

Once again, our high school youth are going to Guatemala this summer, with 15 youth and three chaperones. The Youth Auction on Sunday, March 22, will raise money for all trips this year for middle-schoolers and high-schoolers, according to Pastor Laura Henrik, Pastor of Youth and Discipleship.

The event begins at 4:30 pm with a silent auction, followed by dinner at 5 pm and the live auction at 6:30 pm. Aaron Shafer will serve as auctioneer.

As in years past when the youth have gone to Guatemala, the corresponding auction has a Guatemalan theme and Guatemalan-inspired menu.

"Every year in Guatemala, they have a huge kite festival," Pastor Laura says, "so our décor will be centered around that. Cheryl van der Poel and Sandy Jordan are leading our

decorating team, along with a host of others."

The team is smaller than in years past, Pastor Laura says. First, that's the limit that the infrastructure in Guatemala can accommodate, and second, the high school class is smaller. Youth members will be speaking about their past experiences on mission trips.

Not only do the live and silent auctions raise money, but you can also "fill the water wagon" with donations. The water wagon has been a key component of past mission trips, Pastor Laura notes.

Can't make it to the auction, but would still love to bid on an auction item? No problem.

New to the auction this year is absentee bidding. If you're interested in absentee bidding, just contact Nancy Shirley with your maximum bid for a particular item and an absentee bidder to represent you! Bid on sports tickets, weekend lodging, or other fabulous items! Sponsor a food bag for a

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14TH ANNUAL YOUTH AUCTION

¿GUAT'S UP?

SUNDAY, MARCH 22 IN THE FELLOWSHIP HALL

4:30 PM SILENT AUCTION	PURCHASE TICKETS FROM YOUTH
5:00 PM DINNER	\$5 YOUTH 12 \$UNDER
6:30 PM LIVE AUCTION	\$15 ADULTS

✱ THE WATER WAGON WILL MAKE AN APPEARANCE ✱



Pastor's Letter



Dear friends,

In the first two months of this year, we have led seven funerals as pastors of St. John's. In addition, I've lost two aunts since January, and we've grieved alongside many of you in the deaths of your loved ones.

In two months.

Deaths and funerals are emotionally draining, no doubt. At the same time, they provide room for rich story-telling and family-gathering. It's been years since I've seen my cousin Dee Dee, but we sat next to each other at Pleasant Grove Baptist Church three Saturdays ago as we bid farewell to our Aunt Audrey. It was good to see her.

Funerals have a unique way of gathering us together and putting things in perspective.

One of the things that I love about St. John's is the sheer number of people involved in funerals. Once we learn of a loved one's death, a large team of people immediately and unwaveringly begin their assigned tasks: pastoral care, meals, bulletin prep, ushers, flowers, the pall, reception, music, calling members of the funeral choir, preparing the service, arrangements for the columbarium, coordination with the funeral home, and making sure the sanctuary is ready. So many folks involved in a single task: to help escort our loved one from this life into the next.

It's profound, really.

It also places things in perspective. Here's what I mean. In January, we began our G2G Campaign, a monumental

five-week effort to raise \$3.8 million for necessary renovations to our sanctuary building and CDC. We've been planning for over a year, and I guess I assumed all along that the world would stand still why we conducted the campaign.

Well, that didn't happen. And that's a good thing.

Sure, I'm enormously thankful for the congregation's response to the campaign. I'm humbled that we're able to do what many congregations only dream about.

But when I was preparing the eulogy for Janie Allen's funeral — just 12 days into the campaign — it struck me that what we do best as a community of faith has nothing to do with fundraising or renovating. What we do best is to tell the stories of faith and sing the songs of Zion. We hold the hands of those who grieve and prepare meals for those who are weary. We cry with one another and dance with each other. And occasionally we bid farewell to each other, confidently whispering to God, "Into your hands we now commend your servant."

I'm truly excited about our G2G campaign. It's a critically important part of our journey together and will be an exciting chapter in our congregation's history book.

But even that pales in comparison to those precious times when we hold the hands of loved ones and escort them from this life into the next — crying, remembering, loving, and singing. Always singing.

+Peace to you
Pastor Rhodes

FORGIVENESS

The most ~~challenging~~ word.
beautiful

Lent Happenings at St. John's

Our Sunday Sermon Series on Forgiveness. Throughout the 40-day season of Lent, our pastors will unpack five stories of Jesus in a sermon series titled "Forgiveness: the most beautiful word."

March 1: "He doesn't deserve to be forgiven."

March 8: The boundaries of forgiveness

March 15: Reconciliation or forgiveness?

March 22: When "I'm sorry" is not spoken

March 29: When it feels impossible to forgive

40 Days of Forgiveness. To complement the sermons, you're invited to a digital study of forgiveness, which includes regular email messages and video clips that will inspire, encourage, and challenge you. If you are signed up for our weekly *Faith/life* email, don't worry, you are already subscribed. If you or someone you know would like to sign up, you can do so on our website or email angel@stjohns-salisbury.org.

Wednesdays of Lent. Throughout the centuries, Lent has been a time for Christians to return to the disciplines of faith. Midweek Lenten worship helps us see worship as an integral part of our weekly rhythm. We begin with a meal at 5:30 pm in fellowship hall, followed by Evening Prayer at 6:30 pm, in the sanctuary. The 30-minute service is rooted in the

beautiful music of Holden Evening Prayer, accompanied by piano, guitar, organ, flute, and brass. Each week, a short message will focus on the final days of Jesus' earthly life.

March 4: Marching into Jerusalem

March 11: Around a table

March 18: Betrayal

March 25: Journey to the cross

April 1: Final words

Music and Meditation. Join us on three Mondays during Lent for a time of reflection, prayer, and music meditation. 12:15-12:45 pm in the Chapel. Read more on page 15.

March 9: Rosemary Kinard, flute; Rob Durocher, piano

March 16: Deanna Boksleitner, organ

March 23: Connie Burleson, harp and piano

"Forgiveness isn't easy," says Pastor Rhodes. "In fact, it can feel downright impossible. Our prayer this Lent is that we reach beyond 'I can't' into the far more beautiful response, 'God can.' What a difference that will make in your life.

Let's learn how to forgive. Together.

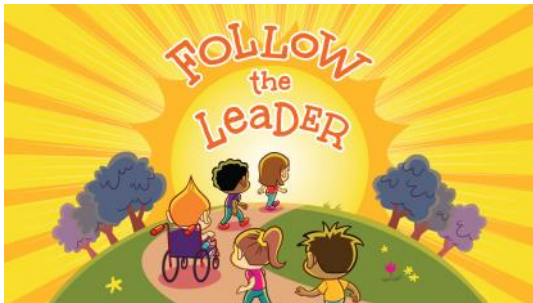
Kingdom Kids

Sunday School— Sundays, 9:45-10:40 am in the ARK.

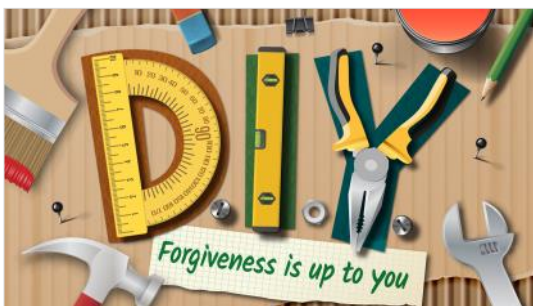
Children's Worship— Children are invited forward during the sermon and are led to the children's choir room for a lesson and activity. They return to their families during the sermon hymn.

