



Union Lutheran Church

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2025 June Messenger

Volume 6

From the Pastor...

A few days ago, I was making my way down I85 with my lane assist and cruise control set. Traffic was flowing well, and everything would have been just perfect except for one minor irritation. My cruise control on my car would let me slow down when it thought that I was too close to the car in front of me. The gap was such that other motorists would zip in between myself and the other vehicle, slowing me down even more. So finally, I put my foot on the gas to override the cruise control and found myself behind a bright orange jeep with the following bumper sticker: "Do you follow Jesus this close?"



This made me think. In the Bible, Jesus repeatedly calls people to "follow me." This invitation is not just a suggestion but a core element of Christian discipleship, signifying obedience, faith, and a commitment to following His teachings and example. Jesus's call to follow involves more than simply attending church; it implies a willingness to deny oneself, take up one's cross (meaning to embrace the challenges of following Jesus), and prioritize His will over one's own desires.

So let's do that this Pentecost season. Let us follow Jesus more closely!

Sunday, June 1, 2025

The loose offering will go towards the Mission Outreach Fund.

The monthly benevolence focus is Lutheran Military Veterans & Families Ministries.

During the months of June and July, the congregation is invited to collect school supplies for children and youth. School supplies will go towards Rowan County children in need. Please place donations beside the Choir near the pulpit.

Thank you to the 2024-2025 Sunday School Program Volunteers who will be recognized Sunday, June 1, during worship: Genevieve Baker, Elaine Bowles, Judy Boyd, Lucinda Fraley, Jan Huffman (Co-Director), Felisaty Hunt, Vicki Hunter, Elbert Kluttz, Susan Knight, Deena Lanning, Janie Lesley, Frank Merrell, Dwight Miller, Dusty and Lisa Morgan, Sonya Mulkey (Co-Director), Cathy Kluttz Painther, Pete Nguyen, and Pastor Heidi Punt

Thank you to the June 2-7 Western NC Mission Trip Team (Lucinda Fraley, Kenny Jones, Pastor Heidi Punt, Adam Thompson, Janie Vellines, Bailey Wilhelm, Ethan Wilhelm and Lucas Wilhelm) for sharing God's hands and feet with those in need!

At the end of the worship service on Sunday, June 1, the Team will be commissioned.

The **Altar Flowers** are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of William and Doris Page.



9:30 a.m. Summer Sunday School for Children & Youth (*Old Pine Center*)

*Union Lutheran Church is excited to announce a **Summer Sunday School** for our children & youth in the small fellowship hall beginning on **Sunday, June 1, at 9:30 a.m.** Come and learn more about Jesus! Friends are welcome to attend!*

9:30 a.m. Adult Sunday School

Rabbit Hole Adult Sunday School Class
Peter Boldly Speaks of Jesus ~ Acts 4:1-22; 1 Peter 2:4-6 *Peter declared to the religious leaders: "This Jesus is the stone that was rejected by you, the builders, which has become the cornerstone. And there is salvation in no one else..."* (Acts 4:11-12a)

Drew Wise Adult Sunday School Class
The Offerings of Cain and Abel
Genesis 4:1-25; Luke 20:45-21:4

10:30 a.m. Worship & Holy Communion
Acts 1:12-26; Psalm 133; Revelation 22:1-6; John 17:20-26 *Sermon Focus on Revelation & Acts scriptures*

4:00 p.m. Little Lutherans (5th grade and younger) Program: *What a Mess* (*Please wear clothes that can get messy!*)



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School Kit for Elementary: 1 backpack or duffle bag, 4 notebooks, 4 pocket folders, 1 blunt scissors, 1 ruler, 1 pencil sharpener, 4 pencils (#2), 2 pens, 1 eraser, and 1 box of crayons, colored pencils or markers.

School Kit for Middle & High School: 1 backpack or duffle bag, 4 notebooks, 4 pocket folders, 4 pencils (#2), 1 pencil sharpener, 1 eraser, or 4 mechanical pencils and 4 pens.



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We thank God for each of our **2024-2025 Sunday School program volunteers!** You have shared yourself and your love for God with our children, youth and adults. **YOU** are a gift to ULC!

Preschool – 1st Grade

Thank you: Lisa Morgan, Dusty Morgan, and Felisaty Hunt

Joy Class ~ 2nd Grade-4th Grade

Thank you: Judy Boyd and Susan Knight

WEIRD (Wonderful Excellent Including Repentant Disciples) Class ~ 6th-8th Grade

Thank you: Genevieve Baker and Elaine Bowles

9th-12th Grade

Thank you: Lucinda Fraley and Janie Lesley

Rabbit Hole Class

Thank you: Vicki Hunter, Pete Nguyen, Cathy Kluttz Painter, and Pastor Heidi Punt

Drew Wise Sunday School Class

Thank you: Elbert Kluttz, Deena Lanning, Frank Merrell, and Dwight Miller

Sunday School Co-Directors

Thank you: Sonya Mulkey and Jan Huffman



Union Youth will meet Tuesday, June 3, at 3:00 p.m. to prepare to lead worship on Sunday, June 29.

Sunday, June 8, 2025

The loose offering will go towards the Gerald Bame Memorial Scholarship Fund.

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Sharon Leazer has reserved the **Altar Flower** by the baptismal font on Sunday, June 8.

