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Union Messenger

Volume 8

Come Home!

From Your Pastor...

“Come home, those who are weary come home; softly and tenderly Jesus is calling, calling, oh sinner, come home”...

The rhythm reminds me of being in the secure arms of my grandmother, gently rocking me, offering comfort and peace. As a child there was nothing that would soothe my aching heart or scraped knee more. Even later in my years, no matter how long I stayed away at college, or how far my summer shenanigans may have taken me, Oma was always there, ready to embrace me with a hug. Even when I got too old to crawl onto her lap, we would still rock back and forth, while locked in an embrace.

Sometimes when I was gone too long though, she would let my Mom know (in the most diplomatic way ever) that she was going to be preparing my favorite dish that weekend and sweet Mama would give me a call, indicating that it was time to come home. Usually, I did as requested because why should I procrastinate if Oma is offering such an enticing invitation?

“Why should we tarry when Jesus is pleading...”

When my Grandfather fell seriously ill, I was away from home, busy with “doing” life. It all happened rather quickly and I remember being surprised when Mama called me to share that he had passed away. My heart ached and I was overcome with feelings of guilt for not being there to help Oma. So much so that I almost delayed going home but I did and as always Oma was there, receiving me with grace, mercy and a big embrace.

“Why should we linger and heed not His mercies...”

Dear ULC family and friends, you may have your reasons for not having come home to worship and grow in faith with us here at ULC. I’d like you to consider 2024 Homecoming, as us pleading for you to “come home”, and for you to be held in the comforting embrace of not only our love for you but most importantly the “wonderful love God has promised”

“Come home, those who are weary come home; softly and tenderly Jesus is calling, calling, oh sinner, come home”... Oh what a wonderful love He has promised...”

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Softly & Tenderly

William Lamartine Thompson

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*Joyful Blessings,
Pastor Heidi*

*Thursday, August 1-Friday, August 2,
Genevieve Baker, ULC Staff Support,
will be out of the office.*

Sunday, August 4

9:30 a.m. Sunday School
Hometown Nazareth,
Where Jesus Was a Kid

Drew Wise Adult Sunday School Class
The Word of God
Psalm 121; 1 Thessalonians 2:13-3:5

10:30 a.m. Worship & Holy Communion

Exodus 16:2-15; Psalm 145:10-21;
Ephesians 4:1-16; John 6:22-35
Sermon Series Part 3: Church Growth
*Ephesians Sermon Series: A Crash
Course on Basic Christianity*

*Altar Flowers have been reserved by
Debbie Cauble McPherson.*

August Choir Rehearsals Schedule

Wednesday, August 7

6:30 p.m. Belles & Beaus
7:30 p.m. Homecoming &
Chancel Choir

Saturday, August 10

7:00 p.m. Belles & Beaus Homecoming
rehearsal with Trumpet and Timpani

Sunday, August 11

9:00 a.m. Belles & Beaus and
Homecoming Choir

**Belles & Beaus and the Chancel Choir
will have a brief time off for the rest of
the month following Homecoming!**



Mark your calendars now...everyone is invited to **Good Timers** on **Thursday, August 8, at 10:00 a.m.** in the **Old Pine Center.**

Program on Rowan County 911 service

The group will eat lunch at Lakeview Restaurant.



90 Days Spiritual Fitness Challenge

1, 2, & 3 John
Verse by Verse

Weekly Session (Supper provided):

Tuesdays at 6:30 p.m.
August 6, 13, 20 & 27

Women we need YOUR help! The women of the church will be providing a display during Homecoming and would like to include pictures, written history, and other items regarding how the women have come together in the past 250 years and our prayer for the future!

If you have any items to be included in the Women's display please contact Cathy Klutz Painter as soon as possible!

2024 NALC Mission Convocation

Friday, August 9

6:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m. ET

Join us virtually to hear from Bishop Dan Selbo, participate in elections and voting, and hear updates from across the NALC.

Cost: \$25 (voting delegates), \$0 (visitors)

It is easier than ever to attend the NALC Mission Convocation. With no need to travel, and minimal registration costs, we encourage all pastors and delegates to attend. Invite members of your congregation to join in on the visitor's livestream, through our Facebook, as well!

Please note voting delegates will participate via Zoom.

To register: <https://lutheranweek.com/>

If you are registering as a visitor, convocation will be live on Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/thenalc>

The following were elected to serve as online Union representatives for the NALC Convocation, Friday, August 9, 2024: Pastor Heidi Punt (delegate), Tara Davis (delegate), Vicki Hunter (delegate), Mary Hutchens (alternate), and Janie Lesley (alternate).



*Come join us with a **Congregational Work Day** to beautify the church grounds and facilities for Homecoming on **Saturday, August 10, at 9:00 a.m.**!*

Welcome Bags

*This summer our Mission & Outreach Team have assembled **Welcome bags** for our first time church visitors with useful items as well as a special welcome.*

The Ushers are an integral part of this ministry but so are YOU!

If you see a new face, please welcome them and let the Ushers know.

Contact persons for Welcome Bags: Robyn Arey or Cheryl Kluttz

New Neighbors Gifts

We all know when moving, there is so much going on it can feel overwhelming. To add to the stress when moving you are not familiar with the place or the people.

Our Mission & Outreach Team have begun assembling helpful items to welcome new neighbors but not impose on them.

If you have new faces moving into your neighborhood, please contact Robyn Arey or Cheryl Kluttz. They will in turn contact the Team to begin assembling a specialized gift. When the gift is ready, a member of the Team will contact you and work with you to reach out and deliver the gift.

