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2025 July *Messenger*

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God in Action!



If you didn't join us on the last mission trip to Western Carolina, you missed out big time! While the task might be physically exhausting, the relational and spiritual rewards totally make up for it. Imagine to be unplugged from all the things that stress and burden you at home and diving into a world focused on just the person and need in front of you. One evening we were sharing amongst each other and came to the consensus that it was like being on vacation. It is hard to explain, you will have to come to experience it for yourselves.

This is what some of our missionaries from the last trip shared:

Adam Thompson shared that going on a “mission trip is good because we get to help people.” He continues to share that he had a fun experience. His favorite memory was when he and Noah put down flooring. He hopes that when he goes on the next mission trip that he can bond more with his friends.

Janie Vellines said that the “mission trip was good because we are helping those who lost so much due to circumstances, they did not have control over. It allowed us to show our Christianity to others.” On a lighter note, she said that she learnt that she'd prefer to paint walls rather than ceilings. Her favorite memory “was the beauty of our surroundings and the close relationship made with



each other.” She hopes to acquire new skills and “continue the bonding we developed with each other.”

Noah Trexler also commented that he thought mission trips are good because “you get to help people in need with stuff they cannot do by themselves and we get to travel.” He had a great time at the last mission trip, enjoying all of Black Mountain and the “great talks.” His favorite memory was having about a 30-45 minute talk with Lucas and Scott. “What I’m hoping for on the next trip”, he says, is to “eat great again, have more talks and especially helping people in need.”

Lucas Wilhelm offered a fresh perspective on why mission trips are good. He said that “you get to see new places and meet different people which help you understand them better. You also get to help out with real projects like building houses or feeding people, so you know you’re making a difference. Also it’s a great way to grow as a person, learn new stuff, and figure out what’s important to you.”

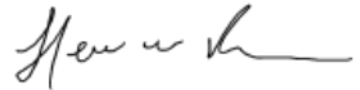
Bailey Wilhelm shared that “mission trips are good because we get to build houses for people who can’t afford it otherwise and we get to travel to different places.” According to him, his “experience at the last mission trip was good because we got to see Pastor Dawn again and meet new people.” His favorite memory of the last mission trip “was getting to see a bear.” He hopes that more people will sign up to help on the next mission trip.

Lucinda Fraley believes that mission trips give us the opportunity to “be the hands and feet of Jesus. And there’s no better way to serve than with our extended church family.” She continued to share, “our mission trip to Swannanoa was similar to our past trips. Even though we didn’t have as much interaction with the



homeowners, our youth and young adults amaze me. They aren't afraid to pick up a hammer, run a table saw or talk to homeowners and community members about Jesus." Her favorite memory "was our nightly devotions. Loved everyone sharing freely about their experiences each day and how God was reflected on what we did." Another favorite memory "was when the kids were given the option of American food or South African food and they floored us by choosing South African. Great choice!" She hopes that others in our congregation also get excited about mission and join us in July. "The bond created amongst those attending is indescribable, the impact we leave on the people we serve is God in action."

Thank you for supporting us on our June mission trip and look forward to having you with us in July. Come be and see God in Action!



Wednesday, July 2, at 2:00 p.m. Union Lutheran Church will sponsor **Chapel Time** at **Autumn Care** with the residents. All are invited to participate!

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

*Union Lutheran Church is sponsoring a **FREE Mid-Week Meal Chefs** for everyone*

(members and community of all ages).

Dates: July 2 & 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 4.



"DRAW CLOSE TO GOD AND HE WILL DRAW CLOSE TO YOU"

JAMES 4:8



COME JOIN US FOR

Midweek Meal Chef

Wednesdays: 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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Sunday, July 6, 2025

The loose offering will go towards the Mission Outreach Fund.

The monthly benevolence focus is NALC Disaster.

During the month of 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.

The single **Altar Flowers** arrangement by the baptismal font is open for reservations on Sunday, July 6.

Deadline to turn in information for July Western NC Mission Trip.

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

Paul Escapes from Damascus
Acts 9:10-31; Romans 12:1-2

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

9:30 a.m. Adult Sunday School

Rabbit Hole Adult Sunday School Class
Paul Escapes from Damascus
Acts 9:10-31; Romans 12:1-2

Drew Wise Adult Sunday School Class
The Boy Jesus in the Temple
Psalm 27; Luke 2:41-52

10:30 a.m. Worship & Holy Communion
Isaiah 66:10-14; Psalm 66:1-7; Galatians 6:1-10, 14-18, Luke 10:1-20

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.

