How Can You Continue to Participate at Union Lutheran Church during the Coronavirus?

Worship Services (Sundays and Wednesdays) are available on our website and church’s Facebook page for: Sunday, March 22; Wednesday, March 25; Sunday, March 29; and Wednesday, April 1. More services will be available soon.

On Sundays, Pastor Heidi will be at church from 10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m., pending state and local guidelines and restrictions. She will be happy to come to your car and offer personal prayer, confession, and absolution. Please DO NOT get out of your car; Pastor Heidi will come to you.

Every Tuesday and Thursday, Pastor Heidi is offering a Bible Study on Encouragement: The Key to Caring. You can follow along on the church’s website or Facebook.

Prayer Vigils will continue be held each Friday with Tara Davis (704) 637-9334, Coordinating. You can schedule a time between 9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. to come and pray at Union online or contact Tara to schedule. A change has been made that there will be only one person at a time at the church. This individual will pray at the cross in the parking lot.

DROP OFF FOOD (canned goods) to help those in need. We have a shopping cart set up outside the church office.

How to financially give? Online (http://ulcsalisbury.org) or mail are ways to continue to give to the ministry of Union.

In lieu of the spread of the virus in our community on Tuesday, March 24, the Church Council decided to suspend all activities until further notice.

If you need assistance during this challenging time, please do not hesitate to contact Rev. Heidi Punt or the Church Council. Their contact information is as follows:

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March 13, 2020

As we are all aware, the global spread of the coronavirus, COVID-19, has become a central topic of discussion and concern for many of us. It has caused us to think about the things we take for granted and to rethink how we go about the practices of our daily lives. In the church, this pandemic has caused us to consider new ways to approach what have been longstanding practices and traditions.

Over the past few weeks, I have received a good number of emails from our pastors, asking for encouragement and advice. The questions I have received have ranged from whether to greet each other with handshakes, to how to best conduct Holy Communion, to whether we should cancel worship and encourage people to simply stay home and pray? And what about offerings? And what about midweek Lenten worship? And what about a variety of other concerns related to the ministry we share?

The questions being asked are valid. The concerns regarding the coronavirus are real. Real lives are being touched, and real lives are being lost, and real people for whom our Lord died are being affected by this pandemic. As bishop, I would encourage you to use your own wisdom in determining what would be best and most well-received in your own setting and by your own people. Talk with the pastors in your area. Reach out to those whose wisdom you trust. Do not be afraid to make changes. Err on the side of good health practices. Care for those who are isolated. Make phone calls to those unable to come to church. Be good pastors. Continue preaching and teaching the name of Jesus. I would also encourage you to stay well informed of what the health professionals are telling us and to stay in touch with what is happening and being recommended in your own communities. I have included a few links at the close of this note as possible places for good advice, including a few helpful links provided by Mary Bates, NALC disaster response coordinator, and our own Disaster Response Team. We want and we need to be wise in what we do.

At the same time, we do not want or need to live in fear. I am not afraid of the coronavirus. I am not afraid of the possibility that it might infect someone in my own life, including myself. I am concerned and I want to be wise, but I am not afraid.

I have a long list of concerns related to the coronavirus. I am concerned for the elderly who are the most at risk. I am concerned for the disenfranchised and for those on the streets who have no one and nowhere to turn. I am concerned for the loss of reason that seems to have overtaken so many in their own personal response to what is truly a communal concern. I am concerned that people are stockpiling supplies they do not need, so much so that those who do need them are not able to find them. I am concerned for our hospitals and our clinics and for the doctors and nurses and overcrowded emergency rooms that are all being stretched. I am concerned for our economy and for those whose lives will be impacted by the loss of jobs. I am concerned for a long list of things, for these and many more, but I am not afraid…neither should we, as a Church, be afraid.
Rather than live in fear, let us together approach this challenge in faith. We have an opportunity to model for our children and for families and for each other what a faith-filled and faithful response can be. Instead of living in panic and in fear, being reactionary and taking a self-centered response, we have a chance to remain rational and reasoned and to approach this pandemic in a spirit of trust.

COVID-19 does not appear to be ending soon. Chances are, before it goes away, it will hit even closer to home. It is in many of our cities. It is making its way into our churches. It may well enter some of our families and the lives of those we love. Be careful. Be cautious. Be wise and practical in what you do. But do not live in fear.

