May 5, 2019 - 10:30 am Worship & Holy Communion
May 12, 2019 - 10:30 am Worship & Holy Communion—Mother’s Day
May 19, 2019—10:30 am Worship & Holy Communion
May 26, 2019 - 10:30 am Worship & Holy Communion
Pastor T. C. Plexico - Pastor Emeritus

Organist – Tina Brown – brownstudio@windstream.net
Ruth Goodman – Secretary – 704-636-0992 – Cell 704-433-4594 – e-mail ulcoffice@att.net
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**Believe There is Good in the World**
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Cathy Painther and Jennifer Curlee

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Dear Union Family,

In the Fellowship Hall on Sunday, August 19, 2018, I led a conversation entitled “Healthy and Unhealthy Church Dynamics.” At approximately 10:00 AM Felisaty Morgan gave a warning and a prophecy. She basically said that if Union Lutheran didn’t start paying attention to the needs of our youth, in a few years there won’t be any youth at this church. Why? Because they don’t feel that the church truly wants to make a practical difference and invest in their lives. You broke into instantaneous applause.

On May 19, 2019 a powerful ministry was birthed with a number of churches all banding together to address the mandate to provide a solid biblical foundation for our youth in the context of regular weekly gatherings to learn from God’s Word and draw strength from each other.

Union Lutheran, Organ Lutheran, Salem Lutheran and other congregations are banning together to offer a consistent Biblical teaching opportunity that will be emphasizing basic Bible beliefs and why we believe what we say we believe. The truth is that most Christians might be able to say: I believe ……. however, they have no specific knowledge of why they believe.

Your Council heard the proposal and overwhelmingly approved our church to be a part of this groundbreaking partner ministry. Below are the specifics of what the Council approved. Since then there have been some changes, and I will indicate these using parentheses ( ) marks.

- It was agreed the First Sunday of the month would continue with the Yadkin Valley Luther League. This is for youth 5th through 12th grades and would rotate between the Yakin Valley District churches.

- Faith Lutheran* would be the central location on 2nd, 3rd, 4th and 5th Sundays from 5:00-6:30 PM for year-round youth programming where our local youth leaders would not have to prepare the events. Our adult leaders could be small group leaders or support for our kids. Parents would be expected to take their kids to the specific teaching church and pick them up unless they agreed among themselves to do carpooling.

(* Instead of Faith being the location, all the churches will share in hosting starting on May 19th and will meet at Organ for the first two meetings. A schedule of hosting congregations will be published.)
Cost to pay for the shared Youth Ministry would be a $5000 per church per year. Your Council unanimously approved this expenditure!

(For the rest of 2019 the cost would be $3000 per church. This decision was made by the pastors on April 4, 2019, at a NALC gathering of pastors at Holy Trinity Lutheran in Gastonia, NC.)

Also on each first Sunday of the month, Kindergarten through 5th grade will meet for planned activities led by Rita Ramsey. She is a pre-school teacher at Salem Lutheran and former elementary grade teacher. Time would be 5:00-6:30 PM.

- The 5th-12th graders would meet 2nd, 3rd, 4th and 5th Sundays for Bible Study and learning how to articulate their individual faith. There would be games and other fun activities included in the planned events each week.

- Lisa Davis would be the primary person to lead the older youth in shared-churches youth meetings. She will be a graduate of Philadelphia Seminary with lots of experience working with youth and teaching. She is a life-long Lutheran. Her father is Rev. John Kahl, pastor of New Life Lutheran Church New London, North Carolina and Principal of Christ the King Christian Academy, New London, NC. She will set up a communication for the kids through social media and hopefully an email communication mechanism.

Other thoughts:
- 1. Possibly a combined VBS for all the churches.
- 2. Possible Mission events. Organ Lutheran has a bus and Faith has a van to help with transportation.