John Kesler has reserved the large fellowship hall from 1:00 p.m.-5:00 p.m.

4:00 p.m. Day Camp Orientation at Organ Lutheran Church



Day Camp 2025 “See Ewe at Day Camp. Have a Wild and Woolly Time!”

Dates: Sunday, July 6-Friday, July 11

Times: Sunday at 4:00 p.m.; Monday-Thursday from 8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.; Friday at 8:30 a.m. with program & lunch

Participants: 5 years old thru rising 5th graders

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

Sponsored by: Union, Organ, Salem & Faith Lutheran Church

How to register? Fill out the form located in the Narthex, church office, or online at:

https://vbspro.events/p_early/3b7c16

Everyone is invited to **financially donate seed money to purchase sheep** through **Heifer International**. Heifer International uses the seed money, primarily through donations, to purchase livestock like sheep and provide training to communities, enabling them to become self-sufficient and increase their income. Please make checks payable to: Organ Lutheran Church (memo: sheep).

Sunday, July 13, 2025

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

The monthly benevolence focus is NALC Disaster.

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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.

Information is included in the handout and from the church office.

Commissioning of July Western NC Mission Team.

9:30 a.m. Summer Sunday School for

Children & Youth (*Old Pine Center*)

Searching the Scriptures

Acts 17:1-15; 2 Timothy 3:10-17

They received the word with all eagerness, examining the Scriptures daily to see if these things were so. (Acts 17:11)

9:30 a.m. Adult Sunday School

Rabbit Hole Adult Sunday School Class

Searching the Scriptures

Acts 17:1-15; 2 Timothy 3:10-17

Drew Wise Adult Sunday School Class

Lord of the Sabbath

Matthew 12:1-14; Luke 13:10-17

10:30 a.m. Worship & Holy Communion

Leviticus 18:1-5, 19:9-18; Psalm 41:1-13;

Colossians 1:1-14; Luke 10:25-37

12 noon Called Congregational Meeting

(Dutch Meeting Hall)

12:30 p.m. Christian Education Umbrella

(please bring a bag lunch)

4:00 p.m. Union Youth



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.

Registration, Commitment & Medical Insurance forms is available from the church office for those participating in the mission trip 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, July 20, 2025

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

The monthly benevolence focus is NALC Disaster.

During the month of 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.

The single **Altar Flowers** arrangement by the baptismal font is open for reservations on Sunday, July 20.

Deadline for transportation numbers for Good Timers trip.

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

Demetrius Stirs Up Trouble

Acts 19:23-41; Isaiah 44:6-11

“This Paul has persuaded a great many people, saying that gods made with hands are not gods.” (Acts 19:26)

9:30 a.m. Adult Sunday School

Rabbit Hole Adult Sunday School Class

Demetrius Stirs Up Trouble

Acts 19:23-41; Isaiah 44:6-11

Drew Wise Adult Sunday School Class

Cleansing the Temple

Jeremiah 7:1-15; John 2:13-25

10:30 a.m. Worship & Holy Communion

Genesis 18:1-10a, 10b-14; Psalm 27:1-6, 7-14; Colossians 1:21-29; Luke 10:38-42

2:00 p.m. Church Council

Finance will meet Wednesday, July 23, at 6:00 p.m. in Conference #1.



Good Timers Trip to Mayberry, NC

Thursday, July 24

10:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.

Everyone is welcome to join the Good Timers as they travel to Mt. Airy to visit Mayberry from the *Andy Griffith's Show*.

Please contact the church office so there will be enough transportation provided.

June & July Mission Project



*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.***

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.



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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Sunday, July 27, 2025

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

The monthly benevolence focus is NALC Disaster.

Sunday School Extravaganza begins at 9:30 a.m. All are invited!!

Installation of 2025-2026 Sunday School Team

Blessing of the Backpacks

During the month of 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.

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Deadline for newsletter articles

No Luther League this month.

9:30 a.m. Sunday School Extravaganza begins!!!