9:30 a.m. Summer Sunday School for Children & Youth (*Old Pine Center*)
Barnabas Gives, Ananias Lies
Acts 4:32-5:11; 2 Corinthians 9:6-15

9:30 a.m. Adult Sunday School

Rabbit Hole Adult Sunday School Class
Barnabas Gives, Ananias Lies ~ Acts 4:32-5:11; 2 Corinthians 9:6-15 *They laid it at the disciples feet, and it was distributed to each as any had need.* (Acts 4:35)

Drew Wise Adult Sunday School Class
Noah Builds and Altar
Genesis 6:1-9:17; Psalm 77:1-2, 7-19

10:30 a.m. Worship & Holy Communion
Day of Pentecost
Genesis 11:1-9; Psalm 143; Acts 2:1-21;
John 14:23-31

2:00 p.m. Church Council

3:00 p.m. Union Youth

4:00 p.m. An Introduction to Suicide Prevention at Holy Trinity, Troutman (15 years old and older are invited)

Talk Saves Lives: An Introduction to Suicide Prevention, provides participants with life-saving knowledge and confidence critical to preventing suicide. This presentation will cover what we know about this leading cause of death, the most up to date research on prevention, and what we can all do to help save lives. Participants will learn the common risk factors of suicide, how to spot warning signs in others, and practical examples for how to engage in critical conversations and connect to resources.

Join us to learn how to keep ourselves, our loved ones and those in our community safe. When it comes to suicide prevention-talk truly can help save lives.

Brought to you by funds raised by AFSP NC Chapter.



Union Lutheran Church invites everyone
(members and community of all ages)
to a FREE *Rise Up with Jesus* **Vacation
Bible School (VBS).**

Dates: Monday, June 9-Thursdays,
June 12, 2025

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

A light meal will be provided.

Join us for *Rise Up for Jesus*, a fun-filled
four days of Bible stories, games, crafts, and
more! You'll have the opportunity to bake
your own bread as you "*Rise Up for Jesus.*"

How can you volunteer and/or participate?
Contact the church office 704.636.5092 or
office@ulcsalisbury.org.

We welcome donation supplies. These
gifts are greatly appreciated.

Flyer is on page 6.

*All women are invited to the **Mary &
Martha Circle on Tuesday, June 10, at 2:00
p.m.***



Good Timers will meet at
**Lakeview Restaurant at 11:00
a.m. on Thursday, June 12.**
All are invited to eat and
fellowship!

*Rufty-Holmes Senior Center 704.216.7714
is sponsoring an informative session
designed to help individuals, families, and
caregivers understand the legal tools
available to plan for the future on Thursday,
June 12, from 8:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m. Limited
space for 50 people. Please RSVP*

*I am the Way
the Truth
and the Life*
John 14:6

Holy Trinity Sunday, June 15, 2025

Father's Day

The congregation is invited to a brief
Constitutional Forum on proposed changes
to Union's Constitution & By-Laws **during
Sunday School at 9:30 a.m.** in the large
fellowship hall. **Copies of the Constitution, By-
Laws, and Continuing Resolutions are included in the
June Messenger Handouts and from the church office.**

*The loose offering will go towards the
Building & Repair Fund.*

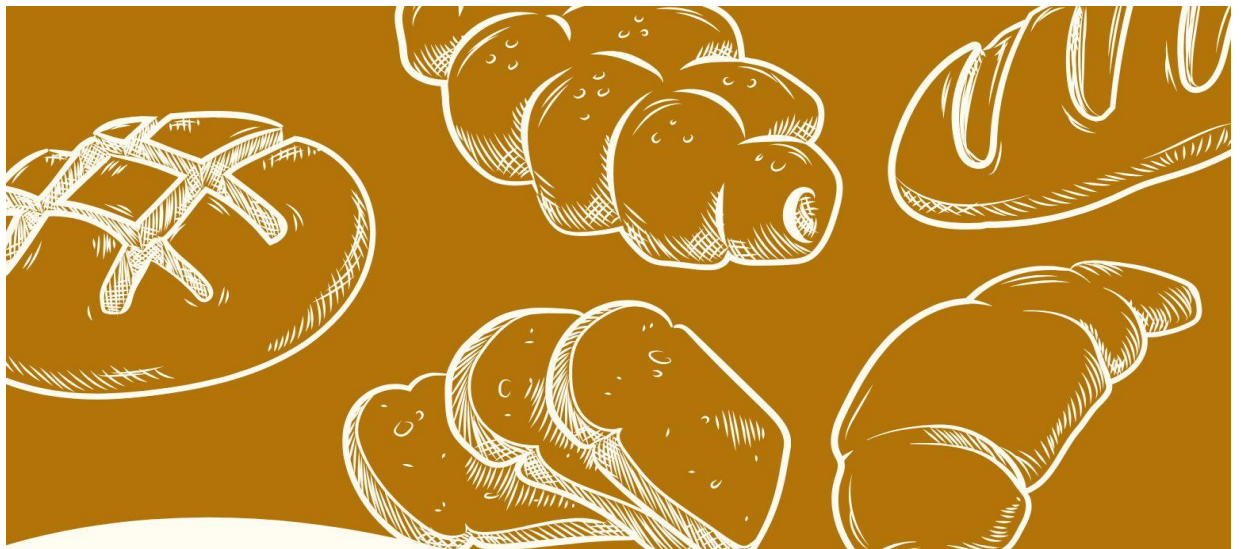
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beside the Choir near the pulpit.*

Recognition of Fathers and Father Figures
during both worship services.

*Nikki Nguyen has reserved the **Altar
Flower** by the baptismal font for Sunday,
June 15.*

Pastor Heidi Punt's is on a Mission Trip to
Guatemala (Sunday, June 15-Saturday, June
21).



