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Union Messenger

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From Your Pastor...

"I am grateful to God, whom I worship with a clear conscience as my ancestors did, as I remember you constantly in my prayers, night and day. I yearn to see you again, recalling your tears, so that I may be filled with joy, as I recall your sincere faith that first lived in your grandmother Lois and in your mother Eunice and that I am confident lives also in you." (2 Timothy 1:3-5)



Sweet memories of my mom and grandmother ripple through my mind as they drift through the heart! You see, I was one of those fortunate kids, whose grandmother was always just a stone's throw away and whose mother was always there, even when she was working 10-12 hours a day. Oh, believe me they were far from perfect, but then none of us are. They did however cultivate deep tributaries of faith in my life that continue to shape who I am in Christ today.

The Apostle Paul uses the word "*enokeo*," translated "*dwelt in*" or "*lived in*," depending on your translation, to articulate the presence of Christ in Lois' and Eunice's lives and then again to reflect on how they led their lives in Christ. As God's renewing Spirit flowed through their hearts, it gradually altered the shores of their lives, forming eddies of faith swirling in those nearest to them (in this case Timothy, the young pastor). True "*enokeo*" means more than "to dwell in" or "*to live in*" but actually means "*to dwell/live in one and influence him/her for good*." Timothy was influenced just as I was by the indubitable faith of our moms and grandmas.

What I'd like you to anchor in, as you read this article is that genuine faith, not perfect faith, but genuine faith spills into every nook and cranny of our lives. Allow faith to determine what you do, say, plan, dress, eat, drink, watch and think about? Moms and faithful women of God make it a habit to trust God and let Him lead you and guide you in every gully and ravine of your life. Practicing this intentionally everyday will leave a lasting reservoir of faith in the generations after you.

Look, my grandmother, bless her heart, was as deaf as a doorknob but that did not prevent her from singing hymns at the very top of her voice all the way from church back to the house. When I was younger, I found those 45 minutes, sitting right next to her in the backseat, excruciating. Now, I hear a woman's voice filled with faith. A faith that spilled over into my heart, reminding me to persevere in the midst of struggles and to always sing praises to the Lord. For to Him belongs all the glory. My mother planted reeds of joy (Jesus, others, yourself) in my life. *Danke Oma, danke Mama.*

Because of their example of faith, "*I am grateful to God, whom I worship with a clear conscience as my ancestors did, as I remember you (dear friends and family of ULC) constantly in my prayers, night and day.*"

Blessings,

Pastor Heidi and Haiti Pastors meet for Bible Studies online on Wednesdays, May 1, 8, 15, 22 & 29 at 4:30 p.m.

To participate please contact Pastor Heidi to receive a link.



Wednesdays, May 1, 8, 15 & 22
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.



Choirs Rehearsals in May

KIDS CHOIR (5th grade and younger)
Sundays, May 5 & 12 at 9:15 a.m.

YOUTH CHOIR
Sundays, May 5, 19 & 26 at 2:45 p.m.

CHANCEL CHOIR
Wednesdays at 7:00 p.m.
May 1, 8, 15, 22 & 29

Please note: Bell choirs will resume when the bells are returned from being refurbished in either May or June.

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

NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER



National Day of Prayer calls on all people in the United States to pray for the nation and its leaders. It is held on the first Thursday of May each year (May 2, 2024).

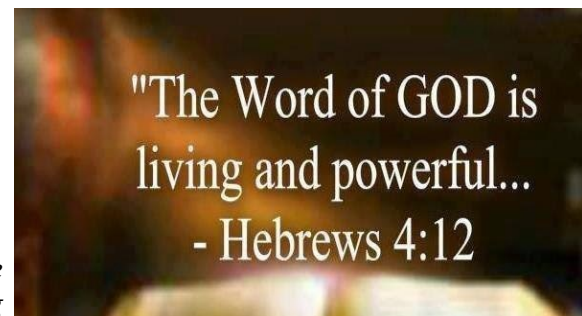
Union will observe National Day of Prayer at 12:30 p.m.

Annual Carolinas Mission Region and Piedmont-East Mission District

Friday, May 3 - Saturday, May 4, 2024
Holy Trinity Lutheran Church,
Little Mountain, SC

Theme: *Teach God's Word Day and Night*

The following were elected to serve as Union representatives for the Carolinas Mission Region & Piedmont-East District: Pastor Heidi Punt (delegate), Mary Hutchens (delegate), Janie Lesley (delegate), and Lucinda Fraley (alternate).



Sunday, May 5

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

9:35 a.m. Sunday School
The Ethiopian Official
Acts 2:36-41, 8:26-40

Philip opened his mouth, and beginning with this Scripture he told [the soldier] the good news about Jesus. (Acts 8:35)

Drew Wise Adult Sunday School Class
Justified by Faith
John 3:1-8, 13-17; Romans 3:21-30

10:30 a.m. Worship & Holy Communion
Acts 10:34-48; Psalm 98:1-9;
1 John 5:1-8; John 15:9-17
Sermon: *Love Changes Everything*

We will welcome into our church family on Sunday, May 5, by Reaffirmation of Faith: Ron Chase, Andrea Eagle, and Debbie Cauble McPherson.

2:00 p.m. Finance Umbrella
(Audit, Endowment, Finance Committee, Franz Merrell Community Crisis, Long Range and Stewardship)

Council Point Persons:
Amanda Cauble, John Knight,
and Debbie Rinehart
Amanda Cauble, Chair
Mary Hutchens, Vice-Chair
Tara Davis, Secretary

2:45 p.m.-3:30 p.m. Youth Choir

4:00 p.m. Union & Salem Youth
Sharon Leazer has reserved the Altar Flowers for Sunday, May 5.



Ascension Services

*Tuesday, May 7, at 6:30 p.m.
Wednesday, May 8, at 10:30 a.m.*

*Dunn's Mountain Park
1740 Dunn's Mountain Road (28146)*

*Transportation Van from Parking Lot
Bring a bag meal and drink*

As Jesus is taken up into heaven, his disciples look on. They have just received their final instructions from him, along with clarification of things he has already taught them but that they can understand better now, having seen what they have seen. For those who believe in Christ, the hope of our calling is centered in his life, death, resurrection, and ascension into heaven. Eternal life awaits us, but until then there is much to do for the spreading of the good news.

Mark your calendars now...everyone is invited to **Good Timers** on **Thursday, May 9, at 10:00 a.m.** in the **Old Pine Center**. Guest speaker is Rowan County Sherriff, Travis Allen.