This Youth Ministry opportunity is historic in that we are the first grouping of churches in the Carolinas Mission District to join together to address this profoundly important need. Below is an article from Church Leaders that addresses why a Biblically based Youth Ministry is critically needed now in 2019. Because many families are not taking responsibility using basics such as Martin Luther’s Small Catechism (You get this online.) and obviously the Bible, the Church MUST come forward to prepare the youth of today to be able to express their faith and be able to make disciples for the future.

There will be other articles in this newsletter addressing:

- The formation of a Call Committee
- Update on the Narthex Expansion project

Pray for your church. Pray that the Holy Sprit will guide us into the Lord’s future for Union Lutheran Church!

Your brother in Christ,

Pastor Tom Corbell
Helping Find Truth for Kids in a World Blaring Lies

By Jonathan McKee – April 3, 2019 *

Last week on a radio show the host asked me, “Jonathan, in your book *If I Had a Parenting Do Over*, you talked about seven vital changes you’d make in parenting today. **What is the one biggest parenting practice you wish you could do over?**” Without hesitation I responded, **“I wish I had spent less time trying to block out the lies and more time focusing on the truth.”**

**Martin Luther King Jr.** said:
*Darkness cannot drive out darkness; only light can do that.*
*Hate cannot drive out hate: only love can do that.*

That’s amazing **parenting advice**, and it’s relevant today more than ever before. Today ‘Generation-screen’ is inundated with distractions: **porn** just a click away, poor role models infesting **their Instagram feed**, music with misleading lyrics, and every form of enticing entertainment imaginable from YouTube to **Netflix**. It’s easy for parents to become scared about these influences, panic and overreact. Sometimes we become so focused on finding the perfect defense we forget about our offensive line! (I know that well, I’m a Denver Broncos fan). Here lies the mistake. Once we find the perfect porn filters or software monitoring, we subconsciously think, “Whew. Now my kids are safe from the lies.” **The question remains: So who’s gonna tell them the truth?**

Mom and Dad have the amazing opportunity (not to mention responsibility) to talk with their kids about truth. Common Sense Media makes this clear in the very beginning of their article **5 Ways to Block Porn from Your Kids Devices:**

You can set all the blockers, filters and **parental controls** in the universe, and not only will your kids still see porn, you still have to talk to them about what porn is, why it exists and why it’s not
for them. In fact, using tech tools to limit adult content works best when combined with conversations that convey your values about love, sexuality and relationships. In a world so potent with lies, today’s parents need to be that much more proactive about engaging their kids in conversations about truth. The big question is—what does this actually look like? Here are three ways I have observed parents experience success setting the stage to dialogue about truth:

1. Don’t just drop your kids off at youth group
   Key word: just. Church, youth groups and Bible studies are awesome ways for kids to learn more about God, build community with other believers, and connect with positive adult mentors. And yes, that two or three hours of church each week can be powerful, because the Gospel message is powerful (“the power of God at work saving everyone who believes,” Romans 1:16, NLT)… but that doesn’t mean your job is done.

   When my kids were young, I remember a very eye-opening evening where our family was talking and laughing together in a hotel room (with my speaking schedule we spent many a night in hotels when my kids were growing up) and somehow the subject of “Father Abraham” came up. In a matter of moments we realized our kids had no idea who Abraham was. My kids had literally spent years in Sunday School. We just assumed they knew the story of Abraham and Sarah, or at least the silly song… Father Abraham had many sons…

   I remember asking them, “Well you guys at least remember the story of Jacob and Esau… the two brothers who fought over their birthright?” Silence.


   More silence.

   “Moses? Ten Commandments?”

   “Oh yeah,” my son finally spoke up. “The Prince of Egypt” (referring to the animated film). Lori and I sighed and looked at each other like, What are our kids doing in Sunday School each week…because they sure aren’t learning any Bible? But that blame shifting only lasted for a few seconds because it became obvious to us, maybe we should be proactively talking about this stuff as a family too! Duh!