RISE UP *with Jesus*

Learn how to bake your own bread as you learn to "Rise up for Jesus"

6PM-8:30PM

June 9-12, 2025

Sign up @ church office: 704.636.5092

Holy Trinity Sunday, June 15, 2025

8:00 a.m. Worship only (*Dutch Meeting Hall*)

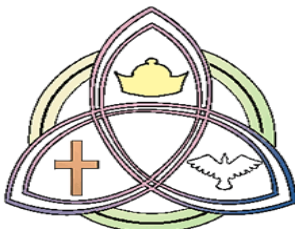
8:30 a.m. Father's Day Breakfast
(*Dutch Meeting Hall*)

9:30 a.m. Summer Sunday School for
Children & Youth (*Old Pine Center*)
Simon Tries to Buy the Holy Spirit
Acts 8:9-25; Hebrews 3:7-14

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

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10:30 a.m. Worship & Holy Communion
Proverbs 8:1-4, 22-31; Psalm 8; Acts 2:14a,
22-36; John 8:48-59
Pastor Don Safrit, Guest Pastor



Trinity Sunday

*Genevieve Baker, ULC Staff Support, will
be out of the office from Thursday, June 19-
Monday, June 23. The church office will be
open while she is out.*

Sunday, June 22, 2025

*The loose offering will go towards the
Youth Missions/Retreats Fund.*

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Kay Morgan has reserved the **Altar
Flower** by the baptismal font for Sunday,
June 22.

Deadline for July newsletter articles.

No Luther League this month.

9:30 a.m. Summer Sunday School for
Children & Youth (*Old Pine Center*)
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)*

9:30 a.m. Adult Sunday School
Rabbit Hole Adult Sunday School Class
The Ethiopian Official
Acts 2:36-41, 8:26-40

Drew Wise Adult Sunday School Class
Isaac Calls on the Name of the Lord
Genesis 26:1-33

10:30 a.m. Worship & Holy Communion
Isaiah 65:1-9; Psalm 3; Galatians 3:23-4:7;
Luke 8:26-39

3:00 p.m. Union Youth

Union Lutheran Church is hosting the **Piedmont-East Clergy meeting** in Conference #1 on **Tuesday, June 24, at 9:30 a.m.**

Union Lutheran Church is sponsoring a **FREE Mid-Week Meal Chefs** for everyone (members and community of all ages).

Dates: June 25, July 9 & 30 and August 6

Time: 6:00 p.m.-7:30 p.m.

Do you know how to plan, purchase ingredients on a budget, prepare, and store meals?

If not or feeling a bit rusty, everyone will be given the opportunity to learn how to plan, prepare, serve cost-effective & healthy meals, and properly store.

We welcome and are in need of financial support. These financial gifts are greatly appreciated and will allow us to make this event free for the participants.

To participate, sign up is requested by contacting the church office!

Flyer is on page 9.



Sunday, June 22, 2025

The loose offering will go towards the Youth Missions/Retreats Fund.

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COME JOIN US FOR

Midweek Meal Chef

Wednesdays: June 25, July 2,
July 30, August 6, 2025

FREE

- Learn how to:
Cook a well balanced meal on a budget.
Plan a menu on a budget.
Serve and properly store your meal

With
Ms Judy &
Pastor Heidi

Signup up by phone or email

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Worship & Music Committee will meet Thursday, June 26, at 6:00 p.m. in Conference #1.

On Friday, June 27, July *Messenger* and Handouts will be printed.

Those Serving in June

Acolytes: Scott and Jennifer Curlee

Altar Guild, Communion Assistants, and Lay Readers: Scott and Jennifer Curlee and Cathy Kluttz Painter

Communion Assistant: Janice Goodman

Ushers: Phil Cauble, Frank Merrell, Bailey Wilhelm, and Lucas Wilhelm

Sound System: Thad Mulkey, Dusty Morgan, Sr., and Dusty Morgan, Jr.

Live Streaming: Pete Nguyen

Offering Counters: Tara Davis, Cathy Kluttz Painter, and Ronald Vellines

The general tone for worship in the season of Pentecost, particularly during the summer months, is that of growth and flourishing. This season of the liturgical year is a time for focusing on growing in discipleship, deepening our relationship with God, and faithful obedience in following Jesus Christ. The long season of green Sundays is often referred to as "Ordinary Time." The word "ordinary" connotes the designation of Sundays by ordinal numbers rather than special names

Sunday, June 29, 2025

The loose offering will go towards a fund to be determined soon.

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Altar Flower by the baptismal font is open for reservations on Sunday, June 29.

9:30 a.m. Summer Sunday School for Children & Youth (*Old Pine Center*)

Paul and Silas in Prison

Acts 16:16-34; Romans 8:22-28

Paul cried with a loud voice, "Do not harm yourself, for we are all here!" (Acts 16:28)

9:30 a.m. Adult Sunday School

Rabbit Hole Adult Sunday School Class
Paul and Silas in Prison

Acts 16:16-34; Romans 8:22-28

Drew Wise Adult Sunday School Class

Jacob Sets Up a Sacred Pillar

Genesis 28:1-22, 33:17-20, 35:1-7;

John 15:1-8

10:30 a.m. Worship & Holy Communion

1 Kings 19:9b-21; Psalm 16;

Galatians 5:1, 13-25; Luke 9:51-62

June Benevolence Focus
Lutheran Military Veterans & Families Ministries

A faith-based ministry that provides free care, counseling and assistance to those who have served in the military, military contractors and their families, Lutheran Military Veterans and Families Ministries (LMVFM) also provides training and support to community care providers who work with military personnel and their families. Services are provided throughout the entire U.S. and include free counseling, quarterly weekend retreats, and assistance in finding resources through government agencies (LMVFM does not provide financial support itself). It provides training programs for civilian care providers, therapists, counselors, clergy and others who want to be better equipped to work with the military community, and also works with congregations to provide information on issues currently affecting the military community.

The organization was established in 2008 and is an independent faith-based Lutheran ministry, although it has been recognized by the LCMS as a service organization. Its executive director is rostered with the NALC, and its board has NALC representation.