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



Sunday, May 12
Mother's Day

8:00 a.m. Worship led by the Youth
 in large fellowship hall

8:45 a.m. Mother's Day Breakfast and
 Reception of our 250th Anniversary
 Guest Pastor, Rev. David Nuotilla

9:15 a.m. Kids Choir (5th grade and
 younger) will rehearse in the Sanctuary

9:35 a.m. Sunday School
 Paul Escapes Damascus
 Acts 9:10-31; Romans 12:1-2

*Jesus' disciples took Paul by night and let
 him down through an opening in the wall,
 lowering him in a basket. (Acts 9:25)*

Drew Wise Adult Sunday School Class
 Counted as Righteous
 Genesis 15:1-6; Romans 4

10:30 a.m. Worship & Holy Communion
 Acts 1:12-26; Psalm 1:1-6;
 1 John 5:9-15; John 17:11b-19

10:30 a.m. Rev. David Nuotilla,
 250th Anniversary Guest Pastor

*Recognition of oldest Mother and
 mother with the youngest child.*

*Dawn Merrell has reserved the
 Altar Flowers for Sunday, May 12.*

*No Youth Choir in observance
 of Mother's Day*

*Mother's Day is a day to celebrate
 motherhood and show appreciation for
 mothers, including (great-)grandmothers,
 stepmothers, foster mothers and other
 women of faith.*

*This year, it will be the 110th time
 Mother's Day has been celebrated as a
 national holiday since 1914.*

All Ladies are invited to the **Mary &
 Martha Circle** on **Tuesday, May 14,** 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!



BIBLE STUDY
ON THE BOOK OF JONAH
Tuesdays, May 14 & 21, 6:30 p.m.
(Tuesday Evenings only)

*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.*

*It's not too late to join in on the Bible
 Study!*

In May, Union will be providing **Chapel
 Time at Autumn Care** at **2:00 p.m.** on
Wednesday, May 15.

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

Sunday, May 19

Day of Pentecost

While Jesus remained with his friends, he promised that after he left them he would send a helper to accompany them on their faith journey. The Holy Spirit is that helper and constant presence in our lives that brings us to faith, leads us, prays for us when we cannot find the words, and grants us the gifts to carry out Christ's mission to the world. We are continually being formed and shaped by the Spirit.

9:35 a.m. Sunday School

Paul Confronts Peter

Galatians 2:1-21; Acts 10:34-35

[Paul argued]: We know that a person is not justified by works of the law but through faith in Jesus Christ... (Galatians 2:16)

Drew Wise Adult Sunday School Class

Reconciled to God

Acts 2:37-47; Romans 5:1-11

10:30 a.m. Worship & Holy Communion

Ezekiel 37:1-14; Psalm 139:1-12;

Acts 2:1-21; John 15:26-27; 16:4b-15

New: Following worship, Sunday, May 19, a **Brief Called Congregational Meeting** will be held for the purpose of approving the purchase/installation of a new air conditioning unit.

1:30 p.m. Executive Committee

2:00 p.m. Church Council

2:45 p.m.-3:30 p.m. Youth Choir

4:00 p.m. Family Movie Night

Tim and Linda Kesler have reserved the Altar Flowers for Sunday, May 19.

Deadline for newsletter articles.

Deadline for list of High School Seniors and College/Tech Graduates

Graduating Class of 2024

On **Sunday, June 2**, is a very special day in our congregation as we will recognize and give thanks to God for various members of the **Class of 2024** who are part of our church or our church's extended family during worship.

Graduation is such a special time in the lives of the graduates and their families; looking at both high school and college/tech graduates, it is evident that God has graced us with some truly outstanding young people who definitely have the potential to be truly transformative agents in the life of our church, community, and world.

WE ARE ASKING FOR YOUR HELP IN TWO SPECIFIC ACTIONS:

1. Be in prayer for our graduates and their families: There is so much going on during these hectic times of ceremonies, parties, graduation trips, family coming and going - let us come together as a community of prayer for those in these situations.

2. If you are or are a family member of a high school or college/tech graduate (whether or not you will be able to make it Sunday, June 2), please contact the church office with your graduate's full name, school from which they are graduating, and what the next steps are in life (enrolling in another school or degree program, headed to the workforce, or whatever may be next) along with a headshot. So that we can be sure to have plenty of time to prepare, **PLEASE HAVE THIS INFORMATION TO US by Sunday, May 19.**

Thank you to everyone who is helping to make Sunday, June 2, service such a special time of celebration!

Thursday, May 23, 6:30 p.m.
Campus Maintenance Umbrella
*(Archives, Property, Cemetery, Columbarium,
Fact Finding, Land Sale, Landscape,
Woodlands)*
Council Point Persons, Phil Cauble,
Tara Davis, and Kevin Huffman

Sunday, May 26
Holy Trinity Sunday
Though it can be difficult to explain the unexplainable nature of God - the Three in One and the One in Three - God's glory is obvious in the Scripture lessons for this Sunday. The doctrine of the Trinity is one that is received in faith because it is one of the great mysteries of God's being. God has revealed himself to humanity as Father, Son, and Holy Spirit: co-eternal, co-creative, and co-existing as One God.

9:35 a.m. Sunday School
Living an Active Faith
James 2:1-17; 1 John 2:1-6
The Apostle James wrote in his letter: "Faith by itself, if it does not have works, is dead." (James 2:17)

Drew Wise Adult Sunday School Class
Who Has Believed?
Deuteronomy 30:11-20; Romans 10:1-21

10:30 a.m. Worship & Holy Communion
Isaiah 6:1-8; Genesis 1:1-31;
Acts 2:14a, 22-36; John 3:1-17

2:45 p.m.-3:30 p.m. Youth Choir

4:00 p.m. Luther League
at Christiana, Salisbury

Altar Flowers are open for reservations on Sunday, May 26.

Church office is closed for Memorial Day, Monday, May 27.



Memorial Day honors the men and women who have died while serving in the military. It was formerly known as Decoration Day.

What's the Difference Between Memorial Day and Veterans Day?

On both Memorial Day and Veterans Day, it's customary to spend time remembering and honoring the countless veterans who have served the United States throughout the country's history. However, there is a distinction between the two holidays:

•**Memorial Day** commemorates the men and women who **died** while serving in the United States Armed Forces, particularly those who died in battle or as a result of wounds sustained in battle. It's a time remembering those who lost their lives and could not come home.

We invite you to visit our Veterans Monument in the Cemetery.

•**Veterans Day** is the day set aside to thank and honor **ALL** who served in the United States Armed Forces—in wartime or peacetime—regardless of whether they died or survived. Veterans Day is always observed officially on November 11.

*Union will host the next meeting of the Piedmont-East Clergy on Tuesday, May 28, at 10:00 a.m.
Needed: brunch refreshments*



We will welcome into our church family on Sunday, May 5, by Reaffirmation of Faith: Ron Chase, Andrea Eagle, and Debbie Cauble McPherson.

Thank You, Volunteers!

So many of you give so selflessly of your time to make the ministries of Union happen, and Union's Staff wants to say "Thank You!"

Each Sunday, the church office needs to establish a record of communion and giving.

How can you help? Please fill out a communion card and hand to the Usher and don't forget to use your offering envelopes!

This record also helps the office maintain accurate records of active membership.

The Pastor uses this to make note of any of her flock who may have strayed away.

*On **Sunday, June 2**, is a very special day in our congregation as we during worship will recognize and give thanks to God for various members of the **Class of 2024** who are part of our church or our church's extended family.*

Please see page 5 for more information.