   Yes, I’m confessing that we really didn’t do family devotions of any kind up to that point. But at that moment…everything changed. And we started in Genesis 1, which was really easy because I had just taken an Old Testament class in seminary and Lori had just finished an inductive Bible study on the book of Genesis at our church. Which leads me to another proactive practice…
2. Get root in scripture

Key word: rooted. Think of the tree in Psalm 1 planted by the river. It grew strong and green when everything not connected to a life source was dry and dead. When mom and dad grow roots, that’s when they produce fruit.

Yeah…that means it starts with us.

I remember hearing some amazing parenting advice for dads: If you want to be a good parent, it starts by being a good husband. A good marriage rubs off on the kids. We’re talking about the trickle-down effect. The more mom and dad become transformed by scripture, the more the truth naturally flows from them.

So allow me to meddle for just a moment. What are you personally reading in God’s Word right now? If you aren’t, you could start in the book of Luke. Just read a chapter a day. Then move onto Acts. Finish that? Then try Paul’s letters (Galatians, Ephesians, Philippians, Colossians). It doesn’t matter if you’ve never read it before. It’s amazing how potent getting away and reading the word is (just ask Chance the Rapper when he opened Galatians for the first time).

The more it changes us, the more God will change our family. It will change the way we talk. It will change the way we react when our kids test us…which brings up one more proactive practice…

3. Create a safe place

Key word: safe. Do your kids feel safe to ask you questions about anything?

“Mom, I don’t know if I believe in God?”

“Mom, what does #*^@* mean? (You fill in the blanks!)

How are we going to engage in dialogue about truth if our kids are too afraid to ask us questions? When I surveyed kids, “Why don’t you ask your parents your honest questions about sex?”…by far the most common response was, “Because I know they’ll freak out.”

I realize this is difficult for parents because we are always leaping to the question behind the question. If our kid asks us about sex, we wonder, are they considering sex? With who? Is it that boy Chris? I KNEW I SHOULD NEVER HAVE LET YOU HANG OUT WITH HIM! (Sound familiar?)

If our kids are experiencing doubts about their faith, our tendency is to take it personally and respond poorly. “I never raised you like this!” On the contrary, we should be glad when our kids feel safe enough to verbalize their doubts. Like Kara Powell so profoundly put it, “It’s not doubt that’s toxic to faith, it’s silence.”

Are you creating a climate of comfortable conversation in your home? The more we are personally in God’s Word, praying, submitting and allowing him to transform our thinking more like His, the more we’ll respond like Jesus when He encountered sinners. This
enables us to “set our minds” on things above and respond better when people drop a bomb on us…like, “Oh, I’m Bisexual.”

And yes…when you pursue these three practices above, that sets the stage to opening up the Bible after dinner and reading the word together as a family. If you feel ill equipped to read the Bible and answer your kids’ questions, don’t hesitate to use some fun devotional resources (my friend Greg still says his best family devotions were always when he went through my Zombie Apocalypse Survival Guide for Teenagers…which is basically an “our daily bread” for teenagers). Whatever method you use, make time to read truth together as a family (and here’s a few more ideas of what that can look like).

Rooted

I admit it—I have one of the best-looking lawns in the neighborhood. Lush, green, perfectly mowed and edged. Because of that, my neighbors ask me, “How do you get rid of crabgrass?” My honest answer: “I don’t know. I’ve never had it.”

I’ve always started fresh with my lawns and I’ve never allowed crabgrass to take over. How? By fertilizing every six to eight weeks with a good TurfBuilder. It makes the lawn so strong that weeds rarely penetrate. Yes, on occasion I’ve had to pluck a stray weed or two, but it’s never become a problem, because my lawn is strongly rooted with the good stuff.

What is your family rooted in?