Stewardship

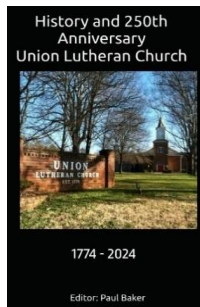
"Bring all the tithes into the storehouse, that there may be food in My house, and try Me now in this," says the Lord of hosts, "if I will not open for you the windows of heaven and pour out for you such blessing that there will not be room enough to receive it." (Malachi 3:10).

Tithing is not only a commandment but also a privilege. When we honor God with our finances, He honors us with abundance.

Avenues of Giving:

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

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.



ULC History Paperbacks are available from Amazon for purchase!

Cost is \$14.99 per book.



Mark your Calendars Now...

Sign Up coming soon!

Day Camp 2025 *"See Ewe at Day Camp.
Have a Wild and Woolly Time!"*

Dates: July 6-July 11, 2025

Participants:

5 years old thru rising 5th graders

Location: Organ Lutheran Church, 1515
Organ Church Rd, Salisbury, NC 28146

Orientation begins **Sunday, July 6**, at
4:00 p.m. with campers and parents meeting
the volunteers and pastors, enjoy a meal
together and learn about the upcoming week.

Day Camp runs from **8:30 a.m.- 12:30
p.m.** Monday, July 7-Thursdays, July 10.

On **Friday, July 11**, Day Camp begins at
8:30 a.m. with a **closing program** at **noon**
for family and friends!

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

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

Please make checks payable to: Organ
Lutheran Church

Needed: Volunteers and Participants!!

To continue offering a safe environment
for our children, Volunteers will need a
background check. The church office will
facilitate this.

June & July VBS Programs of Area Churches

Everyone is invited!

June 8–12, Organ Lutheran Church,
Salisbury: *True North—Trusting Jesus in a
Wild World*. Meal served at 5:30pm in the
Fellowship Hall and VBS is from 6-8pm
starting in the sanctuary.

June 20–22, St. Paul's Lutheran Church,
Salisbury: *Mary, Martha, and Many Faithful
Women*. Friday, 5:30–8; Saturday, 9:30am–
3pm with lunch; Sunday, 10:30am–3pm and
ice cream social from 3–4.

June 24–26, 9–11:30am, Salem Lutheran
Church, Salisbury: *"Road Trip" on the road
with God*.

July 13–17, Holy Trinity Lutheran Church,
Troutman: Supper at 5:30pm, VBS 6–
8:30pm

July 20–24, 5:30-8: Faith Lutheran Church,
Faith: *True North—Trusting Jesus in a Wild
World*. Meal served at 5:30pm



Please remember to keep Mary Hutchens in your thoughts and prayers as she witnesses to the people of Slovakia from July 3-21, 2025.



In celebration of our Independence, a short Patriotic Celebration will be held following the worship service on Sunday, July 6, at the flagpole by the playground.

Called Congregational Meeting of Union Lutheran Church, 4770 Bringle Ferry Road, Salisbury, NC 28146, will be held on Sunday, July 13, following worship in the Dutch Meeting Hall.

The purpose of the meeting will be (1) to vote on the first of two votes to amend and approve the Constitutional & By-Laws proposed changes and (2) to vote to amend the Carolinas Mission Region (CMR) Article 7.02 Constitution.

A Forum will be held on Sunday, June 15, at 9:30 a.m. to review the proposed changes of the ULC Constitution & By-Laws.

Copy of ULC Constitution, By-Laws, & Continuing Resolutions plus the CMR Article 7.02 Constitution is available from the June Messenger Handouts and the church office.



WESTERN NC MISSION TRIP

July 14-19, 2025

Deadline for July trip information: July 6

We need YOUR help to minister to the people of Western NC! All that is required is to be willing to serve God's people and share His heart and hands.

For youth 16 years or younger, a parent/guardian adult must also attend.

Please share how you would like to help and indicate if you are well experienced or licensed in any of these areas: clean up, paint, construction, plumbing, electrical, other.

Registration, Commitment & Medical Insurance forms are available from the church office for those participating in one and/or both of the mission trips to Western NC.

Cost has been covered for Union Church Family per person per week (Cost includes: accommodation, meals, and some supplies for the actual mission project that NALC Disaster has assigned ULC to.)



Sunday School

EXTRAVAGANZA

Bring family and friends for a day filled with laughter, excitement, and unforgettable memories



July 27, 2025
begins 9:30 a.m.

EXCITING GAMES, READING THE WORD, ACTIVITIES & FOOD

For More Information

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Dear Union Church Family,

I want to thank everyone that gave me a Birthday card or wished me a Happy 95th Birthday! May God bless each and every one of you for making my 95th birthday so special! Thank you from the bottom of my heart.

Lovingly yours!
Faye Kesler

Congratulations to Dalton W. Thompson on his 5th grade graduation from Granite Quarry Elementary School on 5/20/25. He will be attending Erwin Middle School as a 6th grade. So proud of all your hard work during this school year.

He received a ROAR award and well as a Bringing Up Grade award at the 5th graduation ceremony o 5/20/25.

So proud of him in his accomplishments.

If you haven't already done so, please fill out the Medical Information Form to assist the Emergency Response Team if there is an emergency during the worship service or an activity/event. Thank you!

Car Magnet

Suggested cost of \$5 per magnet

Location: Narthex



Attendance Report

April Sunday School

6	35	
13	54	
20	22	Easter Egg Hunt
20	16	
27	<u>40</u>	
Total	167	
Average	42	

May Sunday School

4	36	
11	42	Mother's Day
18	42	
25	<u>35</u>	
Total	155	
Average	39	

April Worship & Holy Communion

6	88	
13	112	Palm Sunday
20	65	Sunrise
20	170	Easter
27	<u>100</u>	
Total	535	
Average	107	

May Worship & Holy Communion

4	109	
11	70	Mother's Day
11	118	Mother's Day
18	121	
25	<u>104</u>	
Total	522	
Average	104	

Ascension Services

May 27	14
May 28	<u>13</u>
Total	27
Average	14

May Highlights at ULC...



