



Union Lutheran Church

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September 2024

Union Messenger

Volume 9



From Your Pastor...

That's us! Just look at us! Wasn't that a great day? The pews were packed, the worship was spirit filled, the fellowship gratifying... Homecoming 2024 was definitely a day to remember. Thank you again to every one of you.

Often what follows such a "high" is some exhaustion and some disappointment. "Why can't it be this way every Sunday Pastor?" While we can't have visiting musicians and speakers be with us every Sunday, I do believe the pews can be filled. I do believe that the Holy Spirit will show up big time.

Let me explain:

- In Ezekiel 36:26-28 we learn that God promised to put His Spirit in us and in Acts 2:1-4, the Holy Spirit enters the hearts and lives of every believer in a new and profound way, simply because they were gathered together in one place. On Sunday mornings we get to gather, and the Holy Spirit is right there, moving and stirring our hearts.
- Our average Sunday attendance is about 100, if each of us were to invite just one other person to join us in worship, we would be averaging 200 every Sunday. Think about it, do we not know at least one member of our congregation who hasn't been in worship these past two years or more? Do we not all know at least one person who does not have a home church that they are active in?

*Joyful Blessings,
Pastor Heidi*

Sunday, September 1

9:30 a.m. Sunday School
Adam & Eve's Temptation

Genesis 3:1-21; Romans 5:15-17
God said: "You shall not eat of the fruit of the tree that is in the midst of the garden." (Genesis 3:3)

New: Rabbit Hole Adult Sunday School Class (large fellowship hall)

New: Drew Wise Adult Sunday School Class (small fellowship hall)
Abram Builds an Altar ~ Philippians 4:10-19; Genesis 12-13

10:30 a.m. Worship & Holy Communion
Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-9; Psalm 119:129-136; Ephesians 6:10-20; Mark 7:14-23
Sermon Series Part 6: Spiritual Conflict
Ephesians Sermon Series: A Crash Course on Basic Christianity

New: 4:00 p.m. Little Lutherans (large fellowship hall)

Ruby Leazer has reserved the Altar Flowers for September 1.

Monday, September 2nd

We will be **CLOSED**
TO OBSERVE
Labor DAY

Normal Church Office Hours
will resume on Tuesday, September 3
10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.

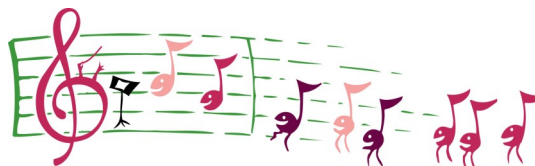
**THE POWER OF
SPIRITUAL**



90 Days Spiritual Fitness Challenge
1, 2, & 3 John
Verse by Verse

Weekly Session (Supper provided in the large fellowship hall):
Tuesdays at 6:30 p.m.
September 3, 10 & 17

Recognition on Sunday, September 29,
at 10:30 a.m.



**Choir Rehearsals
Resume**

September Choirs Schedule

Wednesdays,
September 4, 11, 18 & 25
6:30 p.m. Belles & Beaus
7:30 p.m. Chancel Choir

Sundays, September 8, 15, 22 & 29
9:15 a.m. Kids Choir
2:30 p.m. Beginner Bells

**Review Dawn Merrell's article on page 8
for more information
on Union's Music Program!**

Sunday, September 8

9:15 a.m. Kids Choir in Choir Room
(5th grade and under)

9:35 a.m. Sunday School
The Dove and the Rainbow
Genesis 8:1-22; 9:12-16;
1 Peter 3:20b-21

God said: "I have set my bow in the cloud, and it shall be a sign of the covenant between me and the earth." (Genesis 9:13)

New: Rabbit Hole Adult Sunday School
Class (large fellowship hall)

New: Drew Wise Adult Sunday School
Class (small fellowship hall)
Solomon Dedicates the Temple
Psalm 34:11-22; 1 Kings 8:22-53

10:30 a.m. Worship & Holy Communion
Isaiah 35:4-7a; Psalm 146; James 2:1-10,
14-18; Mark 7:[24-30] 31-37
Sermon: *It's a Dog's Life*

12 noon Kesler Family Reunion
(large fellowship hall)

2:30 p.m. Beginner Bells

New: 4:00 p.m. Union Youth

Altar Flowers are open for reservations.

Calling all Women! Cathy Painter will be hosting and providing the program for the **Mary & Martha Circle** at her home (520 Morrison Avenue, Salisbury, 28146 704.636.3208) on **Tuesday, September 10, at 2:00 p.m.**

Don't forget that if you have a Thrivent Financial Account you can select your Choice Dollars to be directed to Union Lutheran Church.



Confirmation

Not just for teenagers!

All interested (Teens & Adults plus Parents) **Confirmation Interest Meeting**
Wednesday, September 11,
at 6:00 p.m. in large fellowship hall

We are beginning preparations for one of the most important steps in your Christian journey, the Rite of Confirmation!