We will not hide these truths from our children; we will tell the next generation about the glorious deeds of the Lord, about his power and his mighty wonders. (Psalms 78:4, NLT)

Jonathan McKee is the author of over twenty books including the brand new The Bullying Breakthrough: The Teen’s Guide to Social Media & Mobile Devices; If I Had a Parenting Do Over; and the Amazon Best Seller – The Guy’s Guide to God, Girls and the Phone in Your Pocket. He speaks to parents and leaders worldwide, all while providing free resources for parents on his website TheSource4Parents.com. Jonathan, his wife, Lori, and their three kids live in California.
Union Lutheran Church Congregational Council Meeting
April 7, 2019

The Congregational Council met for its regular monthly meeting on Sunday, April 7th at 3:00 p.m. in the Educational Building. Members attending were: Kay Morgan, Lynn Coughenour, Cathy Kluttz Painther, Gladys Morgan, Janie Lesley, Don Davis, Sonya Mulkey, Ann Tucker, Donnie Miller, Phil Cauble, Pete Nguyen and Pastor Tom Corbell.

Pastor Corbell opened the meeting with devotions and prayer.

The Council reviewed the information from the March meeting as printed in the Messenger. A motion was made by Phil Cauble and seconded by Lynn Coughenour to approve the minutes. Approved unanimously.

**TREASURER’S REPORT**

**CURRENT TREASURER’S REPORT:**
The March, 2019 Treasurer’s Report that was unavailable.

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Obtaining quotes for landscaping around the Columbarium, flower bed behind the kitchen, and cutting down the big tree behind the kitchen.
COMMITTEE REPORTS

SOCIAL MINISTRY: Lynn Coughenour
The balance in the Social Ministry Fund was unavailable.
There will be a luncheon at 11:30 a.m. on April 17th in the Dutch Meeting Hall for homebound members and guests from Autumn Care, Genesis, The Meadows, and Trinity Oaks.
Congregation members are invited.

EVANGELISM/MISSION: Janie Lesley
Next meeting is Monday, April 15th at 9:00 a.m. at Wink’s. Considering a mission event during Bible School. Feeding the firemen on April 30th at 7:00 p.m. Hotdogs and hamburgers will be served.

YOUTH: Pete Nguyen
The Easter Egg Hunt is from 1:00-2:30 on Saturday, April 20th.

Joint Youth Ministry - The participating churches will share in hosting the joint youth ministry. Cost is $5,000.00 per church per year, but the remainder of 2019 will be $3,000.00. Each 1st Sunday of the month, Kindergarten through 5th grade will also meet with Rita Ramsey leading their time. Considering holding a combined VBS with these churches. Faith Lutheran opted not to participate in this ministry.

STEWARDSHIP/LONG RANGE PLANNING: Gladys Morgan
Will meet Tuesday to discuss the June 1st yard sale and fundraisers for the Narthex Expansion Project.

PROPERTY/CEMETERY: Phil Cauble
Next meeting is April 23rd. The carpet in the church has been cleaned. Had a good turnout yesterday (April 6th) for the workday.

A motion was made by Donnie Miller and seconded by Don Davis to allow Phil Cauble to purchase 10 bait boxes for pest control. These will be placed in areas outside of the kitchen and church. Approved unanimously.

WORSHIP & MUSIC: Janie Lesley
It was suggested that we purchase pew Bibles and stop printing the lessons in the bulletin. A motion was made by Don Davis and seconded by Gladys Morgan to continue trimming the bulletin and asking for donations for pew Bibles. Approved unanimously.

Homecoming will be August 11th.

The flower list has a lot of empty dates. Considering other options since altar flowers have become very expensive.
PARISH STAFF/EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE: Kay Morgan
The next meeting is May 5th at 3:00 p.m. with Council meeting at 4:00 p.m.

PLAYGROUND: Donnie Miller
Balance: $11,280.54

Playground project quote:
Mulch delivered and installed - $2,700.00 for 100 cubic yards
2 Shades over benches inside playground - $1,860.00
Handicap Swing - $400.00
2 Picnic Tables next to the playground - $1,380.00
Matt Miller clearing off area and preparing for picnic tables – $400.00
Total - $7,401.40

A recommendation came from the Playground Committee to move forward with the project for playground equipment, mulch, and installation fees with money they have on hand. Approved unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS:

Continued discussion about forming a Call Committee. The Constitution states the Call Committee is to be made up of 7 people with one from Council. The Council suggested several people and will follow up with them to get permission to list them on the ballot.