- Susan Knight, delegate; Deena Lanning, alternate; and Pastor Heidi Punt represented Union Lutheran Church at the Carolinas Mission Region Convocation from Friday, May 2-Saturday, May 3.
- We continued to call upon Sunday musicians both laity and professionals to lead the worship services while the church searches for Music Director/Organist. In May, Genevieve Baker, Becky Lippard, Dawn Merrell, and Sonya Mulkey provided the music.
- Many members enjoyed studying the Word, discussions, and applying the James Bible Study (4 week sessions) hosted by Pastor Heidi Punt on Tuesday evenings and Wednesday afternoons.
- Kitchen convection oven stopped working on Easter Sunday, April 20. A technician repaired the modular ejection control on May 7. Cost was \$1,347.90 to replace the part.
- On Sunday, May 11, the 8:00 a.m. worship service in the large fellowship hall was sponsored by college age (Abbey Deaton, Felisaty Hunt, Adam Leffew, Caden Madden, Addison Queen, Ellie Wilhelm, and Ethan Wilhelm) celebrating Mother's Day.
- Thank you to Phil Cauble, Men, & Union Youth for providing a delicious Mother's Day Breakfast!
- Thank you to Lisa Morgan and Pastor Heidi Punt for decorating the tables for Mother's Day!
- Mothers and mother figures were recognized at both the 8:00 a.m. & 10:30 a.m. worship services. Faye Kesler was recognized as the oldest mother with Mary Elizabeth Earnhardt recognized as the mother with the youngest child.
- Graduating Class of 2025 was recognized during worship on Sunday, May 11: Adam Blake Thompson (East Rowan High School), Abbey Ellisa Deaton (Associate Degree in Nursing), Ellie Mae Wilhelm (Bachelor of Science degree in Biology from Lenoir-Rhyne University), Ethan Robert Wilhelm (Bachelor of Science degree in Agroecology and Sustainable Food Systems. North Carolina State University). Two grandchildren of Debbie Cauble-McPherson graduated from High School (Joshua Yarbrough and David Alan Lomax).
- The John R. and Katryn Walton Wise Fund, a donor-advised fund held at Thrivent Charitable Impact & Investing (Thrivent Charitable) presented a grant in the amount of **\$5,138.72** to Union Lutheran Church on Thursday, May 15. Grant designation is for the purpose of general support.
- On May 15, Fire Control Systems inspected, leaned and replaced parts on the stove vents, o-rings, and wet nozzle for a cost of \$523.58.
- The Mission Outreach sponsored a successful BBQ Chicken Mission Trip Fundraiser take out only on Friday, May 16. Thank you to everyone who supported the fundraiser by volunteering, providing snacks and desserts, and contributing financially! We extend a special thank you to Janie Vellines, Coordinator, and the Mission Outreach Umbrella members!

May Highlights at ULC...continued

○ Financials:

- Cheryl Kluttz received \$250 from Thrivent Funds with a total expense of \$243.46
- Janie Vellines received \$250 from Thrivent Fund with a total expense of \$125.44
- Chickens ordered: 230 ¼ pieces
- Chicken and Slaw were donated.
- Pre-Ordered Plates (before May 16): 154
- Pre-Ordered Monies Received (before May 16): \$1,540.00
- Chicken sold on May 16: \$725.00
- Disbursements Paid Out: \$441.00
- Donations: \$110.00 + \$314.00 = \$424.00
- Donation for Chicken: \$314.00
- Donation Jar: \$57.00
- BBQ Sauce Donation: \$24.00
- Additional Donations: \$328.00
- Total Raised: \$2,657.00 as of May 29, 2025

- Air-Conditioning Unit on the east side of the Sanctuary was replaced on May 23 with a new unit costing \$5,000.00. Thank you to Todd Deaton for replacing the unit.
- On Sunday, May 25, the congregation commissioned Micah Nguyen ahead of his working for CMR sponsored Solid Rock Day Camp this summer.
- Tuesday, May 27 & Wednesday, May 28, Ascension services were held at Dunn's Mountain Park. Thank you to Thad Mulkey and Lucinda Fraley for coordinating these worship services!
- Mission Outreach May Project: supplies for Footprints in the Community.
- May Benevolence Focus: North American Lutheran Seminary

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

Gifts were received for the General Fund in memory of Andrea Misenheimer by:

Scott Misenheimer

Gifts were received for the Cemetery Fund in memory of Bevis Norris by:

John and Amy Crawford

Thad and Sonya Mulkey

Sylvia Peeler

A gift was received for the Youth Missions Fund in memory of Bevis Norris by:

Janet Overcash

A gift was received for the Youth Mission Fund in memory of William Page by:

Sylvia Peeler



CAROLINA MISSIONS REGION ANNUAL CONVOCATION REPORT

The 2025 Carolinas Mission Region Annual Convocation was held at the Christ’s Lutheran Church in Stanley, North Carolina, on May 2nd and 3rd. Pastor Heidi, Deena, and I were in attendance. There were representatives from many different mission groups. They had tables set up for each group where you were able to talk with the representatives of the mission and receive materials. During the meeting, each mission representative was able to speak to the group and explain their program. Break time was used to socialize with the mission reps and other attendees. Church service was offered each day with Bible study on Saturday morning.

The missions that stood out to me were the Fish Stix Ministry, which is geared to adults with special needs. They provide Bible Study, Sunday school, VBS and ways for them to participate in church service. One in four adults live with disabilities. The other is the Malawi Orphan Care. They have a feeding program, feeding at least 900 children a noon meal, making sanitary kits for menstruating women and girls, and providing shoes that grow. Shoes that Grow is a company that makes shoes that can grow up to five sizes.