Wednesdays!— Wednesdays, 6-7 pm in the ARK. Spring programming ends April 1.

March Themes



This month in **First Look**, birth to 4 years old, we will answer the question: Who can you follow? I can follow Jesus.



In March, our **252 Kids**, K-5th graders, will learn that God can help us choose forgiveness: deciding that someone who has wronged you doesn't have to pay. With His help, you can "do it yourself"—because forgiveness is up to you.



Would you like to Volunteer for VBS?
Contact Stacey, stacey@stjohns-salisbury.org.



Volunteer Meeting May 6 at 6 pm



Youth Ministry

The Well Middle School Youth

The Well is our Middle School Student Ministry. Middle School is messy -- and we join in the mess with laughs, authentic community and creativity.

JESUS ANSWERES, "I AM THE WAY AND THE TRUTH AND THE LIFE. NO MAN COMES TO THE FATHER EXCEPT THROUGH ME." (JOHN 14:6)

Worth Repeating

In March, we will finish our series on the 10 commandments. Then, we will begin a series about the parables of Jesus and learn that Jesus' words are worth repeating.



March Schedule

Sunday, March 1, 5:30-7:30 pm— Youth Group
Sunday, March 8, 5:30-7:30 pm— Youth Group
Sunday, March 15, 5:30-7:30 pm— Youth Group
Sunday, March 22, 4:30 pm— Youth Auction
Sunday, March 29, 5:30-7:30 pm— Youth Group

FUEL High School Youth

Fuel is our student ministry for high-schoolers packed with weekly gatherings, service opportunities, retreats, and more. Come join us in a place where you can be yourself and know that you belong.

THE LORD IS NEAR TO ALL WHO CALL ON HIM, TO ALL WHO CALL ON HIM IN TRUTH. (PSALM 145:18)

The Storyteller

In March, we will complete our series on Jesus' parables. Then, we will begin our series on Easter.



March Schedule

Sunday, March 1, 5:30-7:30 pm— Youth Group
Sunday, March 8, 5:30-7:30 pm— Youth Group
Sunday, March 15, 5:30-7:30 pm— Youth Group
March 20-21, 7 pm– 10 am— Youth Sunday/Auction Lock-in
Sunday, March 22, 4:30 pm— Youth Auction
Sunday, March 29, 5:30-7:30 pm— Youth Group



Congratulations to the St. John's Church League basketball team on winning the YMCA Church League Championship.

Around the Congregation

Youth Auction, continued from page 1.

family in Guatemala for \$35 or help fill the Water Wagon for Knoxville at any amount! (It's a secret, but if you donate \$100 or more, they'll accept your credit card!) Contact information is nancyruffshirley@gmail.com or 704-754-0194.

In past years, the auction has raised between \$17,000 and \$20,000. "If we can hit \$20,000, that would be great," says Pastor Laura.

Pastor Laura emphasizes that the fundraiser is a supplement for all youth trips, not only mission trips, but confirmation camp, LYO, ski trips, beach trips, and more.

"It does get expensive if you do everything," Pastor Laura admits. "Our hope and prayer is that this is a way for everyone to be involved in youth ministry, whether you have a child or grandchild in it. This is a great way to support our high-schoolers and middle-schoolers.

"Our mission trips are a great way to live out God's love in the world, and — along with mission trips — our other trips teach you about living in community and being in fellowship with other Christians. Each event serves a purpose in the faith formation of a child, along with other programming we do through the year."

Watch for auction items on social media and FaithLife.



Splash Milestone





Senior Seasons Valentines

The Senior Seasons Ministry collected 7 bags of “wish list” items for Meals on Wheels as a Valentine Service Project. These were delivered to MOW Executive Director Cindy Fink after lunch at Romano’s on Feb. 14, 2020.

Left-right Ann Bostian, Wayne Nelson, Cindy Fink, Betty Brown, Emily Stirewalt, and Jill Nelson.

Interested in Going to Ireland?

Exploratory Meeting, March 17

On Tuesday, March 17, 10:30-11:30 am, Darrell Blackwelder will be hosting an exploratory meeting for a trip to Ireland in 2021. If you are interested in learning more, put on your green for St. Patrick’s Day and join us in room 218.

After the meeting, everyone is invited to lunch at a local restaurant.



Upcoming Activities

- March 10** **Lunch N Learn: Speaker Elizabeth Cook, Education Director with the Salisbury Symphony.**
12 pm in The Well. Beth will bring some of her students to give a “concert.” LA Murph’s Box Lunches will be provided to those who order them. A menu will be sent to those who register.
- March 24** **Day Trip to Tiger World** in Rockwell, NC. Leave the church at 9:20 am for a 10 am tour. Cost is \$12/person for transportation and a specialized tour with a dedicated trainer (10 person minimum). After the tour, we will enjoy lunch together (on your own) at Breakfasttime.
- April 14** **Daniel Stowe Botanical Garden Tour** – Minimum 15 people (room for 24). Leave at via St. John’s Bus at 9 am. The tour is from 10:30-11:30 am. Cost is \$18, plus your lunch. This covers ticket, tour guide, and transportation. Lunch is at 12:30 pm at Nellie’s Southern Kitchen in Belmont. Travel home after lunch.

Ms. Pam: *Walking into Sunshine at St. John's CDC*

By Barbara Jo Corriher

It might be gray and rainy outside, but when you walk into the St. John's CDC, you are walking into a beautiful, sunny day because Ms. Pam is there to greet you. When you are in the presence of Ms. Pam you glow because she glows. She shares her smile and hugs freely. Pam is the perfect person to greet each and every person who walks through our CDC doors and bid them farewell as they depart.



old teacher as soon as she walked in the CDC's doors. Pam has now worked with St. John's CDC for 14 years. She has always been a teacher in our 4-year-old class, but this year you will find her at the front desk smiling, answering the telephone and giving out a lot of hugs.

Pam's job description includes maintaining the school's waiting list, registering new students, transitioning children from one classroom to the next, greeting all, answering the phone, transferring calls, giving tours and more.

Pam started taking care of children at an early age. Being the oldest girl of seven siblings, she learned quickly how to take care of children. Later Pam would follow her mother into teaching. You'll still find Pam's mother, Virginia Palmer, coaching little league basketball and softball.

Pam is from Williamsburg, Virginia, where she met her husband of 33 years, Jeffrey. The couple moved to Rowan County for Jeffrey to work for Freightliner in Cleveland. Pam later took their two girls, Anesia and Alina, to Advantage Children's Center across the street from Freightliner. The director, Pam Bough, smartly encouraged Ms. Pam to consider taking a job at the center and Pam decided to accept.