NEW BUSINESS:

The Fire Marshall is coming Tuesday.

The April 7th Congregational Council Meeting adjourned with the Lord’s Prayer.

The Congregational Council will hold their next regular meeting on Sunday, May 5th at 4:00.

THE INFORMATION PRINTED IN THE MAY, 2019 MESSENGER WILL BE REVIEWED AND APPROVED AT THE NEXT MEETING.

Respectfully Submitted, Sonya Mulkey, Secretary
## UNION LUTHERAN CHURCH
### TREASURER’S REPORT
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- 2nd Sunday Offering (3/10/2019) 3,957.33
- 3rd Sunday Offering (3/17/2019) 4,059.00
- 4th Sunday Offering (3/24/2019) 3,829.00
- 5th Sunday Offering (3/31/2019) 2,240.00

**TOTAL** 17,413.33

### OTHER RECEIPTS
- Special Deposit (Interest Earned) 0.63
- Special Deposit (from Music Fund - Tuning Piano) 165.85
- Special Deposit (Use of SFH - Peeler BD) 75.00
- Special Deposit (Member Purchased from Sam's) 37.04
- Special Deposit (From Social Ministry Shelter purchase SAM's) 12.46
- Special Deposit (waer Mission) 450.00
- Special Deposit (From Cemetery Fund March Mowing) 700.00
- Special Deposit (From Youth Fund Water Mission) 150.00
- Special Deposit (From pancake supper - Orrells thru Sam's) 71.45
- TRANSFER from SS for Adult SS books 381.83
- TRANSFER from NALC Disaster Fund 1,907.35
- TRANSFER from Narthex to Current for WGM Design 5,000.00

**TOTAL** 8,951.61

### EXPENSES
- So. Mutual Church Ins. Add. WC premium after audit 161.00
- Don Davis - replace wood baseboard side ent. Church 66.18
- Orkin - Annual renewal church termites 218.12
- David C. Cook - 65 Adult SS books 381.83
- KOS Financial - Copier Lease 571.47
- Kat Clifton - Monthly payment - website development 179.58
- Duke Energy - Electricity for all buildings 962.47
- Morrison’s Garbage Svc. - December garbage pick up 64.00
- Water Mission International - Donation 600.00
- TheNEWSLETTER - 3rd qtr payment subscription 17.95
- CPH - Children's bulletins - 3rd quarter 42.94
- Alexander Equipment - repairs to walk in ref. and new gasket 582.41
- SFA - Fire Sup. Sys. Svc. - (2) fusible links 120.68
- SAM's Club - Orrells - for pancake supper 71.45
- Shelter purchase 12.46
- Kit supplies 21.40
- NALC Disaster Fund - gift cards Wilmington Hurricane 1,907.35
- 48 AA batteries and 48 AAA batteries 36.36
- Member Purhase 37.04
- Office Supplies - 2 cases 8.5 x 11 paper 52.42
- 1 ream 24# for messenger cover 10.42
- Right Now Media 129.99
- Blinds for door in office 21.39
- Lowe's paint for Kitchen door and SFH 21.36
- G + S - Semi Annual maintenance 953.37
- Tina Brown - March Payroll 1,076.34
- Phil Cauble - March Payroll 654.15
- Sara Welch - March Payroll 1,138.36
- Ruth Goodman - March Payroll 118 hrs. @10.25/hr 917.69
- IRS - Mar. Payroll taxes 1,081.11
- NC Dept. of Revenue Payroll taxes 125.00
- Flex-Pay - March payroll service 59.20
- Rev. Tom Corbell - Dec Housing Allowance 3,300.00
- Dec. Mileage 968.60
- J. W. Pepper - Music for Chancel Choir 181.88
- Rev. Dawn Rister - Supply Pastor 3/24/2019 Lenten Service 150.00
- Rev. Bill Kechie - Supply Pastor & Mileage 3/24/2019 morning svc. 155.00
- 1517 Media (Augsburg) Hymn License 60.00
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**BALANCED TO BANK STATEMENT**