What I fear, more than COVID-19, is that we will forget who we are and to whom we belong. As a church, we need to take preventive measures and commit ourselves to prayer. We need to rely on the health professionals for advice and entrust our lives to Christ. We need to take full advantage of the resources we have been given and follow the best-practices of those who can give helpful and health-giving advice. And then we need to step back and stay centered and remember and remind each other that we belong to Christ.

Know that I am praying for you and for our church body. I am praying for our leaders and for those who will make decisions throughout the world. I am praying for our pastors and for our congregations and for God’s Holy Spirit to protect us as a church. I am praying and I will continue to pray until the coronavirus is over, and beyond, but I am not afraid.

The apostle Paul says it well. “Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus” (Philippians 4:6-7 ESV).

We should be concerned. The coronavirus is real. But we cannot and we will not be afraid. We are the Church and, together, we belong to Christ.

The Rev. Dr. Dan Selbo
Bishop, North American Lutheran Church

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The Gerald Bame Scholarship application forms are available in the Narthex. Deadline for returning forms is Sunday, April 26. Please return forms to Doris Page.
Carolinas Mission District
Coronavirus Update: A vocational Response

Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; and there are varieties of service, but the same Lord; and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who empowers them all in everyone. To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. 1 Corinthians 12:4-7

Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

In his pastoral letter this past Friday, Bishop Selbo enjoined us to pay attention to the advice of medical professionals concerning this health emergency. With that in mind in this developing situation, our council at St. Martin’s convened on Sunday and asked for guidance from two of our parishioners with medical callings. Each of them – a pediatrician and an ER nurse practitioner – voiced the concern that our medical system may become so overwhelmed with COVID-19 cases of varying severity in the coming days that some with life-threatening conditions will fall through the cracks. They also reiterated that our many elderly members are particularly vulnerable to this illness. Every little bit helps when it comes to slowing down the spread of infection; therefore, they recommended that we put all services, classes, and fellowship events on hiatus for at least the next two weeks. Our council complied. Shortly thereafter, the Center for Disease Control intensified their guidelines for large groups along the same lines: from gatherings of 100 people or more to 50, then on Monday to 10. [Although our council made allowance for the church doors to be open on Sunday with the pastor present to offer prayer, we may need to revisit that provision, as well.]

Recognizing the contextual variances among our congregations, I humbly encourage your respective councils to consider similar preventive measures this week if they haven’t already done so. To be clear, this is not a directive, and to say that I do not ask this lightly is an understatement. The gathering of the faithful around the Word in proclamation and the sacraments is the heart of what it means to be Christ-centered. I – we – made the promise at our ordinations “to be diligent in [our] study of Holy Scripture and [our] use of the means of grace.” Conventional, biblical wisdom frames this diligence to include regular worship, especially the weekly feast of the Resurrection on the Lord’s Day in keeping with the Third Commandment.

In that same ordination liturgy, however, we pray for “all members of the church, that they may serve you in true and godly lives,” as well as for “… the sick, the lonely, the forgotten, and all who suffer… that they may be relieved and protected.” These prayers reflect both the confessional doctrine of vocation and Jesus’ commandment to love our neighbor as ourselves. While the gathering of the faithful together in the Word is at the
“heart” of discipleship – where the branches meet the vine, if you will (John 15:5) – the holy calling of the Body within their “varieties of service” is the circulation of Christ’s abundant life pumped into the world: Mission-Driven works of “daily bread” offered in the name and through the love of the Bread of Life, that our branches might bear fruit for Him.

Given these extraordinary times, I believe the emergency measures described above are consistent with our task “to equip the saints for the work of ministry” (Ephesians 4:12) by assisting our healers in facing the challenge ahead. Such steps on our part will likewise help those in authority carry out their God-given responsibility to protect the weak and uphold the common good.

By all accounts, we’re only in the initial stages of this crisis, and new developments will doubtlessly necessitate new decisions. Two weeks isn’t a lot of time. Holy Week is on the horizon – then the high feasts of the church year, followed by Convocation(s) soon after. We may need to incorporate a great deal of flexibility into our planning. If this crisis becomes drawn out, we will have to be creative in our ministry and administration by looking both forward and backward – continuing to take advantage of new technologies while at the same time reviewing the various ways the historic church dealt with the recurring challenge of sickness over the centuries. All the while, we must remember that these measures are emergency exceptions. The Traditionally-Grounded practice of meeting for worship is the God-given rule for our life together (Hebrews 10:25) – a norm we should resume as soon as reasonably possible.