***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).*

Financial Information for May & June is included in the handout.



**Sunday, August 11, Homecoming 2024
Celebrating 250 Years!**

9:00 a.m. Choirs rehearsal

9:30 a.m. Sunday School

Hometown Nazareth, Where Jesus Was a Kid

Drew Wise Adult Sunday School Class

The Love of God ~ 2 Corinthians 5:16-21; 1 John 3:1-10

10:15 a.m. Preservice Prelude Music

10:30 a.m. Worship & Holy Communion

LBW Setting 1

1 Kings 19:1-8; Psalm 34:1-8;

Ephesians 4:17-5:2; John 6:35-51

The Rev. Dr. Daniel W. Selbo,
Homecoming Speaker (NALC Bishop)

Altar Flowers have been reserved by Dawn Merrell.

Covered Dish Luncheon following in the Dutch Meeting Hall

Hall of History Timeline and Displays

Burying Time Capsule following Lunch

4:00 p.m. Little Lutherans

Pictorial Directories will be available for pick up. Please only take 1 per family.

We give thanks to the Lord for His incredible blessings over the years to us here at Union Lutheran Church! We have seen Him sustain this ministry through challenging times, helping us grow in mission and ministry.

Many stories of the men and women who were faithful to God's call to start and nurture Union, have been shared. **Your part in our story is deeply appreciated.**

This year, we are commemorating 250 years of God's working in and through us. This calls for a celebration! We would be honored if you would prayerfully consider joining us at **10:15 AM** (extended prelude of handbells, brass, and organ music) on **Sunday, August 11**, for a celebratory anniversary worship service, followed by a covered dish luncheon in the Dutch Meeting Hall. *(Please bring a well-filled basket of food to share.)*

Our Homecoming celebration will include lots of special memories and photos, special music, an inspiring message, and a great opportunity to catch up with our extended church family.

Following the covered dish lunch, a time capsule will be buried for future generations to see what God Has, Is, and Anticipating the Future of Union Lutheran Church.

We hope to welcome many of our friends who have attended ULC over the years!

Come celebrate God's faithfulness and provision!

STEP-UP SUNDAY IS AUGUST 18



**Children & Youth officially
advance to their next year's
Sunday School Classes**

Sunday, August 18

9:30 a.m. Step-Up Sunday for Children & Youth

Drew Wise Adult Sunday School Class

The Rules of Life ~ Psalm 37:27-40; Titus 1:1-3; 2:11-15

10:30 a.m. Worship & Holy Communion

Joshua 24:1-2a, 14-18; Psalm 34:12-22; Ephesians 5:6-21; John 6:51-69

Sermon Series Part 4: Wise & Grateful

Ephesians Sermon Series: A Crash Course on Basic Christianity

10:30 a.m. Blessing 2024-2025 Sunday School Volunteers

Altar Flowers have been reserved by Sharon Leazer.

1:00 p.m. Ribelin Family Reunion (small fellowship hall)

Bring your favorite food, old family photos, and stories to share.

1:30 p.m. Executive Committee

2:00 p.m. Church Council

4:00 p.m. Union Youth

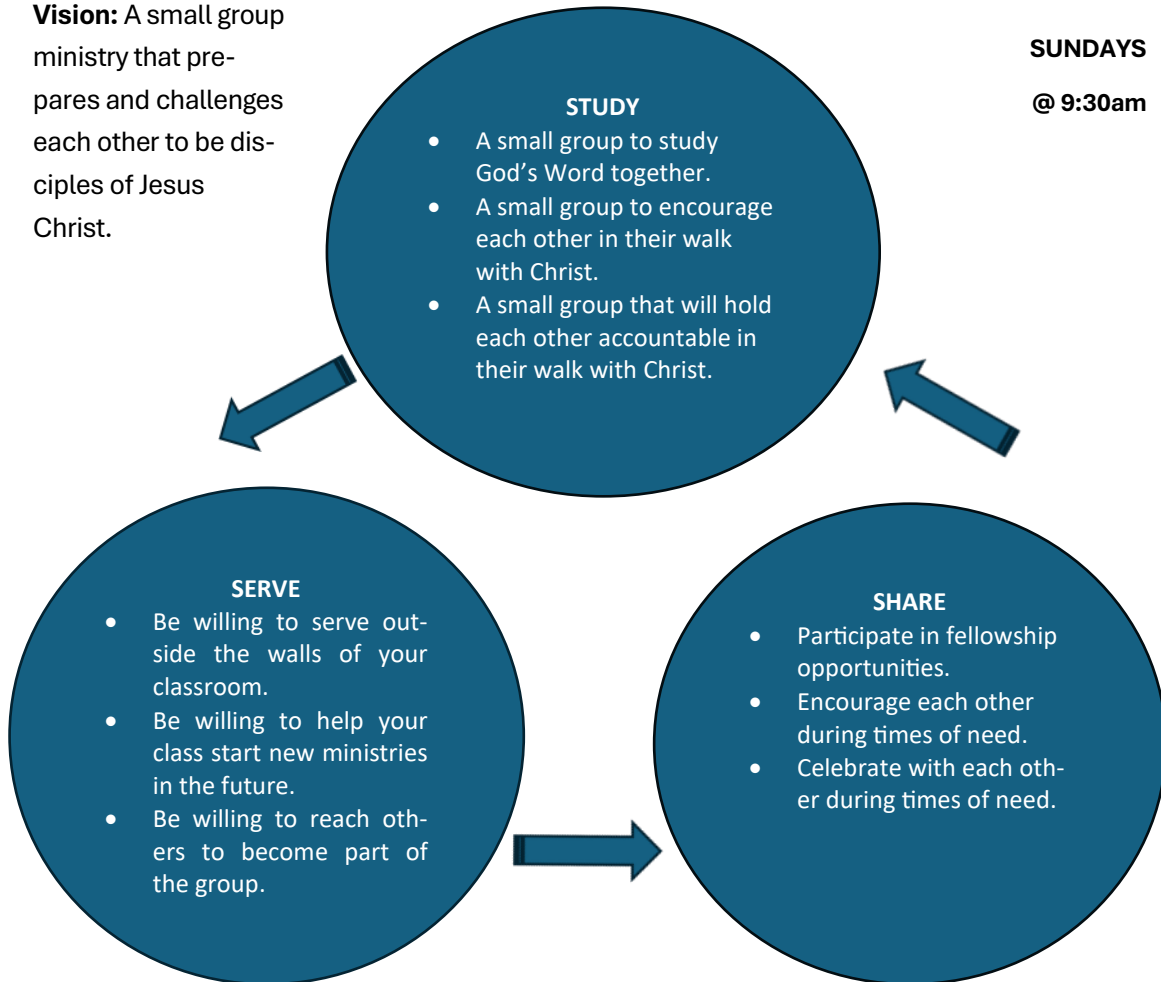
Deadline for September newsletter articles.