**BENEVOLENCE FOR March 2019**

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**FINANCIAL HEALTH**

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WORSHIP & MUSIC

The Worship and Music Committee met April 1, 2019 at 6 pm with Steve Walton presiding. There were 10 members in attendance. Deena Lanning had devotions on “Letters to the Church” and prayer.

OLD BUSINESS:

The council will be asked about ways to trim the bulletin. Frank Merrell will check on cost of pew bibles. The light behind the stained window at the Alta will be checked into. Palms for Palm Sunday have been ordered.

A motion was made and seconded to ask Rev. Tonya Brittain to be our guest minister on Homecoming Sunday, August 11, 2019.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Palm Sunday, April 14, 2019 the choir and children process in with palms. Noah Cauble, Jordan Eagle, Tyler Goodman, and Colin Misenheimer will be confirmed today. Micah Nguyen will be confirmed on May 5, 2019.
- Maundy Thursday, April 18, 2019—Stripping of the Altar, Holy Communion
- Good Friday, April 19, 2019—Tennebrae Service. The parts of Jesus and Pilate will be read by Steve Walton and Brad Huffman.
- Easter Sunday—April 21, 2019—A recommendation to council to have a light breakfast due to the small attendance. The children will process in carrying the Alleluia Banners. The chancel choir will process also.
- The piano and organ have been tuned.

The next meeting will be May 6, 2019 at 6 pm.

The meeting was closed with the Lord’s Prayer.

Steve Walton, Chairman

Ruby Leazer, Secretary
The Good Timers met on April 11, 2019 in the Dutch Meeting Hall with Faye Kesler presiding. The March minutes were read and approved. We had 19 members and 12 visitors (Y Singers) present. Faye Kesler had devotions about Easter and prayer. An offering of $23.00 was received. Mary Frances Edens won the door prize.

BIRTHDAYS this month: Daisy Martin (3) and Marvin Nunn (23).

ANNIVERSARIES: There were no anniversaries this month.

SICK REPORT: Larry Shepherd is home and is taking therapy. Jean Kluttz has been in the hospital. Lynn Coughenour is scheduled to have knee surgery on May 14th. Anna Harrelson suffered a broken wrist.

We welcome Lynn back to the Good Timers.

Our program in May will be given by Karen Morgan. For lunch in May, we will go to Hendricks in Spencer.

Judy Boyd told about the diner for Young (75+) Seniors of Union and from area nursing homes to be held at Union on Wednesday, April 17th at 11:30 am.

The “Y Singers” led by Kathy Norris had the program today. These are a few selections they performed: “Someone is Praying”, “Since Jesus Came Into my Heart”, “Singing in the Rain”, “This Is My Father’s World”, “How Beautiful”, and “Just a Little Talk with Jesus”.

The “Y Singers” will be invited to come back in December to give another program.

Deena Lanning had the blessing before we went to “Slice of Heaven Pizza” in Granite Quarry for lunch.

Faye Kesler, President
Ruby Leazer, Secretary
MARCH & APRIL SOCIAL MINISTRY 2019

DURING MARCH WE SPONSORED A SHOE DRIVE FOR STUDENTS AT HANFORD DOLE SCHOOL. WE WERE VERY SUCCESSFUL DUE TO THE GENEROSITY OF THE CONGREGATION'S DONATIONS OF $1185.00 TO WHICH SOCIAL MINISTRY ADDED APPROXIMATELY $165.00. YVONNE AND JEREMY WELTON PURCHASED SEVENTY PAIRS OF SHOES AT SHOE CARNIVAL.

