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Union Messenger

Volume 4

From Your Pastor...



“God is on the move...Hallelujah...” (*lyrics from song sung by 7 events Time Down*)

This Lent I have been humbled to witness God turning hearts to Himself, shining His light into the dark hours of grief and desperation, picking up the weak and frail, creating hearts for service and shaping a “generation standing on the truth!” Right here in our little congregation, “God is on the move in many mighty ways.”

So, I just want to take a moment and give absolute glory to our risen Lord! Thank you, Jesus!

Thank you to those of you, who have stepped up and into active discipleship by being God’s hand, feet and heart as you helped facilitate worship, decorate the sanctuary, clean the property or fellowship spaces, prepared a meal, put up crosses, walked alongside our younger ones, stayed awake and prayed. Thank you!

As always God’s timing is perfect in every way. He is on the move and we get to participate. We have to guard ourselves by putting on God’s daily armor to protect us against the evil one (who believe me is not happy about what’s going on in our congregation). The apostle Paul shared this very simply in Ephesians 6:10-18.

These 50 days of Easter, it is important to learn from Jesus: 1) The crucifixion and empty tomb calls us from unbelief to belief; 2) As Jesus quoted Isaiah from the cross, we too are called to dig into the Scriptures; 3) As Jesus invited his disciples to pray with Him in the garden, we too are asked to pray; 4) Jesus invites us to His table, come to the sacrament of Holy Communion; 5) As the angels sent the women to go and tell, we too have this commission to share the risen LORD.

All of this is done in community. Becoming and being a Christian is not just a personal matter. Just as a child can’t raise or protect itself, a Christian can’t grow or be guarded by our selves – we need Jesus and others. Also, just as family dynamics change when a new child is brought into the fold, there will be some changes amongst our church family too. This is natural and good. It will be ok because God is on the move.

Wishing you a continued blessed Easter season. Hallelujah!

Church Office is closed on Monday, April 1, in observance of Easter.

Sunday, April 7

9:15 a.m. Kids Choir
(5th grade and younger)

9:35 a.m. Sunday School
Thomas Believes Again
John 20:24-31; Jude 1:17-25

Jesus said, "Put your finger here, and see my hands; and put out your hand, and place it in my side. Do not disbelieve, but believe." Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" (John 20:27)

Drew Wise Adult Sunday School Class
Faith of the Persistent
John 4:4-18; Luke 5:17-26

9:35 a.m. New Members Class
in the Library

10:30 a.m. Worship & Holy Communion
Acts 4:32-35; Psalm 148:1-14;
1 John 1:1-2; John 20:19-31
Sermon: *One Heart, One Soul*

2:45 p.m.-3:30 p.m. Beginner Bells

4:00 p.m. Union & Salem Youth

The ALTAR FLOWERS are given to the glory of God and in thanks for our many blessings!

All Ladies are invited to the Mary & Martha Circle on Tuesday, April 9, at 2:00 p.m. in the Drew Wise Sunday School Classroom for fellowship, fun, refreshments, and program.

Thank you to Deena Lanning for sharing devotions and refreshments!



New Members Class

April 7-May 12, 2024

9:35 a.m. in the Library

Visitors, Friends, and Members are invited to attend the **New Members Class** beginning **April 7-May 12**, at **9:35 a.m.** in the **Library**.

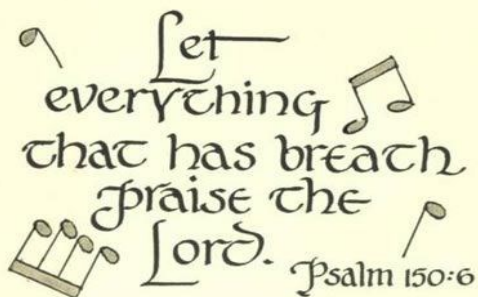
Pastor Heidi will share the basic foundations upon which the Lutheran Church stands, specific gifts that ULC has to offer and provide you with an opportunity to discover how your gifts plug into the ministry of Union.

We hope to build relationships and work on fulfilling our vision to Love God and Love our Neighbors.

On **Sunday, May 19**, at **10:30 a.m.** we wish to officially welcome you into our church family here at Union Lutheran. Please feel free to invite your friends and loved ones to celebrate this occasion with you!

Pastor Heidi and **Haiti Pastors** meet for **Bible Studies** online on **Wednesdays, April 10, 17, & 24** at **4:30 p.m.**

To participate please contact Pastor Heidi to receive a link.



Choirs Rehearsals in April

KIDS CHOIR (5th grade and younger)
Sundays, April 7, 14, 21 & 28
9:15 a.m.

BEGINNER BELLS
Sundays, April 7, 14, 21 & 28
2:45 p.m. -3:30 p.m.

BELLES & BEAUS
Wednesdays at **6:30 p.m.**
April 17 & 24

CHANCEL CHOIR
Wednesdays at **7:30 p.m.**
April 17 & 24

Interested in joining the choir(s), please contact Dawn Merrell.



Wednesdays, April 10, 17 & 24
6:30 p.m.

Weekly Teaching Session-The Epic Story: Learning the Bible from Cover to Cover. A series that will teach the story of the Bible and how to draw life-giving principles from within..

Christiana Lutheran Church will host a Blood Drive on Sunday, April 14, from 12 noon-4:30 .m. in their fellowship hall.

Mark your calendars now...everyone is invited to **Good Timers** to hear the **Y Singers** share their musical talents with us on **Thursday, April 11, at 10:00 a.m.** in the **large fellowship hall**.

Following the program the group will eat lunch at Lakeview Restaurant.

Sunday, April 14

9:15 a.m. Kids Choir
(5th grade and younger)

9:35 a.m. Sunday School
Choosing a New Apostle
Acts 1:12-26; 1 Peter 5:1-4

They prayed and said, "You, Lord, who know the hearts of all, show which one of these two you have chosen to take the place in this ministry and apostleship from which Judas turned aside... " (Acts 1:24-25)

Drew Wise Adult Sunday School Class
Faith of a Centurion
Zecharia 8:18-23; Luke 7:1-10

9:35 a.m. New Members Class
in the Library

10:30 a.m. Worship & Holy Communion
Acts 3:11-21; Psalm 4; 1 John 3:1-7;
Luke 24:36-49

2:00 p.m. Mission Outreach Umbrella
(Lay Ministers, Card Care Team,
Union Women, and Social Ministry Committee)

Council Point Persons:
Ali Davis and Vicki Hunter
Robyn Arey, Chair
Steve Hutchens, Vice Chair
Judy Boyd, Secretary

2:45 p.m.-3:30 p.m. Beginner Bells

4:00 p.m. Little Lutherans
(5th grade and younger)

Altar Flowers are open for reservations on Sunday, April 14.

250th Anniversary Committee will meet Tuesday, April 16, at 6:00 p.m.



**BIBLE STUDY
ON THE BOOK OF JONAH
April 16 -May 21, 2024 at 6:30 p.m.
(Tuesday Evenings only)**

When God's Purpose Isn't in Your Plans!

The book of Jonah is best known for Jonah's run-in with a large fish. But there's much more to the story than Jonah's three-day stay in a fish's belly. It's about God's grace, compassion, and love—even toward wayward people—and his commitment to spreading his message around the world.

God is determined to spread his Word to all the nations of the earth and use his people to do it. The book of Jonah shows us that God desires to transform the hearts of his followers, making them more like him as they carry out his purposes in the world. Get a renewed sense of what it means to orient your life around the mission of God.

