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2025 August Messenger

Volume 8

Pastor's Reflections from our July Mission Trip!

This past July we commissioned another group to be God's hand, heart and feet in Swannanoa, Western North Carolina. All together there were 25 of us (16 from Union, 5 from Salem, 1 from Holy Trinity, Troutman and 3 from St Paul, Pomaria).

As in June, we were blessed to stay at the Presbyterian-Reformed Ministries International Retreat Centre in Black Mountain. A beautifully secluded house in the woods, overlooking the river.

We were divided into three teams, each tasked with very unique projects.

Mr. Bobby's house was still full of water and needed drying out and a sump pump installed. The team also went over and beyond by laying flooring in part of his house and installing kitchen cabinets. Appliances were gifted to him so he could have a fresh start in his home.

Mr. Lee's house needed a hot water heater installed and some finishing work done. We were able to complete the house and have it ready to be moved in (pending inspection).

Ms. Marsha's house had not been touched since the hurricane last year. We helped her sort through her belongings, work on the walls, rip out carpet and lay flooring in the main living area. She also was gifted with some appliances.

The days were long and brutally hot, yet it did not deter the team from fulfilling the call God placed on their hearts this week. Because of your financial support and prayers, lives were changed. I want to say the residents were changed as much as we were because of the relationships that were formed. It was more than just doing a job, it truly was a mission from God.

Cathy Painter wrote: "I am forever blessed and would go again to serve tomorrow. Until then I declare to make every day of my life a work to serve, help, encourage and pray for someone who needs it. I miss everyone of those precious faces of those I humbly served. This is an amazing gift...loved shared. I get it! Love God, love your neighbor!"



Suzanne Shealy shared: “I have enjoyed the mission work so much! It filled my heart with such joy and it’s the best vacation time I’ve ever had!! The young adults on these trips are so amazing at how eager and quickly they learn. They do an incredible job! The homeowners are so appreciative of our time and work. They see how God is truly taking care of them and the team!! God’s work in mission!!”

Some wondered if they really made a difference because the task they may have been given was less physical and more emotional as they helped homeowners navigate through the trauma of what happened and the way their lives were impacted. But God made all things new and used each one of us in very unique and particular ways.

Ken Jones wrote: “Mission trips to me have been by far the closest I’ve been able to get to Jesus. From seeing him in our work, seeing him in the people we helped to most definitely seeing him in the extended family we are making on every trip. I am truly blessed to be part of every trip I have attended.”

Ultimately that is what resonates most in my heart, when we work together as one in the Lord, a family is created. It does not matter how old or young you are. It does not matter where you come from or what your background might be, in God we are one.

Our biblical focus for the week was on the book of Ruth in the Bible. Every evening, we gathered in prayer, sharing where we saw Jesus and then lingered over one chapter at a time. We discovered a story filled with redemption, loyalty, and God’s faithfulness, especially in the face of loss and hardship. Kindness, love, and faith shines through every part of the book, illustrating how God can work through ordinary people to bring about extraordinary outcomes.

May all I have shared become part of your lives too as you read through this article. What joy it is when we all echo what Ruth said to Naomi, “Your people shall be my people, and your God my God” (Ruth 1:16).

Heather



The August Messenger & Handouts will be printed on Friday, August 1, and be available for pick up on Sunday, August 3.

Sunday, August 3

The loose offering will go towards the Mission Outreach Fund.

The monthly benevolence focus is SMI Haiti.

Each Sunday, a noisy offering will be collected to go towards SMI Haiti.

The **Altar Flowers Arrangement** by the baptismal font is given to the glory of God in loving memory of our father, Robert Cecil Cauble, Sr., by Debbie, Phil, and Milas.

The **Flower Arrangement** on the piano are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Wayne Vellines by his family.

Deadline to sign up for 90 Days!

9:30 a.m. Children & Youth Sunday School

The Garden of Eden ~ Genesis 1:26-29;
2:4-15; 1 Corinthians 15:38-49

God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him; male and female he created them. And God blessed them. (Genesis 1:27-28a)

9:30 a.m. Adult Sunday School

Rabbit Hole Adult Sunday School Class
The Garden of Eden ~ Genesis 1:26-29;
2:4-15; 1 Corinthians 15:38-49

Drew Wise Adult Sunday School Class
Christians as God's Temple

1 Corinthians 3:1-23; 2 Corinthians 6:14-18

10:30 a.m. Worship & Holy Communion

Ecclesiastes 2:18-26; Psalm 100;
Colossians 2:6-19; Luke 11:1-13

Colossians Sermon Series:

Make Over with Jesus

4:00 p.m. Little Lutherans
(5th grade and younger)



LUTHERAN WEEK 2025
PITTSBURGH, PENNSYLVANIA

NALC Convocation

Monday, August 4-Friday, August 8

Pittsburgh, PA

Theme: *Running with Endurance: Fixing Our Eyes on Jesus*

Union's Delegates: Pastor Heidi Punt, Jan Huffman, and Nikki Nguyen

I have told you this
so that my joy may be in you
and that your joy may be complete.