WE SERVED ROWAN HELPING MINISTRIES SHELTER WITH A MEAL OF FRIED CHICKEN, GREEN BEANS AND CORN, POTATO SALAD, ICE CREAM AND COOKIES ON MARCH 24.

ON APRIL 17th WE HOSTED A SENIOR LUNCHEON FOR GUESTS FROM AUTUMN CARE, TRINITY OAKS, SHUT-INS AND MEMBERS OF OUR CONGREGATION. WE REGRET BOB WILHELM AND HORACE CROSS WEREN'T ABLE TO ATTEND. THEY WERE MISSED BY EVERYONE. WE HAD 71 PRESENT INCLUDING THE 18 HELPERS.

WE SERVED COUNTRY STYLE STEAK & GRAVY, BAKED HAM, MASHED POTATOES, CORN, GREEN BEANS, DEVILED EGGS, SLAW, ROLLS, BANANA PUDDING, POUND CAKE, AND ICE CREAM.

TINA BROWN AND DAWN MERRILL KEPT OUR GUESTS ENTERTAINED AFTER THE MEAL WITH SINGING AND GAMES.

WE FIXED TREAT BAGS FOR AUTUMN CARE RESIDENTS AND GAVE THE EXTRAS TO OUR BOY SCOUT TROOP.

WE RECEIVED $250.00 SEED MONEY FROM THRIVENT AND TOOK THE REMAINING $100.00 FROM THE TREASURER.

THANK YOU UNION CHURCH FOR YOUR SERVICE AND GENEROSITY IN HELPING REACH OUT TO OUR MEMBERS AND OUR COMMUNITY.
REMEMBRANCES RECEIVED IN APRIL 2019

CEMETERY FUND

To the Glory of God and in Memory of Thomas Honeycutt, brother-in-law of Janie Lesley
by Betty Herion

To the Glory of God and in Memory of Jimmy Earnhardt, brother of Yvonne Walton
by Betty Herion

To the Glory of God and in Memory of Crystal, daughter of L. A. Earnhardt
by Betty Herion

To the Glory of God and in Memory of Anna Rose Cauble
by Arnold Cauble

To the Glory of God and in memory of Virgil and Maye Holshouser and Becky May, my sister
on this Easter Day
by Sylvia Fraley

To the Glory of God and in memory of Horace Mock Cross
by Jean Ray
by Betty Herion

NARTHEX EXPANSION PROJECT

To the Glory of God and in Honor of our grandkids
by Eddier and Kay Morgan

To the Glory of God and in Honor of Moma
by Cathy

To the Glory of God and in Honor of our grandchildren
by Sylvia and June Fraley

To the Glory of God and in Memory of Colleen Hoffner
by Frank and Dawn Merrell

To the Glory of God and in Memory of Thomas Honeycutt, brother-in-law of Janie Lesley
by Doris and William Page

To the Glory of God and in Memory of Jimmy Earnhardt, brother of Yvonne Welton
by Doris and William Page

To the Glory of God and in Memory of Crystal, daughter of L. A. Earnhardt
by Doris and William Page

JIM TROUTMAN YOUTH SCHOLARSHIP FUND

To the Glory of God and in Memory of Crystal, daughter of L. A. Earnhardt
by Jean Ray

GERALD BAME SCHOLARSHIP FUND

To the Glory of God and in Memory of Horace Cross
by Doris and William Page
WITH DEEPEST SYMPATHY

We, the congregation of Union Lutheran Church extend our Christian sympathy, our love, and our prayers to the family and friends of:

Horace Mock Cross

CORRESPONDENCE

SEE ATTACHED LETTERS ALSO

Immanuel Lutheran Church is grateful for your gift of $193.00. We greatly appreciate your prayers and the generous donation. God’s blessings and peace.