SUNDAY SCHOOL MINISTRY

Vision: A small group ministry that prepares and challenges each other to be disciples of Jesus Christ.

SUNDAYS

@ 9:30am



There's a Sunday School Class for YOU!

We need YOUR help to teach, train, and equip our children, youth, and adults! Contact Pastor Heidi, Sonya Mulkey, or Jan Huffman for more information.

Sunday, August 25

9:30 a.m. Sunday School

The Creation of Adam & Eve

Genesis 2:4-24; Mark 10:6-8

The LORD God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to work it and keep it. (Genesis 2:15)

Drew Wise Adult Sunday School Class

The Washing of Regeneration

Ephesians 2:1-10; Titus 3:3-11

10:30 a.m. Worship & Holy Communion

Isaiah 29:11-19; Psalm 14;

Ephesians 5:22-33; Mark 7:1-13

Sermon Series Part 5:

Christ-Centered Relationships

Ephesians Sermon Series: A Crash Course on Basic Christianity

4:00 p.m. Luther League at

Dan Nicholas Park (ULC hosting)

Shelter 8 at Lakeside Parking

Altar Flowers are open for reservations.



We are DESPERATELY in need of disposable containers that can be used to send food home with the grieving family following a funeral.

Especially helpful are quart jars such as mayonnaise jars (veggies go great in those), one pound plastic containers from sliced luncheon meat (good for leftover casseroles and salads), and lidded take out containers (not plates, but round black containers with clear lid), and large yogurt or cottage cheese containers.

If you have any of these, please place in the kitchen. Our supply has greatly dwindled down in the last two months.

Attendance Update

June Sunday School

2	30
9	39
16	48
23	36
30	<u>38</u>
Total	191
Average	38

July Sunday School

7	32
14	38
21	39
28	<u>41</u>
Total	150
Average	38

June Worship & Holy Communion

2	103
9	92
16	45 Father's Day 8:00 a.m.
16	95 Father's Day 10:30 a.m.
23	90
30	<u>96</u>
Total	521
Average	87

July Worship & Holy Communion

7	91
14	89
21	96
28	<u>99</u>
Total	375
Average	94

Mary & Martha Circle will not meet during the month of August.

In August, Union will be providing Chapel Time at Autumn Care at 2:00 p.m. on Wednesday, August 28.

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



Finance Umbrella (Finance, Franz Merrell Community Crisis Fund) will meet **Thursday, August 29, at 6:30 p.m.** to begin preparations for the **2025 Ministry Support Plan** and other financial business brought forward.

If your committee or organization would like to be budgeted in the 2025 Ministry Support Plan please contact Amanda Cauble prior to the August 29 meeting.

*Old Timey Air-Conditioning is available in the pews for use. If you would like to take one home or share, please make a small donation (**Label: Fans**) in the white envelope provided in the pew and on your way out place the envelope in the wooden box located in the Narthex. **Please do not place donation in the offering plate.***

Those Serving in August

Acolytes:

Caylea Cline and Addison Queen

Altar Guild: Robin Huffman, Deena Lanning and Karen Morgan

Communion Assistants:

Kevin Huffman, Robin Huffman, Deena Lanning and Karen Morgan

Lay Readers:

Deena Lanning and Karen Morgan

Ushers: Phil Cauble, Don Davis, Tara Davis and Ron Vellines

Offering Counters: Jennifer Curlee, Ali Davis and Doris Shepherd

Haiti Pastors Bible Study online will resume soon.

Contact Pastor Heidi if you are interested in joining the group.

September Service Project:

In September the congregation is invited to collect school supplies for Faith Charter Academy and North Rowan High School.

More information coming soon!





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.

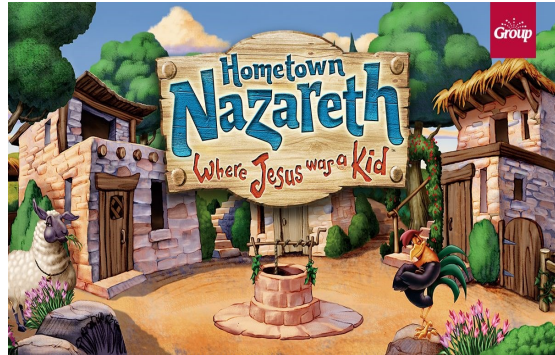
Thank you to Pete Nguyen for sharing the Word with us on Sunday, July 7, during the worship service!