It was reported that there are 535 NALC church congregations (30 congregations joined last year). There is a vetting process each congregation must go through to join the NALC.

This was a great experience. I would like to thank the congregation for sending me as our delegate. If you are given a chance to attend a convocation, please do. You won’t regret it!

Yours In Christ,
Susan Knight

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CHRISTIAN EDUCATION UMBRELLA

Sunday, May 4, 2025 at 2:00 p.m.

The Christian Education Umbrella met in the Drew-Wise Sunday School classroom with the following in attendance: Vivian Sprinkle, Genevieve Baker, Doris Shepherd, Gladys Morgan, Janie Lesley, Pastor Heidi Punt, Sonya Mulkey, Deena Lanning, Susan Knight, Jan Huffman, Lisa Morgan, Lucinda Fraley, Judy Boyd, and Patsy Lyerly.

Pastor Heidi opened the meeting with devotions and prayer.

A motion was made by Genevieve Baker and seconded by Doris Shepherd to accept the minutes from the last meeting.

The Treasurer’s Report was given by Jan Huffman. The following balances are on hand:

Bible Studies	\$563.72
Gerald Bame Memorial Scholarship	\$228.70
Jimmy Troutman Scholarship	\$753.00
Sunday School	\$2,539.91

Christian Education Umbrella minutes...*continued*

Youth Ministry	\$12,313.47
Youth Missions	\$4,912.54
Good Timers	\$211.26

Old Business:

- More than eighty youth and adults attended the CMR Spring Youth Retreat. It was well received.
- The youth skit, Easter Sunrise service, and Egg Hunt went well.
- The youth Lock-in and Pie Fundraiser raised around \$400.00

Continuing Business:

- Summer Sunday School will take place during the months of June and July. Teaching teams will be set up and the current curriculum will be used.
- Catechism classes will begin again in the Fall. Confirmation will be on Reformation Sunday with Landon Kesler, Moses Miller, and Noah Trexler being confirmed.
- Good Timers will meet at 11:00 a.m. for lunch only during June and July.
- Three to five children are attending the Little Lutherans.

New Business

- James Bible Study (4 week series) from April 29-May 21.
- Mid-Week Meal Chefs, June 25, July 9 & 30, will teach how to plan and prepare nutritious meals.
- VBS June 9-12 Theme: *“Rise Up with Jesus”* Activity: baking bread
- Salem Lutheran Church cancelled Day Camp. Pastor Tonya, Pastor Heidi, and Rita are considering facilitating a Day Camp.
- 90 Days Spiritual Fitness: August 12-October 28
- Stewardship Small Groups: November 2-23
- Pastor Heidi will lead the Christmas program. Susan Knight will assist. Practice will begin in September.
- Christmas Caroling: December 7 beginning at Autumn Care.
- A light reception for the confirmands will be held on the lawn at the front steps of the Sanctuary to be handled by the Christian Education. A stole and a cross will be given to the confirmands.
- Day Care at ULC: Pastor Heidi and Lisa Morgan will investigate requirements in Rowan County.
- Janie Lesley will coordinate meals for VBS and Mission Trips.

Next meeting: July 13 after the Congregational meeting.

Christian Education Umbrella minutes...*continued*

Meeting ended with The Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully Submitted,
Patsy Lyerly, Secretary

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GOOD TIMERS



The Good Timers met on May 8, 2025 in the Old Pine Center with Doris Shepherd presiding. Doris had the devotions. We had 18 members and 1 visitor (Bonnie Jones) present with an offering of \$23.00 being received. Dickie Shue won the door prize.

May birthdays: Sarah Holshouser (3), Faye Kesler, Jack Lanning (17), Pastor Heidi Punt (18), Linda Kesler (28).

May wedding anniversaries: Troy and Cathy Painter (7), Betty Sue and Glenn Lowder (20).

There will be no programs in June or July. We will meet at Lakeview for lunch in these months at 11:00 a.m. Our regular program will be in August. There was discussion about a possible day trip in July.

Bonnie Jones from Rufty-Holmes had the program today. She told about different programs to help seniors. There are 6 lunch clubs around Rowan County. There are fitness programs, chair volleyball, hiking club, grief workshops, a monthly newsletter, home programs to help people who have had surgery, care giver programs, help to those who need assistance on their taxes, transportation programs, events change monthly, trips.

Frank Merrell had the blessing before we went to Lakeview for lunch.

Respectfully submitted,
Ruby Leazer, Secretary

Good Timers May Treasurer's Report

Beginning Balance (May 1, 2025)	\$197.62
Received	\$23.00
Disbursed (program)	\$25.00
Ending Balance (May 31, 2025)	\$195.62

Respectfully submitted,
Dick Shue, Treasurer

MISSION OUTREACH UMBRELLA

Thursday, May 8, 2025 at 5:00 p.m.

The Mission Outreach Umbrella met on Wednesday, May 8, 2025 in Conference #1.

February 9, March 19, and April 9, 2025 Mission Outreach Umbrella minutes were read and approved as is. In addition, January 26 and April 6, 2025 Emergency Response Team minutes were read and approved as is.

Weekly offerings are designated as follows: Mission Outreach (1st Sunday), Gerald Bame Memorial Scholarship (2nd Sunday), Building & Repair (3rd Sunday), Youth Missions/Retreats (4th Sunday), and Other (5th Sunday).