All interested please join us on **Wednesday, September 11, at 6:00 p.m.** in the **large fellowship hall**. The meeting will focus on expectations and schedule.

Confirmation is a 2-year discipleship and faith formation journey that meets every Wednesday, during the school year, from 6:30-7:30 p.m. Students may enter Confirmation at the start of their 7th grade year through their 8th grade year (or older). Confirmation provides a learning environment for students to explore what it means to be a Christian, ask deep questions of themselves, God, and church leaders, and prepares them ultimately to make a public confession of faith in Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord.

CONFIRMATION 2024-2025

Have you ever wanted to brush up on the Catechism? Perhaps you have wanted to refresh or learn anew what the Creed, the Commandments, the Sacraments and Office of the Keys are? I'd like to invite all 7th Grade – Adults to join me on a weekly journey as we dig into Luther's small catechism, beginning September 11th at 6:30 pm!

Pastor Heidi



Mark your calendars now...everyone is invited to **Good Timers** on **Thursday, September 12**, at **10:00 a.m.** in the **Old Pine Center**.

Rescheduled Program: Rowan County 911 service.

The group will eat lunch at Lakeview Restaurant.



Calling all Softball players!

Union Youth is interested in starting up a softball team to challenge area churches this Fall.

Interested? Please contact Pastor Heidi or one of the Union Youth by September 15!

Confirmation Classes will meet on Wednesday evenings during the month of September in the large fellowship hall +at 6:30 p.m.

Make it Simple **Leaders meeting** on **Thursday, September 19**, at **6:30 p.m.** in the large fellowship hall.

Haiti Pastors Bible Study online will resume soon.
Contact Pastor Heidi if you are interested in joining the group.

Sunday, September 15
9:15 a.m. Kids Choir in Choir Room (5th grade and under)
9:35 a.m. Sunday School
 The Tower of Babel
 Genesis 11:1-9; Isaiah 14:12-21
Its name was called Babel, because there the Lord confused the language of all the earth. (Genesis 11:9)
New: Rabbit Hole Adult Sunday School Class (large fellowship hall)
New: Drew Wise Adult Sunday School Class (small fellowship hall)
 Hezekiah's Prayer
 Romans 8:29-39; 2 Kings 19:1-34
10:30 a.m. Worship & Holy Communion
 Isaiah 50:4-10; Psalm 116:1-9;
 James 3:1-12; Mark 9:14-29
 Sermon: *All Things Are Possible*
12 noon Cauble Family Reunion (both fellowship halls)
1:30 p.m. Executive Committee (Chapel)
2:00 p.m. Church Council (Chapel)
2:00 p.m. Autumn Care Chapel Time
2:30 p.m. Beginner Bells
Deadline to sign up to play on Union's softball team!
Cauble Family has reserved the Altar Flowers for September 15.

Pastor Heidi will be at a Mission Event serving as a NALC Global Worker from September 20-September 23.

Union Youth Food Fundraiser
 Saturday, September 21
 10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.
 Our Union Youth will be selling hamburgers, hotdogs, and BBQ during the Community Fair!



Community FAIR Rain or Shine!

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

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

We are excited to have a Colonial History demo too!

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



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
church office.



Sunday, September 22

9:15 a.m. Kids Choir in Choir Room
(5th grade and under)

9:35 a.m. Sunday School

Jacob Tricks His Father

Genesis 27:1-36; Proverbs 12:20-22

Isaac said, "Are you really my son

Esau?" Jacob answered, "I

am." (Genesis 27:24)

New: Rabbit Hole Adult Sunday School
Class (large fellowship hall)

New: Drew Wise Adult Sunday School
Class (small fellowship hall)

Josiah Celebrates Passover

2 Chronicles 34:1-35:19

2 Kings 22-23

10:30 a.m. Worship only

Jeremiah 11:18-20; Psalm 54;

James 3:13-4:10; Mark 9:30-37

1:00 p.m. Morgan Family Reunion
(large fellowship hall)

2:30 p.m. Beginner Bells

4:00 p.m. Luther League
(Organ Lutheran Church)

*Deadline for October
Messenger articles.*

*Dawn Merrell has reserved the Altar
Flowers for September 22.*

250th T-Shirt Purchase Update

*Thank you to everyone who purchased
the 250th Anniversary t-Shirts.*

*In August, the t-shirt order was placed
at Kimbal Screen Print & Embroidery in
Granite Quarry and will be available
soon!*

*Make it Simple Small Group Leaders
meeting on Tuesday, September 24, at
6:30 p.m. in the large fellowship hall.*

*The Worship & Music Committee will
meet on Thursday, September 26, at 6:00
p.m. to plan the upcoming worship
services and other business brought
forward.*