Pam worked with Advantage Children's Center for ten years, starting in a 1-year-old class and ending as a 4-year-old class teacher and assistant director. Eventually, Pam decided to take a job closer to her home in Salisbury. Krishna Lail, the director of our CDC at the time, offered Pam a job as a 4-year-

Pam and Jeffrey's two amazing daughters are now grown and successful. Anesia, now 27, graduated from UNC Chapel Hill on a full scholarship. She is a wedding videographer and travels extensively to film weddings. Alina, 25, graduated from UNC Charlotte on a full scholarship and works for Bank of America and has her own calligraphy business.

Ms. Pam does miss being in the classroom, but she seeing people happy and helping them when help is needed. Thank you Ms. Pam for providing the sunshine we all need when our day may be gloomy.

Upcoming: CDC Staff Development Day, March 20 – This will be a day for staff training sessions, the opportunity to work in their classrooms and a day of team building. The CDC will be closed for this staff development day.

St. John's Kindergarten Celebrates 101st Day of School



The St. John's Kindergarten celebrated the 101st day of school with a nod to the Disney movie, 101 Dalmatians, by dressing up in spots!

They know how to make learning fun, participating in 101 Dalmatians-themed centers.

Around the Congregation

Bookkeeper Needed

St. John's Church office is looking for a part-time bookkeeper to assist with financial transactions and reports to support the ministry and outreach of the church and congregation.

We are looking for an experienced bookkeeper trained in finance and accounting. Proficient in Quick Book and Microsoft Office applications, especially Excel, required. Qualifications includes; attention to detail and accuracy, ability to multi-task, prioritize, work under pressure, and meet deadlines. Communication complex data clearly, and have excellent data entry and customer service skills.

This is a part-time hourly position (16-20) hours per week.

Please submit resume with names and contact information for three references

Salary: \$12.00 to \$15.00/ hour

St. John's Library

Thank you to Kathy Rusher and Barbara Stauffer for volunteering to take over the responsibility of the library. It has been wonderful to bring order to our collection. Now it's time to get some fresh ideas.

If you have any suggestions or new ideas, please see Catherine Soderberg.



Mark Your Calendars!

LunchNLearn with Debbie Irving

Friday, April 24 at 12 pm

Debbie Irving, author of *Waking Up White*, is on a speaking tour through the state sponsored by the Episcopal Diocese of North Carolina. An acclaimed author, lecturer, and speaker, her passion is to "educate people confused and frustrated by racism by transforming anxiety and inaction into empowerment and action." The event is sponsored by Racial Equity Rowan.



SAVE THE DATE:

Congregational Retreat at
Lutheridge Sept. 18-20, 2020

Fun, spiritual, mountain getaway for ALL ages! Watch *Faithlife* and the *Eagles View* for more details. Registration begins soon.

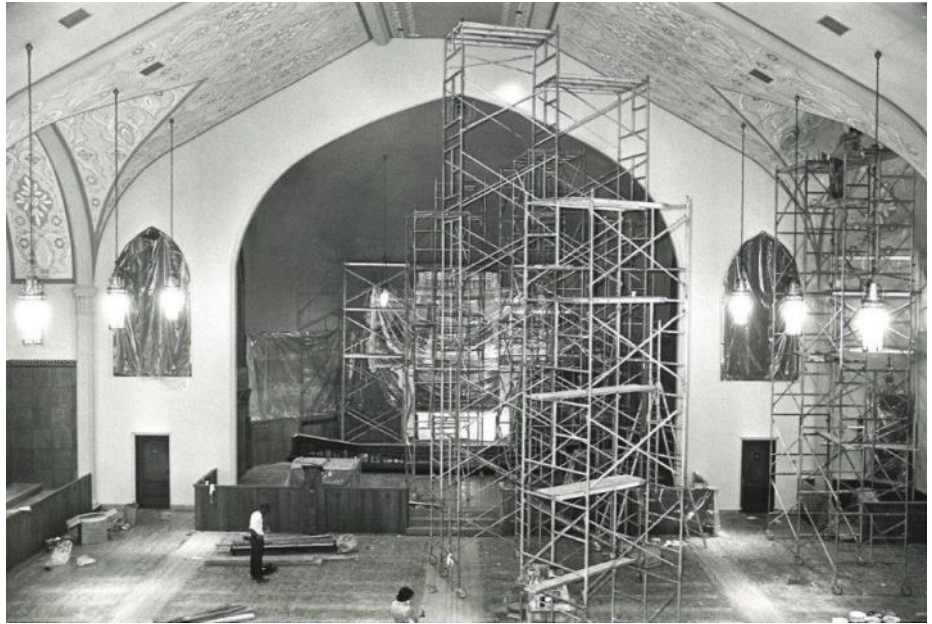


Looking Back: *The Sanctuary's 1975 Renovation*

By Doug Robinson
St. John's Archives Committee

From generation to generation, St. John's has been steadfast in the stewardship of our facilities. After all, much wear and tear can occur after thirty years of use.

Such was the case in the early 1970s when our congregation found itself facing significant maintenance, preservation and enhancement needs from a sanctuary that had not received a facelift since 1947. The sanctuary needed new carpet, the stained glass windows needed repairing, and the interior needed painting. It was also time to invest in larger space for our music department as programming and participation had grown exponentially since the renovations in the 1940s. Participants were simply out of room.



1975 Sanctuary Renovations

The task force, formed in 1973, included current church members Julius Waggoner, Dr. Bob Tannehill, Glenn Ketner, Jr., and Mark Ritchie, who represented the youth of the church. A major discussion point centered around the placement of the altar. Should it remain at the back of the chancel or placed in the center, as had been done in the chapel? Ultimately, the decision was to keep the altar in its present (and current) location.

Approved by the congregation in February 1975, the renovation was broken down into three phases according to priority: Phase One consisted of extensive roof repairs, repairing the lead surrounding the stained glass windows, repairing acoustical panels, restoration of the altar's tryptic, interior painting, refinishing the pews (a decision later changed to purchasing new pews), relocation and elevation of the pulpit, moving the organ console, and upgrading the sound and lighting systems.

Phase Two focused on the music suite by expanding the rehearsal rooms, adding two choir robing rooms, and a music library.

Phase Three focused on some relatively minor work to the fellowship hall and the archives room.

Luther Sowers was commissioned to redesign the pulpit. Though not initially included in the project, he also designed new brass-covered doors for the Innes Street entrances to the narthex.

Phases One and Two were completed within seven months and dedicated on Sunday, Dec. 14, 1975. Phase Three began in 1976. The total project cost \$150,000. \$115,000 was committed during the initial pledge campaign, after which, on Easter Sunday 1975, Clifford Peeler challenged the congregation to step forward in faith and raise the needed funds. Within two weeks, an additional \$35,000 was raised to complete the project.

The Gathering: *How Wednesday Night Meals Began*

By Susan Shinn Turner

Last month, we told you some of the stories of the St. John's "cooks in the kitchen."

This month, we asked Georgi Goss to share her memories of how the Wednesday meals came to be, since she was instrumental in starting the Wednesday night gatherings. Georgi is the daughter of the late Martha Agner, who wrote a two-volume book about the history of St. John's.