*Also, on June 2, **recipients of the Gerald Bame Memorial Scholarship** will be recognized.*

We congratulate Drue Davis and Hayley Baker on their upcoming wedding ceremony on Saturday, June 8.

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.

Those Serving in May

Acolytes: Adam Thompson and Noah Trexler

Altar Guild: Patsy Lyerly, Angie Poole and Vivian Sprinkle

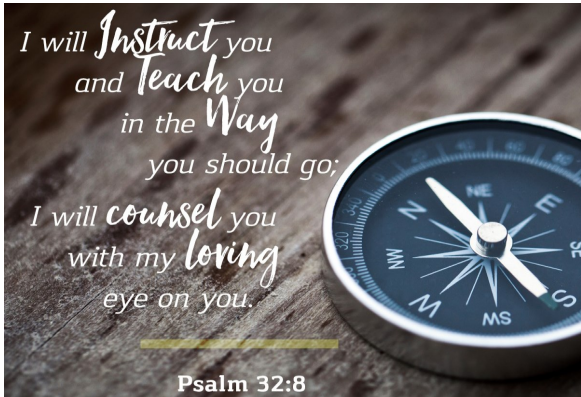
Communion Assistants: Patsy Lyerly, Frank Merrell and Vivian Sprinkle

Communion Assistant substitute: Tara Davis

Lay Readers: Patsy Lyerly and Doris Shepherd

Ushers: Phil Cauble, Elbert Kluttz, Micah Nguyen and Ron Vellines

Offering Counters: Jennifer Curlee, Ali Davis and Doris Shepherd



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

Confirmation

Wednesdays, May 1, 8, 15 & 22
at 6:30 p.m.

Class will not meet on Wednesday, May 29

Sunday School

Sundays, May 5, 12, 19 & 26
9:35 a.m.

Union & Salem Youth Meeting

Sunday, May 5
4:00 p.m.

Mother's Day Service

Sunday, May 12, at 8:00 a.m.
in large fellowship hall

Youth Choir

Sundays, May 5, 19 & 26
2:45 p.m.-3:30 p.m.

No rehearsal on Mother's Day

Family Movie Night

Sunday, May 19
4:00 p.m.

Piedmont East Luther League

Sunday, May 26
4:00 p.m.

Christiana Lutheran Church, Salisbury



Little Lutherans
5th grade and younger
Upcoming Activities

Kids Choir

Sundays, May 5 & 12
9:15 a.m.

The choir will sing during worship on
Mother's Day, May 12.

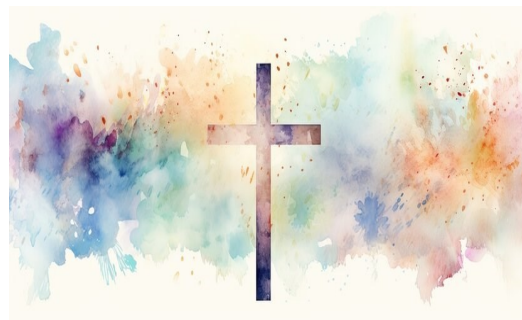
Sunday School

Sundays, May 5, 12, 19 & 26
9:35 a.m.

Family Movie Night

Sunday, May 19
4:00 p.m.

Thank you for your outpouring of love to our youth, Eireanna Miller and Moses Miller, as they have had to recently adjust to living in another state.



Mark Your CALENDAR



Town Hall Gathering

Sunday, June 2

12 noon in Dutch Meeting Hall

The congregation will discern and celebrate Union's Music Ministry. Light refreshments will be available.

Union Youth Canoeing

Sunday, June 2, at 4:00 p.m.

Our Union Youth will have fun in the sun at High Rock Lake at 4:00 p.m. on Sunday, June 2.

Pickled with Jesus Vacation Bible

School (free event)

Tuesday, June 11-

Thursday, June 13

6:00 p.m.-8:30
p.m.



Everyone (all ages) is invited to participate in Union's **Pickled with Jesus** VBS Program in June.

The three days will consist of fun, games, activities, music and Bible studies. (Light meal will be provided.)

The group will learn how to jar pickles.

Registration form is available by insert, from the Narthex, or website.

Needed: Volunteers!

Contact Persons: Pastor Heidi or Jan Huffman

Congregational Tubing Event

Saturday, June 15

More information including cost will be coming soon for an afternoon trip of Tubing on Saturday, June 15.

We will enjoy a picnic together before meeting down at the river.

This event is available for everybody!

Contact Persons: Nikki Nguyen and Pastor Heidi

Father's Day

Sunday, June 16

8:00 a.m. Worship in large fellowship hall

8:45 a.m. Father's Day Breakfast

9:35 a.m. Sunday School

10:30 a.m. Worship & Holy Communion
Recognition of Fathers

90 Days Spiritual Fitness

Sign up by: Sunday, June 9

Beginning Tuesday, June 18, at 6:30 p.m.

Wednesday, June 19, at 10:30 a.m.

Old Pine Center

This year, 90 Days will walk through the three letters of John: 1, 2, and 3rd John and other Epistles.

A sign up sheet for meals will be passed around on Tuesday, June 18, and Wednesday, June 19.

Cost is \$25.00 with scholarships available.

Registration form is available by insert, from the Narthex, or website.

UPCOMING EVENTS

NALC Youth Continental Gathering
San Antonio, Texas
 July 1-July 4, 2024
ULC Representatives
 Caylea Cline, Micah Nguyen,
 Pastor Heidi Punt, and Adam Thompson



In celebration of our Independence, Sunday, July 7, a short Patriotic Celebration will be held following the worship service at the flagpole by the playground.

Rev. Dr. Jarrod Lanning
 250th Anniversary Guest Pastor
 Sunday, July 14, 2024

Our Union Youth with Tim Eagle and the Property Committee will be installing showers in the Office Hallway Men and Women's bathrooms from Wednesday, July 17-Saturday, July 20.

Summer Sunday School begins...
 Sunday, July 21, 2024 at 9:35 a.m.
 Recognition of 2023-2024 Sunday School Teachers during worship.

Volunteers are needed for the Day Camp at Organ Lutheran Church. Union has been assigned to provide Games.
Interested? Please contact Pastor Heidi for more information.
Registration form is available by insert, from the Narthex, or website.

A Note from your Church Musician!
As we all know, in August Union will celebrate 250 years of proclaiming the Gospel of Jesus Christ. I have been working on the details of a festive service since January – a lot can be accomplished when you are relegated to a recliner for several weeks! I would like to enlarge the choir for this service. Please prayerfully consider committing six Wednesday nights to choir rehearsals. I promise to rehearse the Homecoming music FIRST in the rehearsal, and then you are free to leave if you so wish. If you would like to stay, then you are most welcome.
Since there will only be six rehearsals, you are asked to commit to all six, and not just one or two. If you have questions, or would like to see the music, I will be glad to speak with you.
The dates for these rehearsals are July 3, 10, 17, 24, 31, and August 7.
Homecoming is August 11. Again, please prayerful consider this opportunity to serve the Lord on this very special occasion!