I’m heartened to see a significant amount of communication going on between our pastors as we share thoughts, ideas, and concerns for the good of the church. In this spirit, please share with me if your congregation has plans to livestream services so that we can compile a list of online options for our parishioners. [Special thanks to Pr. Jason Dampier for this idea.] I have reached out to Augsburg Fortress to request that they extend their temporary permission (March 15-May 31) to include their liturgical texts and music copyrights in podcasts or livestream services to Carolinas NALC congregations. I will notify you as soon as I receive confirmation from them.

Another outstanding resource for our congregations, especially our families with school-age children, is the NALC’s “Holy Families: A Discipleship Resource for the Home”: https://www.holyfamilytime.com. This site includes daily prayers, devotions, videos, and activities for children of all ages. One of our chief goals in the Life-to-Life Discipleship Initiative has been the revitalization of catechesis in the home. Given the prevalence of school closings in these days, let us make opportunity from necessity and assist our families in sharing the Word in their homes “with glad and generous hearts” (Acts 2:46).

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In preparation for placing flowers and greenery in the church for our Easter Celebration, Sunday, April 12, there is a need for magnolia branches. If you have a magnolia tree, and would like to do some trimming and share some of the branches, please contact Dawn Merrell. We need the branches on Easter Eve, April 11, at the church between 9:00 a.m.-9:30 a.m. Thank you!

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This "strategic retreat" we're facing is not the most important way we can help the sick or those who work for their healing. One of the greatest responsibilities Christ has given us is to pray: to lift up every need to our Heavenly Father. These days will afford both the time and the context for practicing and teaching this holy discipline as the Body of Christ, together. I therefore leave you with the prayer for Monday of Lent 3 in ALPB’s “For All the Saints” lectionary devotional:

*Almighty God, who didst send thy Son into the world to heal our hurts of body, mind, and soul: We pray thee to bless the work of all hospitals, especially those now caring for thy people. Give to all workers therein patience and skill, faithfully to fulfill their calling. We commend to thee all sufferers committed to their care: praying thee to still their pain, to relieve their anxiety, to companion their loneliness, and bid them cast their cares upon thee, since underneath are thy everlasting arms. Amen. – From a London hospital, ca. 1940.*

The peace of Christ be with you all.

Nathan

The Rev. Dr. Nathan Howard Yoder, STS
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**Outreach Ministry Cards**

As our church family deals with the quarantines set forth recently, members can feel more scared and isolated. As Christians, we are called to show love and concern for each other. The Mission Team is continuing to urge our members to send cards of encouragement and inspiration to each other, especially those members that may feel more alone and apprehensive during this time. If you would bring your addressed cards to the church office, the Mission Team will take care of the postage and will mail them. During these trying weeks, please remember in prayer all of our church family.

**April Chancel Flowers**

*April 5, 12, and 26 To be determined*

*April 19 Nikki Nguyen*
EASTER GREETING

Dear ULC Faith family and friends,

Christ is Risen - He is Risen Indeed! Easter is on April 12th this year and then we get to celebrate the joy of Christ “being raised from the dead, freeing him from the agony of death, because it was impossible for death to keep its hold on him” (Acts 2:24). And boy, I can't wait!

Isn’t waiting just the strangest of things though? It either builds up excitement and anticipation or it creates frustration and impatience. Which is it for you? I would imagine that the latter is probably closer to the truth this year simply because we have been living in quasi isolation.

But you know, we are not the first ones to have experienced this? Life requires a lot of waiting… waiting for healing, a relationship to be restored, a spouse, children, answers/guidance, financial breakthrough, promotion, freedom, justice, change, love - the list goes on and on. Scripture is filled with stories of waiting: Consider Abraham when he was waiting for a son (Gen 15:2-6, Romans 4:18, Genesis 21:5); or Jacob waiting for Rachel (Genesis 29:18 & 25-28); or poor Joseph who waited for many things (Genesis 37-46); or Mary, Jesus’ mother who was for a fulfillment of the promise that her son would be the Messiah (Luke 1:31-33, 2:19 & 51); or consider how Jesus was waiting to start his ministry or fulfill his purpose “so that all may know that they have eternal life” (1 John 5:13).