Here's what Georgi had to say:

In early 1989, congregation member Meetta Lampert and Pastor John Derrick approached me about helping to establish a Wednesday evening dinner which could be followed by learning or art experiences. That way, adults who didn't have children in the Weekday Church School program would have something to attract them to the church on Wednesday evening besides just food. That sounded like a great idea to me. Families who were picking up children from Weekday Church School could stay for dinner and then leave if they chose to. John suggested that choir practice and handbell practice could be moved so that they would immediately follow the meal.

I agreed to help Meetta with this project, which we named The Gathering. I would, as a volunteer, plan the menus, shop, and cook, as long as other volunteers helped cook and clean up. Meetta, with ideas from John and me in addition to her own wonderful ideas, would organize the classes and guest speakers.

The kitchen was in sad shape and we were told there wasn't any money in the budget for commercial equipment. Something needed to be done, so I met with the building committee to discuss options. In preparation for the new demands on the old church basement kitchen, my husband donated two new oversized residential double ovens to the church, so that we would have four ovens available to cook in, and Bob Glover and his band of carpenters built cabinets to house them. It was an inexpensive remodel. At some point, someone came through with enough money for us to be able

to add a commercial pass-through dishwasher with the requisite stainless steel counter attached. The remodel was completed quickly, before I began cooking at the beginning of September 1989.

Although I had grown up in a large family and could readily prepare food for large crowds, I wanted to be certain I wouldn't let anyone down, especially Meetta, who was working to organize the after-dinner activities. So in preparation, I also visited and observed Mary Frances Roueche while she prepared lunch for the Rotary Club, which she had done for quite some time. She generously shared some large-volume recipes and so did a patient of my husband's, who had been a cook in the military.

I planned the meals on Monday, shopped on Tuesday, and cooked on Wednesday. I checked on Thursday that the money taken in covered what we had spent on food. Volunteers from different Sunday School classes came on Wednesday to assist with the cooking, serving, and clean up. I met, and renewed acquaintances with, a great many members of our church. Helen Lentz, in particular, repeatedly volunteered, and Rita Bolick became my "right hand man," helping every week. Rita and I became close friends; we each had two children, and I was pregnant with my third one for the last 3½ months that I cooked at St. John's, although I told no one until the last dinner had been served at the end of May. Olivia was born in November 1990.

As far as I know, St. John's has been able to offer the Wednesday evening meals every academic year since Meetta and I started the Gathering.

What a great legacy! Thank you, Georgi, Meetta, and all who have been a part of our Wednesday gatherings. As we prepare space for a new generation of ministry, we give thanks for those who have helped us get where we are today.

*Help us preserve church history.
Share your stories and photos with us!*

“A remarkable response!”

By Pastor Rhodes Woolly

After five weeks of our G2G Phase 2 Campaign, you have pledged or contributed \$3.2 million, based on a total project goal of \$3.8 million. What a remarkable response!

Your investment shows that you believe in the ultimate goal of our campaign: to prepare space for a new generation of ministry. As you know, that includes replacing all of the sanctuary building HVAC units, renovating the fellowship hall and kitchen, renovating the CDC, adding handicap accessible restrooms to the lower and sanctuary levels, renovating the music suite, and replacing the sanctuary's sound system and carpet.

The project represents the first major renovation since 1947, although significant work on the sanctuary's aesthetic was completed in 1975.

The St. John's sanctuary is an icon for the city of Salisbury, firmly standing in the center of downtown for nearly 100 years. No doubt, those before us were faithful stewards of the building and the many different ministries it has housed over the years. We have been richly blessed because of their faithfulness.

Now it's our turn. *Thank you for stepping up to the plate!*

Some significant historical moments loom on our horizon, which provides heightened interest in this project. In 2022, we will celebrate the 275th anniversary of the congregation. St. John's is Salisbury's first church, which means that we've grown up together. To a certain extent, our anniversary is the city's anniversary, and we'll certainly want to celebrate together.

2027 marks the 100th anniversary of the sanctuary building. Because of the congregation's terrific growth, the church was relocated from North Main Street to its current location, paving the way for expanded ministries and presence in the community. By the mid 1950s, it was the largest Lutheran church between DC and Atlanta, and boasted the largest Sunday School attendance in the entire United Lutheran Church.

12 generations of our forebears brought us to where we are

today. This campaign builds on that legacy as we prepare space for a new generation of ministry.

What's next? A few things come to mind:

The Campaign isn't over! Perhaps you would like to contribute or increase your level of participation. There's plenty of time for you to respond as we seek to complete our fundraising goal of \$3.8 million.

Interested in a naming gift? Naming rights are provided based on certain giving levels. See the campaign brochure for more information. We're actively seeking naming gifts for the music suite, the CDC kitchen, and the new CDC multi-purpose room.

This is a no-debt project. One of the most important steps our Council took early on is in claiming that phase 2 will be a no-debt project, which means that work will commence when we have cash/pledges in hand. The decision guarantees that the congregation will not be burdened by future debt repayment or exorbitant interest costs.

Drawings, Bids, Renovation. Because of the congregation's tremendous response, Council was confident enough to secure the work of a local architect, Bill Burgin, to begin work on architectural drawings, a process that takes approximately 8 weeks. Once drawings are complete, the project will be put out to bid (approximately 4 weeks). Once bids are reviewed, Council will recommend a specific bid to the congregation, outline the renovation timeline, and put forward a plan for how ministries will continue during the renovation process.

Thanks abound. A project like this takes the collective effort of lots of people. Special kudos to our G2G Steering Committee chair, Mark Lewis, the G2G Building Team chair, Mike Agee, and other members of the leadership team (Franco Goodman, Raymond Coltraine, Amy Ritchie, and Bill Safrit). A debt of gratitude is also extended to our faithful staff. Because we chose not to use an outside consultant, our staff has taken on the responsibility of guiding the inner workings of this campaign. Many thanks to them.

And thanks to all who have been a part of this journey. What a special time in the life of this congregation and community. If you've not yet invested in this campaign, I'd be happy to talk with you about it. Just let me know.

Around the Church and Community



Direct Your 2019 Thrivent Choice Dollars® by March 31, 2020

Since 2010, over \$370 million has been distributed to thousands of churches, schools, and other nonprofits through Thrivent Choice®. Through this program, eligible Thrivent members can recommend where Thrivent donates millions of charitable outreach dollars each year.

Thrivent members have until March 31, 2020, to designate their Choice Dollars. Don't miss this opportunity to direct your Choice Dollars to St. John's!

Your contributions are designated to the Thrivent Fund at St. John's, which provides funding for new ministries and unbudgeted needs. Funded projects have included start up

costs for the Senior memories video project, allowing us to capture memories from lifetime St. John's members. The Fund has also provided faith formation software that encourages kids and their families to connect faith at church and home, and funded the update of our website to be more engaging and interactive.

Go to [Thrivent.com](https://www.thrivent.com) to learn more. Or call 800-847-4836 and say "Thrivent Choice" after the prompt.

Worship and the Arts

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CHANCEL CHOIR REHEARSAL SCHEDULE CHANGES

We enter the season of Lent with Ash Wednesday, Feb. 26, and begin our Midweek Lenten Worship on Wednesday, March 4 through April 1. During that time, the Chancel Choir rehearsal time will still begin at 7:30 pm. We take this opportunity to extend an invitation to those who might like to join the chancel choir as they prepare for leading worship in song, anthem and liturgy especially for Palm Sunday, Holy Week Services, and Easter!