9:30 a.m. Adult Sunday School

Rabbit Hole Adult Sunday School Class

Drew Wise Adult Sunday School Class

Jesus Predicts the Temple's Destruction

Matthew 23:37-24:35

10:30 a.m. Worship & Holy Communion

Genesis 18:17-19 (20-33); Psalm 138:1-8;

Colossians 2:6-15 (16-19); Luke 11:1-13

10:30 a.m. Installation of 2025-2026 Sunday School Team

2025-2026 Sunday School Team list will be included Sunday, July 27, bulletin and in the August *Messenger*.

Please consider how you can participate and volunteer in the 2025-2026 Sunday School year. We need YOU!

Interested or for more information? Contact Sonya Mulkey, Jan Huffman, or Pastor Heidi



10:30 a.m. Blessing of the Backpacks

As a new school year begins, we want to send students, teachers, staff, and school volunteers back with our love and prayers. During the service on Sunday, July 27, we'll offer a Blessing of the Backpacks – a moment of encouragement and support for learners of all ages. Bring your backpack, briefcase, or laptop bag as we ask God's blessing on this year of learning, growth, and connection!

12 noon Sunday School Extravaganza continues with food, fellowship, and fun!!
All are invited!!

2:00 p.m. Emergency Response Team

Lay Ministers will meet Wednesday, July 30, at 2:30 p.m. in Conference #1.

Property, Cemetery & Columbarium will meet Thursday, July 31, at 6:30 p.m. in Conference #1.

Those Serving in July

Acolytes: Caylea Cline and Addison Queen

Altar Guild and Communion Assistants: Robin Huffman, Deena Lanning, and Karen Morgan

Lay Reader: Karen Morgan

Ushers: Larry Barringer, Phil Cauble, Ron Chase, Scott and Jennifer Curlee

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

Live Streaming: Pete Nguyen

Offering Counters: Jennifer Curlee, Ali Davis, and Doris Shepherd

Mary & Martha Circle will not meet in July. They will resume meeting in August.

July Benevolence Focus

NALC Disaster

When Disaster Strikes: How NALC Congregations Can Help? What should NALC pastors or congregation leaders do when a natural disaster, such as flooding, tornadoes, and fires, strikes in their community or in an area where the congregation is able to or desires to provide assistance?

Since the NALC is a small church with widespread congregations, it is important that you contact us as quickly as possible when a disaster occurs in your area.

First and foremost, if the disaster is close by, make sure you are safe.

Next, contact the NALC Disaster Response Coordinator, Mary Bates (740-

509-1132; disasterresponse@thenalc.org) as quickly as possible so the prayer power of the NALC can be unleashed. Be sure to also contact your [Mission District](#) to see if your local NALC Disaster Response Team can provide assistance.

NALC Disaster Response has resources and capabilities to assist in early response and longer term recovery. We can open the gates to material resources, networking, counseling, training, and volunteers.

Remember, the key is early communication! The sooner we learn of a disaster in your area, the more quickly NALC Disaster Response can respond to the needs of your community.



Union's Little Free Libraries

Union Lutheran Church has two Little Free Libraries (one at the playground and one at the driveway).

These Little Free Library are "take a book, share a book" free book exchange. Anyone may take a book or bring a book to share!

Noisy Offerings will be collected for SMI Haiti each Sunday in August (3, 10, 17, 24 & 31).



90 Days Spiritual Fitness

August 12-October 28, at 6:30 p.m.

It is time to start stretching your spiritual muscles, dust off your “hiking shoes” and get ready for our 2025 90 Days Spiritual Fitness Challenge!

More information is on page 20.

Deadline to sign up is Sunday, August 3.

August 4-8 2025, is the North American Lutheran Church biennial Mission Convocation in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania! As representatives and pastors gather for Lutheran Week 2025, they will celebrate a defining milestone in the life of the North American Lutheran Church: 15 years of faithful ministry and mission, and 10 years of theological formation through the North American Lutheran Seminary. This year's Convocation is more than a moment of remembrance—it marks a turning point, as we give thanks for God's provision and press forward into the future He has prepared for us.

The following were elected to serve as Union Lutheran Church's representatives for the NALC Convocation from August 4-8, 2025 in Pittsburgh, PA, with Pastor Heidi Punt: Jan Huffman (delegate), and Nikki Nguyen (alternate).