Dawn Merrell

Day Camp
Put on the Full Armor of God
Sunday, July 21-Friday, July 26
5 year olds-5th Graders
Cost is \$50 per camper or
\$100 per family
Scholarship are available.

Location: Organ Lutheran Church

You are invited to invest in the faith life of your family at Day Camp, July 21-July 26, at Organ Lutheran Church!

We believe growing in faith and devoting our lives to Jesus Christ is a top priority, and would love for you and your youth to join us!

Orientation begins on **Sunday, July 21**, at **4:30 p.m.** with campers and parents meeting the volunteers and pastors, enjoy a meal together, and learn about the upcoming week.

Day Camp is **8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.** Monday, July 22-Thursday, July 25.

On Thursday, July 25, Day Camp begins at 8:30 a.m. however, at 11:30 a.m. Water Games begin! Campers are requested to please bring a set of dry clothes and a towel. Due to insurance purposes, we cannot assist children in changing clothes.

Friday, July 26, at **12 noon** a closing program will be held for family and friends as well as enjoying lunch and an ice cream social.

Campers will participate in interactive singing, crafts, engaging Bible studies, games, and more fun!

Please fill out the registration form, per child, with your deposit made payable to **Organ Lutheran Church** (memo line: Day Camp), hand to your Pastor or mail to Organ (1515 Organ Church Road, Salisbury, NC 28146)

Sponsored by Organ, Salem, and Union Lutheran Church



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.

APRIL

- In April a New Members class was held in the Library.*
- Beginning in April, Pastor Heidi Punt began a 5-week Bible Study on the book of Jonah.*
- Thank you for your outpouring of love to our youth, Eireanna Miller and Moses Miller, as they have had to recently adjust to living in another state.*
- A Town Hall Gathering was held on Sunday, April 28, to update the congregation on the property land sale.*
- Thank you to the many members who worked on the costumes and updated the room upstairs in the West Wing.*



*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.

May Benevolence Teaching Moment Lutheran Services Carolinas

Lutheran Services Carolinas (LSC) is the result of a 2011 affiliation between two social ministry organizations, Lutheran Services for the Aging (LSA) and Lutheran Family Services of the Carolinas (LFS). Before these two organizations joined forces, LSA offered services for seniors, including retirement living, nursing care, assisted living, and adult day services, while LFS provided family services, including foster care, residential services for adults, disaster response services, refugee resettlement, veterans' services, and adoption.

Today, as Lutheran Services Carolinas (LSC), they continue to serve these groups with an expanded catalog of services. In addition, LSC has added programs that benefit other segments of the population that are often underserved. These services include the following:

- **Disaster response**
- **A New Americans Program for those forced to flee their home country**
- **Residential services for adults with intellectual and/or developmental disabilities or brain injuries**
- **Transitional housing**



Stewardship Update

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

April Sunday School

7	44
14	45
21	37
28	_____

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

April Worship

7	100
14	88
21	97
28	_____

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

Dear ULC,

Your contribution has made such a meaningful difference in the lives of those we serve. Thank you for your kindness and generosity.

Your donation shows that you truly care about our cause and the work we do.

Thank you for your continued support!

Words cannot express how much your donation means to us.

Your generous donations will provide many hungry people with food this Easter Season. Thank you for supporting those in need in our community.

*Linda Austin, Director
Organ Lutheran Church
Pantry/Outreach Program*

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	

PLEASE REMEMBER IN PRAYER...

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

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

Sick/Surgery/Recovery – Judy Boyd, 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 –Janaya Anderson (Youth Friend), 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: Caylea Cline, Mallory Eagle, Landon Kesler, and Noah Trexler

We lift up in prayer Eireanna Miller and Moses Miller as they adjust to their new home in another state.

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.

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

Gifts were received for the Narthex Expansion Fund in memory of Thomas “Tommy” David Kerns by:

Phil and Linda Cauble
Mildred Peeler, David and Jerri Peeler,
and Janet Thomas



Good Timers

The Good Timers met on April 11, 2024 in the Dutch Meeting Hall with John Kesler presiding. Ruby Leazer had devotions. Cathy Painter will have the devotions in May as well as the door prize. We had 16 members and visitors (the “Y” Singers). An offering of \$20.00 was received.

April birthdays: Daisy Martin (3), Marvin Nunn (23)

No April wedding anniversaries

Sick Report: Mike Cauble, Phil Cauble, Judy Boyd

Trivia on this day:

- 1945: American Troops liberate Buchenwald Concentration Camp in Germany
- 1947: Jackie Robinson becomes the first black major league baseball player. (He played for the Brooklyn Dodgers.)
- 1951: President Truman relieves General MacArthur of command over Korean War Policy.

Sheriff Travis Allen will have the program in May.

We will go to Lakeview Restaurant for lunch.

The “Y” Singers provided the program today. Among the selections were as follows: “In this Very Room,” “This Is the Way,” “How Beautiful,” “The Sound of Music,” “The Surry with the Fringe on Top,” “Turn Your Eyes on Jesus,” “American Hymn,” “Go Ye Now in Peace.” They were led by Kathy Norris, director and pianist. It was a very delightful program. Thanks to all of them.

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

Respectfully Submitted,
Ruby Leazer

Good Timers April Treasurer’s Report

Beginning Balance for April	\$238.26
Received	\$ 20.00
Donation	\$ 10.00
Disbursed (Program)	\$ 25.00
Ending Balance for April	\$243.26

Respectfully Submitted,
Dick Shue

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

CHURCH STAFF

Rev. Heidi Punt, Pastor - pastor@ulcsalisbury.org
(815) 883-4883

Rev. T. C. Plexico, Pastor Emeritus

Interim Music Director and Organist: Dawn Merrell

Staff Support: Genevieve Baker - office@ulcsalisbury.org

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Tara Davis (704) 637-9334

Steve Hutchens (304) 545-5160

John Kesler (704) 633-5702

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Deena Lanning (704) 637-0810

Card Care Team

Pat Kluttz and Kay Morgan

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Pickled with Jesus

(All ages)

6:00 p.m.-8:30 p.m.



Free event

Sign Up!

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June 11-
June 13



Pickled with Jesus
Union Lutheran Church
Registration, Permission & Medical Form
Tuesday, June 11- Thursday, June 13, 2024

Participant's Name

Address

City, State, Zip

Home Church (if applicable)

Allergies

Medical Issues or Special Needs

Parent/Legal Guardian's Name (if minor)

Email, Cell Phone

If minor Person Responsible for Pick Up if not Parent/Legal Guardian

Emergency Contact and Phone Number

- I give permission for my child/youth to participate in this event.
- I give permission for my child/youth/myself to be photographed/recorded and images to be shared on ULC's website and social media posts.
- I authorize the adult leaders and pastor supervising this event to administer emergency treatment to the above named participant for any accident or illness and to act in my stead in approving necessary medical care. This authorization shall cover this event and travel to and from.