My favorite story of waiting is probably the one when the disciples were hiding after Jesus was crucified and he appears to them behind locked doors (John 20:19-22). Can you imagine how surprised, no startled they must have been?! The reason I love this story is not just because of the way in which I would creatively like to retell it but simply because Jesus appears to them in their waiting. Jesus appears to us in our waiting too. He breaks through “locked doors” and steps right into our hearts and lives.

Yet, here we are waiting… waiting to be released from this “quarantine time”, for healing to physically sweep across our nation and a joyous spiritual celebration in the Christian community to explode across the all counties, states and borders on Easter morning. We wait...

Easter is coming and Christ is indeed risen! We wait… we walk this Lenten journey together, we keep our social distance from each other but we also learn from the various people throughout scripture that in waiting something special happens. God works amongst us and breathes life, restores hope and binds us closer to Him. God promises, “For I know the plans I have for you… plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future” (Jeremiah 29:11), “Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your request to God” (Philippians 4:6).

Choosing Joy; Pastor Heidi Punt

From the Pastor...
Parents and Confirmands will be contacted soon with a schedule for Confirmation Classes.

Confirmation

We hope to be able to schedule back our Yadkin Valley Cluster Youth, Little Lutherans, and Quest Youth to meet soon.

Our Youth, Chaperones, plus Pastor Heidi participated in the Carolinas Youth Retreat at SeaBrook, SC from Friday, March 13-Sunday, March 15.
The Good Timers met for their monthly meeting in the Old Pine Center on March 12, 2020 with Faye Kesler presiding. Frank Merreell had devotions and prayer. The February minutes were read and approved. An offering of $27 was received. The door prize was won by Dillon Broome. We had 28 members and 2 visitors (Cecil Whitley and Pastor Heidi Punt) present.

Birthdays: Cecil Whitley (3), Karen Morgan (3), Frank Merrell (14), Nancy Kesler (20), and Judy Boyd (30)

Anniversaries: Lynn and Paul Coughenour (27)

Sick Report: Jamie Troutman (son of Joan Troutman), had to have more surgery. Vivian Sprinkle will have hip replacement surgery (April 13). Ruth Goodman is doing well after her shoulder surgery. Gladys Morgan is at home.

Dawn Merrell will have the program in April.

For lunch in April, we will go to Panchoi Villas of Salisbury.

Cecil Whitley had the program today. Today’s scripture was from Luke 11:5-13. Perseverance in prayer: Jesus wants his followers to ask, search, knock and keep laying their needs because Jesus knows that God wants to give the Holy Spirit to those who cry “Help.”

He used 3 old songs 1) Keep a Knockin by Little Richard, 2) Searchin by the Coasters, and 3) Hold On, I’m Coming by Sam & Dave. The fourth song was Jesus is knocking at the Door and Invite Jesus in. As his daddy used to say “You need to be prepared when someone knocks on the door—you might be surprised by who it is.”

Dawn reminded the Good Timers to bring their special change to the next meeting. A check will be sent to Pastor Siimon Haarmer for his “Home of Hope” project.

Cecil Whitley had the blessing before we went to Mike Cauble’s house for lunch consisting of fish filets, hushpuppies, French fries, slaw and banana pudding. Thanks to Mike and his crew for a very delicious meal.

Faye Kesler, President
Ruby Leazer, Secretary

Due to recent Federal, State, and Local governmental restrictions, the Good Timers will not be meeting in April.
Worship & Music Committee

The Worship & Music Committee met on March 2, 2020 at 6:00 p.m. with Frank Merrell, Vice Chairman, presiding. There were 10 members present Deena Lanning had devotions on Excellence in all Things from the book Now Every Morning and prayer.

April 5—Palm Sunday, purple paraments

April 5—Installation Service for Rev. Heidi Punt at 4:30 p.m. Reception to follow the service.

April 9—Maundy Thursday, white paraments. The psalm will be read during the stripping at the altar. The congregation is asked to participate. Holy Communion will be by pouring, not be intinction.