On Sunday, July 7, the 250th Anniversary Committee had a hard time awarding the best bonnet or hat! Plus we had several members who dressed up!

Karen Morgan was finally declared the winner!! Thank you to everyone who participated!

The Chronicles Volume 10 has pictures of the participants!

Thank you to Rev. Dr. Jarrod Lanning, son of the congregation, for sharing the Word with us on Sunday, July 14!



Sundays, July 21-August 11, 2024
9:30 a.m.

Take everyone back to Hometown Nazareth, where Jesus was a kid. At this immersive Holy Land Adventure, participants will get the inside scoop from Jesus' mom and village Shopkeepers.

Thank you to everyone who decorated on Friday, July 20!

A special thank you to Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, Troutman, for sharing their decorations with us!

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

Save the Date

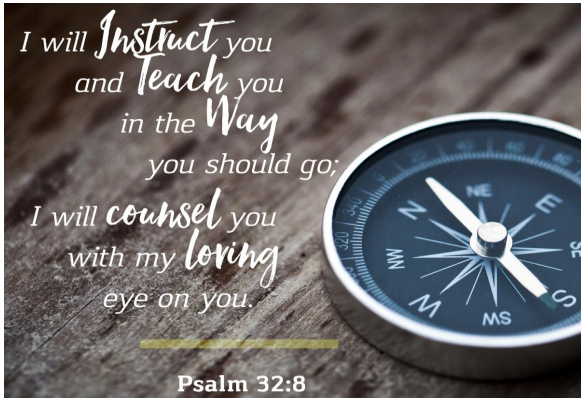
November 9, 2024

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 is taking a break
till September.*

Sunday School
August 4, 11, 18 & 25
9:30 a.m.

Union Youth
Sunday, August 18
4:00 p.m.

Luther League
ULC hosting
Dan Nicholas Park
Shelter 8 (Lakeside Parking)
4:00 p.m.

*Beginner Bells will resume rehearsals on
Sunday afternoons at 2:30 p.m. beginning
Sunday, September 8.*

Thank you to everyone who participated and volunteered at Day Camp (July 21 -26) to make it a success!

Day Camp was sponsored by Union, Organ, and Salem Lutheran Church.

Little Lutherans
5th grade and younger
Upcoming Activities

*Kids Choir will resume rehearsals on
Sunday mornings at 9:15 a.m. beginning
Sunday, September 8.*

Sunday School
August 4, 11, 18 & 25
9:30 a.m.

Little Lutherans
Sunday, August 11
4:00 p.m.



**NALC CONTINENTAL
YOUTH GATHERING THANK YOU**

Participants: Caylea Cline, Micah Nguyen, Adam Thompson, and Pastor Heidi

NALC Continental Youth Gathering July 1 -4 at St. John's Lutheran Church, Boenre, Texas

Theme: We Belong ~ "I Know My Own and My Own Know Me"

Thank you for giving us the opportunity to participate, walk with others on our faith journey, and recognize that "We Belong!"

Thank You!

We would like to thank everyone for their love and prayers for our dad, Arnold Cauble. The cards and calls were greatly appreciated. Special thanks to Pastor Heidi for her patience and just being there for us. Also can't forget Tonya and Mike Motley and the Praise Grass group for their assistance with the service.

Love all of you, Mike, Randy and Steve

On behalf of Union Lutheran Church, we are so grateful for the beautiful and elegantly decorated R.J. Toomey Funeral Urn Pall given to the glory of God in memory of Arnold Cauble by Mike Cauble, Randy Cauble, and Steve Cauble.

The pall will bring comfort and assurance to families during their time of grief.

Thank you again for your thoughtful and generous gift!

Thank you to the 250th Anniversary Committee for providing breakfast for a Meet & Greet with Pastor Jarrod on Sunday, July 14.

2024 Pictorial Directories will be available for pick up on Homecoming Sunday, August 11. Thank you to the 250th Anniversary Committee for sponsoring the directory. Thank you to Dusty Morgan, Sr. for his hard work in overseeing this project! Thank you to Deena Lanning, Patsy Lyerly and Vivian Sprinkle for assisting Genevieve Baker in printing, punching, and collating.

We would like to thank our Church Family for all your cards and prayers during our Mother's illness.

We are so grateful for Dawn Merrell and the Chancel Choir for the beautiful music at the service. Also, the church group that provided the delicious meal.

A heartfelt thank you to Pastor Heidi for her visits and prayers that gave us strength through the loss of our Mother, Grandmother, and Great-Grandmother.

God bless the Union Church Family!

Love, the Family of Effie Klutz Vellines

On behalf of Union Lutheran Church, we are so grateful for Lucinda Fraley's thoughtful donation from Jeffers Handbell Supply, Inc., in the amounts of **\$858.60** for foam and **\$43.20** for Sunshine Polishing Cloths (pack of 10) to assist with the care of Union's newly refurbished handbells and chimes.

We're honored she would bless us with her generosity. Donations like hers make a big difference in the work our church is doing.

Thank you, Lucinda, for supporting the music ministry of Union Lutheran Church!