A verse by verse study of Jonah!

Thursday, April 18, at 6:00 p.m.

Worship & Music Umbrella

(Worship & Music Committee, Acolytes, Altar Guild, Beginner Bells, Belles & Beaus, Chancel Choir, Communion Assistants, Facebook, Kids Choir, Lay Readers, Pictures, Sound and Technology, and Ushers)

Council Point Persons:

Dusty Morgan, Sr. and Thad Mulkey

Scott Curlee, Chair

Jan Huffman, Vice Chair

Sonya Mulkey, Secretary

Sunday, April 21

9:15 a.m. Kids Choir

(5th grade and younger)

9:35 a.m. Sunday School

Peter Boldly Speaks of Jesus

Acts 4:1-22; 1 Peter 2:4-6

Peter declared to the religious leaders: "This Jesus is the stone that was rejected by you, the builders, which has become the cornerstone. And there is salvation in no one else..." (Acts 4:11-12a)

Drew Wise Adult Sunday School Class

Faith of the Anointer

Romans 8:1-16; Luke 7:36-50

9:35 a.m. New Members Class

in the Library

10:30 a.m. Worship & Holy Communion

Acts 4:1-12; Psalm 23; 1 John 3:16-24;

John 10:11-18

1:30 p.m. Executive Committee

2:00 p.m. Church Council

2:45 p.m.-3:30 p.m. Beginner Bells

4:00 p.m. Installation Service of Rev. Dawn Rister at St. Paul's, Pomaria, SC

4:00 p.m. Union Youth

Deadline for May newsletter articles.

Altar Flowers are open for reservations on Sunday, April 21.

**Installation Service of
Rev. Dawn Rister**
Sunday, April 21, at 4:00 p.m.

On behalf of the Members of St Paul Lutheran Church, we are pleased to invite you to the **Installation Service** for our new pastor, the **Reverend Dawn Wilson Rister**.

We rejoice that the Lord has led her to our congregation and we look forward to celebrating this occasion with you.

Date & Time: **Sunday, April 21, at 4:00 p.m.**

Location: St Paul Lutheran Church, 2496 SC Hwy 773, Pomaria, SC 29126

Reception immediately following the service.

RSVP by emailing the church office stpaulpomaria@bellsouth.net.

In April, Union will be providing Chapel Time at Autumn Care at 2:00 p.m. on Wednesday, April 24.

All are invited to come join in on the fellowship, fun, and sharing God's Word!

Kluttz Family Reunion

Setup on Friday, April 26

Saturday, April 27

All Day in the Large Fellowship Hall



Sunday, April 28

9:15 a.m. Kids Choir
(5th grade and younger)

9:35 a.m. Sunday School
Simon Tries to Buy the Spirit
Acts 8:9-25; Hebrews 3:7-14

Peter said to Simon: "May your silver perish with you, because you thought you could obtain the gift of God with money!" (Acts 8:18-19)

Drew Wise Adult Sunday School Class
Faith of a Canaanite
Psalm 61; Matthew 15:218-28

9:35 a.m. New Members Class
in the Library

10:30 a.m. Worship & Holy Communion
Acts 8:26-40; Psalm 150;
1 John 4:1-11 [12-21]; John 15:1-8

Following worship, a **Congregational Town Hall Meeting** will be held in the large fellowship hall to update the congregation on the land sale. Light refreshments will be provided.

2:00 p.m. Christian Education Umbrella
(Good Timers, Gerald Bame Memorial Scholarship, Union Lutheran Church Scholarship, Little Lutherans, Sunday School, Union Youth, and Youth Council)

Council Point Persons:

Sharon Leazer and Frank Merrell

Pete Nguyen, Chair
Vivian Sprinkle, Vice Chair
Janie Lesley, Secretary
Jan Huffman, Treasurer

2:45 p.m.-3:30 p.m. Beginner Bells

4:00 p.m. Luther League
at Faith Lutheran Church, Faith
Middle & High School Youth

Dawn Merrell has reserved the Altar Flowers for Sunday, April 28.

Those Serving in April

Acolytes: Morgan Deaton and Dusty Morgan

Altar Guild: Sonya Mulkey and Janet Overcash

Communion Assistants: Janice Goodman, Vicki Hunter and Sonya Mulkey

Lay Readers: Morgan Deaton and Vicki Hunter

Ushers: Larry Barringer, Phil Cauble, Adam Thomspson and Ron Vellines

Offering Counters: Tara Davis, Cathy Painter and Ron Vellines

The preparation and presentation of a service such as the Easter service at Union takes MULTIPLE efforts. To the Chancel Choir, Kids Choir, Beginner Bells, Belles & Beaus, Brad Huffman and Dusty Morgan, my extreme thanks.

In every service there is some “stand out” point for me – some unforgettable moment, but this year there were two points.

First, during the Children’s Sermon, Owen Miller found a bell. Perhaps you heard him ringing during the sermon. However, did you notice that he DID NOT bang and clang the bell, but at an age of less than two years, he simply rang it carefully as he had seen his brother Hudson ring.

Secondly, on the final hymn, Hudson proudly joined his dad Matt, a Belles and Beaus ringer, to do what is called “random ringing” on the last hymn.

We adults know that it is our responsibility to train and teach the children. What a fine example these two young people presented during the Easter service. Both learned by simple observations.

So blessed to be working with all the musicians at Union. Again, thanks to all who participated.

*Dawn Merrell
Interim Music Director & Organist*

Pastor Heidi and our Loving Church Family,

A very special thank you Pastor Heidi for all your help and guidance thru the long journey of Tommy’s illness.

So many thanks to each of you for all the love, prayers and support you have given our family. Words could never express our deepest appreciation.

May God Bless Each of You!
Love, Family of Tommy Kerns

We wanted to send a very sincere thank you to Brad Huffman, Matt and Hudson Miller, Derrick, Adam and Dalton Thompson, Larry Barringer, Ken and his crew for building our Dad a beautiful ramp on Saturday, March 30. He will definitely use the ramp to go outside and see God’s beautiful creation.

God bless you all. You all truly show God’s love and faithfulness.

Thank you from the Leazer Family





Sunday School
Classes for all Ages
9:35 a.m.



The Sunday School Department is introducing a new Sunday School Curriculum through Sola Publishing (SEED) on Sunday, April 7. The children, youth, and Rabbit Hole (Adult Sunday School Class) will be utilizing the new material while the Drew Wise Sunday School Class will continue their current curriculum.

The church office will send monthly emails to the Sunday School Teachers including the curriculum. Hard copies will be placed in their classrooms. Please contact the church office if additional copies are needed.

2024 CHURCH YEARBOOKS

If you haven't already done so, church yearbook for 2024 are available for pick up from the Narthex or church office.

Please bear in mind that this is a working directory. We hope it is correct, but would be glad to know of any errors you may find so that we may make corrections. The only way we may know of any change is that you or a member of your family keep us informed. Please do us this favor.

Please see page 9 for corrections.



We welcomed into the Church Family by Holy Baptism, Moses Miller, on Palm Sunday, March 24.

Thank you to Frank and Dawn Merrell for traveling to and from PA in April with our handbells to be serviced by Malmark!

Pastor Dieter and Pastor Heidi are inviting you to...