Reba Mahaffey, Secretary
Immanuel Lutheran Church
Sumter, SC

OUR MEMBERS IN NURSING HOMES:

Zarah Plyler
Jane Peeler
Pat & Wayne Miller
Brenda Mahaley
Ruth Monroe
Bobby Wilhelm
Ed & Betty Denker

Autumn Care of Salisbury
1505 Bringle Ferry Road - Salisbury, NC 28146

The Meadows of Rockwell
612 China Grove Hwy.
Rockwell, NC 28138

Trinity Oaks
728 Klumac Rd., Apt 123B
Salisbury, NC 28144
A Mother's Prayer

Lord, give me strength just for today
   To lead my children in your way;
Oh, give me wisdom, Lord, and grace
   To show to them your precious face!

And help me, Lord, to teach them, too,
   The things of Christ so rich and true,
Just let them see in me, dear Lord,
   Your holiness in life and word.

Keep me from sinning with my tongue,
   From harsh, quick words that might have stung
Their tender hearts that trust me so
   And watch to see which way I go.

Dear Father, keep my thoughts so pure
   That they will always know for sure
My Lord has lead me all the way,
   Lord, grant my prayer just for today.

{Author Unknown}
March 27, 2019

Union Lutheran Church
4770 Bringle Ferry Rd
Salisbury, NC 28146-7106

Dear congregation of Union Lutheran Church,

Grace, mercy, and peace to you from God our Father and our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

Thank you for your gift of $579.87 in February 2019 to the Theological Education Fund of the North American Lutheran Church in support of our seminary (NALS). Our students and staff are keeping you in our prayers and giving thanks to God for your faithfulness.

One of the greatest joys in our life together at the NALS is our practice of daily prayer. Our students participate with the whole community at Trinity School for Ministry in daily Morning and Evening Prayer services as well as a weekly observance of Holy Communion. In addition, NALS students also come together every Thursday night for Compline, prayer at the close of the day. We praise God for the emphasis our community has on prayer and Christian formation. If at any time you are near our campus in Ambridge, Pennsylvania, please feel free to stop in and join us as we pray the daily office.

Your gift to the NALS supports our efforts to educate NALC seminarians and to form pastors who are driven by our four core values: We are Christ-centered, mission-driven, traditionally-grounded and congregationally-focused. Jesus sent out the call for more laborers. With the help of our ministry partners, we are continuing to prepare faithful pastors for the harvest.

Blessings in Christ,

Dr. Amy W. Schiefin

President, North American Lutheran Seminary
1 – Tara Davis
   Brian Wilhelm
2 - Corbin Lucas Kesler
   Luke Elliott Whitley
3 - Sarah Holshouser
4 - David Arey
5 – Felisaty Jean Morgan
   Adam Blake Thompson
6 – Jason Kerns
   Terry Mulkey
7 – Tom Jones
8 – Glenn Lowder
   Karen Eagle
9 – Katie Watkins
   Patrick Watkins
11 – Mary Catherine Plexico
13 – Eric Mulkey
   Wade Leazer
15 – Emily Graczyk
16 - Alexis Miller
17 - Faye Kesler
   Jack Lanning
   Chandler Antosek
   Tonya Brittain
18 – Bobbie Kesler-Corletto
   Joe McDaniel
24 – Bevis Norris
   Tim Kesler
25 – Kevin Huffman
28 - Linda Kesler
   Todd Huffman
31 – Kristin Holshouser DeWolf
   Adam Greene

7 - Troy and Cathy Painther
15 - Don and Tara Davis
   Tom and Diane Jones
19 - Patrick and Sharon Miller
   Megan and Matt Cline
20 - Tommy and Janice Goodman
   Glenn and Betty Sue Lowder
21 – Robyn and Rodney Arey
22 – Chad and Tiffany McDaniel
23 - Duane and Sabrina Eagle
24 - Pete and Niki Nguyen
25 - Billy and Rindy Watkins
26 - Jeff and Dawn Holshouser
Union Lutheran Church

Saturday, June 1, 2019

Church-wide Yard Sale & Bake Sale

Yard Sale
8am until 1pm

Enjoy lunch while you shop!

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