Be still and know that

I AM GOD



Community FAIR

Join us for a delightful celebration of the bountiful autumn season at our **Community Fair!**

A large collection of plants will be available for purchase with other vendors, food, and drinks to choose from!

Admission is free, and there's something for everyone to enjoy. So, gather your friends and family!

Thank you to Thrivent Action for making this event possible!



Saturday,
September 21



Event is from
10:00 a.m.-2:00
p.m.



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To be a vendor,
please contact the
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Stewardship

*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.

August Benevolence Teaching Moment North American Lutheran Seminary Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary

The **North American Lutheran Seminary (NALS)** is a seminary of the North American Lutheran Church. The seminary describes itself as "not investing in bricks and mortar, but rather investing in people". As such it has no buildings of its own.



Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary combines a rich tradition with cutting-edge educational innovation. Rooted in the gospel and God's Word, the seminary seeks to develop Christian leaders who are thoughtful, globally aware, spiritually mature and ready for a broad array of ministries. While being historically orthodox and evangelical, they seek to address the issues of our times with both relevance to the culture and faithfulness to Christ and God's truthful Word.

Gordon-Conwell has re-established a relationship with NALS and will in effect be like a satellite campus for NALS. The curriculum coursework has been synchronized so that GC graduates will be treated as NALS graduates for ordination. At the same time, Dr. Yoder, Dr. Havens, and Dr. Weisner are members of the NALS faculty as well as the GC faculty.





Effie Kluttz Vellines, 97, of Salisbury, passed away peacefully at her home surrounded by her loving family on Saturday, July 13, 2024.

Effie was born November 13, 1926 in Rowan County to the late Luther Frank Kluttz, Sr. and Esther Cauble Kluttz. At a very young age she survived a flood while visiting family in Pennsylvania. She was a 1944 graduate of Granite Quarry High School. In 1946 she married James W. Vellines who preceded her in death in 2009 after 63 years of marriage.

She was the oldest member of the Ladies Auxiliary at the Harold B. Jarrett American Legion Unit 342. She and her husband enjoyed going to various dances.

Effie was a lifetime member of Union Lutheran Church; lifetime member of the Auxiliary of the Lutheran Theological Southern Seminary, presented by the Anna Petrea Circle and the Good Timers Senior Group. Most of all she loved her family and attending her church.

Effie was a loving wife, mother, grandmother and great-grandmother, A homemaker, she enjoyed keeping her home, yard and flowers pristine. Her delicious cooking and baking, especially her homemade chocolate pie and coconut cream cake, made her home a special place to be.

In addition to her parents and husband, sisters, Kathleen Kluttz, Virginia K. Ellum, Margaret K. Peeler, Norma K. Safrit and brothers, Ralph Kluttz, Everett Kluttz and Luther Frank Kluttz, Jr. preceded her in death.

Left to cherish her memory are two sons, Wayne (Pam) Vellines, Ronald (Janie) Vellines of Salisbury; daughter, Lana (Eric) Brown of Mooresville; four grandchildren, Janice (Tommy) Goodman, Matthew (Ashlyn) Vellines of Salisbury, Todd (Alicia) Holshouser and Ronald Brown of Mooresville; four great-grandchildren, Justin (Gracie Lewis) Goodman, Tyler (Jade Johnson) Goodman of Salisbury, Grace (Blake Moore) Holshouser and Gabe Holshouser of Mooresville; and many special nieces, nephews and cousins.

A special thank you to daughter-in-law Janie Vellines who lovingly cared for her along with her children and caregivers, Dawn Rangel, Janet Durham, and Sara Jarvis. Thanks also to the nursing staff of Novant Health Hospice.

The family will receive friends 1:30 – 2:30 p.m. Saturday (July 20) at Union Lutheran Church Dutch Meeting Hall.

The funeral service will be conducted 3 p.m. Saturday at Union Lutheran Church with Rev. Heidi Punt, officiating. Burial will follow in the church cemetery.

Memorials may be made to the Union Lutheran Church Cemetery Fund, 4770 Bringle Ferry Road, Salisbury, NC 28146, or St. Jude Children's Hospital, P.O. Box 1999, Memphis, TN 38101.

PLEASE REMEMBER IN PRAYER...

Nursing Home Residents at Autumn Care –Pat Kluttz (Room 623), Brenda Mahaley (Room 815), Ruth Monroe (Room 818), Jean Ray (Room 201) & Jay Rusher

Homebound/Shut-ins Members – Sarah Bame, Rachel Earnhardt, Teresa Kesler, James Kluttz, Rev. TC & Mary Plexico, Macky Swicegood, Billy Waller & Michael Walton

Sick/Surgery/Recovery – Brenda Cauble, Lynn Coughenour, Kiki Deaton, Linda Hartley, Glenn Honeycutt, Jr., Steve Hutchens, Jean Kluttz, Pat Kluttz, John Knight, Glenn Lowder, Kay Morgan, Pastor David Nuottila, Patsy Sigmon, Wayne and Pam Vellines, Rindy Watkins, & Rev. Bob Young (son of the congregation)

Continual Prayer – Janaya Anderson (Youth Friend), 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), Betty Sue Lowder, Dr. Sean Malone (Pam Vellines' doctor), Chandra McCoy (In Africa on Mission Trip - Friend of Steve & Malynda Peeler), Fay Miller (friend of Pat Kluttz); Eireanna Miller (Moses Miller's sister), Moses Miller, Della Morgan (Pam Vellines' mother), William & Doris Page, George Roof (Frank Merrell's friend), Ben Smith (Cathy Painter's brother-in-law), Glen Wall (Frank & Dawn Merrell's friend), Janet Whitt (Sharon Moore's cousin), Union Fire Department #76, Global Missions (Congo, Slovakia, and Haiti) & those affected by natural or political disasters