Sunday, September 29

9:15 a.m. Kids Choir in Choir Room
(5th grade and under)

9:35 a.m. Sunday School

Jacob Wrestles with God

Genesis 32:9-13, 22-30; Mark 14:32-36

*Jacob was left alone; and a man wrestled
with him until the breaking of the day.*

(Genesis 32:24)

New: Rabbit Hole Adult Sunday School
Class (large fellowship hall)

New: Drew Wise Adult Sunday School
Class (small fellowship hall)

Moses and Miriam Lead in Praise

Psalm 104:1-9

Exodus 14:21-31; 15:1-21

10:30 a.m. Worship & Holy Communion

Numbers 11:4-6, 10-16, 24-29; Psalm

104:27-35; James 5:[1-12] 13-20;

Mark 9:38-50

10:30 a.m. Recognition of 90 Days

Participants: Tara Davis, Lucinda Fraley,

Brad and Jan Huffman, John and Susan

Knight, Betty Sue Lowder, Lisa Morgan,

Pete, Nikki, Micah, and Sam Nguyen,

Cathy Painter, and Debbie Rinehart

2:00 p.m. Mission Outreach

(large fellowship hall)

2:30 p.m. Beginner Bells

Altar Flowers are open for reservations.

Theme: Soaring High with God's Love



2024-2025 SUNDAY SCHOOL PROGRAM

Sunday, August 18, 2024 the **Sunday School Program** Stepped Up for the new **2024-2025** year. The children and youth gathered in the Chapel, met their teachers, learned the theme for the year, had tasty treats and fun, and the volunteers were blessed during the worship service. We have a class for everyone!

- Co-Directors (Sonya Mulkey and Jan Huffman)
- The Drew Wise Adult Sunday School Class (Elbert Kluttz, Deena Lanning, Frank Merrell, and Dwight Miller) will meet in the Conference Room and continue to dig into the Word using the NIV Bible student Standard Lesson Quarterly.
- The Rabbit Hole Adult Sunday School Class (Vick Hunter, Pete Nguyen, Cathy Painter, and Pastor Heidi Punt) will meet in Pastor Heidi's office to become equipped to teach the faith. Learn how to explain foundational aspects of Christianity to others.
- Preschool-1st Grade (Lisa Morgan and Nikki Nguyen, substitute) will meet in the Nursery (East Wing near the Organ) to discover what happened in the Bible narrative.
- 2nd-5th Grade Joy (Judy Boyd and Susan Knight) will meet in the Joy Sunday School Class room. The class will explore the context of the Bible narrative. Identify sin and forgiveness to see how the narrative points to Jesus.
- 6th-8th Grade (Genevieve Baker and Elaine Bowles) will meet on the other side of the Chapel. Learn how to defend your faith. Become prepared to state what you believe about the Bible and why so you can share your faith.
- 9th-12th Grade (Lucinda Fraley and Janie Lesley) will meet in the East Wing upstairs. Learn how to defend your faith. Become prepared to state what you believe about the Bible and why so you can share your faith.

<u>Those Serving in September</u>
Acolytes, Altar Guild, Communion Assistants, Lay Readers:
Jennifer Curlee and Scott Curlee
Altar Guild, Communion Assistant, Lay Reader: Cathy Painter
Ushers: Steve Arey, Phil Cauble, Frank Merrell and Noah Trexler
Offering Counters: Patsy Lyerly, Sonya Mulkey and Vivian Sprinkle

July Sunday School

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

Attendance Update

August Sunday School

4	37	
11	26	
18	49	Step Up
25	_____	



IT'S MUSIC TIME AGAIN

Summer is over, school has begun, the choir and handbells have enjoyed a very nice break, but now it is time for music to “rev” up at Union.

Choir and Handbells will begin again on Wednesday, September 4. With the fall festivals of Reformation, All Saints, and Christ the King, there is plenty of work to do, and in 90 days Advent begins. No rest for the weary.

If you are interested in becoming a choir member, now is a good time to join.

Yes, we will begin learning Advent music in September and Christmas music in October. Proper preparation takes a lot of time, and with the afore mentioned festivals, there is a LOT of work to do. Handbells meet at 6:30 p.m. and Chancel Choir follows at 7:30 p.m. on Wednesday evenings.

Kids Choir will begin on Sunday, September 8, at 9:15 a.m. Kids who are 5 years old to 5th grade are most welcome. Hopefully they will be singing three times before the end of the year. Of course this depends on attendance and how quickly the music is learned.

Please prayerfully consider becoming a part of the Music Ministry whether it be the Chancel Choir, Handbell Choirs, or Kids Choir.

Studies have shown that children who participate in ANY type of musical activity ultimately score higher on test scores and have better attention spans.

Looking forward to seeing everyone on your appointed date.