Come join us to beautify the church grounds and facilities for Homecoming on **Saturday, August 9, at 9:00 a.m.** Bring your supplies, tools and anything you think could be useful.

Belles & Beaus will have a special rehearsal for Homecoming on Saturday, August 9, at 6:30 p.m.

Homecoming 2025

Sunday, August 10

Homecoming 2025 at Union Lutheran Church will be **Sunday, August 10, at 10:30 a.m.** Union Lutheran Church will be celebrating its 251st anniversary

A covered dish lunch will follow worship in the large fellowship hall. Chicken, beverages, and paper products will be provided. **The congregation is requested to bring your favorite meats, sides, and desserts** to share.

Invite family, friends and former members now to be with us for this special occasion on Sunday, August 10. This is a wonderful time to renew old relationships, update what is going on in the lives of others that have been special to us, and to form new relationships. Plan now to be a part of our Homecoming!

thank you

Dear Union Lutheran Church,

Thank you so much for the gifts and donations given for our Footprints in the Community Summer Therapy Camp. Your generosity throughout the month of May provided so many needed supplies that will be put to immediate use by our 50 campers with special needs when camp begins July 7. Thank you again and God bless you!

Ashley Deaton

ULC Family,

We would like to thank all the ULC Family for the prayers, calls, cards, and visits during Paul's sickness and hospitalization. We especially thank Pastor Heidi and Tara Davis for their visits to the hospital and home. With God and our church family, we will move forward but it will be a slow recovery. Thank you so much for your care and concern.

Paul and Lynn Coughenour

Thank you to all who helped prepare, served, and cleaned up at our annual Father's Day Breakfast to make it a success!

Thank you also to Robin and Kevin for their generous donation of eggs.

Thank you to Lisa Morgan for the beautiful table decorations.

May God bless you for your service to our church!

Ali Davis, Food Coordinator

Dear Union Lutheran Church,

Thank you for your generous financial support of the Family Crisis Council. Your contribution helps keep people safe daily. FCC could not continue faithfully serving survivors in the Rowan County community without your generous support. Last year, FCC served over 1,000 clients. Thank you for being a community partner.

Gratefully

Rev. Lara Musser Gritter, FCC Board Chair

Union Lutheran Church,

Thank you for your generous donation to Ruffy-Holmes Senior Center and our Annual Campaign. Your support makes a meaningful impact by helping us to protect the well-being, enrich the lives, and provide vital resources for the seniors we serve throughout Rowan County. Your generosity demonstrates a deep commitment to our mission and the work we do every day. On behalf of our Board of Directors and dedicated staff, thank you for making a difference.

Ruffy-Holmes Senior Center

Union Lutheran Church,

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

Your donation of \$130.00 shows that you truly care about our cause and the work we do. Your continued support is appreciated by many. Words cannot express how much your donation means to us.

*Linda Austin, Organ Lutheran Church
Pantry/Outreach*

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.



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.)

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.

Attendance Update

May Sunday School

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

June Sunday School

1	40	
8	30	
15	50	Father's Day
22	34	
29	_____	

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	

June Worship & Holy Communion

1	101	
8	99	
15	40	Father's Day
15	122	Father's Day
22	83	
29	_____	

June Highlights at ULC...