John 15:11



Mid-Week Meal Chefs

Wednesday, August 3, at 6:00 p.m.

Location: Kitchen

Bring your apron!!

Fun, fellowship, and encouragement as the group prepares and cooks a meal!



90 Days Spiritual Fitness

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 challenged!



Tuesdays at
6:30 p.m.



August 12-
October 28



All can
participate!

\$25

Suggested donation

GET STARTED

Sign up today by
contacting the church
office!

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SCAN ME



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.

Choir Rehearsal for Homecoming

Saturday, August 9
11:00 a.m. Belles & Beaus

All women are invited to the Mary & Martha Circle on Tuesday, August 12, at 2:00 p.m. in Conference #1. You won't want to miss Deena Lanning's program with delicious refreshments provided by Vivian Sprinkle and Patsy Lyerly!



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

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Deadline to sign up is Sunday, August 3.



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! We are excited to have the ASU Brass Quartet and Guest Pastor, Rob Crawford, celebrating with us!

The ASU Brass Quartet and Organ will begin worship with the prelude at **10:20 a.m.!**

Please be seated for the Postlude played by the ASU Brass Quartet and Organ.

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!

Sunday, August 10

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

The monthly benevolence focus is SMI Haiti.

Each Sunday, a noisy offering will be collected to go towards SMI Haiti.

The **Altar Flowers** are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Mrs. Elaine Honbarrier who for so many years faithfully shared her musical talents with the congregation of Union.

Everyone is invited to celebrate Union's 251st anniversary today!!

9:20 a.m. Belles & Beaus and Chancel Choir in Sanctuary

9:30 a.m. Children & Youth 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)

9:30 a.m. Adult Sunday School

Rabbit Hole Adult Sunday School Class
Adam & Eve's Temptation

Genesis 3:1-21; Romans 5:15-17

Drew Wise Adult Sunday School Class
Our Bodies Belong to God

Psalms 139:13-24; Romans 12:1-21; 1
Corinthians 6:12-20

The ASU Brass Quartet and organ will begin worship with the prelude at **10:20 a.m.!**

10:30 a.m. Worship & Holy Communion
Genesis 15:1-6; Psalms 33:12-22; Hebrews
11:1-6; Luke 12:22-34
Guest Pastor, Rob Crawford

Hebrews Sermon Series: *Faith part 1*

Please be seated for the Postlude played by the ASU Brass Quartet and Organ.

12 noon Covered Dish Lunch
(Dutch Meeting Hall)

We are excited to welcome Appalachian State University (ASU) Brass Quartet members Brent Bingham and Willson Hooks (Trumpet) and Dr. Joseph Brown and Aidan Treier (Trombone) to worship with us on Homecoming!

Union Lutheran Church will sponsor the Chapel Time at Autumn Care on Wednesday, August 13, at 2:00 p.m. All are invited to join the residents in Word & Sacrament!

Chancel Choir will rehearse on **Wednesdays, August 13 & 20, at 6:30 p.m.** in the **Sanctuary.**

GOOD TIMERS



The Good Timers will meet briefly at the church on Thursday, August 14, at 10:00 a.m. and travel to Dan Nicholas Park for the program.

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

Contact Persons: Deena Lanning and Doris Shepherd

Mission Outreach Umbrella will meet **Thursday, August 14, at 5:30 p.m.** for a regularly scheduled meeting in Conference #1.

Sunday, August 17

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

The monthly benevolence focus is SMI Haiti.

Each Sunday, a noisy offering will be collected to go towards SMI Haiti.

Sharon Leazer has reserved the Altar Flowers by the baptismal font for Sunday, August 17.

9:30 a.m. Children & Youth Sunday School
Cain & Abel

Genesis 4:1-16; James 4:1-10

The LORD had regard for Abel and his offering, but for Cain and his offering he had no regard. So Cain was very angry, and his face fell. (Genesis 4:4b-5)

9:30 a.m. Adult Sunday School

Rabbit Hole Adult Sunday School Class
Cain & Abel

Genesis 4:1-16; James 4:1-10

Drew Wise Adult Sunday School Class
The Two Made One

Romans 9:14-24; Ephesians 2:11-22

10:30 a.m. Worship & Holy Communion

Jeremiah 23:16-29; Psalm 119:81-88;

Hebrews 11:17-31; Luke 12:49-56

Hebrews Sermon Series: *Faith part 2*

12 noon Ribelin Family Reunion
(Old Pine Center)

2:00 p.m. Church Council



Stuff the Truck for Disaster Relief

Saturday, August 23, 2025

Salem Lutheran Church

10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.