Dawn Merrell, Interim Director of Music



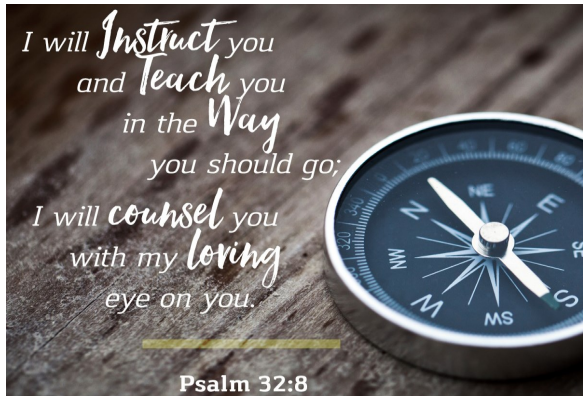
Dear Church Family,

The church office has been moved temporarily to the hallway at the double glass doors entrance while work is taking place in the office building.

The response time from the office may be slightly delayed.

We appreciate your patience!

Respectfully, Genevieve Baker, ULC Staff Support



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

Sunday School
September 1, 8, 15, 22 & 29
9:35 a.m.

Beginner Bells
September 8, 15, 22 & 29
2:30 p.m.

Union Youth
Sunday, September 8
4:00 p.m.

Confirmation Interest Meeting
Wednesday, September 11
6:00 p.m.

Confirmation Class
Wednesdays, September 18 & 25
6:30 p.m.

Food Fundraiser
Saturday, September 21
10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.

Luther League
Sunday, September 22
4:00 p.m.
Organ Lutheran Church

**Youth Led Worship &
Holy Communion Service**
Sunday, September 29
10:30 a.m.

Little Lutherans
5th grade and younger
Upcoming Activities

Sunday School
September 1, 8, 15, 22 & 29
9:35 a.m.

Little Lutherans
Sunday, September 1
4:00 p.m.

Kids Choir
September 8, 15, 22 & 29
9:15 a.m.

September Service Project

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

Items needed at Faith Charter School: individually packaged snacks for Nurses Station (ex. Crackers, pretzels, etc.), tissues, wet wipes, band-aids, individually packaged snacks for Teacher Workroom, Boys & Girls Underwear sizes 5-8.

Items needed at North Rowan High School: Travel Health Kits (shampoo, deodorant, toothbrush, tooth paste, etc.)

Please place donations on the front pew in the Sanctuary.



Thank You!

250th Anniversary Homecoming Celebration Thank You!

Sunday, August 11, 2024

Thank you to everyone who made the 250th Anniversary Homecoming Celebration a success on Sunday, August 11, 2024! We had around 200 people present!

Thank you to the 250th Anniversary Committee (Kay Morgan, Co-Chair; Dusty Morgan, Sr., Co-Chair; Tara Davis, Elbert Kluttz, Susan Knight, Frank Merrell, and Pastor Heidi Punt) for coordinating Union's 250th Anniversary Celebration!

Union Lutheran Church was excited to have The Rev. Dr. Daniel W. Selbo, NALC Bishop, as our Guest Pastor on August 11, Homecoming.

Thank you to Karen Morgan for sewing the beautiful stole for Bishop Selbo.

We were grateful to have the following sharing with us: Nancy A. Schneeloch-Bingham (Assistant Director); Appalachian State University's Brass Quartet (Trumpet: Dr. James Stokes, Brent Bingham, Trombone: Dr. Joe Brown, Kenneth Schechter); Belles & Beaus Handbell Choir (Melissa Arey, Ashley Deaton (subbing for Sonya Mulkey), Mary Elizabeth Earnhardt, Lucinda Fraley, Janice Goodman, Brad Huffman, Jan Huffman, Sonya Leazer, Matt Miller, Nikki Nguyen, Angie Poole, Debbie Reinhart, and Ethan Wilhelm (subbing for Caden Manning)); Homecoming Choir (Phil Cauble, Abbey Deaton, Ashley Deaton, Morgan Deaton, Mary Elizabeth Earnhardt, Ashley File, Brad Huffman, Jan Huffman, Kevin Huffman, Mary Hutchens, Jared Knight, John Knight, Susan Knight, Ruby Leazer, Sonya Leazer, Janie Lesley, Debbie McPherson, Gladys Morgan, Sonya Mulkey, and Debbie Rinehart); Timpanist (Amy Frick); and Music Page Turner (Caylea Cline).

We would like to express our sincere gratitude to Dawn Merrell, Music Director & Organist, who has given of her time, experience, and love of her church for us to celebrate 250 years during the worship service!

We are thankful for our Worship Assistants: Robin Huffman, Deena Lanning and Karen Morgan (Altar Guild); Mallory Eagle and Addison Queen (Acolytes); Bill Broadway, Sam Nguyen and Adam Thompson (Crucifers); Kevin Huffman, Robin Huffman, Deena Lanning and Karen Morgan (Communion Assistants); Karen Morgan (Lay Reader); John Cauble, Micah Nguyen, Ron Vellines, and Bailey Wilhelm (Ushers); and Jennifer Curlee, Ali Davis and Doris Shepherd (Offering Counters).