April 10—Good Friday, Black or Bare paraments

April 12—Easter Sunday, Resurrection of our Lord, white paraments, Gerber daisies. Easter Sunrise Service at 7:00 a.m. in the Sanctuary. Breakfast at 8:00 a.m. 10:30 a.m. Service begins outside, then processes inside. The Paschal Candle is lit on Easter Sunday and is extinguished on Pentecost during the reading of the 2nd lesson.

May 10—Mother’s Day, Robyn will get flowers for the newest and oldest mothers (in attendance).

May 31—Pentecost, Confirmation Sunday, red paraments

June 7—Holy Trinity Sunday, white paraments

June 14—2nd Sunday after Pentecost, green paraments

June 21—Father’s Day (Patsy Lyerly will get gift cards for the newest and oldest fathers in attendance.)

We welcome Scott Curlee to the Worship & Music Committee.

The Worship & Music Committee will meet every 2 months at 6:00 p.m. on the 2nd Tuesday of the month. The next meeting will be on May 12, 2020 at 6:00 p.m.

The meeting was adjourned with The Lord’s Prayer.

Frank Merrell, Co-Chairman
Ruby Leazer, Secretary
Honorariums and Memorials Gifts
Given to the Glory of God during March

During the month of March the loose offering was given to the Social Ministry Fund, Gerald Bame Scholarship Fund, Building and Repair Fund, Lutheridge Scholarship Fund, and Mission Church/Special Fund.

Gifts were received for the Narthex Expansion Fund in memory of Robert Hill, brother of Linda and Brenda Cauble and Margaret Lyerly from:
Don, Tara, and Ali Davis
Janet Overcash
A gift was received for the Scouting Fund in memory of Clifford Earnhardt from:
Harold and Donnell Miller
A gift was received for the Gerald Bame Scholarship Fund in memory of Robert Hill from:
William and Doris Page
A gift was received for the Gerald Bame Scholarship Fund in memory of Donald “Butch” Wilhelm from:
William and Doris Page

Our love and sympathy is extended to Brenda and Linda Cauble and Margaret Lyerly and family on the death of their brother, Robert Hill.

Our love and sympathy is extended to Joy Earnhardt and family on the death of her sister-in-law, Janice Evans.

Those Serving in April:
Acolytes: Abbey and Morgan Deaton
Altar Guild: Janet Overcash and Sonya Mulkey
Communion Assistants: Sonya Mulkey and Doris Shepherd
Lay Readers: Doris Shepherd, Abbey and Morgan Deaton
Ushers:
Phil Cauble (HU), Ken Clifton, LA Earnhardt, John Kesler, and Wade Leazer
The Congregational Council met for its regular monthly meeting on Sunday, March 8th at 3:00 p.m. in the Educational Building. Members attending were: Lynn Coughenour, Cathy Klutz Painther, Phil Cauble, Jennifer Painther Curlee, Don Davis, Sonya Mulkey, Brad Huffman, Pete Nguyen, Lucinda Wilhelm, and Pastor Heidi Punt. Kay Morgan, Gladys Morgan and Ronald Vellines were absent.

Pastor Heidi opened the meeting with prayer.

The Council Minutes were reviewed as printed in the March Messenger. A motion was made by Don Davis and seconded by Cathy Klutz Painther to approve the minutes as written. The motion was approved unanimously.

**TREASURER’S REPORT**
**CURRENT TREASURER’S REPORT:**
The February, 2020 Treasurer’s Report was not available.

**MISCELLANEOUS FUNDS:** No report.

**CEMETERY FUND:** Don Davis (February, 2020)
- Deposits: $77.72
- Mowing: $700.00
- Balance: $4,524.95

**PASTOR HEIDI**
Pastor Heidi shared her report of meetings and visits.

Pastor Heidi will teach Confirmation Classes on Wednesday evenings at 6:00 p.m. beginning April 15th.

Will be focusing on reorganizing the Christian Education Committee.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**
**SOCIAL MINISTRY:** Cathy Klutz Painther
No Report.

**EVANGELISM/MISSION:** Don Davis
No report.

**YOUTH:** Pete Nguyen
There is a Combined Youth Meeting today at Salem.

The Youth Retreat is next weekend, and there are 10 youth and adults attending along with Pastor Heidi.