Save the Date

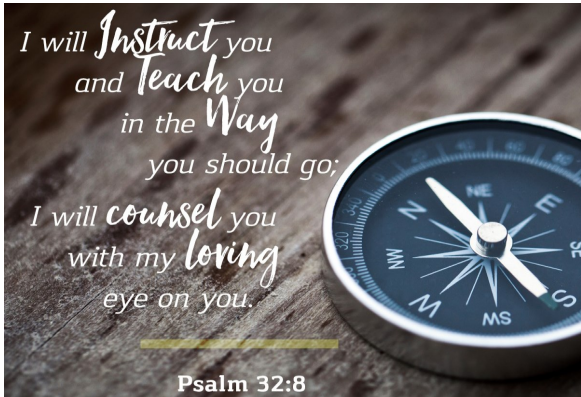
November 9, 2024

Holy Trinity, Troutman

Alexander McCoy and Nadia Punt

We can't wait to celebrate with you . For travel and wedding details please visit our wedding website: therealmccoys.minted.us

A cake reception will follow the service.



**Union Youth
Middle & High School Youth**
Upcoming Activities

Confirmation
Wednesdays, April 10, 17 & 24
at 6:30 p.m.
Class will not meet on April 3.

Sunday School
Sundays, April 7, 14, 21 & 28
9:35 a.m.

Union & Salem Youth Meeting
Sunday, April 7
4:00 p.m.

Beginner Bells
Sundays, April 7, 14, 21 & 28
2:45 p.m.-3:30 p.m.

Union Youth
Sunday, April 21
4:00 p.m.

Piedmont East Luther League
Sunday, April 28
4:00 p.m.
Faith Lutheran Church, Faith

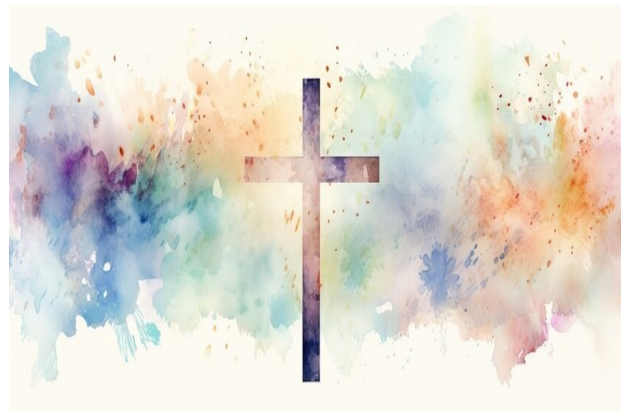


Little Lutherans
5th grade and younger
Upcoming Activities

Kids Choir
Sundays, April 7, 14, 21 & 28
9:15 a.m.
The choir will sing during worship on
Mother's Day, May 12.

Sunday School
Sundays, April 7, 14, 21 & 28
9:35 a.m.

Faith, Fun & Fellowship
Sunday, April 14
4:00 p.m.-5:30 p.m.



2024 Church Yearbook Corrections (Amended and Adopted Sunday, March 24)

Updated pages 11-12: Table of Contents

Corrected name on page 26:

Jared Cooper Knight, Adjunct Choir Member

Updated Hospitality & Decorations Committee on page 29

Updated funeral groups on pages 47-48

Added Additional Financial Information (Land Sale) on page 62

Updated Members with Special Concerns on page 101

Updated Church Directory with the below information:

Updated addresses:

Arnold Cauble

The Meadows
612 China Grove Highway
Rockwell, NC 28138

Jeff and Dawn Holshouser

P. O. Box 408
2019 Gardner Street
Faith, NC 28041

2024 New Member:

Moses Miller

440 Memory Lane
Salisbury, NC 28144
(336) 940-0489
04/10 Birthday

Thad and Sonya Mulkey

4855 Goodman Lake Road
Salisbury, NC 28146

Chelsey Peeler

1736 WOW Road
Asheboro, NC 27203
(704) 798-1042
chelseypeeler96@gmail.com

Phone Number Change:

Derrick Thompson (704) 680-8114

2024 Deceased:

Thomas “Tommy” Daivd Kerns (February 23, 1940-March 10, 2024)



2024 HIGHLIGHTS OF ACTIVITIES AT UNION

The following activities represent some of the special highlights and events of the year, but they do not cover many daily, weekly, and monthly ministries and activities of Union Lutheran Church that takes place in our endeavor to serve our Lord Jesus Christ and proclaim His gospel.

MARCH

- Following up from Leadership Retreat the following Umbrella met during the month of March: Campus Maintenance (*Archives, Property, Cemetery, Columbarium, Fact Finding, Land Sale, Landscape, and Woodlands*).
- 2024 Church Yearbooks were available for pick up on Sundays, March 10 & 17. Thank you to Patsy Lyerly and Vivian Sprinkle for assisting Genevieve Baker in printing, punching, and collating.
- Rev. Tom Corbell was our guest speaker on Sunday, March 10, celebrating our 250th anniversary this year!
- Following the service on Sunday, March 10, the congregation enjoyed a Meet & Greet in the large fellowship hall. Thank you to the 250th Anniversary Committee for providing light refreshments.
- Union Lutheran Church was excited to host the Carolinas Mission Region Spring Youth Retreat from Friday, March 15-Sunday, March 17! Theme: Redeemed with Verse: Isaiah 42:22 *“I have blotted out your transgressions like a cloud and your sins like mist; return to me, for I have redeemed you.”* A huge thank you to our volunteers for graciously giving of their time and talents! During the retreat the youth were separated into two groups and built ramps to assist community members. We had around 38 participants!
- Thank you to the many volunteers who worked hard around and in the church facilities during the congregational workday on Saturday, March 23.
- We welcomed into the Church Family by Holy Baptism, Moses Miller, on Palm Sunday, March 24.
- Called Meeting of the Congregation was held following the 10:30 a.m. worship service on Palm Sunday, March 24. The purpose of the meeting was to review and approve the 2024 Yearbook.
- Also, on Palm Sunday a Town Hall Meeting was held in the large fellowship hall reviewing ULC’s finances. Thank you to the Church Council for providing a light lunch.
- During Holy Week, we walked the journey of the cross and resurrection beginning with Palm Sunday, Maundy Thursday services, Good Friday services, and Easter services. Thank you to everyone who volunteered and participated!
- In addition to the services during Holy Week, Stations of the Cross were available in the parking lot to walk to or drive to. Thank you to everyone who setup and participated!

- Thank you to the Kids Choir, Youth Choir, Beginner Bells, Belles & Beaus, and Chancel Choir for sharing their musical talents with us during Holy Week!
- Thank you to Brad Huffman, Matt and Hudson Miller, Derrick, Adam and Dalton Thompson, Larry Barringer, Ken and his crew for building Wade Leazer and Family a ramp on Saturday, March 30.
- Thank you to everyone who instead of giving something up for Lent instead gave supplies for Organ Lutheran Church's Food Pantry and the NALC Disaster Relief. Thank you also to the Union Youth for packing the supplies during the Good Friday Youth-Lock.
- Thank you to Robyn Arey, Jan Huffman, Robyn Huffman, Elbert and Cheryl Kluttz, Deena Lanning, Dawn Merrell, and Sam Nguyen for preparing the Sanctuary and Dutch Meeting Hall for Easter!
- Thank you to the Union Youth for leading the Easter Sunrise worship service in the large fellowship hall on Sunday, March 31.
- Thank you to Sonya Mulkey and Jan Huffman for the leading the music during the Sunrise Service.
- Thank you to Mike Cauble and Friends for providing delicious Easter Breakfast on Easter Sunday, March 31, in the large Fellowship Hall.
- Thank you to everyone who donated candy, prizes and assisted with the Easter Egg Hunt.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Carolinas Mission Region Convocation

May 3-4, 2024

Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, Little Mountain, SC

The theme is: "Teach God's Word Day and Night," based on Deuteronomy 6:7.