Thank you to Jared Knight for taking pictures of everyone who attended the worship service using his drone!

We continued our celebration with a covered dish luncheon in the large fellowship hall.

Thank you to Felisaty Morgan Hunt for preparing a PowerPoint presentation while members, friends, and musicians were eating.

Thank you to Elbert and Cheryl Kluttz, Cathy Kluttz Painter, and Robin Huffman for providing the beautiful tablecloths and decorations in the large fellowship hall.

As we walked through the Hall of History and Displays we were able to view and listen to. Thank you to Dusty Morgan, Sr. for providing the PowerPoint presentation for the Hall of History. Thank you to the Archive Team and everyone who provided items for the displays.

We are grateful to Karen Plyler for making a model of the Old Pine Church to be available for future generations to view!

Pictorial Directories were picked up. 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.

Thank you to Powles-Stanton Funeral Home for providing Union Lutheran Church with a guest register for this special occasion!

After lunch we gathered in front of the large water fountain as the youth buried a time capsule to be dug up in 25 years!

Thank you to everyone who provided disposable plastic containers with lids to the Kitchen! We have enough for the time being.



Hometown Nazareth VBS Sunday School program came to an end on Sunday, August 4. Thank you to everyone who volunteered and participated in the program!

We thank everyone who came out on Friday, August 9, and Saturday, August 10, to make final preparations for Homecoming!

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.

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.



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.)

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

Attendance Update

July Worship & Holy Communion

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

August Worship & Holy Communion

4	103	
11	200	Homecoming
18	97	
25	_____	

The **2024 Online Mission Convocation** has ended and we are celebrating another year of ministry and mission in the North American Lutheran Church! We wanted to send out some of the highlights from this year's event, so you could share them with your congregations and others connected to the NALC.

If you missed the online gathering, you can view the recording at:

<https://www.facebook.com/thenalc/videos/1208744116829516/?rclid=hoa84RnaMQPmXxUQ>

The 2024 NALC Mission Convocation was held online on Friday, August 9.

The following were elected as Union's representatives: Pastor Heidi Punt (delegate), Tara Davis (delegate), Vicki Hunter (delegate), Mary Hutchens (alternate), and Janie Lesley (alternate).

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 – Addison Pardella-Barton (Debbie Cauble McPherson’s 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), Darrell Johnson (Friend of The Punts), Betty Sue Lowder, Dr. Sean Malone (Pam Vellines’ doctor), Chandra McCoy (In Africa on Mission Trip - Friend of Steve & Malynda Peeler), Merkins Family (Friends of The Punts), Jonathan Merrell (Frank Merrell’s cousin), Fay Miller (friend of Pat Kluttz); 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), 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.



Did you know that the **Mission Team** will mail out **cards** (get well, thinking of you, birthday, etc.) to members of the church? All you have to do is place your card and addressed envelope in the blue basket in the Narthex. The Mission Team will provide the postage and mail the card out for you.

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

Gifts were received for the Cemetery
Fund in honor of Cathy Kluttz Painter
(our Aunt and Nanny) by:
Ashley E. Wilmore & Family
Jason Earnhardt

A gift was received for the Narthex
Expansion Fund in honor of Cathy Kluttz
Painter by:
Tim and June Pryor

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

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

Gifts were received for the Cemetery
Fund in memory of Effie Vellines by:
Janet Overcash
Bill and Linda Safrit



Good Timers

Good Timers did not meet in August due to inclement weather.

August birthdays: Doris Shepherd (1), Ruby Leazer (17)

August wedding anniversaries: Frank and Dawn Merrell (16)

Sick Report: Glenn Lowder, William Page

It was good to see two of our members from Autumn Care join us on Homecoming Sunday: Brenda Mahaley and Pat Kluttz.

*Respectfully submitted,
Ruby Leazer, Secretary*

**Good Timers Treasurer's Report
for August**

Beginning Balance	\$239.26
Ending Balance	\$239.26

Respectfully submitted,
Dick Shue, Treasurer

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2024 August Highlights are listed
throughout the September Messenger.
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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*



43rd Annual Autumn Jubilee

Dan Nicholas

Saturday, October 5 & Sunday, October 6

Autumn Jubilee attracts more than 50,000 visitors from across Rowan County and the state. The Autumn Jubilee celebrates the season with family fun, food, and craft vendors.

Dan Nicholas Park will donate **\$1,000** to the **Union Youth Fund** for assisting with **parking**. Please contact Thad Mulkey or Dusty Morgan, Sr., if you can participate all day or for a few hours on **Saturday from 9:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m.** or **Sunday from 12 noon-4:00 p.m.**

CLW Convocation

Saturday, October 19, at 10:00 a.m.