Ministry Reports:

- Welcome Basket: contact a member of Mission Outreach to welcome new neighbors.
- Visitors package: bags are available in the Narthex for first time visitors to worship.
- Emergency Response Team: Add Janice Goodman as a member on the Emergency Response Team. Next ERT meeting is July 27 at 2:00 p.m.
- Lay Ministers: met on May 7 at 2:30 p.m.
- Union Women: meet monthly on the 2nd Tuesday of the month (for more information contact Cathy Kluttz Painter)

Completed Business

- a. Funeral Feeding Group (groups, menu choices, and guidelines were updated for the printing of the 2025 Church Yearbook)
- b. Monthly Benevolence Focuses & Mission Projects
 - January: Congo (no mission project)
 - February: Rowan Helping Ministries (canned soup collected) *100 pounds were delivered*
 - March: Spiritual Orphans Network (SON) (craft supplies collected for Mary Hutchens' July Mission Trip to Slovakia) *\$400.00 was collected for Mary Hutchens' July Mission Trip*
 - April: Lutheran Services Carolinas (noisy offering collected on Sundays, April 13 & 27) *\$188.21 was collected*

Continuing Business

- a. BBQ Mission Trip Fundraiser on Friday, May 16.
- b. Monthly Benevolence Focuses & Mission Projects
 - May: NAL Seminary (collecting supplies for Footprints in the Community) Ashley Deaton and Judy Boyd have shared with the congregation
 - June: Lutheran Military Veterans & Families, Inc. (collecting items using NALC Disaster Relief list for Backpacks. Destination TBD)

Mission Outreach Umbrella minutes...*continued*

- July: NALC Disaster Relief: (collecting items using NALC Disaster Relief list for Backpacks. Destination TBD)

New Business

- a. Monthly Benevolence Focuses & Mission Projects
 - August: SMI Haiti (Each Sunday to collect a noisy offering)
 - September: Food for the Poor (Food Drive for Organ Lutheran Church's Food Pantry – list will be coming soon of items needed!)
 - October: Water Missions (Water Walk – Field Trip to Charleston, SC)
 - November: Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary (have not assigned items for collection or Mission Project) *To discuss at the next meeting.*
 - December: Battered Women's Shelter (have not assigned items for collection or Mission Project) *To discuss at the next meeting.*
- b. Plan to have Rev. Dr. Nathan Yoder share about NAL Seminary & Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary in May or November.
- c. Mid-Week Meals Chefs: Discussed purchasing aprons for each person after completing the 4 weeks sessions.
- d. Day Care: Janie Vellines will assist the Pastor in researching and reviewing information on how Union Lutheran Church can sponsor a Day Care. Others that will be asked to serve on the Day Care Team: Lisa Morgan and Karen Barringer.

Next meeting: Thursday, August 14, 2025 at 5:30 p.m.

The meeting closed with The Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully Submitted,
Janie Vellines, Secretary

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BBQ CHICKEN MISSION TRIP FUNDRAISER UPDATE

The Mission Outreach sponsored a successful BBQ Chicken Mission Trip Fundraiser take out only on Friday, May 16. Thank you to everyone who supported the fundraiser by volunteering, providing snacks and desserts, and contributing financially!

Financials:

- Cheryl Kluttz received \$250 from Thrivent Funds with a total expense of \$243.46
- Janie Vellines received \$250 from Thrivent Fund with a total expense of \$125.44
- Chickens ordered: 230 ¼ pieces
- Chicken and Slaw were donated.
- Pre-Ordered Plates (before May 16): 154
- Pre-Ordered Monies Received (before May 16): \$1,540.00

BBQ Chicken Mission Trip Fundraiser Update...continued

- Chicken sold on May 16: \$725.00
- Disbursements Paid Out: \$441.00
- Donations: \$110.00 + \$314.00 = \$424.00
- Donation for Chicken: \$314.00
- Donation Jar: \$57.00
- BBQ Sauce Donation: \$24.00
- Additional Donations: \$328.00
- Total Raised: \$2,657.00 as of May 29, 2025

Respectfully Submitted,
Janie Vellines, Coordinator

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PLEASE REMEMBER IN PRAYER...

Nursing Homes – Brenda Mahaley (Autumn Care Room 815), Ruth Monroe (Autumn Care Room 818), Jean Ray (Autumn Care Room 201) & Jay Rusher (Autumn Care), Pat Kluttz (Brookdale Room 56), Ann Tucker (Oak Park Retirement Room 236)

Homebound/Shut-ins Members/Special Needs – Sarah Bame, Tom Cole, Kiki Deaton, Rachel Earnhardt, Madison “Drew” Harrington, Linda Hartley, Pete Honbarrier, Howell and Teresa Kesler, James & Jean Kluttz, Glenn and Betty Sue Lowder, Doris Ludwick, Donnell Miller, Rev. TC & Mary Plexico, Macky Swicegood, Billy Waller & Michael Walton

Sick/Surgery/Recovery – Rev. Randall Cauble (ICU), Paul & Lynn Coughenour, Cheryl Kluttz, Susan Knight, Patsy Lyerly, Richard and Kay Lyons, Brad Trexler, Wayne & Pam Vellines

Continual Prayer – Bill Barringer (Larry Barringer’s brother), Ashley Burleson (Lanny and Connie Burleson, former members, daughter), Rev. Cathy Fanslau (NALC Pastor), Rev. Doug Hefner Family (daughter died in car accident), Tommy Lamb (Pam Vellines’ uncle), Dr. Sean Malone (Pam Vellines’ friend), Jeff Matthews (cancer patient), Adam Osborne (Vicki Hunter’s co-worker), Union Fire Department #76, Global Missions (Congo, Slovakia, and Haiti), especially for our NC neighbors affected by natural disasters & those affected by political disasters

Prayers for Comfort: Lela and Tyler Brooks, and Christian martyrs and persecution in the Congo

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.