Registration deadline is April 12.

The following were elected to serve as Union's representatives:

Pastor Heidi Punt, delegate, Mary Hutchens, delegate, Janie Lesley, delegate,
and Lucinda Fraley, alternate

Sunday, May 12

Mother's Day

10:30 a.m. Worship & Holy Communion

with Rev. David Nuottila, 250th Anniversary Guest Pastor,

PLEASE REMEMBER IN PRAYER...

Nursing Home Residents – Brenda Mahaley, Ruth Monroe, Jean Ray & Jay Rusher (Autumn Care); Arnold Cauble (The Meadows)

Homebound/Shut-ins Members – Sarah Bame, Glenn Eagle, Rachel Earnhardt, Joan Kerns, Teresa Kesler, James Kluttz, Glenn Lowder, Frances Norris, William Page, Rev. TC & Mary Plexico, Macky Swicegood, Effie Vellines, Billy Waller & Michael Walton

Sick/Surgery/Recovery –Brenda Cauble, Phil Cauble, Glenn Honeycutt, Jr., Steve Hutchens, Jean Kluttz, John Knight, Wade Leazer, Sharon Moore, Kay Morgan, Marvin Nunn, Janet Overcash, Doris Page, Patsy Sigmon, Wayne and Pam Vellines & Rev. Bob Young (son of the congregation)

Continual Prayer –Jim Baker (Genevieve Baker’s uncle), Shonna Lanning Black (Jack and Deena Lanning’s daughter), Bill Broadway, Sharon Peeler Bullock (Sylvia Peeler’s daughter), Michael Curlee (Scott Curlee’s brother), Billy Hutchens (Steve Hutchens’ brother), Pat Kluttz, Dr. Sean Malone (Pam Vellines’ doctor), Fay Miller (friend of Pat Kluttz); Della Morgan (Pam Vellines’ mother), Ben Smith (Cathy Painter’s brother-in-law), Glen Wall (Frank & Dawn Merrell’s friend), Pat Wiles (Genevieve Baker’s friend), Union Fire Department #76, Global Missions (Congo, Slovakia, and Haiti) & those affected by natural or political disasters

Confirmands: Janaya Anderson, Caylea Cline, Mallory Eagle, Landon Kesler, Eireanna Miller, Moses Miller, and Noah Trexler

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!

Please let us know...church staff are not automatically made aware of you or your family members and loved ones who are in the hospital, Hospice, a nursing home or shut-ins at home. This means we cannot minister to them without you letting us know. Please contact the church office (704) 636-5092 to keep us informed.





Thomas David "Tommy" Kerns, 84, of Salisbury, passed away peacefully on Monday, March 11, 2024, at his home, surrounded by his loving family.

He was born February 23, 1940, in Rowan County, to the late Claude Robert and Virginia Simpson Kerns. Mr. Kerns was a graduate of Boyden High School and attended the University of Maryland Automotive School. Tommy was employed as the service manager, for many years, at automotive dealerships throughout Rowan County. He later worked for and retired from Novant Rowan Medical Center, where he worked as a CT Operator with Public Safety. A veteran of the U.S. Army National Guard, he was a member of Harold B. Jarrett American Legion Post. He also served with Union Volunteer Fire Department, where he was a former chief.

Mr. Kerns was a member of Union Lutheran Church, where he served on many committees and was a member of the Drew Wise Sunday School Class and the Good Timers Group. He enjoyed helping others in any way that he could and enjoyed sports, especially NASCAR and baseball.

Mr. Kerns is survived by his wife, Joan Elium Kerns, whom he married February 17 1963; two sons, Jason Kerns of Salisbury and Travis Kerns of Katy, Texas; grandchildren, Blake Beulin of Salisbury and Jenica and Andalyn Kerns of Katy, Texas; sister, Claudia Short of Conover; and his special aunt of 102 years, Mildred Kerns Peeler of Salisbury.

The family will greet friends and relatives from 2:30 PM until 3:45 PM on Monday, March 18, in the Dutch Meeting Hall at Union Lutheran Church in Salisbury.

A memorial service will follow at 4:00 PM on Monday, at the church, with the Rev. Heidi Punt and Rev. Tonya Brittain officiating.

Memorials may be made to Union Lutheran Church for the Narthex Fund, 4770 Bringle Ferry Road, Salisbury, NC 28146.

The family wishes to express their appreciation to Tommy's medical team--Dr. Demming Ward, Dr. William Brinkley, Dr. Mark Aldous, and the staff of Novant Hospice for their care and guidance over the years. They would also like to thank their family and neighbors for their help and for being there to offer support.

Powles Staton Funeral Home of Rockwell is assisting the Kerns family. Online condolences may be made at www.powlesfuneralhome.com.



*The stewardship of our finances, service and time is an area of our lives where we can faithfully proclaim the gospel. **Giving** strengthens our devotion to Christ and frees us to live open-handedly with the gifts God gives us.*

We trust in Him and His provision. As people of faith, we give faithfully and generously supporting the mission of the church – “Love God and love our Neighbor.”

Avenues of Giving:

- *Weekly Sunday Offering*
- *Mail*
- *Online <https://ulcsalisbury.org/give-online/> (Please note a service fee is charged using online giving.)*

Each year the congregation approves certain benevolences as part of the yearly Ministry Support Plan. Members are encouraged to give to this by earmarking their giving as **Benevolence**.

Every quarter, the fund's are equally distributed to the approved benevolence.

Please note that every month the monthly newsletter highlights one of these benevolences in order to tell you the story of what they do and what difference your giving makes.

April Benevolence Teaching Moment Food for the Poor

Food For The Poor began in 1982 in Jamaica. Today, our interdenominational Christian ministry serves the poor in primarily 17 countries throughout the Caribbean and Latin America. Thanks to our faithful donors, we are able to provide food, housing, healthcare, education, fresh water, emergency relief, micro-enterprise solutions and much more.

We are proud to have fed millions of people and provided more than 15.7 billion dollars in aid.

Our faith inspires us to be an organization built on compassion, and motivated by love. Our mission is to bring relief to the poorest of the poor in the countries where we serve.

We strive to reflect God's unconditional love. It's a sacrificial love that embraces all people regardless of race or religion. We believe that we can show His love by serving the “least of these” on this earth as Christ challenged us to do in [Matthew 25](#). We pray that by God's grace, and with your support, we can continue to bring relief to the suffering and hope to the hopeless.