Holy Trinity Lutheran Church
Gastonia, NC

Theme: God's Unfailing Love
Please bring your Bible.

Inkind Gifts to Help the Homeless
in Gastonia with Offering to
NALC Disaster Relief

Carolinas Lutheran Women (CLW) invites the Union Women to their 14th Annual Convocation on Saturday, October 19, at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, 805 S. York Street, Gastonia, NC 28052.

Registration begins at 9:30 a.m. and the Convocation begins at 10:00 a.m.

The CLW encourages each congregation to send representatives.

Please contact the church office for registration form and other information regarding the event.

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.

TRUNKS, TREATS & MORE!
TRUNK OR TREAT



SPREAD THE WORD!

The entire community is invited on **Friday, October 25, at 6:00 p.m.** for **Union Lutheran Church's Trunk or Treat**. Our parking lot will be turned into the **BEST PLACE** to Trick or Treat in Salisbury!

Come on by and walk from car to car to get great candy, car trunks decorated for the holiday and just all around good, safe fun!

Our Union Youth will be selling food during the Trunk or Treat Event!

Volunteers are needed to prepare trunks and for the event!

Contact Person: Dusty Morgan, Sr.

UNION LUTHERAN CHURCH

A charter congregation of North American Lutheran Church (NALC)

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

WORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

9:35 a.m. Sunday School

10:30 a.m. Worship & Holy Communion

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The Chronicles

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What God Has, Is, and Anticipating the Future!



Community FAIR Rain or Shine!

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

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

We are excited to have a Colonial History demo too! Admission is free, and there's something for everyone to enjoy. So, gather your friends and family!



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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250th Anniversary

Homecoming Celebration Thank You!

Sunday, August 11, 2024

Thank you to everyone who made the 250th Anniversary Homecoming Celebration a success on Sunday, August 11, 2024! We had around 200 people present!

Thank you to the 250th Anniversary Committee (Kay Morgan, Co-Chair; Dusty Morgan, Sr., Co-Chair; Tara Davis, Elbert Kluttz, Susan Knight, Frank Merrell, and Pastor Heidi Punt) for coordinating Union's 250th Anniversary Celebration!



Union Lutheran Church was excited to have The Rev. Dr. Daniel W. Selbo, NALC Bishop, as our Guest Pastor on August 11, Homecoming.

Thank you to Karen Morgan for sewing the beautiful stole for Bishop Selbo.

We were grateful to have the following sharing with us: Nancy A. Schneeloch-Bingham (Assistant Director); Appalachian State University's Brass Quartet (Trumpet: Dr. James Stokes, Brent Bingham, Trombone: Dr. Joe Brown, Kenneth Schechter); Belles & Beaus Handbell Choir (Melissa Arey, Ashley Deaton (subbing for Sonya Mulkey), Mary Elizabeth Earnhardt, Lucinda Fraley, Janice Goodman, Brad Huffman, Jan Huffman, Sonya Leazer, Matt Miller, Nikki Nguyen, Angie Poole, Debbie Reinhart, and Ethan Wilhelm (subbing for Caden

Manning); Homecoming Choir (Phil Cauble, Abbey Deaton, Ashley Deaton, Morgan Deaton, Mary Elizabeth Earnhardt, Ashley File, Brad Huffman, Jan Huffman, Kevin Huffman, Mary Hutchens, Jared Knight, John Knight, Susan Knight, Ruby Leazer, Sonya Leazer, Janie Lesley, Debbie McPherson, Gladys Morgan, Sonya Mulkey, and Debbie Rinehart); Timpanist (Amy Frick); and Music Page Turner (Caylea Cline).

We would like to express our sincere gratitude to Dawn Merrell, Music Director & Organist, who has given of her time, experience, and love of her church for us to celebrate 250 years during the worship service!



We are thankful for our Worship Assistants: Robin Huffman, Deena Lanning and Karen Morgan (Altar Guild); Mallory Eagle and Addison Queen (Acolytes); Bill Broadway, Sam Nguyen and Adam Thompson (Crucifers); Kevin Huffman, Robin Huffman, Deena Lanning and Karen Morgan (Communion Assistants); Karen Morgan (Lay Reader); John Cauble, Micah Nguyen, Ron Vellines, and Bailey Wilhelm (Ushers); and Jennifer Curlee, Ali Davis and Doris Shepherd (Offering Counters).





Thank you to Jared Knight for taking pictures of everyone who attended the worship service using his drone!

We continued our celebration with a covered dish luncheon in the large fellowship hall.