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 July

A gift was received for the Narthex Expansion Fund in honor of Faye Kesler by:

Bobbie Kesler-Corleto

A gift was received for the Narthex Expansion Fund in memory of Arnold Cauble by:

Phil and Linda Cauble

Gifts were received for the Building & Repair Fund in memory of Glenn Eagle by:

Bill and Marie Eagle Family

Ron and Janie Vellines

A gift was received for the Cemetery Fund in memory of Glenn Eagle by:

Jean Ray

A gift was received for the Narthex Expansion Fund in memory of Glenn Eagle by:

Phil and Linda Cauble

A gift was received for the Building & Repair Fund in memory of Wade Leazer by:

Sonya Leazer

A gift was received for the Cemetery Fund in memory of Wade Leazer by:

Jean Ray

A gift was received for the Current Fund in memory of Wade Leazer by:

Mary and Brian Agner

Gifts were received for the Narthex Expansion Fund in memory of Wade Leazer by:

Ruby Leazer

Phil and Linda Cauble

Ron and Janie Vellines

A gift was received for the Cemetery Fund in memory of Frances Norris by:
Jennifer and Scott Curlee

A gift was received for the Music Fund in memory of Frances Norris by:
Ruth Tomlin

A gift was received for the Narthex Expansion Fund in memory of Frances Norris by:

Phil and Linda Cauble

A gift was received for the Current Fund in memory of Hong Thi Dang Nguyen by:

Elizabeth B. Koontz

A gift was received for the General, Benevolence, Cemetery, and Gerald Bame Memorial Scholarship Funds in memory of James M. "Red" Swicegood, Sr., and Dorothy "Dot" Potts Swicegood by:

James "Macky" Swicegood, Jr. and
Jo Bame Trousdell

Gifts were received for the Cemetery Fund in memory of Effie Vellines by:
Scott and Jennifer Painter Curlee

Ruth Goodman

Gus Holshouser

Jimmy Holshouser

Sandra Holshouser

Sarah Holshouser

Joan Kerns and Family

Ruby O. Leazer

Patricia H. Morrison

Sylvia Peeler

Susan E. Poindexter

Jean Ray

James "Macky" Swicegood, Jr. and

Jo Bame Trousdell

Tommie and Susan Waller

Ronald and Janie Vellines

A gift was received for the Narthex Expansion Fund in memory of Effie Vellines by:

Phil and Linda Cauble

A gift was received for the Narthex Expansion Fund in memory of their "Aunt Toots" Effie Kluttz Vellines by:

From the Kluttz Kids (Cathy, Ken, Susan, June, and Mary)

Our Love and Sympathy is extended to Ruby Leazer and Family on the death of her Aunt, Mary Frances Oddie Wells.

Our Love and Sympathy is extended to Sharon Moore and Family on the death of her Uncle, John Thomas Tetter.

Our Love and Sympathy is extended to the Family of Effie Vellines on her death, July 13, 2024.

I AM
THE
RESURRECTION
AND
THE
LIFE
JOHN 11:25

Bathroom Showers Project Update

(June 20-July 20, 2024)

Expenses so far is \$3,818.51

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Good Timers

The Good Timers met on Thursday, July 11, 2024 in the Old Pine Center with Frank Merrell presiding. Frank Merrell had the devotions. There were 16 members and 3 visitors (Kay Morgan, Susan Knight, and Ellen Thomas) present with an offering of \$20.00 being received.

July birthdays: Larry Fesperman (18), Joan Kerns (31)

July wedding anniversary: Linda Kesler & Aaron Butler (2)

Sick Report: Glenn Lowder, Jean Ray, Pat Kluttz, William Page, Bill Broadway

Trivia on this day in:

- 1767-John Quincy Adams is born this day in Raintree, Mass.
- 1804-Aaron Burr fatally wounds Alexander Hamilton in a duel.
- 1970-Skylab drops out of orbit and burns up over the Indian Ocean.

We extend our condolences to the Family of Effie Vellines (a member of the Good Timers) who died on July 13, 2024.

The August program will be presented by Phil York, a supervisor with Rowan County 911.

Today's program was presented by Kay Morgan on plants. Plants are like people. A close knit fern is a good house plant. Hens and chickens are deer and rabbit resistant. Ivy is an air purifier and for skin conditions. Polka dot plant loves being inside and is a clean air plant. The prayer plant helps you breathe, reduces stress, low maintenance and is an air purifier. Purple heart (wandering dew) is a perennial plant, clean air plant, absorbs metal toxins from the soil and can cause digestive issues for cats. The peace Lily is great for allergy sufferers. The dragon tongue (native of Asia) is a tropical plant. The arrowhead plant is not good for pets. The lamb's ear is real soft to the touch (used as bandages), reduces stress levels.

Lunch in August will be at Lakeview.

Thanks Kay for a very informative program on plants.

Cathy Painter had the blessing before the group went to Lakeview for lunch.