Stewardship Update

February Sunday School

4	42
11	45
18	42
25	<u>42</u>
Total	171
Average	43

March Sunday School

3	43
10	39
15-17	38 CMR Youth Retreat
17	33
24	42
31	<u>Easter Egg Hunt</u>
Total	195
Average	49

February Worship

4	101
11	98
18	103
25	<u>89</u>
Total	391
Average	98

March Worship

3	97
10	108
15-17	38 CMR Youth Retreat
17	84
24	118 Palm Sunday
31	75 Easter 7:30 a.m.
31	<u>152 Easter 10:30 a.m.</u>
Total	672
Average	112

Lenten Season Attendance

February

14	10	Ash Wednesday 10:30 a.m.
14	56	6:30 p.m.
20	35	
21	4	
27	33	
28	7	

March

5	32	
6	7	
12	40	
13	6	
19	30	
20	5	
28	9	Maundy Thursday 10:30 a.m.
28	65	6:30 p.m.
29	15	Good Friday
29	65	6:30 p.m.
Total	419	
Avg.	52	



Loose Offering on Sundays is distributed to: 1st Sunday (Social Ministry Fund), 2nd Sunday (Gerald Bame Scholarship Fund), 3rd Sunday (Building and Repair Fund), 4th Sunday (Youth Missions/Retreats Fund), and 5th Sunday Current Fund).

Honorariums and Memorials Gifts Given to the Glory of God during March

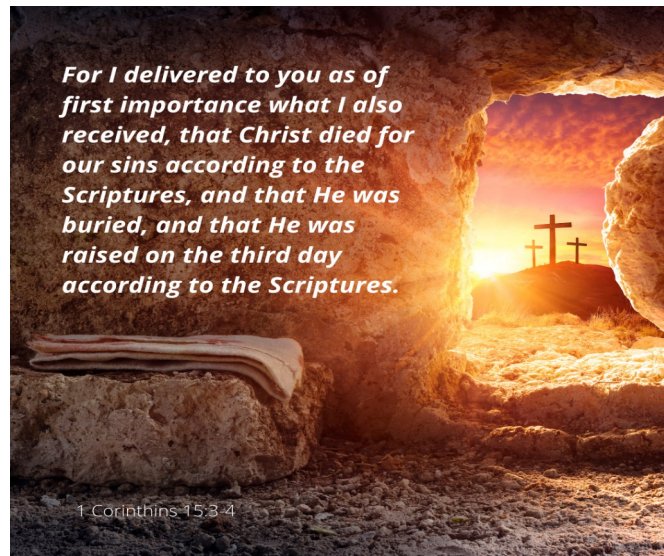
A gift was received for the Narthex Expansion Fund in honor of Joan Kerns by:
Cathy and Troy Painter

A gift was received for the Music Fund in memory of June and Sylvia Fraley by:
Lucinda Fraley

A gift was received for the Building & Repair Fund in memory of Thomas “Tommy”
David Kerns by:
Jennifer and Scott Curlee

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Eric and Lana Brown
Kay Coltrain
Lucinda Fraley
Good Timers
Ruth Goodman
John and Nancy Kesler
Thad and Sonya Mulkey
Janet Overcash
William and Doris Page
Cathy and Troy Painter
Jean Ray
Bill and Linda Safrit
Jean Misenheimer Stirewalt
Trexler Construction Co. Inc.
Ron and Janie Vellines



A gift was received for the Current, Benevolence, Cemetery, and Gerald Bame Scholarship Funds in memory of James M. “Red” Swicegood, Sr., and Dorothy “Dot” Swicegood by:
James “Macky” Swicegood, Jr.

Our Love and Sympathy is extended to Joan Kerns and Family on the death of Thomas “Tommy” David Kerns on Monday, March 11, 2024.

Union Lutheran Church Property, Cemetery & Columbine Committee Meeting

The Union Lutheran Church Property and Cemetery and Columbine Committees held a regular scheduled meeting on Thursday, March 21, 2024, at 6:30 pm at the church.

Those attending Phil Cauble, Brad Huffman, Don, and Tara Davis, Ronald Vellines, Scott Curlee, Cathy Painther and Pastor Heidi Punt.

Pastor Heidi opened the meeting with scripture and prayer.

***Property:**

The scheduled workday on Saturday, March 23rd repairs and projects to be done was discussed, outside work may be limited due to rain.

Phil reported that one of the heat pumps in the sanctuary has been patched for the last time and it is necessary that the unit be replaced. An estimate will be gotten from three companies Stout, Medley, and Beaver Heating and Air for replacing the heat pump.

Don Davis has the straps to lock down the well cover nearest the fellowship building, this will be done on the planned workday.

Don has also agreed to give the Financial Report at future meetings, he will be asking for necessary information to reconcile the reports and present to the committee.

***Cemetery:**

Tara Davis discussed with the committee the balance in the Cemetery Fund Checking Account and the limited balance of \$1,400.00

A motion was made by Brad Huffman that \$5,000.00 in the Thrivent Cemetery Fund Account be transferred to the Cemetery Fund Checking Account to cover the cost of mowing for six months. A second to the motion was made by Don Davis with the committee members voting unanimously.

The next meeting will be held on Thursday, May 23rd at 6:30 at the church. Election of officers will be held at this meeting.

All members of the committees under Campus Maintenance Umbrella are urged to attend this meeting.

These notes are for information.
Respectfully submitted,
Cathy Kluttz Painther

Good Timers

The Good Timers met for their monthly meeting on March 14 in the Old Pine Center with Frank Merrell presiding. We had 19 members and 1 visitor (Tammy Heintz) present with an offering of \$28.00 being received. Doris Shepherd had the devotions. Ruby Leazer will have the devotions in April. Nancy Kesler won the door prize.

March birthdays: Karen Morgan (3), Frank Merrell (14), Nancy Kesler (20), and Judy Boyd (30)

We extend our condolences to the Family of Tommy Kerns (member of the Good Timers). A memorial gift to the Narthex Expansion Fund has been made in Tommy's memory by the Good Timers.

Sick Report: Glenn Lowder, Pat Kluttz, Wade Leazer

The "Y" Singers will present the program in April. Lunch will be at Lakeview Restaurant.

Trivia on this day:

- 1743-America's 1st recorded town hall meeting at Fanevil Hall in Boston
- 1794-Eli Whitney patents the cotton gin
- 1923-Warren G. Harding becomes the first president to file an income tax report
- 1950-The FBI Most Wanted list debuts
- 1951-UN forces, led by US troops recapture Seoul during the Korean War

Our program today was given by Frank and Dawn Merrell on their trip to New England in the fall of 2023. These are some of the highlights of the trip: LL Bean Outlet in Freeport, Maine, McDonald's (looks like a regular house), Cook's Lobster House, Bailey Island, Maine. Most homes have a flag pole. Boothbay Harbor is very rocky. Wilson Memorial Chapel, Linekin Chapel, Red's Eats, Wincasset (lobster roll is the favorite). In Portland is an outline of a liberty ship. Maine's ships have sailed the seven seas. Ships moved at night-light meant death. The work force for ships were brought in by buses. Among the women welders working in the ship yards was Wendy the Welder. They saw the South Portland Lighthouse. They rode through the White Mountains. Among the sights was a "brake for a moose" sign. Salem, Mass., known as "witch town." Red's Sandwich Shoppe is the last standing wooden building, a witch house built in 1642. On Sunday they went to Boston-Old State House, Paul Revere's house, Town Hall, the Old North Church (its interior and its steeple), Ben Franklin's statue, New England Quilt Museum. On Monday they went to Lowell, Massachusetts. It was a very delightful and enjoyable travelog for us to see. Thanks Daw and Frank.

Deena Lanning had the blessing before we went to Lakeview for lunch.

Respectfully Submitted,
Ruby Leazer

Good Timers March Treasurer's Report

Beginning Balance for March	\$310.26
Received	\$ 28.00
Disbursed (Memorial)	\$100.00
Ending Balance for March	\$238.26

Respectfully Submitted,
Dick Shue

Mission & Outreach Umbrella minutes:
Pastor Heidi Opened with prayer and devotion.
Minutes from Social Ministry meeting were approved
Financial Report from Social ministry was approved.