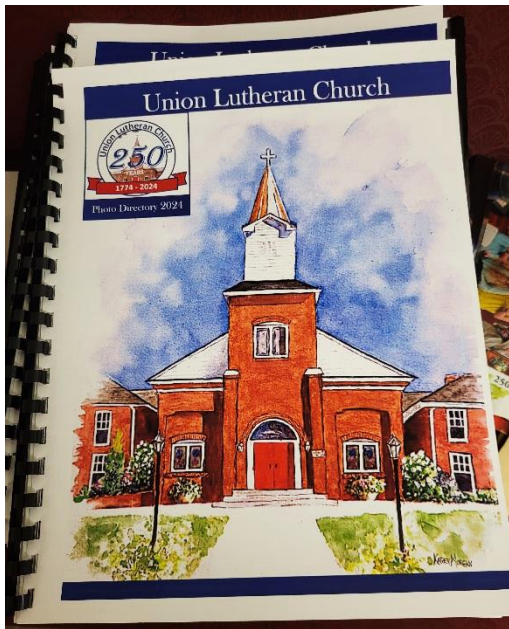
Thank you to Felisaty Morgan Hunt for preparing a PowerPoint presentation while members, friends, and musicians were eating.

Thank you to Elbert and Cheryl Kluttz, Cathy Kluttz Painther, and Robin Huffman for providing the beautiful tablecloths and decorations in the large fellowship hall.

As we walked through the Hall of History and Displays, we were able to view and listen to. Thank you to Dusty Morgan, Sr. for providing the PowerPoint presentation for the Hall of History. Thank you to the Archive Team and everyone who provided items for the displays.



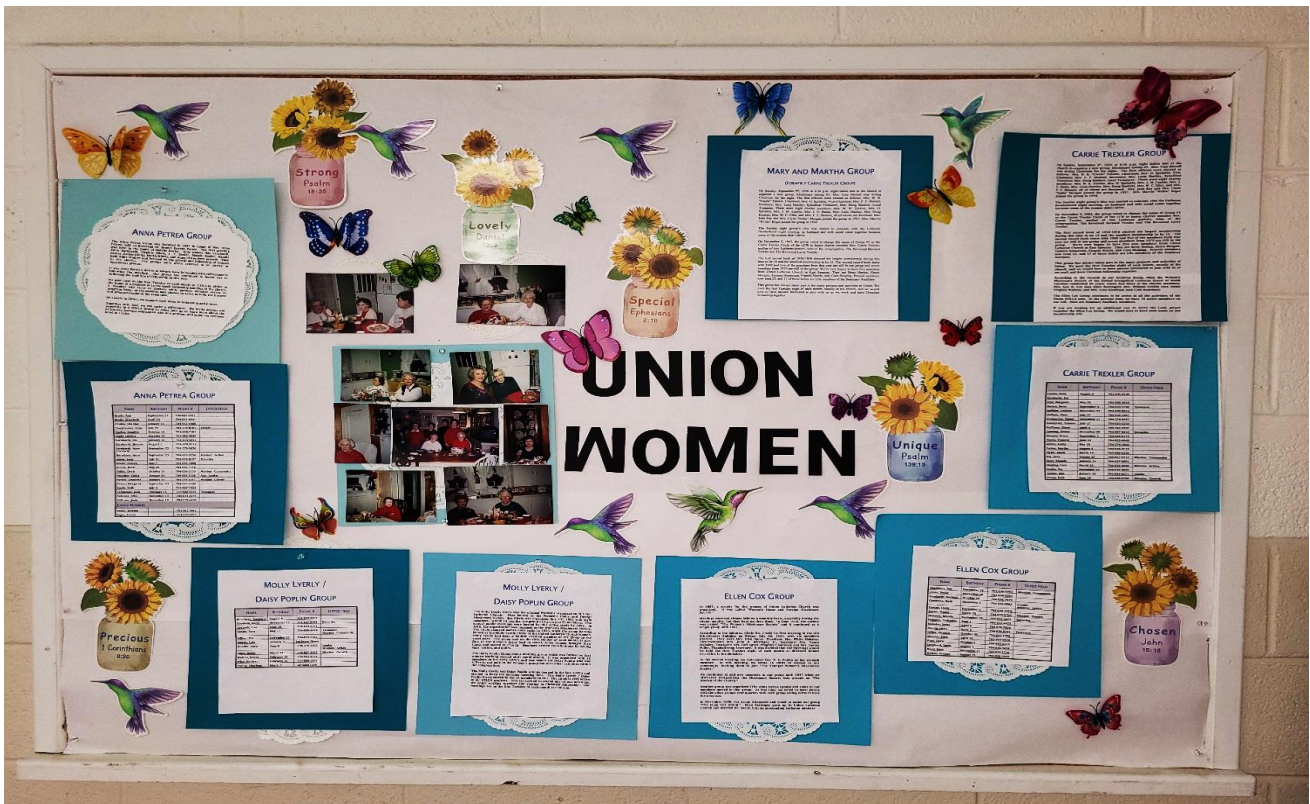
We are grateful to Karen Plyler for making a model of the Old Pine Church to be available for future generations to view!