Participant's Signature

Date

Parent/Legal Guardian's Signature (if minor)

Date



Beginning When?

Union Lutheran Church will begin the 90 Days Fitness Challenge for 2024 on June 18 or June 19.

Who Can Participate?

Everyone is invited to participate following the expectations provided in this brochure.

A \$25 donation is appreciated.

Scholarships are available upon request.

Weekly Group Sessions

Group Sessions will be held every Tuesday at 6:30 p.m. and/or Wednesday at 10:30 am.

How Can I Participate?

By reviewing the brochure, meeting with Pastor Heidi, and filling out the Registration Form.

Any questions?

Please contact Pastor Heidi Punt at 704.636.5092 if you have any questions.



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SPIRITUAL FITNESS CHALLENGE 2024!

1, 2 & 3 John & other Epistles

An extraordinary experience with God's Word!





Getting in Shape

Part of getting in shape means changing how you live, from what you feed your soul to how you schedule your time. But, what many people forget is that changing everything at once can be so overwhelming resulting in us reverting to old behavior!

Small Daily Changes

If you want to make small daily changes on the road to spiritual well-being, this 90 Days Challenge is for you! This isn't a physical weight loss program, but a Spiritual Conditioning Course, an extraordinary experience with God's Word! You will receive a daily reading plan, opportunity to connect with others on Facebook, have your Pastor be your coach and gather in weekly small group discussions.

We know you have the desire, but just need an approach.

WHAT TO EXPECT

- Inspirational Lessons will introduce each weekly session.
- Confidential, non-threatening discussion and learning.
- Get to know God better through His Holy Word.
- Fellowship and a light meal.

Here's How to get going:

1. Prayerfully consider if this Spiritual Fitness Challenge is for you?
2. Visit with Pastor Heidi before registering.
3. Register by June 9, 2024.
4. Offer a \$25 donation, per person, *if possible* (or sponsor a participant).
5. Begin the challenge on Tuesday, June 18, at 6:30 p.m. and/or Wednesday, June 19, at 10:30 a.m.



Registration Form

90 Days Spiritual Fitness Challenge

An extraordinary experience with God's Word!

Name: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Commitment: (please sign and date after reading the expectations, indicating your honest intent)

- I prayed about it.
- I will visit with my Pastor.
- I intend to commit to the 90 Days (missing no more than 4 Tuesdays or Wednesdays).
- I will ask for help when needed.
- I understand that a \$25 donation would be appreciated but is not required.

I intend to attend:

- Tuesday evening
- Wednesday morning

Signature

Date

Day Camp
Volunteer Registration Form
July 21-26, 2024

We need YOUR help to make this event a success. Needed are volunteers both Adult and Middle and High School youth. Interested, talk with your Pastor and fill out the Volunteer Registration form, one per person!

Name of Volunteer

T-Shirt Size (please circle) S M L XL XXL
Youth Adult

Mailing Address Line 1

Mailing Address Line 2

Phone Number

Email Address

Home Congregation

Areas to Volunteer (please mark):

____ Registration/Check In

____ Opening ____ Music

____ Crafts ____ Snacks

____ Games ____ Closing

____ Registration Pick Up

Please return this form to your pastor or mail to:

Day Camp
Organ Lutheran Church
1515 Organ Church Road
Salisbury, NC 28146

You can also register online at:
[Vbspro.events/p/2c4238](https://vbspro.events/p/2c4238)

Day Camp

5 year olds-5th Graders

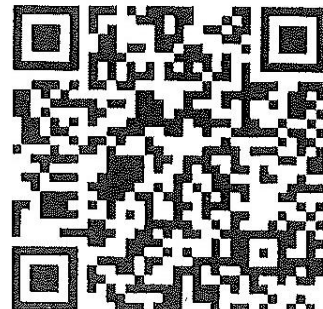


EPHESIANS 6

Sunday, July 21 – Friday, July 26, 2024

Sponsored by:
Organ, Salem, and Union Lutheran Church

Located at Organ Lutheran Church,
1515 Organ Church Road,
Salisbury, NC 28146



Day Camp
5 year olds-5th Graders



You are invited to invest in the faith life of your family at Day Camp **July 21-26, 2024** at Organ Lutheran Church! We believe growing in faith and devoting our lives to Jesus Christ is

a top priority, and would love for you and/or your youth to join us! Organ, Salem, and Union Lutheran Church are providing the event.

Orientation begins on **Sunday, July 21**, at **4:30 p.m.** with campers and parents meeting the volunteers and pastors, enjoy a meal together, and learn about the upcoming week.

Day Camp is **8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.** Monday, July 21-Thursday, July 26.

On **Thursday, July 25**, Day Camp begins at **8:30 a.m.** however, at **11:30 a.m. Water Games** begins! Campers are requested to please bring a set of dry clothes and a towel. Due to insurance purposes, we cannot assist children in changing clothes.

Friday, July 26, at **12 noon** a closing program will be held for family and friends as well as enjoying lunch and an ice cream social.

Campers and volunteers will have t-shirts. Please mark shirt size and youth or adult on the registration form.

Campers will participate in interactive singing, crafts, engaging Bible study, games, and more fun!

Cost is \$50 per camp with a maximum registration of \$100 per family. **Scholarships are available.**

Please fill out the **registration form**, per child, with your deposit made payable to Organ Lutheran Church (memo line "Day Camp"), hand to your Pastor, or mail to Organ (1515 Organ Church Road, Salisbury, 28146).

Day Camp
Registration Form
July 21-26, 2024

Name of Camper

Grade Completed June 2024

Age

Male or Female

T-Shirt Size (please circle) S M L XL XXL
Youth Adult

Mailing Address Line 1

Mailing Address Line 2

Parent Name

Parent Name

Phone Number

Email Address

Home Congregation

The total cost to parents is \$50.00 per child with a maximum registration of \$100.00 per family. **Scholarships are available for the total fee if needed.** Speak with the pastor of your home church.

Please return this form with your deposit to your pastor or mail to:

Day Camp
Organ Lutheran Church
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Salisbury, NC 28146

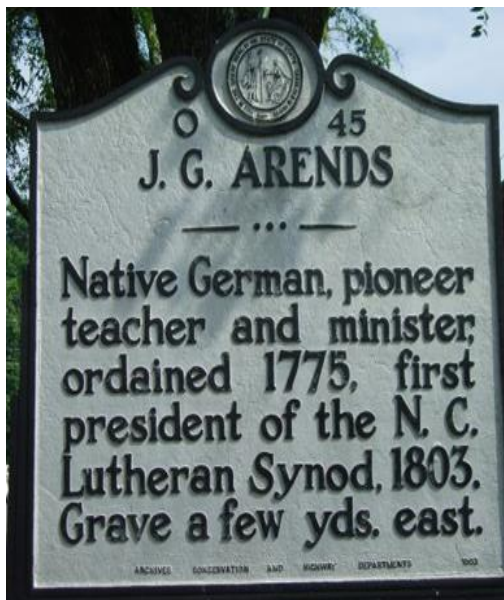
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What God Has, Is, and Anticipating the Future!