- 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 June, Genevieve Baker, Becky Lippard, Brenda McCombs, and Dawn Merrell provided the music.
- Thank you to the 2024-2025 Sunday School Program Volunteers who were recognized during worship on Sunday, June 1: 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 Painter, 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, Pastor Dawn Rister, Suzanne Shealy, Adam Thompson, Noah Trexler, Janie Vellines, Bailey Wilhelm, Ethan Wilhelm and Lucas Wilhelm) for sharing God's hands and feet with those in need!
- Thank you to everyone who participated and volunteered in this year's VBS Program *Rise Up with Jesus* (June 9-12).
 - Monday, June 9, the story/lesson was on Exodus 7-12 with teaching points: God explains His plan to Moses and Aaron; Pharaoh's pride and need for power; God's response 10 plagues; Set free to go! Music: *When Israel Was in Egypt's Land*. Games played
 - Tuesday, June 10, the story/lesson was on Luke 5:17-26 with teaching points: Jesus has the power to forgive and heal; Jesus is interrupted; Jesus' power was immediate; the lame man's response. Activity: mixing ingredients. Music: adding instruments to music. Games played.
 - Wednesday, June 11, the story/lesson was on Acts 3:1-6 with teaching points: The request of a paralyzed beggar; Peter's response; The lame man rises. Activity: Baking, measuring ingredients for butter and pouring into individual jars. Music: *Let Us Break Bread Together*. Games played.
 - Thursday, June 12, the story/lesson was on Matthew 28:16-20 with teaching points: a risen Lord's command; The Great Commission. Activity: Making butter. Music reviewing both hymns. Games played.
 - We had 16 people involved and 36 in attendance to make this year's VBS program a success!
 - We especially thank the following for coordinating the following activities: Pastor Heidi Punt (Co-Coordinator & Lessons); Karen Barringer (Co-Coordinator & Registrar), Janie Lesley (Food Coordinator); Don & Tara Davis (Food), Gladys Morgan (Food), Pam, Scott, & Addison Queen (Food), Lucinda Fraley, Ellie Wilhelm & Ethan Wilhelm (Games), Robyn Arey (Life Skill - Bread), Jan Huffman (Music), Dawn Merrell (Music), & Mary Hutchens (Music & Lesson).

June Highlights at ULC...continued

- On Sunday, June 15, the 8:00 a.m. worship service in the large fellowship hall was sponsored by the college age (Abbey Deaton, Morgan Deaton, Felisaty Morgan Hunt, Adam Leffew & Addison Queen) celebrating Father's Day.
- Thank you to Lisa Morgan & Ali Davis for decorating the tables for Father's Day!
- Thank you to Ali Davis and the women for providing a delicious Father's Day Breakfast!
- Fathers and father figures were recognized at both the 8:00 a.m. & 10:30 a.m. worship services. John Cauble was recognized as the oldest father and Dylan Lambert was recognized as the father with the youngest child.
- June 15, ULC was honored to have Pastor Donald Safrit officiate the worship service.
- June 15-21, Pastor Heidi Punt was on a Mission Trip to Guatemala.
- Door signs for the office hallway were purchased from Graphic Signs in Rockwell for \$110.24 and installed on Saturday, June 21.
- We welcomed Roy Zimmermann as an active confirmed member by letter of transfer from St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Salisbury, on Sunday, June 22.
- On Sunday, June 29, the congregation commissioned Mary Hutchens ahead of her Mission Trip to Slovakia.
- Thank you to Genevieve Baker for donating three Free Little Library signs given in honor of her family, the congregation, and staff.
- Mission Outreach June & July Project: supplies for school backpacks
- June Benevolence Focus: Lutheran Military Veterans & Families Ministries



A graduation addition, Paul and Lynn Coughenour's granddaughter, Lauren Elizabeth Coughenour graduated from NC State University with a degree in Sports Medicine. At her graduation party on May 3, her boyfriend proposed. She is engaged to be married in the Fall of 2026.

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



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

Our Love and Sympathy is extended to Genevieve Baker and Family on the death of her uncle, Tom Roberts.

Our Love and Sympathy is extended to Ken Davis and Family on the death of his mother, Dorothy "Dot" Lee Baker Davis.

CONGREGATIONAL COUNCIL MINUTES

April 27, 2025

Members present: Ali Davis, Vicki Hunter, Sharon Leazer, Phil Cauble, Kevin Huffman, John Knight, Thad Mulkey, Pete Nguyen, Pastor Heidi Punt

The meeting was called to order by Pete Nguyen. Thad Mulkey led devotions.

Kat Clifton spoke to the council regarding the updates to the church's website. There is no additional charge for the updates, as her work is included in her contract. She will be sending a link to council members to the website so they can review and make suggestions for improvements.

The March 9, 2025, minutes were approved with 2 amendments:

1. The motion to withdraw parsonage fund money from the parsonage account is under the annuity, not general funds
2. The \$100.00 cost in upgrading/updating the website is the hosting fee.

The pastor's report was presented. Upcoming events were reviewed.

Council members were assigned as support persons for the following events: Karen Barringer-Chicken BBQ fundraiser, Phil Cauble-Mother's Day Breakfast, John Knight-Gerald Bame Scholarship, Ali Davis-Father's Day breakfast.