**STEWARDSHIP/LONG RANGE PLANNING:** Brad Huffman
The next meeting is Thursday, March 12th at 6:30 p.m.
PROPERTY/CEMETERY: Phil Cauble
The Boy Scouts are wanting to add another military monument(s) in the cemetery with names of veterans who served during non-war times.
Combination locks have been installed on the office doors.
The renovation of the Pastor’s office is complete.
The ceiling in the music room has been fixed.
The wall in the church has been repaired.
Waiting on a quote for installing handrails in the church.
The next meeting is March 24th at 7:00 p.m.

WORSHIP & MUSIC: Jennifer Painther Curlee
Will start meeting every other month on the 2nd Tuesday at 6:00 p.m.

PARISH STAFF/EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE: Lynn Coughenour
The Executive Committee met March 4th. Have not set a meeting time yet for April.

OLD BUSINESS:
The Yearbook will be printed soon. There will be a Congregational Meeting on April 19th to approve.
The Music Director vacancy will be posted this week.

NEW BUSINESS:
Pastor Heidi’s Installation Service will be Sunday, April 5th at 4:30 p.m. There will be a meal following the service. Fried Chicken, Ham, and tea/water will be provided, and the congregation will bring side items and desserts.
A Letter of Transfer was received from Trading Ford Baptist Church for Sue Chambers. A motion was made by Brad Huffman and seconded by Don Davis to approve the transfer. The motion was approved unanimously.
A motion was made by Jennifer Painther Curlee and seconded by Don Davis to accept Pastor Heidi Punt into membership at Union. The motion was approved unanimously.
Discussed setting up a financial office separate from the church office.
Lynn Coughenour will be gone March 12th through March 28th. Kay Morgan will cover in her absence.
There will be a meeting on March 26th at 6:30 p.m. to begin working on reorganization of the Christian Education Committee.
The October 8th Congregational Council Meeting adjourned at 5:34 p.m. with the Lord’s Prayer.
The Congregational Council will hold their next regular meeting on April 19th at 4:00 p.m.

THE INFORMATION PRINTED IN THE APRIL, 2020 MESSENGER WILL BE REVIEWED AND APPROVED AT THE NEXT MEETING.
Respectfully Submitted,
Sonya Mulkey, Secretary
Called Church Council Meeting Minutes on Tuesday, March 17, at 6:00 p.m.
Location by Video Conference and Pastor Heidi Punt’s Office

Present: Phil Cauble, Lynn Coughenour, Jennifer Curlee, Don Davis, Lucinda Fraley, Brad Huffman, Pete Nguyen, Cathy Painther, Rev. Heidi Punt, and Ronald Vellines

Visitor: Genevieve Baker

Pastor Heidi Punt began the meeting with devotions.

Following devotions the Church Council discussed how Union Lutheran Church would be affected by the recommendation of the Federal, State, and Local Authorities on the Coronavirus (COVID 19). With the recommendation of no more than ten people gathered together the Council determined to suspend through the end of March: Confirmation, Sunday School, Belles and Beaus, Chancel Choir, Scouts, youth meetings, and Game Night.

A motion was made to suspend through the end of March: Confirmation, Sunday School, Belles and Beaus, Chancel Choir, Scouts, youth meetings, and Game Night by Don Davis, seconded by Jennifer Curlee, and approved. The motion was approved as stated.

Discussion was made on how Union Lutheran Church could offer Worship opportunities through the end of March.

Wednesday Lenten Vespers
- Time Change to 6:30 p.m.
- Offer Online Worship by Facebook Live and recorded on the church’s website for members and community members who are self-quarantining
- Drive-In Church Service by having members of the congregation stay in the comfort of their cars while Pastor Heidi officiates the service on the front steps of the church.
- Offering received

Sunday Worship
- Time stays the same at 10:30 a.m.
- Offer Online Worship by Facebook Live and recorded on the church’s website for members and community members who are self-quarantining
- Drive-In Church Service by having members of the congregation stay in their cars while Pastor Heidi officiates the service on the front steps of the church.
- Communion will be shared in individual cars with a sealed juice and wafer set.
- Offering received

Home Church
Encourage and equip families and individuals who are self-quarantining to gather together in rooms of 8-10 people to follow the worship services online, pick up bulletins at the church in advance and discuss.
A motion was made to accept the above recommendations for the Wednesday Lenten Vespers, Sunday Worship, and Home Church by Pete Nguyen, seconded by Brad Huffman, and approved. The motion was approved as stated.