Officers were elected:
Chair: Robyn Arey
Vice Chair: Steve Hutchins
Secretary: Judy Boyd
Council Point Persons: Ali Davis, Vicki Hunter

New Business:
A new ministry was approved to provide "Welcome baskets" to new neighbors in the area. Thrivent money will be applied for to seed the ministry. There will be a meeting held to discuss ideas and organize the ministry.

Benevolence giving was reviewed. It was noted that the "Battered Women's shelter" is now "Family Crisis."

The purpose and function of the "Umbrella" was discussed. A recommendation will be made to the council to merge the following committees into one Mission Outreach committee: Evangelism, Social Ministry, and Great Commission. A sub committee met and recommended closing the Social Ministry checking account and combining the funds with the Great Commission funds. The subcommittee was comprised of Cheryl Kluttz, Janie Lesley, Doris Shephard, and Vicki Hunter.

A sub committee was formed to discuss the definition and function of the "mission and Outreach" committee.

The next meeting is scheduled for April 14 at 2pm

The meeting adjourned with the Lord's Prayer.
Respectfully submitted,
Judy Boyd

UNION LUTHERAN CHURCH

A charter congregation of North American Lutheran Church (NALC)

OFFICE HOURS: 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Monday-Friday

WORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

9:35 a.m. Sunday School

10:30 a.m. Worship & Holy Communion

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Pat Kluttz and Kay Morgan

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The Chronicles

April 2024
Volume 6

What God Has, Is, and Anticipating the Future!

The two Commissioners accomplished securing a resident pastor, a schoolteacher much needed books and funds. So effectively they presented the needs and opportunities of the Province of North Carolina that the consistory of Hannover and the University of Goettingen undertook the supervision and support of the Lutheran congregations in the Colony and promised financial assistance and a further supply of pastors and teachers.

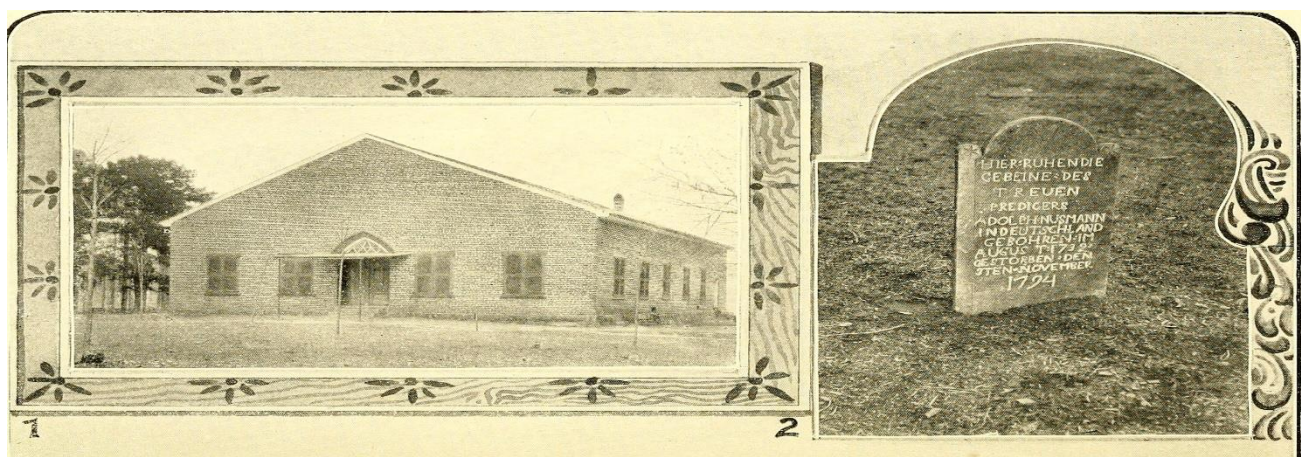
For some unknown reason, this arrangement did not become immediately effective. There is no record of any correspondence between Nussmann and the Hannover authorities: no additional pastors and teachers were sent over; and there is no indication that the promise of financial support was carried out.

The outbreak of the Revolutionary War a few years later stopped all communication with Europe for a period of eight years, and the North Carolina churches were deprived at least temporarily, of the benefits that would naturally have resulted from such an arrangement.

The outstanding mark of the period was the untiring service of the few pastors who did answer the Macedonian call. Only the loyalty of men and women thoroughly grounded in the faith and guided by the Holy Spirit enabled the church to service during trying years.

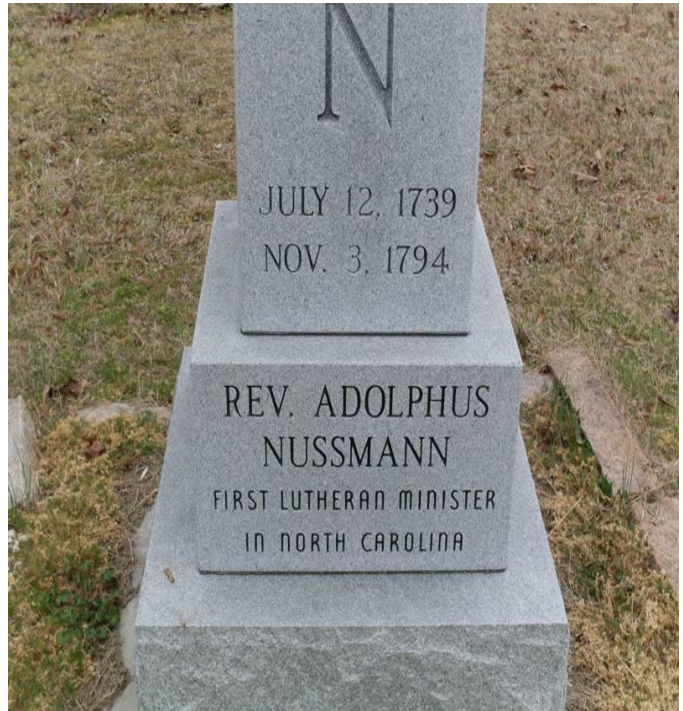
Information on Rev. Adolphus Nussmann: The Rev. Adolphus Nussman was born in Germany, in 1737, he was just in the prime of life. A convert from Roman Catholicism, a ripe and thorough scholar, a devoted and consecrated Christian, and an earnest and faithful preacher of the Gospel. He was the first to arrive that had been trained as a Catholic priest but had become confirmed in the doctrines and convictions of the Evangelical religion. He soon became very popular, winning the praise, admiration, and love of all who knew him.

The Lutheran Church in North Carolina was fortunate in obtaining the services of so learned, devoted and self-sacrificing a Christian minister as was its first pastor. Rev. Nussman became the pastor of St. John's, Salisbury, Organ, and Pine (Union) Churches. He also wrote the Constitution of St. John' Church where he was the pastor for 20 years.



The Constitution requires that the pastor "Accept with heart and mouth the Symbolical Books of the Evangelical Church; also, to preach the doctrines contained in them."

For twenty-one years, reaching through the stormy period of the Revolutionary War, he was instant in season and out of season, toiling amidst untold trials and difficulties. He was indeed a man who might have filled with honor the highest position in any Church or literary institution but was content to labor for the cause of Christ, and to sacrifice himself amount the unambitious but honest German agriculturists of North Carolina.