John Gottfried Arends was born December 11, 1740, in Göttingen Niedersachsen and graduated from the Teachers Seminary in Hanover, Germany. His certificate as a schoolteacher to North Carolina bears the date October 16, 1772. He was 32 years old when he arrived in America. For two years he taught the children of the old Organ Church in Rowan County.

Arends is described as having been Chesterfieldian in his manners, of fair complexion, blue eyes and light auburn hair which hung in ringlets reaching his shoulders, and of which he was very proud. The Rev. George H. Cox, DD., in *The Beginnings of the Lutheran Church in North Carolina*, wrote: "He was very particular as to his personal appearance, always being neatly dressed according to the fashions of the day, and wearing gloves wherever he went. This was something very unusual among the hardy people of the time." Arends' daughter stated, "Though living in the wilds of Carolina, he never forgot his mode of dress, and until his death even when walking in the fields would wear his high hat, gloves, and carry his cane."



To qualify him ecclesiastically, in August 1775, on the Eleventh Sunday after Trinity, Arends was "examined in the presence of several deacons" and ordained at the Second Creek (Organ) Church as pastor by Joachim Buelow, styled as "Missionary and Inspector over South and North Carolina." "The above-mentioned John Gottfried Arends is now, from this date, a regular Evangelical Lutheran pastor and minister. We recommend him, therefore, to the kind reception of all Christians at the North, and heartily wish that he may, as a friend of the bridegroom, bring many souls to the marriage supper of the Lamb, and wait faithfully upon his office: also, with exemplary life and pure doctrine, bring all the straying and deceived back to the fold." This witnessed out of love for the truth and its undoubted attestation. Signed, Joachim.

It was the intent of the church as constituted in that place to institute a man qualified in their eyes in the office which bore the highest respect. All interested parties manifestly accepted the authenticity of the pastoral office of Arends. Since at least two churches, Union and Low's record that Arends was pastor already in 1774, it is probable that he was already conducting worship services nearly a year before ordination, although Arends' records show that he did not administer Communion or perform marriages until ordination. He was the first ordained minister in North Carolina and the first Pastor at Union Lutheran Church.

For nine years Arends' pastorate was based in Rowan. His pastoral journeys ranged both sixty miles westward and northeastward. In making the rounds of the congregations, he must have established a local base of operations at the home of some leading parishioner in each area and availed himself of the hospitality of many members for food and shelter for himself and his horse. The role of a circuit rider minister meant a probable minimum of two or three days in the saddle each week, in all weathers, fording many streams, without maps or signposts, and infrequent public accommodations.



Another activity may have been as a practical physician, in common with many ministers of that day. His records include directions for administering a German medication and diet instructions. He may have also dispensed home remedies for those who were ill, as there is a recipe for what appears to have been a medical potion in his diary.

Perhaps a Recipe for Tonic...

The quarter page is badly aged. Mr. Charles W. Nicolson deciphered what he could. His guesses are in brackets following the German words.

- Dergelassen, die ---hre --der (blank)
- 2, 2 Tage darauf, eine Handvoll Wermuth [2 days
Thereafter, a handful of wormwood]
- 3, eine Handvoll Rauthe (a handful of rue)
- 4, 3 Petersilien Wurtzell mit den Kraut [3parsley roots with the leaves]
- 5, 2 O---hen Allrau/Alraun? [2 ----- of mandrake. This is just a guess. Mandrake doesn't grow in America, but the term is sometimes applied to the mayapple.]
- 6, 3 Quart Wasser u. selbiges miteinander gekocht
Bis zu einem ----- . [3 quarts of water and
This is cooked together into a -----]
- 7, Tage/ nach dem Trank die Spoor -orr [dorr/] gelassen [Day after the drink the mold left dried out?

Arends became quite wealthy as the financial entries in his Diary indicate. He was an excellent businessman and appears to have served as an informal banker for many nearby Germans. The Rev. Mr. Arnold Roschen wrote in 1790: *"Mr. Arends, on the Catawba...is now the wealthiest pastor among us and has numerous plantations. He enjoys the love of his congregations."* There are 150 financial transactions in his journal; on only two of them is an interest rate shown, and not all borrowers were able to repay what they borrowed. He also distributed books from Germany.

On October 24, 1776, Pastor Arends married Hannah Rudisill, daughter of pioneer Michael Rudisill. She was 18 years of age, and he was 35 years old. He served his congregation at nearby Organ Church in southern Rowan during the trying period of the Revolution. He *"was often harassed, persecuted, and at times in danger of his life,"* but he *"took up the cause of American Independence, defying both British soldiers and American Tories."*

In 1785, Pastor Arends moved to Lincoln County and became the founder of the Lutheran Church in the territory west of the Catawba River and the county's first resident minister. During the last four years of his life, he was disabled by blindness so that Rev. Philip Henkel aided the blind Arends during his later years to serve his congregation. The Henkels were multi-lingual which was of useful purpose for a Lutheran or German Reformed pastor in this era. To illustrate how long many Germans clung to their native tongue, the North Carolina Lutheran Synod did not publish its records in English only until 1826.

Pastor Arends was one of the organizers of the North Carolina Lutheran Synod, and its first president. He was a true Evangelical Preacher who died July 09, 1807, after faithfully administering the office of preacher for thirty-two years.



Remember man as you pass by,
as you are now, so once was I

As I am now, you soon shall be.
Therefore, prepare to follow me.

[TRANSCRIPTION of
TOMBSTONE of J.G. ARNDT BY
HIS GRANDAUGHTER, JANE
ARNDT ERSON]
AMERICANIZED NAME - JOHN
GODFREY ARNDT

References: DIARY OF JOHANN
GOTTFRIED ARENDS, 1740-1807,
Annotated Transcription, by Jo White
linn Pages: 1-5, 60, 102

LIFE SKETCHES of LUTHERAN MINISTERS, N.C. - TENN. SYNODS 1773 - 1965, Pages 8-11

HISTORY from GRACE CHURCH in CATAWBA COUNTY [web site]

Kay Morgan, co-chair 250th ANNIVERSARY UNION LUTHERAN CHURCH

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

250th Anniversary Celebration Guest Pastor ~ Sunday, May 12, 2024



The Rev. David W. Nuottila graduated in 2008 from Lutheran Theological Southern Seminary in Columbia, SC with a Master's in Divinity Degree. His first call as Pastor was to St. Barnabas Lutheran Church in Charleston, SC. He then received and accepted the call from Union to become Pastor for the congregation in 2012. As his pastorate at Union concluded, Pastor Nuottila accepted the call from St. Jacob's Lutheran Church in Chapin, SC where he continues to serve today. Pastor Nuottila has served the Carolinas Mission Region in various ways. He chaired the CMR Missions Team for several years and has served on the Mission Region Council. Pastor Nuottila is also the Director for Mission Partnerships for Congo Mission International. Pastor Nuottila is married to Angela, his wife of 29 years. They have four children and two grandchildren and expect their third grandchild in the middle of May.