OUR MISSION: Christ Centered ~ Mission Driven~ Traditionally-Grounded ~
Congregationally Focused (Matthew 28:18-20)

OUR VISION: “Love God and Love our Neighbor” (Mark 12:30-33)

OUR ACTION PLAN: “By feeding, clothing, visiting, helping...” (Matthew 25:35-40)

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2025 Church Council Members

2023-2025

Ali Davis
Vicki Hunter (Secretary)
Sharon Leazer
Dusty Morgan, Sr. (President)
Debbie Rinehart

2024-2026

Phil Cauble
Kevin Huffman
John Knight (Treasurer)
Thad Mulkey

2025-2027

Karen Barringer
Pete Nguyen (Vice-President)
Brad Trexler

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Lay Ministers

Tara Davis, Steve Hutchens, John Kesler, Elbert Kluttz and Deena Lanning

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Union Lutheran Church

Church Office Hours: 10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. Monday-Friday

Pastor Heidi Punt, Senior Pastor (pastor@ulcsalisbury.org)

Phil Cauble, Facility Manager

Genevieve Baker, ULC Staff Support (office@ulcsalisbury.org)

Pastor T. C. Plexico, Pastor Emeritus



June Birthdays

Sunday, June 1	Scott Queen
Monday, June 2	Dusty Morgan, Jr.
Wednesday, June 4	Wayne Vellines
Monday, June 9	Travis Holshouser
Saturday, June 14	Jan Huffman Patsy Lyerly
Sunday, June 15	Ellie Wilhelm Ethan Wilhelm
Thursday, June 19	Ron Chase
Monday, June 23	John Cauble
Saturday, June 28	Troy Painter



June Anniversaries

Monday, June 2	Wayne and Pam Vellines
Sunday, June 8	Drue and Hayley Davis
Friday, June 13	Matt and Jill Miller
Saturday, June 14	Larry and Judy Fesperman
Saturday, June 21	James and Jean Klutz Richard and Kay Lyons
Sunday, June 22	Harold and Donnell Miller
Friday, June 27	Eddie and Kay Morgan



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

June Calendar – dates/times subject to change

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
<p>1</p> <p>9:30 a.m. Children & Youth Summer Sunday School</p> <p>9:30 a.m. Adult Sunday School</p> <p>10:30 a.m. Worship & Holy Communion</p> <p>4:00 p.m. Little Lutherans</p> <p><i>Recognition of 2024-2025 Sunday School Volunteers</i></p> <p><i>Commissioning of June Western NC Members</i></p>	<p>2</p> <p>8:00 a.m.</p> <p><i>Western NC Mission Trip</i></p>	<p>3</p> <p><i>Western NC Mission Trip</i></p> <p>3:00 p.m. Union Youth</p>	<p>4</p> <p><i>Western NC Mission Trip</i></p>	<p>5</p> <p><i>Western NC Mission Trip</i></p>	<p>6</p> <p><i>Western NC Mission Trip</i></p>	<p>7</p> <p>11:30 a.m.</p> <p><i>Western NC Mission Trip</i></p>
<p>8 Pentecost</p> <p>9:30 a.m. Children & Youth Summer Sunday School</p> <p>9:30 a.m. Adult Sunday School</p> <p>10:30 a.m. Worship & Holy Communion</p> <p>2:00 p.m. Church Council</p> <p>3:00 p.m. Union Youth</p> <p>4:00 p.m. Suicide Prevention at Holy Trinity, Troutman</p>	<p>9</p> <p>6:00 p.m.-8:30 p.m. VBS</p>	<p>10</p> <p>2:00 p.m. Mary & Martha Circle</p> <p>6:00 p.m.-8:30 p.m. VBS</p>	<p>11</p> <p>6:00 p.m.-8:30 p.m. VBS</p>	<p>12</p> <p>11:00 a.m. Good Timers</p> <p><i>(meet at restaurant)</i></p> <p>6:00 p.m.-8:30 p.m. VBS</p>	<p>13</p>	<p>14</p>
<p>15 Father's Day & Holy Trinity Sunday</p> <p>8:00 a.m. Worship</p> <p>8:30 a.m. Father's Day Breakfast</p> <p>9:30 a.m. Children & Youth Summer Sunday School</p> <p>9:30 a.m. Constitution Forum</p> <p>10:30 a.m. Worship & Holy Communion</p> <p><i>Recognition of Fathers & Father figures</i></p> <p><i>Rev. Donald Safrit, Guest Pastor</i></p> <p><i>Pastor Heidi Punt's Mission Trip to Guatemala (June 15-21)</i></p>	<p>16</p>	<p>17</p>	<p>18</p>	<p>19</p> <p><i>Genevieve Baker, ULC Staff Support, out of the office from Thursday, June 19-Monday, June 23.</i></p>	<p>20</p>	<p>21</p>
<p>22</p> <p>9:30 a.m. Children & Youth Summer Sunday School</p> <p>9:30 a.m. Adult Sunday School</p> <p>10:30 a.m. Worship & Holy Communion</p> <p>3:00 p.m. Union Youth</p> <p><i>Deadline for July articles</i></p> <p><i>No Luther League</i></p>	<p>23</p>	<p>24</p> <p>9:30 a.m. Piedmont-East Clergy at ULC</p>	<p>25</p> <p>6:00 p.m.-7:30 p.m. Mid-Week Meal Chefs</p>	<p>26</p> <p>6:00 p.m. Worship & Music</p>	<p>27</p> <p><i>July Messenger is printed</i></p>	<p>28</p>
<p>29</p> <p>9:30 a.m. Children & Youth Summer Sunday School</p> <p>9:30 a.m. Adult Sunday School</p> <p>10:30 a.m. Worship & Holy Communion <i>led by youth</i></p>	<p>30</p>	<p>Revised as of 5-29-2025</p> <p>Project: supplies for school backpacks using NALC Disaster list (destination TBD)</p> <p>June Benevolence Focus: Lutheran Military Veterans & Families Ministries</p>				