He located himself at first in Rowan County, near Second Creek, and served Organ and Salisbury Churches. He labored sedulously, not only in the congregations of which he was the pastor, but reaching out in all directions, traveling thousands of miles, through mountains and valleys, covering an immense territory.

He organized congregations wherever it was possible selecting, fitting and preparing young men for the Gospel ministry. Therefore ordaining them to the same, and thus laying the foundations of the great work that has followed them, and thus stands today as a lasting monument to their ability, wisdom, and faithfulness. His native gifts, his superior education, and his consecrated life soon won for him a place in the hearts of his own people and the respect of the community at large; and his ministry of forty-one years was a fruitful one. Rev. Adolphus Nussman died in 1794 and was buried at St. John's Church, where for twenty years, he had been the zealous and faithful pastor.

Besides Rev. Adolphus Nussmann, a schoolteacher named Mr. John Gottfried Arends was petitioned to start a school in the region.

The next Chronicles will give in detail his life and journeys in North Carolina.

Kay Morgan, Co-Chair

References: History of the North Carolina Synod, pgs.11 and 15, The Lutheran Church In North and South Carolina, page 259, History of The Lutheran Church In N.C. pgs,25, 29, and 38

If you have any information to add to our history, please contact Kay Morgan, Co-Chair.

We need YOUR Help with the following:

- Items to display (pictures, newspaper articles, etc.)
- Share your favorite Bible verse and what it means to you
- How has Union touched your life?
- Share feedback with the committee on ideas to implement

Please turn in items and information to a member of the committee or email the church office.

(Please include your name.)

250th Anniversary Committee Members:

Kay Morgan, Co-Chair

Dusty Morgan, Sr.,
Co-Chair

Frank Merrell

Susan Knight

Tara Davis

Elbert Kluttz

Pastor Heidi Punt

Thank you to Rev. Tom Corbell for celebrating our 250th Anniversary as our Guest Pastor on Sunday, March 10.

Thank you to everyone who participated in the Meet & Greet following the worship service on March 10!

250th Anniversary Celebrations Guests

May 12, 2024 Rev. David Nuottila

July 14, 2024 Rev. Dr. Jarrod Lanning

August 13, 2024 Homecoming with Bishop Dan Selbo

October 13, 2024 Rev. Darrell Norris

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Dear Family and Friends,

Once again, I am preparing to return to Slovakia with the Spiritual Orphans Network Mission Team. I am excited to participate in this program as I extend to also include Kindergarteners to the program.

Until joining this organization, I never realized how much I enjoy working with this age group. They are so loving and accepting.

Ever wanted to be a missionary or a part of helping share His love with others? This can be your opportunity to do so. How? Prayerfully consider praying for SON Mission Team and financially supporting.

Total cost for the trip is \$2,900 with airfare costing over \$1,600. The remainder of the funds cover meals, lodging

and supplies. **Deadline to give financially is May 1.**

July will be here before we know it. By supporting me you are assisting us in spreading the Gospel!

I would like you to know more about the team. SONetwork, is an organization that started over 25 years ago as Eastern European Network following the fall of Communism and the Iron Curtain. Most of the people of in these countries have no history of the Gospel and what it means to know God loves them. New believers don't have grandparents or elders to answer questions on why we believe what we believe. This is the idea behind the new name of Spiritual Orphans Network. Some believe, but no one to turn to in discussing why they believe what they are learning. Please go online to read more about this organization.

By offering English Bible Camp to the younger generation, we open doors to allow discussion and friendship to the parents as well as teaching Bible stories and English with the help of local interpreters.

You may submit payment through Union's offering by marking checks (Mary Hutchens) or directly to Spiritual Orphan's Network with online giving to the link provided: <https://sonetwork.org/give/>

This ministry is much bigger than you and me alone and touches so many lives!

Thank you for prayerfully considering supporting me!

In Him,
Mary Hutchens

Council minutes were approved at the March 10 with a correction. Correction will be notated in the March 10 minutes printed in next month's Messenger.

Council Minutes February 18, 2024

Members Present: Dusty Morgan , Amanda Cauble, Frank Merrell, Ali Davis, Vicki Hunter, Sharon Leazer, Debbie Rinehart, Phil Cauble, Kevin Huffman, John Knight, Thad Mulkey, Pastor Heidi Punt

Dusty Morgan called the meeting to order.

A motion was made and seconded to adopt the agenda. Motion passed unanimously.

Pastor Heidi Punt lead devotions.

The minutes from December 3rd Council meeting were approved with the following corrections: New Business... the handbells will be taken to a factory (not company) in Pennsylvania for refurbishing. The bells should be back by homecoming. The minutes from the December 17th Council meeting, the called council meeting from January 21st, and the called council meeting from February 14th were approved as submitted.

The monthly financial statements were approved, with one correction. The Frank Merrell Crisis fund was corrected to Franz Merrell Crisis fund.

1. **Current Treasurer report./finance-** Balance \$7, 758.95. As of 1/31/24, the general fund had a deficit of 22,080.09.
2. **Cemetery Fund:** Balance \$7,758.95
3. **Good Timers:** Balance \$316.26
4. **Mildred Merrell Sunday School-** Balance \$496.17
5. **Social Ministry-**Balance \$2,159.39
6. **Union Women -**Balance \$1,653.68
7. **Franz Merrell Crisis fund-**Balance \$6,023.76

A motion was made and seconded to accept financial reports as corrected. Motion Carried.

Pastor's report: Pastor Heidi requested March 5- 8 off. Pete Nguyen will lead midweek Lenten service and Pastor Ernie Sheldon will be available for emergencies. Motion was made and seconded. Motion carried. She may be going to Ft. Wayne, IN to share about ministry in Haiti. She will keep us posted.

President's Report: Thank you to Phil Cauble, Don Davis, Brad Huffman, and Kevin Huffman for assisting in the installation of the new flooring in the West Wing Hallway. An anonymous donor has offered to donate funds for the purchase of a double sided, full color, LED sign to be placed close to the current sign out front. It measures 40 inches x 18 inches. It would be placed on a permanent pedestal. The land sale is under contract.

Vice President report: Phil attended Finance Committee, 2 Property meetings, Council and Leadership retreat, Love Dare Bible study, Worship and Music Umbrella, Mission Outreach Umbrella, Christian Education umbrella, hosted Usher Greeter Appreciation Dinner, and Gerald Bame Scholarship team. He is no longer on The Gerald Bame Scholarship Team. A motion was made and seconded to accept the report as submitted. Motion carried.

Committee and Umbrella reports:

250TH Anniversary- Karen Plyler has been asked to make a replica of the Old Pine Church, using a photo as a reference. Frank Merrell sent a piece of wood from the original pine log Old Pine Church to have age of log determined. He will also talk to Pastor Heidi about using 1912 common service Hymnal for August homecoming and will get a list of people that need a personal invitation to homecoming. Susan Knight will assist with mailing invitations. Dusty presented a copy of the new church directory and plans to have it ready by Easter. He will oversee getting shirts ordered. He will also work with the youth to create a time capsule, to be opened in 25 years. Tara will order 250 th anniversary fans to be placed in choir pews, and in the church. There are also plans to place 250 th anniversary flags throughout the cemetery on Homecoming Sunday.

Campus Maintenance Umbrella:

Both well houses will be secured to prevent unauthorized persons from tampering with the wells. There is a water leak in the sound room and Narthex causing damage. Richard Hinson will repair the damage with sheet rock and plaster. Cost is not known yet. Tim Eagle will replace water fountain as time permits. Restoration of the costume room has been completed.