The summer domestic mission trips were discussed. There is concern regarding the lack of volunteers. The possibility of shortening the June trip to a long weekend was discussed, but no decision was made.

VBS is scheduled for June 9-13. The Theme is "Rise Up".

Salem Lutheran will be hosting Day Camp July 20-25. No details were available.

Areas of concern were as follows: Sunday School program participation is declining.

There is concern that music ministry volunteers may be becoming burned out.

Pastor Heidi also announced she has been nominated to serve on the Board of Regents.

A motion was made and seconded to approve the report. Motion carried.

President's Report: no report

Vice President's Report: no report

Committee and Umbrella Reports:

Reports were distributed in advance of the meeting. Thad Mulkey reported under the Human Resources Umbrella that Genevieve Baker's hours are within budget.

Old/Continued Business:

There is no update on the Music Director's position.

Funeral and feeding groups have developed set menus for families to choose from. They will feed up to 30 people. There will be a \$10.00 charge for additional meals

Pastor Heidi reviewed the process for former members wishing to re-join Union Lutheran Church. She acknowledged the extenuating circumstances regarding Bevis Norris and was in agreement with how it was handled.

The meeting adjourned with The Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully Submitted,
Vicki Hunter, Secretary

***Invitation from Salem Lutheran Church
to Union Lutheran Church***

You are invited to attend the 175th Anniversary and Homecoming of Salem Evangelical Lutheran Church.

Feel free to bring your favorite Homecoming dish.

Please RSVP to Susan Sides (susansides@carolina.rr.com), or by phone/text 704.642.7209 by July 17.

We hope to see you and your family on August 17, at 10:00 a.m.

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!

Welcome Bags

Mission & Outreach Team have assembled new **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.

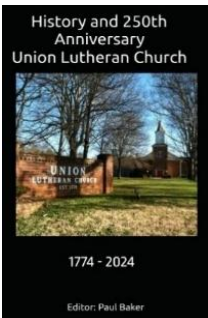
Contact persons for Welcome Bags: Robyn Arey, Judy Boyd, or Cheryl Kluttz



Car Magnet

Suggested cost of \$5 per magnet

Location: Narthex



ULC History Paperbacks are available from Amazon for purchase!

Cost is \$14.99 per book.

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 Judy Boyd or a Mission Outreach member. 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.

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 – Genevieve Baker, 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), Millie Ann Barringer (Larry Barringer’s mother), Ashley Bureson (Lanny and Connie Bureson, former members, daughter), Bobby and Lakey Curlee (Scott Curlee's dad and stepmom), Johnnie Earnhardt (Pete Nguyen’s friend), Rev. Cathy Fanslau (NALC Pastor), Rev. Doug Hefner Family (daughter died in car accident), Todd Hendricks (Genevieve Baker’s brother-in-law), Angie Humes (Janice Goodman’s friend), Mary Hutchens (July Mission Trip to Slovakia), 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

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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

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90 DAYS SPIRITUAL FITNESS CHALLENGE

Tuesdays, August 12-October 28, at 6:30 p.m.

Deadline to sign up is Sunday, August 3.

It is time to start stretching your spiritual muscles, dust off your “hiking shoes” and get ready for our 2025 90 Days Spiritual Fitness Challenge!

In these 90 Days we will walk beside the Apostle Paul, uncover his remarkable life, and his voyages from Jerusalem across the Mediterranean world to Rome, where he was martyred. We will read corresponding New Testament passages every day and meet weekly to share observations, watch teaching and archeological videos, as well see some pictures of our Pastor’s visit to some of these sights! If you’re reading this --- consider yourself challenge.



Day Camp
Volunteer Registration Form
July 6-11, 2025

We need YOUR help to make this event a success – Adult, and Middle and High School VOLUNTEERS. Interested? Talk with your pastor and fill out the Volunteer Registration form, one per person!

Name of Volunteer

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

To guarantee T-shirt sizing, please submit by 6/22/25! (Pastors will submit by 6/23.)