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

250th Anniversary Celebrations Guests

May 12, 2024 Rev. David Nuottila

July 14, 2024 Rev. Dr. Jarrod Lanning

August 11, 2024 Homecoming with Bishop Dan Selbo

October 13, 2024 Rev. Darrell Norris

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Church Council reviewed the following information at their April 19, 2024 meeting and approved to be printed for the May Messenger.

CALLED CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING

March 3, 2024

Present: Phil Cauble, Ali Davis, Sharon Leazer, John Knight, Frank Merrell, Vicki Hunter, Thad Mulkey, Kevin Huffman, Dustin Morgan, Sr.

Opening Prayer

Business:

1. End of Year Balance in Checking Account -\$12,976.61
 - a. Keep in mind that \$13,000.00 is designated for copier payments.
 - b. Motion: Accepted.
2. Yearbook
 - a. Corrections:
 - i. Pg 45: strike paragraph about COVID-19
 - ii. Pg. 45: strike “previous 4 serving groups...”
 - iii. Pg. 67: Dusty Agner’s name is misspelled
 - iv. Pg. 69: Scott Cauble is Captain
 - v. Strike all references to “Evangelical”
 - vi. Pg. 25: Jared Knight’s name is misspelled
 - vii. Pg. 19: Correction of Thad Mulkey’s address: 4855 Goodman Lake Road
 - viii. Pg. 18: check Frank Merrell’s email address
 - b. Motion: Accepted as amended

Closed with Lord’s Prayer
Respectfully submitted,
Pastor Heidi Punt

CONGREGATIONAL COUNCIL MEETING

March 10, 2024

The Congregational Council of Union Lutheran Church met on March 10, 2024 with 11 members present along with Pastor Punt. Frank Merrell was absent. The meeting opened with devotions given by Pastor Heidi reflecting on Ephesians, Chapter 2.

COUNCIL MINUTES – Vicki Hunter (acting secretary)

There is a correction to the minutes from the February 18th meeting: Dusty Morgan, Jr. should have read Dusty Morgan. An addition was also made to the before mentioned minutes: Drue Davis also assisted in the installation of the new flooring in the West Wing Hallway. A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes with the addition and correction. The motion passed unanimously.

FINANCIAL REPORTS

The 2023 Financial Reports were presented to Council for review. After much discussion, it was decided the Church Council could not approve the Financial reports that were presented.

A motion was made and seconded to go into closed session at 3:20 pm.

A motion was made and seconded to come out of closed session at 3:40pm.

PASTOR'S REPORT: No report.

PRESIDENTS'S REPORT: No report

VICE-PRESIDENT'S REPORT: There will be a church clean-up/workday on March 23 beginning at 9:am.

COMMITTEE REPORTS: None Presented.

OLD BUSINESS/CONTINUING BUSINESS

*Office Safe Cleanup is still ongoing. Thank you to Mary Hutchens for her continued hard work on this project.

*Amanda Cauble is still working on securing a church credit card.

*Dusty requests permission to use the office copier to finish printing the Pictorial Directory. The usage of the church copier will be in exchange of the three additional photo sessions that had originally been budgeted for. A motion was made and seconded; motion carried. The Pictorial Directory should be available to members soon.

* Mid-Week Lenten loose offerings will go towards the NALC Disaster Fund. It was mentioned that whomever counts the offering at special services should never be members of the same family.

* F&M and THRIVENT Accounts authorized signatures: John is working on this project.

*Dusty will begin work on our road sign after the Pictorial Directory is complete.

* Constitution Review Team will be Frank Merrell, Jack Lanning and Don Davis.

NEW BUSINESS

- Called Congregational meeting (2023 Annual Report) and Town Hall Meeting (Church Finances) will be held on March 24, 2024. Council will provide a light meal.
- Future Church Council meetings will continue to be held on the 3rd Sunday of each month.

Upcoming Dates:

March 15-17, 2024: CMR Youth Retreat (Union)

March 23-March 31, 2024: Holy Week and Stations of the Cross

March 31, 2024: Easter Sunday

May 3-4, 2024: CMR Convocation

May 12, 2024: Pastor David Nuotilla (Guest Pastor)

July 1-4, 2024: NALC Youth Continental Gathering
July 21-26, 2024: Day Camp at Organ Lutheran Church

With no further business to come before the council, we adjourned with the Lord's Prayer.

Next meeting will be Sunday, April 21, 2024 at 2pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Tara Davis
Secretary

UNION LUTHERAN CHURCH CONGREGATION MEETING

March 24, 2024

The congregation of union Lutheran Church met on Sunday, March 24, 2024 following Sunday worship. Dusty Morgan, Council President, call the meeting to order. Pastor Punt opened the meeting with prayer.

The purpose of the meeting was to approve the 2023 Annual Report.

There was one addition to the report from the floor:

Financial report page 63: \$20,000.00 deposit into a Landsale Money Market held in the Thrivent funds. The balance in this fund is \$20245.09.

A motion from the floor was made to approve the presented the 2023 Annual report with the addition. Motion was seconded and voted to approve unanimously.

There being no further questions or business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Tara Davis, Secretary

UNION LUTHERAN CHURCH PROPERTY, CEMETERY & COLUMBARIUM 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 Painter 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 Painter

Mission & Outreach Umbrella Meeting

April 14, 2024

The meeting was opened with prayer.

A motion was made and seconded that the committee would sponsor a minimum of one service project per quarter. The motion passed unanimously.

Cheryl Kluttz, Deena Lanning, and Judy Boyd will be heading up the “Welcome Basket” project, to welcome new neighbors in the community. They will also be organizing “Welcome bags” for visitors. The Thrivent Action Team money was applied for and approved to purchase items needed. Notices will be published in the bulletin, and messenger describing the project, and informing the congregation how they can participate. Announcements will also be made on Sunday.

During the month of June, we will be collecting items for Footprints in the Community. Ashley Deaton will be contacted for a list of items needed.

The service project for the last quarter of the year will focus on needs of local nursing homes.

The list of members under the Mission and Outreach Umbrella was reviewed, as well as the updated continuing resolution.

The next meeting is scheduled for June 3 at 2PM.

The meeting adjourned with the Lord’s Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,
Judy Boyd, Secretary

Worship & Music Committee

April 18, 2024

6:00 p.m.

The Worship & Music Committee met April 18, 2024 at 6:00 p.m. with the following in attendance: Robyn Arey, Jan Huffman, Patsy Lyerly, Dawn Merrell, Sonya Mulkey, Thad Mulkey, and Vivian Sprinkle.

Jan Huffman opened the meeting with devotions and prayer.

The minutes from the February 1, 2024 meeting were reviewed.

***A motion was made by Dawn Merrell and seconded by Thad Mulkey to approve the minutes. Unanimously approved.

The Financial Report was reviewed.