ST. JOHN'S WOMEN'S ENSEMBLE will meet on Sunday, March 8, March 22, and optionally on March 29, at 4 pm in the Youth Music Room. The Women's Ensemble will be scheduled to sing sometime in mid to late March during 11 am worship. We encourage female voices from Middle School – Adult age to join them in singing sacred music arranged for mixed female voices!

ST. JOHN'S MEN'S CHORUS is still welcoming new voices and is rehearsing each Sunday afternoon at 4 pm as they prepare for their Spring Concert on May 17, 2020 at 3 pm.

The **LUTHER** Ringers are rehearsing on Monday evenings at 7 pm and the **CLASSIC RINGERS** rehearse immediately following each Mid-Week Lenten Service. Both rehearsals are in the Bell Loft in the church.

ST. JOHN'S CHAPEL SINGERS will meet at 7:45 am in the Chapel on Sunday, March 1 to prepare to lead 8:30 am Chapel Worship. Deanna Boksleitner, Director of the Chapel Singers welcomes any new voices to join with them!

The **CALVIN EDWARDS TRIO** will be returning to St. John's to lead us in Jazz Vespers on Saturday, April 25, 2020 at 7 pm. Please save the date and join us for a culturally rich and soulful time of worship and music!

The Arts at St. John's *A Look Ahead*

Calvin Edwards Trio

Saturday, April 25, 2020 at 7 pm
in the Faith Center

Men's Chorus Spring Concert

Sunday, May 17, 2020 at 4 pm
in the sanctuary

Fellowship on the Fifth

You are warmly invited to *Fellowship on the Fifth* following the 11 am worship on the fifth Sunday of the month!.

Join us Sunday, March 29 for a time of coffee, cookies, fellowship and conversation in the Fellowship Hall. We'll also provide name tags for each worshiper prior to 11 am worship that Sunday morning. This will give us the opportunity to meet and greet each other by name where all are welcome! We promise that you'll still be able to get to lunch in good time following our fellowship together!



Music and Meditation: *Mondays in Lent*

You are cordially invited to join Pastors Rhodes Woolly and Laura Henrik along with area musicians for *Music and Meditation* during the lunch hour on three consecutive Mondays during this Lenten Season. They will be held in the chapel on Mondays, March 9, 16, and 23 from 12:15-12:45 pm.

The services will include prayer, meditation, and special music by Rosemary Kinard, Flute and Rob Durocher, Piano (March 9); Deanna Boksleitner, Organ (March 16); and Connie Burleson, Harp and Piano (March 23).

Rosemary Kinard, raised in Alabama and Florida, is Associate Parish Musician at St. John's, after having retired in 2007 from her twenty years as Head of the Choral Program at Catawba College. She has degrees from Asbury College and Appalachian State University, is a singer, flutist, and keyboardist, accompanies the Chancel Choir, and directs various ensembles, including the St. John's Flute Ensemble and The Trinity Oaks Singers.

Rob Durocher, Deacon, is Minister of Worship and the Arts at St. John's where he administers the music program and oversees musical leadership for our three worship services. He is an organist, keyboardist and composer, and is active in the North Carolina Synod of the ELCA. Born in Texas and raised in New Jersey, he came to St. John's in 1998, after having served churches in Gastonia and Ramsey, NJ.

Deanna Boksleitner serves as the organist for St. John's 8:30 chapel worship and directs the Chapel Choir. Born in Frederick, MD, she holds a degree in voice and organ from Meredith College, and earned a Master of Church Music degree in organ from Concordia, University in Chicago. She has served as a Lutheran Minister of Music/Organist for 22 years, President of the American Guild of Organists in Central NC, founded the Wake County Lutheran Music Directors Assoc., and has published several anthems. She retired to Trinity Oaks with her husband Rudy in 2011.

Connie Burleson is a graduate of Meredith College in Music Education and Organ Performance. She also has a degree



from UNCG in Early Childhood Education. Connie taught Early Childhood Education and Music in Rowan and Davidson County Schools, and Music at Davidson Academy. Connie is Organist and Choir accompanist at First Presbyterian Church in Lexington, N.C., and is the accompanist for Westchester Country Day School Chorus. Connie is currently studying Harp at The Arts Academy at Grace. She and her husband, Lanny are members of St. John's.

Invite your friends to join you for Music and Meditation at mid-day in the St. John's Chapel.

Around the Congregation



Boy Scout Sunday

Boy Scouts has played an important role in youth ministry at St. John's since the first troop was organized in 1922. Cub Scouts have been an important part of faith formation for our younger children since the 1930s.

On Feb. 2, Scout Sunday, the scouts participated in worship and received special religious awards.



St. John's scouts also participated in the Scouting for Food program. As of Feb. 28, the Sapona district had collected 44,700 pounds of food. Thank you for your contributions!



Ash Wednesday for Kids

Children from our Kindergarten and CDC received the imposition of ashes on the morning of Ash Wednesday, Feb. 26.

Two additional services were held that day, in the chapel and the sanctuary.





“Consider the Lilies and how they grow. They toil not, they spin not; and yet I say unto you, that Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these.” (Luke 12:27)

Easter Palms, Lilies, and Flowers

Be a part of a beautiful tradition at St. John’s, as we decorate our worship spaces for Palm Sunday and Easter Sunday. Give thanks for the blessings in your life or remember and honor loved ones with the purchase of a palm or lily. Lilies may be purchased for \$15.00. Palms may be purchased for \$25.00.

We will also be collecting donations to go towards the Easter Cross and altar flowers in memory or honor of loved ones. Money for lilies, palms and flowers may be mailed to or taken to the church office. You may also place money, in a marked envelope, in the offering plate. Deadline for ordering will be April 3.

Lilies and palms will be delivered fresh to the church prior to Easter. They will be available for you to take home after 11 am Easter Worship. A dedication insert will be included in the worship bulletin on Easter Sunday.



2020 Easter Lilies, Palms, and Flowers

Given by _____

Decoration	Price	In Memory of.....	In Honor of.....
Lily	\$15.00 each		
Palm	\$25.00 each		
Flowers	Amount \$ _____		

GIFT Women's Retreat, March 27-29

By Susan Shinn Turner

In our busy and hectic lives of taking care of our children and/or our parents, a weekend to build confidence would be a godsend.

Plan to come to the 2020 Women's Retreat at Bonclarken Conference Center in Flat Rock, set for March 27-29.

Pastor Laura Henrik is the weekend's speaker. The theme centers around the song "Confidence," by Sanctus Real, "so we can face our giants with confidence."

"We are hoping all of the women of St. John's can attend, but realistically we have room for about 55 ladies this year," says Kristin May, who leads the GIFT Ministry Team. "We want the women of the church to know that they aren't alone in their struggles: that all ladies, no matter the age deal with the same fears, uncertainties, anxiety and doubts. And that it is important to share those thoughts and feelings and talk about things you have done to overcome them."