Pictorial Directories were picked up. 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.

Thank you to Powles-Stanton Funeral Home for providing Union Lutheran Church with a guest register for this special occasion!

After lunch we gathered in front of the large water fountain as the youth buried a time capsule to be dug up in 25 years!



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.*

Coming Soon!

Community Fair (rain or shine)
Saturday, September 21
10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.
Vendors needed!

250th Anniversary Celebration Guest
Rev. Carl Haynes
October 6, 2024

History and 250th Anniversary Booklet
Historical Supplement
1999-2024
More information coming soon!

250th Anniversary Committee Members:

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Elbert Kluttz
Pastor Heidi Punt

250th T-Shirt Purchase Update

Thank you to everyone who purchased the 250th Anniversary t-Shirts.

In August, the t-shirt order was placed at Kimbal Screen Print & Embroidery in Granite Quarry and will be available soon!

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September Calendar – dates/times subject to change

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
1 9:30 a.m. Sunday School 10:30 a.m. Worship & Holy Communion 4:00 p.m. Little Lutherans	2 Labor Day <i>Church Office is closed.</i>	3 6:30 p.m. 90 Days	4 6:30 p.m. Belles and Beaus 7:30 p.m. Chancel Choir	5	6	7
8 9:15 a.m. Kids Choir 9:30 a.m. Sunday School 10:30 a.m. Worship & Holy Communion 12 noon Kesler Reunion 2:30 p.m. Beginner Bells 4:00 p.m. Union Youth	9	10 2:00 p.m. Mary & Martha Circle 6:30 p.m. 90 Days	11 6:00 p.m. Confirmation Class Interest meeting 6:30 p.m. Belles and Beaus 7:30 p.m. Chancel Choir	12 10:00 a.m. Good Timers	13	14
15 9:15 a.m. Kids Choir 9:30 a.m. Sunday School 10:30 a.m. Worship & Holy Communion 12 noon Cauble Reunion 1:30 p.m. Executive Committee (Chapel) 2:00 p.m. Church Council (Chapel) 2:00 p.m. Autumn Care 2:30 p.m. Beginner Bells <i>Deadline to sign up for softball team</i>	16	17 6:30 p.m. 90 Days	18 6:30 p.m. Confirmation 6:30 p.m. Belles and Beaus 7:30 p.m. Chancel Choir	19 6:30 p.m. Make It Simple Leaders meeting (large fellowship hall)	20 <i>Pastor Heidi will be at a Mission Event serving as a NALC Global Worker (Sept. 20-Sept. 23)</i>	21 10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. Community Fair (rain or shine) Union Youth Fundraiser: Hamburgers, Hotdogs, BBQ
22 9:15 a.m. Kids Choir 9:35 a.m. Sunday School 10:30 a.m. Worship 1:00 p.m. Morgan Family Reunion 2:30 p.m. Beginner Bells 4:00 p.m. Luther League (Organ) <i>Deadline for October articles</i> <i>Pastor Heidi will be at a Mission Event serving as a NALC Global Worker</i>	23	24 6:30 p.m. Make It Simple Small Group Leaders (large fellowship hall)	25 6:30 p.m. Confirmation 6:30 p.m. Belles and Beaus 7:30 p.m. Chancel Choir	26 6:00 p.m. Worship & Music Umbrella	27 <i>October Messenger printed</i>	28
29 9:15 a.m. Kids Choir 9:35 a.m. Sunday School 10:30 a.m. Worship & Holy Communion <i>led by our Union Youth</i> 10:30 a.m. 90 Days recognition 2:00 p.m. Mission Outreach 2:30 p.m. Beginner Bells	30	Revised as of 8-23-24 Old Pine Center Dutch Meeting Hall Meetings Both Fellowship Halls				

September Birthday Calendar

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
1 Cheryl Kluttz	2 Labor Day Wyatt Thompson	3	4 Bailey Wilhelm	5 Debbie Cauble McPherson Teresa Kesler	6	7
8	9 Pam Vellines	10 Gladys Morgan	11 Donnell Miller	12 James Kluttz	13 Larry Barringer Joel Burgess Megan Melton	14 Jean Kluttz
15	16	17	18	19 Kay Morgan	20	21 Emme Poole
22	23 Mary Elizabeth Earnhardt	24 Mike Cauble	25 Jason Kluttz Addison Queen	26 Brenda Mahaley	27 John Kesler	28
29 Holly Harrington	30	Revised as of 8-20-24				

September Anniversaries

September 1	John and Susan Knight
September 4	Brad and Jan Huffman
September 9	Jeremy and Kristin DeWolf
September 20	Randy and Mitz Patton
September 30	Tim and Andrea Eagle Steve and Malynda Peeler



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