Old Business

- Lent
- Moses Miller's Holy Baptism (March 24, 2024)
- Holy Week and Easter Services

Continuing Business

- Some of the old choir robes have been sold for a total of \$180.00.
- The handbells are being taken to Malmark in PA by Frank and Dawn Merrell to be refurbished which will take 4-6 weeks.
- Easter Season (March 31st-May 12th)
 - Liturgy LBW Setting 1
 - Sola Publishing Easter Liturgy

New Business

- May 5th – New Members Reception: Ron Chase, Andrea Eagle, and Debbie Cauble McPherson
- Ascension Services will be held at Dunn's Mountain on May 7th at 6:15 p.m. and May 8th at 10:15 a.m. Bring your own bagged meal.
- Mother's Day – May 12th
 - 8:00 a.m. – Worship led by the Youth in Large Fellowship Hall.
 - 8:45 a.m. – Mother's Day Breakfast and Reception for Rev. David Nuotilla
 - Will honor oldest and newest mother at the 10:30 a.m. Service.
- Nancy Sloop will be Guest Organist May 19th.
- Pentecost – May 19th – Paschal Candle will be extinguished during the service. It will then be moved back down to the Baptismal Font and only lit for funerals or baptisms until next Easter.
- Bible School - June 11th-13th – Theme: "Pickled With Jesus" - Light Supper Provided
- Summer Liturgy for June and July – Setting 10
- Father's Day – June 16th

- 8:00 a.m. – Worship led by the Youth in the Large Fellowship Hall.
- 8:45 a.m. – Father’s Day Breakfast
- Good Timers will lead the 10:30 a.m. Worship Service
- Will honor the oldest and newest Father
- July 7th – Patriotic Celebration following Worship at the flagpole.
- Homecoming – Setting 1

The next Worship & Music Committee Meeting will be Thursday, June 27, 2024 at 6:00 p.m.

The meeting adjourned with the Lord’s Prayer at 7:00 p.m.

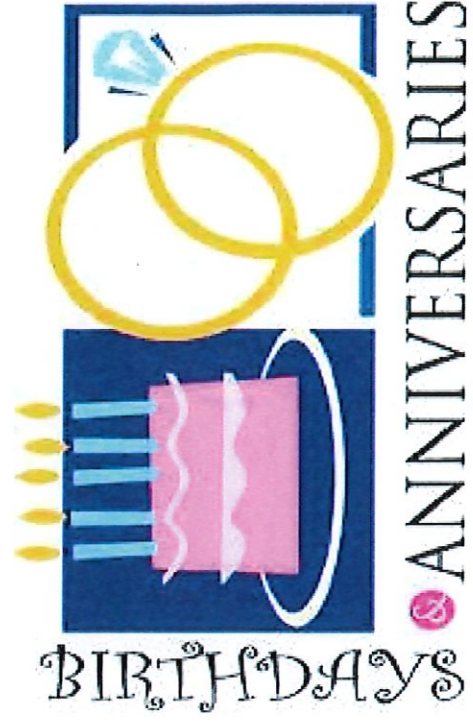
Respectfully,
Sonya Mulkey

May Birthday Calendar

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
Revised as of 4-23-24			1 Tara Davis	2 National Day of Prayer Corbin Kesler Luke Whitley	3 Sarah Holshouser	4
5 Felisaty Hunt Adam Thompson	6	7	8 Glenn Lowder	9 Ascension	10	11 Mary Plexico
12 Mother's Day	13 Wade Leazer	14	15	16	17 Pastor Tonya Brittain Faye Kesler Katrina Peeler Koons Jack Lanning	18 Bobbie Kesler-Corleto Pastor Heidi Punt
19 Day of Pentecost Joe McDaniel	20	21	22	23 Catlin Freeman	24 Tim Kesler	25 Kevin Huffman
26 Holy Trinity	27 Memorial Day	28 Linda Kesler Caden Madden	29	30	31 Kristin DeWolf	

May Anniversaries:

- May 7 Troy and Cathy Painther
- May 15 Don and Tara Davis
- May 19 Matt and Megan Cline
Patrick and Sharon Miller
- May 20 Tommy and Janice Goodman
Glenn and Betty Sue Lowder
- May 21 Rodney and Robyn Arey
- May 23 Duane and Sabrina Eagle
- May 24 Pete and Nikki Nguyen
- May 26 Jeff and Dawn Holshouser



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

May Calendar – dates/times subject to change

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
Revised as of 4-26-24 Old Pine Center Dutch Meeting Hall Both Fellowship Halls	Meetings					
<i>Bell choirs will resume when the bells are returned from being serviced in either May or June.</i>						
5 9:15 a.m. Kids Choir 9:35 a.m. Sunday School 10:30 a.m. Worship & Holy Communion 10:30 a.m. Reception of New Members 2:00 p.m. Financial Umbrella 2:45 p.m. Youth Choir 4:00 p.m. Union & Salem Youth	6 6:30 p.m. Ascension Service (Dunn's Mountain)	7 6:30 p.m. Ascension Service (Dunn's Mountain)	8 10:30 a.m. Ascension Service (Dunn's Mountain) 4:30 p.m. Haiti (online) 6:30 p.m. Confirmation 7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir	9 Ascension 10:00 a.m. Good Timers	10	11
12 Mother's Day 8:00 a.m. Worship led by youth 8:45 a.m. Mother's Day Breakfast and Reception of Rev. David Nuottila 9:15 a.m. Kids Choir (rehearsing in Sanctuary) 9:35 a.m. Sunday School 10:30 a.m. Worship & Holy Communion 10:30 a.m. Rev. David Nuottila, 250 th Anniversary Guest Pastor <i>Recognition of Mothers</i> <i>No Youth Choir in observance of Mother's Day</i>	13	14 2:00 p.m. Mary & Martha Circle 6:30 p.m. Bible Study(Jonah)	15 2:00 p.m. Chapel Time at Autumn Care 4:30 p.m. Haiti (online) 6:30 p.m. Confirmation 7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir	16	17	18
19 Day of Pentecost 9:30 a.m. Sunday School 10:30 a.m. Worship & Holy Communion 12 noon Called Congregational meeting 1:30 p.m. Executive 2:00 p.m. Church Council 2:45 p.m. Youth Choir 4:00 p.m. Family Movie Night <i>Deadline for June articles</i> <i>Deadline for list of High School, Tech, and College graduates</i>	20	21 6:30 p.m. Bible Study(Jonah)	22 4:30 p.m. Haiti (online) 6:30 p.m. Confirmation 7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir	23 6:30 p.m. Campus Maintenance	24	25
26 Holy Trinity 9:30 a.m. Sunday School 10:30 a.m. Worship & Holy Communion 2:45 p.m. Youth Choir 4:00 p.m. Luther League (Christiana)	27 Memorial Day <i>Church Office is closed.</i>	28 10:00 a.m. Piedmont-East Clergy meeting	29 4:30 p.m. Haiti (online) 7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir	30	31	