The youth requested that a shower be installed in the Men's room, and Ladies Room in the education building. The funds would come from the youth fund. Tim Eagle has agreed to do the plumbing work. Youth along with volunteers will provide the labor. This was brought to council. A motion was made and seconded to approve the project. The motion passed.

A work day is scheduled for Saturday, March 23rd at 9:00 am. Matt Miller will refill the hole in the parking lot when it gets warmer. Also, a project of possibly creating a border between exterior walls of the church, and the mulch will be addressed when the weather is warmer.

Christian Education Umbrella:

The Bylaws concerning Christian education were discussed. It was recommended that the term of service be changed from 2 years to one year. The Scholarship Committees, Youth Council, and Good Timers will be added to this umbrella. Motion was made, and seconded. Motion carried. Officers elected: Pete Nguyen- Chair. Vivian Sprinkle- Vice chair, Treasurer- Jan Huffman, Secretary- Janie Lesley.

Finance Umbrella:

A recommendation was made to council to change the wording of the beginning paragraph about the Jimmy Troutman Youth Education Scholarship: The Union Evangelical Lutheran Church Education Scholarship is administered by the Scholarship committee made up of at least 5 members of Union Evangelical Lutheran Church congregational advocates, financial consultant, the Pastor, and one Council member. A motion was made to accept the recommendation, and was seconded. Motion carried. A recommendation was made to council to freeze the duties of the Long Range Committee, and create a committee to oversee all fundraisers and assist in all fundraising activities. A motion was made to accept the recommendation and seconded. Motion carried.

Misson Outreach Umbrella

The following committees have been combined under this umbrella : Evangelism, Great Commission Mission Team, Lay Ministry, Social Ministry, and the Women's group. The recommendation to council for the change was tabled, as the wording needed to include the bylaws being changed.

Worship and Music umbrella

20 Choir robes have been sold to a Middle School, not to someone in Maryland. That plan fell through. A recommendation was made to council that resolution #15: include in paragraph #1 The worship & music Umbrella includes, but is not limited to: Altar Guild, Lay Readers, Acolytes, Ushers, Sound system, Technology, Facebook, website, Vocal Choirs, Bell Choirs, and Choir director/Organist. Paragraph #3- Change "no less than 9" to "no less than 7". The motion was made to accept the recommendation and seconded. Motion carried.

Human resources Umbrella (Parish Staff Relations)- no report

Old/continuing Business:

Mid-week Advent Loose offering raised \$260.00 for SMI Haiti

Chili Cook Off raised \$579.00 towards Current Fund/Sunday School

The music director/organist position remains open

Inactive members will be sent a letter in February.

Actual income and expenditures will be listed twice monthly in Weekly News stewardship report

The Church yearbook will be available for council review March 3, 2024 following worship. The pictorial directory hopes to be completed by March 3 as well.

New business:

A sign up sheet was passed around for council members to sign up for devotions/desserts during council meetings.

Lucinda Fraley will be removed from F & M bank signatures and Thrivent Financial bank signatures, and John Knight will be added.

A motion was made and seconded to designate mid-week Lenten loose offerings to NALC disaster relief. Motion carried.

A motion was made and seconded to designate Loose offerings on the 5th Sunday of March for the general fund. Motion carried.

Sunday Morning announcements will be a shared responsibility of council members.

The following Town Hall meetings have been scheduled for the congregation: March 24th addressing financials, April 28th addressing updates on the land sale, May 19th to address music ministry at Union.

Future Council meetings will be held on the 2nd Sunday of the month.

Other: A recommendation was made to change the name of the Gerald Bame Scholarship fund to the Gerald Bame memorial scholarship. A motion was made and seconded. motion carried. The committee members are Frank Merrell-Chair, Doris Page-Advisor, Elbert Kluttz, Kat Clifton.

Frank Merrell made a motion to create a constitution review committee. The motion was seconded. Motion carried.

Kevin Huffman brought up Sanctuary Security. That was tabled for further discussion.

Upcoming Dates:

March 10- Pastor Tom Corbell will be guest Pastor

March 15-17 CMR Youth retreat

March 24-31- Holy Week

March 24-30- Stations of the Cross

March 31- Easter

July 1-4 NALC Youth Continental Gathering

July 21-26 Day camp at Organ Lutheran Church Salisbury

The next meeting is scheduled for March 10, 2024

The meeting adjourned with the Lord's Prayer

Respectfully submitted,

Vicki Hunter, for Tara Davis

April Birthday Calendar						
Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
	1 Easter Monday	2	3 Daisy Martin	4 Don Davis	5 Janaya Anderson (Youth Friend)	6
7	8 Noah Cauble	9 Steve Walton	10 Moses Miller	11	12 Sabrina Eagle	13 Janie Lesley
14	15 Tax Day	16 John Knight	17 Hannah Barbee	18 Ruth Monroe	19	20
21 Abbey Deaton	22 Avery Cline	23 Marvin Nunn	24 Rachel Earnhardt	25 Sam Nguyen	26 Ali Davis	27
28	29 William Page	30	Revised as of 4-4-24			

April Anniversaries:

April 11 Elbert and Cheryl Kluttz

April 21 Joe and Sylvia McDaniel

April 28 Vernon and Janet Overcash

Have we missed your birthday or anniversary? Please contact the church office (704) 636-5092 – we don't want to leave anyone out!



April Calendar – dates/times subject to change

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
	1 Easter Monday <i>Church Office is closed.</i>	2	3 6:30 p.m. Confirmation <i>No Wednesday Choirs rehearsals</i>	4	5	6
7 9:15 a.m. Kids Choir 9:35 a.m. Sunday School 9:35 a.m. New Members Class (library) 10:30 a.m. Worship & Holy Communion 2:45 p.m.-3:30 p.m. Beginner Bells 4:00 p.m. Union & Salem Youth	8 2:00 p.m. Mary & Martha Circle	9 2:00 p.m. Mary & Martha Circle	10 4:30 p.m. Haiti (online) 6:30 p.m. Confirmation <i>No Wednesday Choirs rehearsals</i>	11 10:00 a.m. Good Timers	12	13
14 9:15 a.m. Kids Choir 9:35 a.m. Sunday School 9:35 a.m. New Members Class (library) 10:30 a.m. Worship & Holy Communion 2:00 p.m. Mission Outreach Umbrella 2:45 p.m.-3:30 p.m. Beginner Bells 4:00 p.m. Little Lutherans (5 th grade & younger)	15 Tax Day	16 6:00 p.m. 250 th Anniversary Co. 6:30 p.m. Bible Study(Jonah)	17 4:30 p.m. Haiti (online) 6:30 p.m. Confirmation 6:30 p.m. Belles & Beaus 7:30 p.m. Chancel Choir	18 6:00 p.m. Worship & Music Umbrella	19	20
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28 9:35 a.m. Sunday School 9:35 a.m. New Members Class (library) 10:30 a.m. Worship & Holy Communion Town Hall (land sale) 2:00 p.m. Christian Education Umbrella 2:45 p.m.-3:30 p.m. Beginner Bells 4:00 p.m. Luther League	29	30 6:30 p.m. Bible Study(Jonah)	Revised as of 4-4-24 Old Pine Center Fellowship Halls	Dutch Meeting Hall Youth	Meetings	Both