Kristin continues, "I think it is important for different generations to talk. When you are in your early 20s and going through things (college, finding a job, possibly starting a family, or the future in general) it is hard to imagine anyone else going through the same thing; or a new mom struggling to find their identity and the challenges of caring for a little one; or a mom of a middle- or high-schooler as they go through the hormones and stresses of school; or a mom of a college student and learning to let go and watch your child soar; or the empty nester and retirees as they struggle with



the next steps in life; or those who go through life with no kids for various reasons."

Along with Kristin, members of the GIFT Ministry planning team are Sharon Agee, Carol Brown, Scott Rhodes, and Sally Taylor.

Carol has been a longtime member of that team, which has been tasked with looking at gifts the women of St. John's can share with the congregation and wider community.

Along with the Bible study, the retreat weekend will also include arts and crafts, a community service project, and free time for visiting or meditation.

"I hope we get to do some bonding," Carol says. "We want women of all ages to come and share time together. I am looking forward to spending time with friends, studying the scriptures, and taking time to meditate. The retreat center is a lovely place for us to share our hopes, expectations, and challenges."

Register online by March 9.

GIFT PACKING PARTY

Tuesday, March 10 at 1 pm at Rowan Helping Ministries

GIFT is partnering with Food for Thought to pack backpacks for hungry children in our community.

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

Men's Beach Retreat, May 29-31

By Susan Shinn Turner

The Men's Beach Retreat at the Lutheran Retreat Center at Isle of Palms in May sounds like SO MUCH FUN.

There's just one problem: no girls allowed!

But that's OK, the women are having their own retreat in late March (see accompanying article).

The men will gather May 29-31 for the eighth consecutive year. Registration is now open and brochures are available in the tract racks.

The weekend follows a leisurely agenda. The men go out to eat together on Friday night, after which Aaron Shafer will start things off with some fun activities. Pastor Rhodes leads a Bible study on Saturday morning. The afternoon is free for golfing, biking, walking on the beach, or a chartered salt water fishing outing. There will be a Low Country boil on Saturday evening, and then the men will attend church as a group before heading home on Sunday.

Aaron and Mark Ritchie are part of the team that cooks meals. Rest assured, the meals are a highlight of the weekend, loaded with good food and fellowship.

Aaron has attended the retreat every year. "We all come from different backgrounds and generations. We're all able to come in with different life experiences and opportunities to



learn from our peers and everyone else. Everyone who has gone has really enjoyed it."

"It's just a great opportunity for the guys to spend some time together away from church," says Gary Rhodes, one of the organizers. "I have really gotten to know people I would never have known otherwise."

In the past, the retreat has been limited to between 20-25 participants. But with a new location, we can take as many as 40 men. This year's venue is the Coastal Retreat Center on the Isle of Palms, a hotel-like facility and conference center managed by the SC Lutheran Synod.

"Hopefully we can expand the group," Gary says. "It would be great to fill the whole place if we can. We pack in a really good Bible study and fellowship over the weekend. It's a lot of fun and a lot of fellowship."

"It's one of the highlights of my year," Pastor Rhodes says, "and the fact that we're near Charleston makes it all the better."

"Don't make an excuse not to go," Aaron adds. "Since we plan so far out, it gives all of us an opportunity to open up that weekend."



Register online or by completing one of the brochures found in the tract racks.

Carolyn Myers Honored for a Lifetime of Tutoring

By Susan Shinn Turner

When asked about her recent Lifetime Achievement Award from the Rowan County Literacy Council, Carolyn Myers says, "Oh, that's old news!"

But the retired educator encourages others to become a tutor. Carolyn spent 35 years as a tutor and trainer with the literacy council. She's also been the board's president, vice president, and treasurer.

"It's just something I wanted to do and could do," she says. "It was just what I did with my time."

Carolyn and her husband, Robert, attend St. John's. They are the parents of John Myers, whose wife is Betsy Graeber Myers, and the grandparents of Riley and Griffin Myers. Because of Robert's health, Carolyn is not tutoring at the moment, but would like to return when she can.

Carolyn learned the Laubach method of tutoring when working with a fellow teacher, Flo Peck. "They gave me students who could not read."



Carolyn enjoyed it so much that she returned to school and got a master's degree in reading, later teaching second- through fifth-graders in the Title I program at North Elementary School.

So she's worked with elementary students, teens and adults. When asked which she liked best, she says, the second-graders. "They give you hugs!"

Then she adds, "I just enjoyed all of it. It's been a good time. It was an important thing for me to do."

If you'd like to become a literacy tutor, please call the Rowan County Literacy Council at 704-216-8266 or visit rcliteracy.org.

Welcome New Members!



On Feb. 9, St. John's welcomed new members, Heidi, Brenna, and Connor McCormick at the 11 am worship service. Heidi is a mail carrier in Clemmons. Brenna is a sophomore at Western Carolina University and Connor is Freshman at West Forsyth High School. Heidi is the daughter of Donna and Willi Beilfuss.



On Feb. 16, St. John's welcomed new members, Bob and Jill Simon, at 11 am worship. Bob and Jill own Morse Measurements in Salisbury, which tests vehicle suspensions for production vehicles and all types of racing vehicles, including NASCAR and Indy Cars. Jill is originally from Michigan, while Bob hails from Pennsylvania.

Guatemala: Mission Trips, Prayer, Sponsorships

By Hannah Nadeau Giron
GRACES Executive Director

A Vision Trip for Adults! GRACES is so excited to have the St. John's Youth group in Guatemala this summer. However- we don't want to leave out the adults! If you are interested in coming to Guatemala, going on home visits, seeing the school, experiencing the culture, and also having fun- contact Nancy Shirley at nancy@wearegraces.org

Calling All Prayer Partners: Escuela Integrada staff members will hold regular prayer meetings the last Tuesday of every month at 4pm EST. They want this to be a global effort and have asked if you would also come alongside them in prayer. If you are interested in becoming a prayer partner and receiving updates on prayer request that are being prayed over by Escuela Integrada staff members, you can email Hannah Nadeau at hannah@weagregraces.org

Sponsorship Opportunities: Our Sponsorship Program is an extremely important part of our organization. Not only does it allow us to financially provide education, nutrition and support but it also fosters hope in our children and their families. They know they have a cheerleader that is rooting, encouraging and praying specifically for them. The impact that this has on those that have been looked down upon and made to believe that they are less than is substantial. There are many deserving children at Escuela Integrada that still need sponsors. If you are interested, you can visit www.wearegraces.org/unspponsored



A Guatemalan Gathering

Want to hear the latest on GRACES and Escuela Integrada? Want to hear from your sponsored child? Want to learn about Vision Trips to Guatemala?

Join us on Thursday, April 23, 2019, 7-9 pm at the home of Nancy Shirley, 510 Hagen Ct for light refreshments and information about all of the above. This gathering is for both those familiar with the school and those wanting to learn more.

For more information, contact Nancy Shirley at nancyruffshirley@gmail.com.

Bethlehem and Salisbury: Women's Ministries Join Together



In February, our friends in Bethlehem shared this photo of women from Christmas Lutheran Church skyping with our GIFT Women's Ministry leaders. We are blessed by this partnership and excited about future ministry opportunities!

Reminder

Pastor Rhodes and Mike Connor are leading a pilgrimage to the Holy Land, March 1-11, 2021. Registration is available online.