Respectfully submitted,
Ruby Leazer, Secretary

Good Timers Treasurer's Report for July

Beginning Balance	\$244.26
Received	\$ 20.00
Disbursed (Program)	\$ 25.00
Ending Balance	\$239.26

Respectfully submitted,
Dick Shue, Treasurer

2024 HIGHLIGHTS OF ACTIVITIES AT UNION

JULY

- Bathroom Showers Project Update (June 20-July 20, 2024) Expenses so far is \$3,818.51 Thank you to the following Volunteers for participating in the Office Hallway Bathroom Showers Project: Larry Barringer, Phil Cauble, Duane Eagle (electrician), Tim Eagle (plumbing), Lucinda Fraley, Deena Lanning, Dusty Morgan, Sr., Dusty Morgan, Jr., Eddie Morgan, Karen Morgan, Lisa Morgan, Nikki Nguyen, Sam Nguyen, Pastors Dieter and Heidi Punt, Adam Thompson, Noah Trexler, Bailey Wilhelm, Lucas Wilhelm, Ron Vellines
- The following represented Union Lutheran Church at the NALC Continental Youth Gathering (July 1-4, 2024) at St. John's Lutheran Church, Boenre, Texas: Caylea Cline, Micah Nguyen, Adam Thompson, and Pastor Heidi Punt. They traveled by bus with several other NC churches to (June 29) and from (July 6). Theme: We Belong ~ "I Know My Own and My Own Know Me"
- Thank you to Pete Nguyen for sharing the Word with us on Sunday, July 7, during the worship service!
- On Sunday, July 7, the 250th Anniversary Committee had a hard time awarding the best bonnet or hat! Plus we had several members who dressed up! Karen Morgan was finally declared the winner!! Thank you to everyone who participated!
- A Patriotic Service was held at the flag pole following worship on Sunday, July 7.
- Thank you to the 250th Anniversary Committee for providing breakfast for a Meet & Greet with Pastor Jarrod on Sunday, July 14.
- Thank you to Rev. Dr. Jarrod Lanning, son of the congregation, for sharing the Word with us on Sunday, July 14!
- Thank you to everyone who decorated on Friday, July 20, for the Sunday School VBS Hometown Nazareth. A special thank you to Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, Troutman, for sharing their decorations with us!
- Sunday, July 21, during the worship service the 2023-2024 Sunday School Volunteers were recognized: Sharon Leazer, Nikki Nguyen, Miranda Thompson, Judy Boyd, Susan Knight, Genevieve Baker, Elaine Bowles, Lisa Morgan, Lucinda Fraley, Janie Lesley, Vicki Hunter, Cathy Kluttz Painter, Pete Nguyen, Pastor Heidi Punt, Elbert Kluttz, Deena Lanning, Frank Merrell and Dwight Miller. Thank you to our 2023-2024 Sunday School Coordinators: Sonya Mulkey and Jan Huffman
- Armor of God Day Camp sponsored by Union, Salem, and Organ Lutheran Church was held from Sunday, July 21-Friday, July 26, at Organ Lutheran Church. Thank you to everyone who participated and volunteered to make this year's Day Camp a success.
- Footprints in the Community, serving those with disabilities, had a half day at ULC facility on Monday, July 29. Thank you to everyone who volunteered!
- 2024 Pictorial Directories will be available for pick up on Homecoming Sunday, August 11. Thank you to the 250th Anniversary Committee for sponsoring the directory. Thank you to Dusty Morgan, Sr. for his hard work in overseeing this project! Thank you to Deena Lanning, Patsy Lyerly and Vivian Sprinkle for assisting Genevieve Baker in printing, punching, and collating.

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

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Card Care Team

Pat Kluttz and Kay Morgan

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August Calendar – dates/times subject to change

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
Revised as of 7-30-24						
<p>Old Pine Center</p> <p>Dutch Meeting Hall</p>	<p>Both Fellowship Halls</p> <p>Meetings</p>			<p>1 <i>Genevieve Baker out of the office</i> <i>Pictorial Directory printed and bound</i></p>	<p>2 <i>Genevieve Baker out of the office</i> <i>Pictorial Directory printed and bound</i></p>	<p>3 9:00 a.m. Window Washing Workday (<i>rain date</i>)</p>
<p>4 9:30 a.m. Hometown Nazareth & Adult Sunday School 10:30 a.m. Worship & Holy Communion</p>	<p>5</p>	<p>6 6:30 p.m. 90 Days</p>	<p>7 6:30 p.m. Belles and Beaus 7:30 p.m. Homecoming & Chancel Choir</p>	<p>8 10:00 a.m. Good Timers</p>	<p>9 6:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m. NALC Gathering meeting <i>online</i></p>	<p>10 9:00 a.m. Church Work Day 7:00 p.m. Belles & Beaus Homecoming rehearsal with Trumpet and Timpani</p>
<p>11 Homecoming 9:00 a.m. Choirs rehearsal 9:30 a.m. Hometown Nazareth & Adult Sunday School 10:15 a.m. Preservice Prelude Music 10:30 a.m. 250th Celebration with Worship & Holy Communion The Rev. Dr. Daniel W. Selbo, Homecoming Speaker (NALC Bishop) 12 noon Covered Dish Lunch 4:00 p.m. Little Lutherans</p>	<p>12</p>	<p>13 6:30 p.m. 90 Days <i>No Mary & Martha Circle</i></p>	<p>14 <i>No Wednesday Choirs</i></p>	<p>15</p>	<p>16</p>	<p>17</p>
<p>18 9:30 a.m. Sunday School Open House 10:30 a.m. Worship & Holy Communion 10:30 a.m. Blessing of 2024-2025 Sunday School Program 1:00 p.m. Ribelin Reunion 1:30 p.m. Executive 2:00 p.m. Church Council 4:00 p.m. Union Youth <i>Deadline for September articles</i></p>	<p>19</p>	<p>20 6:30 p.m. 90 Days</p>	<p>21 <i>No Wednesday Choirs</i></p>	<p>22</p>	<p>23</p>	<p>24</p>
<p>25 9:30 a.m. Sunday School 10:30 a.m. Worship & Holy Communion 4:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m. Luther League Kick Off at Dan Nicholas Park (<i>ULC hosting at Shelter 8 Lakeside Parking</i>)</p>	<p>26</p>	<p>27 6:30 p.m. 90 Days</p>	<p>28 2:00 p.m. Chapel Time at Autumn Care <i>No Wednesday Choirs</i></p>	<p>29 6:30 p.m. Finance Umbrella</p>	<p>30</p>	<p>31</p>