**Care Cards for our Shut-Ins**
For those who are shut-ins and unable to get out cards will be sent to them. The church office has a list of addresses available.

**Prayer Vigil**
- Fridays from 9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.
- Sign up by contacting Tara Davis
- Two people (Sanctuary and designated parking lot space)

**Offering** can be given online (church website), mail to the church, or received during the Wednesday Lenten Vespers and Sunday Worship.

Another opportunity to give is by **donating canned goods** (meat, vegetables, starches, etc.) in a designated area to help those in need.

The Church Council will meet again on Wednesday, March 25, to re-evaluate the recommendations of the Federal, State, and Local governments and seek God’s guidance. After the meeting the congregation will be notified.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned following praying The Lord’s Prayer.

Respectfully Submitted by,
Genevieve Baker
ULC Staff Support

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**RightNow Media**

RightNow Media is a place where people can seek answers to their pressing questions and find biblical wisdom in the difficult seasons of life. The mission of the Church matters and RightNow Media is here to equip us to fulfill that mission with an even greater impact. Like the 17,000 churches and ministries that have already implemented RightNow Media, everyone will be able to equip families, resource groups, and develop leaders.

All you have to do to access of RightNow Media is contact the church office by phone (704) 636-5092 or email office@ulcsalisbury.org your email address. An invitation will be sent to you giving step by step directions and you’ll be able to access the “Netflix for Churches.”
The Worship & Music Committee invites you to help us bring spring in the Sanctuary this Easter. As we make our way through Lent to the glory of Easter morning we look forward to a bright and colorful display of Gerbers. The cost per 1.5 gallon planter flower is $10. Please make checks payable to Union Lutheran Church and at the memo line mark Flowers.

Please return your form to the church office, drop off in the mail or offering plate, by Wednesday, April 1.

In Honor of _____________________________________________

In Memory of ____________________________________________

By ____________________________________________________

How many flowers? ________

Amount $_________

Deadline is Wednesday, April 1.

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Christ Centered ~ Mission Driven ~ Traditionally Grounded ~ Congregationally Focused
PLEASE REMEMBER IN PRAYER...

**Nursing Home Residents** - Brenda Mahaley, Pat & Wayne Miller, Ruth Monroe, Jane Peeler, and Zarah Plyler (Autumn Care), Betty Herion and Jean Ray (Brookdale), Bob Wilhelm (The Meadows-Rockwell), Betty Denker (Trinity Oaks, Apt. 123B)

**Homebound Members** - Mary Brady, Rachel Earnhardt, Jean Kluttz, Gladys Morgan, Frances Norris, Billy Waller, and Michael Walton


**Continual Prayer** - Vonnie Agner, Nancy Ballew (mother of Kat Clifton), Evonne Batten (mother of Lisa Morgan), Yvette Bates (coworker of Karen Barringer), Jim Byrd, Vanna Calloway (friend of Kat Clifton), Donna Collins (friend of Sharon Leazer), Robert Cook (uncle of Lisa Morgan), Ophelia Curlee (sister-in-law of Grace Morgan), Karen DeMunbrun (Niece of Grace Morgan), June Fraley, Teresa Frank (Pam Vellines cousin), Marie Gorapic (sister of Linda Spencer), Tamara Honeycutt, Edna & John McCollough (friends of Jennifer & Scott Curlee), Della Morgan (mother of Pam Vellines), Hong Nguyen (Pete Nguyen’s mother), John Oddie, Jr. (brother of Ruby Leazer and Ruth Myers), Robert Parker (brother of Jimmy Parker), Jamie Troutman (son of Joan Troutman), Justin West and David Mitchell (friends of Pete Nguyen)

*Remember in Prayer List Note:* We strive to list the prayer requests and names correctly. Please let us know if a correction is needed or you would like a name added/or returned to the list. If there is a name that can be removed, please contact the church office with that information as well. In an effort to keep the list current, we will update/remove prayer requests on a monthly basis, with the exception of known prolonged/ongoing issues. Thank you!
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