St. John's Lutheran Concord 275th Anniversary

This year marks the 275th Anniversary of St. John's Concord's inception.

A shared name and history. The congregations share a name and a common history, including the same first Lutheran pastor, the first Lutheran Pastor in North Carolina.

In 1772, Christopher Layrle from St. John's in Mecklenberg County and Christopher Rintlemann from Organ Church in Rowan County were commissioned to go to Germany to seek a minister and schoolteacher. The Rev. Adolph Nussman was officially called and commissioned as pastor and Mr. Johann Gottfried Arends as schoolteacher by the consistory.

In 1773, Nussman was the first ordained Lutheran pastor permanently in North

Carolina, serving in Rowan County, primarily at Organ and St. John's [Salisbury]. Nussman remained for one year, before moving to Mecklenberg County where he served the remainder of his life.

Arends remained in Rowan County, where he continued to serve St. John's [Salisbury] and was ordained in 1775.

Upcoming Events. St. John's Concord has a number of commemorative events scheduled throughout the year, including, "A Saturday Tour of the Four Mother Churches: St. John's [Concord], Organ, Grace Lower Stone, and Bethel Bear Creek" on May 16.

For more information, visit www.stjohnslutheranchurch.net.



NC Synod Gathering 2020

Thursday, May 28 – Saturday, May 30

Lenoir-Rhyne University Hickory, NC

Join Lutherans from all across the NC synod as we gather for worship, fellowship, and learning together. Be a part of the first ever NC Synod Gathering!

Who should come to the NC Synod Gathering? All NC Synod Lutherans. Come for the entire three-day event or come for a day or two. You'll be glad you did!

Highlights include:

- Dr. Jacqueline Bussie, author of *Love without Limits* and *Outlaw Christian*, as keynote speaker
- Celebration of the 50th Anniversary of the Ordination of Women at Hollar Mills
- Bible study led by the Rev. Kendra Mohn, pastor at Trinity Lutheran, Fort Worth, TX
- Musician Mark Mummert leading daily worship
- Fellowship, worship, learning opportunities and more

Costs:

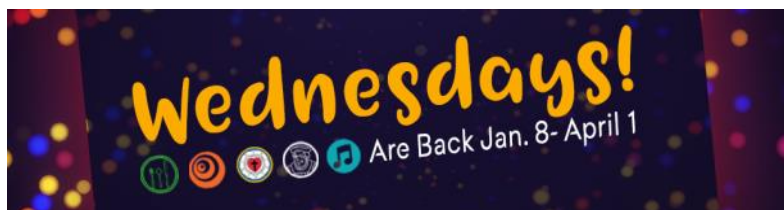
1-day = \$40 Early Bird (April 15)/ \$50 Late (May 15)

2-day = \$80 Early Bird (April 15)/ \$100 Late (May 15)

3-day = \$100 Early Bird (April 15)/ \$120 Late (May 15)

For more details and to register online, visit nclutheran.org/2020-gathering.

Around the Church and Community



5:30 pm – Wednesday Night Meals, in the Fellowship Hall.

Meals are \$4 for adults, \$3 for youth grades 6-12, and \$1 for elementary and younger.

What's on the menu in March?

March 4 - Chicken Supreme, rice & mushroom, peas & carrots, garden salad, rolls and dessert

March 11 - Meatloaf, mashed potatoes & gravy, steamed vegetables, cucumbers & onions, rolls and dessert

March 18 - Chicken tetrazzini, green beans, Caesar salad, Texas toast and dessert

March 25 - Beef Stroganoff, steamed broccoli, baked apples, Texas toast and dessert

April 1- Roasted chicken, Mac & cheese, broccoli salad, rolls and dessert

6-7 pm – Kingdom Kids, in the PIT

Consolation

Brad, Jeffrey, and Emmett Stephenson on the passing of Brad's father, L.G. "Steve" Stephenson on Jan. 25.

Mark, Maria, and Rebecca Lewis and family, on the passing of Mark's mother, Joyce Beaver, on Feb. 20.

Holly Zemke and family, on the passing of her brother Mark in Katy, Texas.

David, Julie, Zachary, and Dawson Carr, Melanie (Steve) Stegall and family, on the passing of their father, William "Bill" Larry Waycaster on Feb. 21.

Congratulations

Bradley and Caitlin Chestnut, who married on Saturday, Feb. 29.

Baptism

Congratulations to the family and friends of Jessa Wiles and her father, Jeremy Wiles, who will be baptized Feb. 23 at the 11 am worship service.



Thank you for all the prayers, love and support our St. John's Family shared with us during my mother's illness and the recent Celebration of Her Life. The food for our family was delicious and you were truly the hands and feet of Jesus. We appreciate it so very much and love you all dearly.

Cheers & Blessings

Cathy & Freddie Eller, Corry, Kevin, Grace, Madelyn & Emma Frazier, Justin, Kari & Everette Eller, Kim & Teresa Cress, Lauren, Alex & Kannon Britt

To our St. John's family,

Thank you so much for all the calls, prayers and all the kind deeds that you have done since Howard's fall.

We love you all.

Howard and Diane Everhart

Thank you to all who have sent cards, made calls and surrounded me in prayer after the loss of my sister. Without my St. John's family, life would be impossible. I love you all.

Brenda Munday

Worship Leaders for March

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

LAY ASSISTING MINISTERS

Mar 1 Gretchen Witt
Mar 8 David Roof
Mar 15 Randy Overcash
Mar 22 Corinne Mauldin
Mar 30 Missy Hunter

READERS

Mar 1 *Acquawon Stalworth, Girl Scouts
Mar 8 *Carol Beaver, Dave Foreman
Mar 15 *Cindy Fink, Eleanor Sifford
Mar 22 *Parker Hatchett, Ray Coltrain
Mar 29 *Bob Loeblein, Hen Henderlite
Apr 5 Brett Hinson, Lynn Robinson, Cyndi Krusemark, Franco Goodman

COMMUNION ASSISTANTS

Mar 1 Wesley Rhyne, ^Gretchen Witt
Mar 8 *Anne Hatchett
Mar 15 Donna Weinhold, *Gretchen Witt
Mar 22 *Beth Boger

ALTAR GUILD

Mar Scott Rhodes, Mary Willis Page, Joyce Cline

COMMUNION PREPARERS

Mar Linda and Roger Hull

GREETERS

Mar 1 Raymond and Kay Coltrain, Pansy Peeler
Mar 8 Steve and Karen Puckett, Stan and Rita Honeycutt
Mar 15 Stan and Sandy Jordan, Bryan and Mary Wymbs
Mar 22 Linda Phillips, Francy and Brenda Goodman
Mar 29 Rosalind and Noah Hines, Gary, Scott, Davey Rhodes
Apr 5 Tom and Mimi Carlton, Bill and Linda Safrit

WELCOME PLACE GREETERS

Mar 1 Hen Henderlite
Mar 8 Linda Safrit
Mar 15 Lorna Reasor
Mar 22 Janice Raper
Mar 29 Carolyn Hood
Apr 5 Linda Phillips