August Birthday Calendar

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4	5 Tanner Heintz James "Macky" Swicegood, Jr.	6	7 Dusty Morgan, Sr.	8 Mary Bost Owen Miller Doris Shepherd	9 Pamela Queen	10
11 Homecoming Richard Lyons, Jr.	12 Vicki Hunter	13	14	15	16 Melissa Arey Matt Miller	17 Ruby Leazer
18 Drew Harrington	19 Yvonne Welton	20 Malynda Peeler	21	22 Jean Ray	23 Patrick Miller	24 Mary Hutchens
25 Rozalyn Walton	26	27 Patsy Sigmon Lucas Wilhelm	28	29 Jeremy Welton	30	31



August Anniversaries:

- August 3 Mike and Brenda Cauble
- August 16 Frank and Dawn Merrell
- August 24 Greg and Angela Poole
- August 27 Jeremy and Yvonne Welton
- August 28 Steve and Ervina Walton

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



The Chronicles

August 2024
Volume 10

What God Has, Is, and Anticipating the Future!



Sunday, August 11, Homecoming 2024 Celebrating 250 Years!

10:15 a.m. Preservice Prelude Music

10:30 a.m. Worship & Holy Communion

The Rev. Dr. Daniel W Selbo, NALC Bishop

Covered Dish
following in the Dutch Meeting Hall

Hall of History Timeline and Displays

Burying Time Capsule following Lunch

Pictorial Directories will be available for pick up. Please only take 1 per family.

We give thanks to the Lord for His incredible blessings over the years to us here at Union Lutheran Church! We have seen Him sustain this ministry through challenging times, helping us grow in mission and ministry.

Many stories of the men and women who were faithful to God's call to start and nurture Union, have been shared. **Your part in our story is deeply appreciated.**

This year, we are commemorating 250 years of God's working in and through us. This calls for a celebration! We would be honored if you would prayerfully consider joining us at **10:15 AM** (extended prelude of handbells, brass, and organ music) on **Sunday, August 11**, for a celebratory anniversary worship service, followed by a covered dish luncheon in the Dutch Meeting Hall. *(Please bring a well-filled basket of food to share.)*

Our Homecoming celebration will include lots of special memories and photos, special music, an inspiring message, and a great opportunity to catch up with our extended church family.

Following the covered dish lunch, a time capsule will be buried for future generations to see what God Has, Is, and Anticipating the Future of Union Lutheran Church.

We hope to welcome many of our friends who have attended ULC over the years!

Come celebrate God's faithfulness and provision!



Community FAIR

Join us for a delightful celebration of the bountiful autumn season at our **Community Fair!**

Vendors, food, and drinks to choose from!

Admission is free, and there's something for everyone to enjoy. So, gather your friends and family!

Thank you to Thrivent Action for making this event possible!



Saturday,
September 21



Event is from
10:00 a.m.-2:00
p.m.



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To be a vendor,
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Old Timey Air-Conditioning is available in the pews for use. If you would like to take one home or share, please make a small donation (*Label: Fans*) in the white envelope provided in the pew and on your way out place the envelope in the wooden box located in the Narthex. *Please do not place donation in the offering plate.*

Thank You's

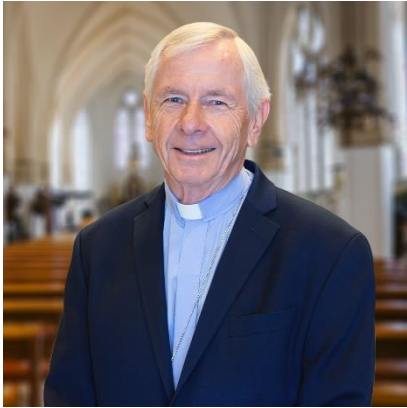
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The Bishop of the North American Lutheran Church serves as the chief spiritual leader and pastor for pastors and congregations. The Bishop is responsible for preaching the Gospel, administering the Sacraments, forgiving sins, and judging doctrine (Augsburg Confession XXVIII). This role involves extensive visitation throughout the church, defending the faith, and promoting the church’s mission. The Bishop’s ministry is central to maintaining theological integrity and fostering spiritual growth within the NALC.

Bishop Selbo has been married for over three decades. He and his wife, Mary, have been blessed with four children and several grandchildren. He graduated from San Jose State University in 1982 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in religious studies. He received a Master of Divinity degree in 1986 and earned the Doctor of Ministry degree in biblical preaching in 2013, both from Luther Seminary. He enjoys golfing, fishing, working in the yard and spending time with family and friends.

If you haven’t already done so, 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 as soon as possible to be included during Homecoming!

(Don't forget to 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

August 11, 2024 Homecoming with NALC Bishop Dan Selbo

October 6, 2024 Rev. Carl Haynes

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