Mailing Address Line 1

Mailing Address Line 2

Phone Number

Email Address

Home Congregation

Areas to Volunteer (please mark):

_____ Registration/Check In

_____ Opening _____ Music

_____ Crafts _____ Snacks

_____ Games _____ Closing

_____ Registration Pick Up

Please return this form to your pastor or mail to:
Day Camp - Organ Lutheran Church
1515 Organ Church Road
Salisbury, NC 28146

You can also register online at:
https://vbspro.events/p_early/3b7c16

Day Camp

5 year olds-5th Graders



God left the 99 for ME!
(based on Luke 15:4)

Sunday, July 6 – Friday, July 11, 2025

Sponsored by:
Organ and Union Lutheran Church,
with help from Faith and Salem

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



Day Camp
5 year olds-5th Graders



You are invited to invest in the faith life of your family at Day Camp **July 6-11, 2025** at Organ Lutheran Church! We believe growing in faith and devoting our lives to Jesus Christ is a top priority, and would love for you and/or your youth to join us! Organ and Union Lutheran Church are providing the event, with help from Faith and Salem.

Orientation begins on **Sunday, July 6**, at **4:30 p.m.** with campers and parents meeting the volunteers and pastors, enjoy a meal together, and learn about the upcoming week.

Day Camp is **8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.** Monday, July 6 - Friday, July 11.

Friday, July 11, at **12 noon** a closing program will be held for family and friends as well as enjoying lunch.

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

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

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

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

Day Camp
Registration Form
July 6-11, 2025

Name of Camper

Grade Completed June 2025

Age

Male or Female

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

To guarantee T-shirt sizing, please submit by 6/22/25! (Pastors will submit by 6/23.)

Mailing Address Line 1

Mailing Address Line 2

Parent Name

Parent Name

Phone Number

Email Address

Home Congregation

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

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

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DAY CAMP 2025

HOSTED BY ORGAN & UNION LUTHERAN CHURCH WITH
HELP FROM FAITH AND SALEM LUTHERAN CHURCH

SUPPORTING OUR MISSION

Heifer International supports smallholder farms to sustainably address hunger and poverty in their communities while caring for the earth. They apply a food system approach to helping farmers earn more income and to generate economic opportunity for rural women, youth and Indigenous populations.



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NUMBER OF COUNTRIES HEIFER
INTERNATIONAL OPERATES IN

9.4
MILLION

NUMBER OF PEOPLE TRAINED BY
HEIFER SINCE 2012

52.6
MILLION

NUMBER OF HOUSEHOLDS ASSISTED SINCE 1944.



WHAT DOES A SHEEP PROVIDE?

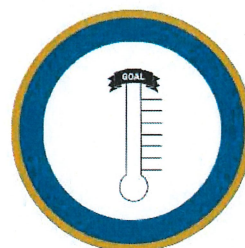
The wool sheep provide is a valuable resource, providing warm clothing for families and children living in harsh environments. Sheep can also provide milk for hungry families.



HOW MUCH DOES IT COST AND HOW CAN I HELP?

\$120 will send one sheep to a family in need around the world to places like the US, Haiti, Ethiopia, Kenya, India and many more countries. **Donations towards the mission can be mailed to Organ Lutheran Church**
1515 Organ Church Road, Salisbury
28146 with the word "sheep" in the

memo



OUR DAY CAMP GOAL

Our goal is to help send at least 2 sheep to families in need. Any donation is greatly appreciated and helps supply a family with the means to live a healthier life.



Want to Learn more? Visit <https://www.heifer.org/about-us/index.html>

July Birthdays

Friday, July 4	Tonya Sheperd-Darling
Saturday, July 5	Sylvia McDaniel
Thursday, July 10	Sandra Brigman Sonya Leazer
Friday, July 18	Larry Fesperman Shellie Eagle Stubbs
Saturday, July 19	Aaron Plyler
Sunday, July 20	Patricia Kluttz Peeler
Monday, July 21	Tim Eagle
Tuesday, July 22	Tim Parks Angie Poole
Thursday, July 24	Mallory Eagle
Friday, July 25	Thomas Heintz Sharon Miller
Sunday, July 27	Brenda Cauble Linda Cauble Scott Curlee Rindy Watkins
Tuesday, July 29	Lynn Coughenour
Thursday, July 31	Joan Kerns Jay Rusher



July Anniversaries

Wednesday, July 2	Aaron Butler & Linda Kesler
Saturday, July 12	Mark & Vicki Hunter
Wednesday, July 30	John & Katrina Peeler Koons

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