AFTER-SERVICE GREETERS

Mar 1 David Phillips, David Hord, Larry Cesario
Mar 8 Christopher Derrick, Mary Wymbs, Cindy Fink
Mar 15 Mike Edwards, Mike Agee, Wesley Rhyne
Mar 22 Larry Britt, Rosalind Hines, Penny Moss
Mar 29 Dennis Rogers, David Phillips, Larry Cesario

ACOLYTES/TORCH BEARERS

Mar 1 Alex Hedenskog, Kaydence McDaniel
Mar 8 Ashley Yang, Aaron Yang
Mar 15 Ella Wilson, Margaret Thurman
Mar 22 Mary Bowler, Sadie Bowler
Mar 29 Lucy Burks, Kari Downs

ELEMENT BEARERS

Mar 1 Sam Goodman
Mar 15 Cora Wymbs

CRUCIFERS

Mar 1 Anna Hedenskog
Mar 8 Ellen Yang
Mar 15 Molly Wilson
Mar 22 Sam Medina
Mar 29 Sydney Hlavacek

BANNER BEARER

Mar 1 Ella Hedenskog
Mar 8 Morgan Jeter
Mar 15 Cali Proper
Mar 22 Sascha Medina
Mar 29 Hannah Greene

NURSERY

Mar 1 Annette Brown, Caroline Houpe
Mar 8 Annette Brown, Caroline Houpe
Mar 15 Annette Brown, Anna Everhart
Mar 22 Ruth Koppe, Gemma Brown
Mar 29 Kristen Brady, Gemma Brown

Happy Birthday!

Congratulations to our Octogenarians

March Birthdays:

Bobbie Ann Brown, Dr. Tom Carlton Jr., Eva Doyle, Pat Epting, Howard Everhart, Bob Glover, Burt Harris, Joan Harris, Mack Lampert, Barbara Sims, Dot Smith, Irene Stirewalt, Emily Stirewalt

Worship Attendance

Not included in our regular attendance total is our online livestream attendance, listed in parenthesis. The online audience includes the total number of devices that log in live to our 11 am worship service.

Feb 2	527 (51)
Feb 9	423 (59)
Feb 16	460 (135)
Feb 23	486 (167)
Ash Wednesday	402 (all services) (299)

USHERS: Head Ushers

March Glenn Stokes, Dan Waggoner

USHER TEAMS

Mar 1	Team 1E*	Tom Childress, Jim Boger
	Team 6	Boy Scouts
Mar 8	Team 2E*	Tom Smith, Jim Boger
	Team 7	Mickey Black, captain
Mar 15	Team 3E*	Chip Bridges, Jeff Nelson
	Team 8	Glenn Ketner, captain
Mar 22	Team 4E*	Bob Rusher, Bobby Rusher
	Team 9	Cliff Ritchie, captain
Mar 29	Team 5E*	Jim Boger, Ronnie Smith
	Team 10	Larry Britt, captain

9:27 COMMUNION PREPARERS

Mar Vernon Davis, Cyndii Owen, Cheryl Sjoblom

9:27 COMMUNION ASSISTANTS

Mar Michelle Johnson, Mark Ritchie, Danny and Rosalind Hines, Cyndii Owen, Missy Weaver

9:27 HOSPITALITY TEAM

Mar 1	Angel Barber, Cammie Yarborough, Wayne Everhart, Danny, Noah, and Rosalind Hines, David and Julie Carr
Mar 8	Dean Safrit, Tammy Safrit, Judi Downs, Henry Hopf, Barbara Brown, Lindsey Wineka
Mar 15	Debbie Carter, Doug Carter, Cheryl and Chad van der Poel, Mike Jacobsen, Cyndii Owen
Mar 22	Stacey and Grace Shafer, Jack and Jeanie Moore, Adam and Crystal Ryerson
Mar 29	Doug and Donna Groce, Rosalind, Danny, and Noah Hines, Kim, Ben, and Eva White

9:27 COFFEE VOLUNTEERS

Mar 1	David and Julie Carr
Mar 8	Mike and Sharon Agee
Mar 15	Dennis and Kathy Ingold, Cyndii Owen, Jill Nothstine
Mar 22	Stan and Sandy Jordan
Mar 29	Bob and Sandy Melton

9:27 USHER TEAM

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

SOUND

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

St. John's Leadership

CONGREGATION COUNCIL

2020 President Cindy Fink
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Larry Cesario
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Aleksandr (Sacha) Witt

Term Expires 2021

Randy Overcash
David Hord
Mike Agee
Mary Wymbs
Larry Britt

Term Expires 2022

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Penny Moss
Dennis Rogers
Rosalind Hines

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Buck-a-Meal Sunday

(1st Sunday of each month)
March 1

Buck-A-Meal for February was \$517 . 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.

Around the Congregation

Seasons Gifts: Super Sale Sundays!

Change is good...reinvention is even better! Seasons Gifts has a dramatic, new take on shop sales, and it's good for you! Each month, the Season's Gift Shop Board will select an item and run a super sale on the item only one day, Sunday only, as long as stock lasts. Items cannot be held and cannot be repaid.

The new **Super Sale Sunday** program which will be the **first Sunday of every month, starting March 1** Items for sale will be announced monthly in the Eagle's View.

The sales will be slashed in the range of 50% to 75%. Discounts will vary depending on the item. For **March 1, we will feature greeting cards by Frank and Funny, Positively Green, Dayspring cards on the bookshelf & Boxed Cards!**

Oh, with new products are on the way, space will be needed for new things on the shelves, so shelves need to be freed for continual change. Hence, a sales program that ensures that everybody is happy!



Jesus Calling daily devotionals, Prayer Crosses, and Student Bibles are available for purchase in Seasons Gifts.

Season's Gift Shop is open Tuesday through Friday 11:30 am 1:30 pm and Sunday from 9 – 11 am.

For appointments after hours, please call Sherry Mason Brown, Kim Lentz, or Diane Poole.

March 2020

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Girl Scout Sunday 8:30a Chapel Worship 9:27a Contemporary Worship/HC 9:45a Children's Sunday School 11a Sanctuary Worship/HC 11:15a Children's Worship 12 pm Blue and Gold Banquet 4p Men's Chorus 5:30p Youth Group 7p Study Group at the Hull's	2 1p Monday Rembrandts 1:30p Staff Meeting 5:30p G2G Steering Committee 6:30p Cub Scout Meeting 7p Luther Ringers	3 8a Women's Bible Study	4 10a Chrismon Meeting 11a Pilgrimage Reunion 5:15p Classic Ringers 5:30p Wednesday Meals 6p Kingdom Kids 6p Personnel Committee Meeting 6:30p Lenten Worship 7:15p Chancel Choir	5 7:30a Men's Bible Study 10a Trinity Oaks/CDC Engagement 10:15a Trinity Singers 11a Trinity Ringers 12p CDC Advisory Committee 2:30p Barnabas Connection 5:30p Property Committee 6p 9:27 Worship Rehearsal 6:30p Cub Scout Pack Committee	6	7
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 Pastor of Youth and Discipleship.....The Rev. Laura Henrik
 Visitation.....Wade Rouzer

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 Bell Choirs.....Kimberly Lentz
 Production Manager.....Taylor Hutchins
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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 worship.

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.

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Danny	201	Rob	208
Brenda	202	Taylor	217
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