All are invited to volunteer at Salem Lutheran Church on Saturday, August 23, beginning at 10:00 a.m. to prepare NALC Disaster Relief Cleaning Buckets. Lunch will be provided.

Salem is accepting disaster relief donations.

Contact Ken Jones or Gail McBroom for more information.

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!



Sunday, August 24

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

The monthly benevolence focus is SMI Haiti.

Each Sunday, a noisy offering will be collected to go towards SMI Haiti.

The **Altar Flowers** by the baptismal font are open for reservations on August 24.

Deadline for newsletter articles.

9:30 a.m. Children & Youth 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)

9:30 a.m. Adult Sunday School

Rabbit Hole Adult Sunday School Class
The Tower of Babel ~ Genesis 11:1-9;
Isaiah 14:12-21

Drew Wise Adult Sunday School Class
Sacrifices of Praise
Psalm 146; Hebrews 13:1-21

10:30 a.m. Worship & Holy Communion

Isaiah 66:18-23; Psalm 50:1-15;
Hebrews 12:4-9; Luke 13:22-30
Hebrews Sermon Series:
Jesus the Coach & Trainer

2:00 p.m. Emergency Response Team

6:30 p.m. The Bridge



The Bridge is a time of praise and scripture, a Christian jam session! Bring your guitar or other instruments and “jam” for our Lord!

The September Messenger & Handouts will be printed on Friday, August 29, and be available Sunday, August 31.

Sunday, August 31

The loose offering will go towards the Mid-Week Meal Chefs.

The monthly benevolence focus is SMI Haiti.

Each Sunday, a noisy offering will be collected to go towards SMI Haiti.

The **Altar Flowers** by the baptismal font are open for reservations on August 31.

Thank you to the Good Timers for leading Sunday, August 31, service!

9:30 a.m. Children & Youth Sunday School

A Promised Child ~ Genesis 18:1-15;
Galatians 3:7-9, 16-22 *The Lord said, “I will surely return to you about this time next year, and Sarah your wife shall have a son.”* (Genesis 18:10)

9:30 a.m. Adult Sunday School

Rabbit Hole Adult Sunday School Class
A Promised Child
Genesis 18:1-15; Galatians 3:7-9, 16-22

Drew Wise Adult Sunday School Class
Living Stones in a Spiritual Temple
Galatians 3:23-29; 1 Peter 2:1-17

10:30 a.m. Worship & Holy Communion

Proverbs 25:2-10; Psalm 131; Hebrews 13:1-17; Luke 14:1-14

Those Serving in August

Acolytes and Lay Readers: Robyn Arey and Vicki Hunter

Altar Guild: Robyn Arey and Mary Hutchens

Communion Assistants: Robyn Arey, Vicki Hunter, and Mary Hutchens

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

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

Live Streaming: Pete Nguyen

Offering Counters: Patsy Lyerly, Sonya Mulkey, and Vivian Sprinkle

New Sunday School Bible Adventure!

It seems like it was yesterday when you could hear the last school bell ring letting you know that summer had officially begun. You trade in your backpacks full of books for suitcases full of swimsuits and sunglasses. The sun's been out and the weather has been hot. VBS and summer vacations have come and gone.

We've reached the time of year where it will start getting darker earlier, the leaves will start changing colors and the heat will turn into cool, crisp air. And all this can only mean one thing: school is back in session. Many of our young people will soon be back in classes, while some will start in the coming weeks.

This is a new year. A time to start fresh and start over. Come join us for this year's Sunday School Bible Adventure! Every Sunday at **9:30 a.m.** we will learn, grow,

explore God's Word, and fellowship! There's a class for everyone!



Toddler – 1st Grade (Lisa Morgan and Jill Miller)

2nd – 5th Grades (Judy Boyd, Susan Knight, and Amanda Cauble)

6th – 8th Grades (Brad Huffman and Ellie Wilhelm)

9th – 12th Grades (Janie Lesley and Lucinda Fraley)

Rabbit Hole Adult Sunday School Class (Vicki Hunter, Debbie Cauble-McPherson, Pete Nguyen, Cathy Kluttz Painther, Pastor Heidi Punt)

Drew Wise Adult Sunday School (Elbert Kluttz, Deena Lanning, Frank Merrell, and Dwight Miller)

Co-Directors (Sonya Mulkey and Jan Huffman)



July Benevolence Focus

SMI Haiti

Men anpil chay pa lou is a common saying in Haiti. In English it reads “with many hands the load is light.”

We need your help to lighten the load.

Our partnership with Trinity Hope has allowed us to purchase food in bulk and enabled us to feed the students at Guitton school every school day and the students at Kamitan 3 days a week during this school year. The time has arrived for us to pay the balance of our account to Trinity Hope, and we need your help to meet this obligation. The amount remaining is approximately \$15,000. That sounds like a lot until you realize that we serve approximately 10,000 meals a month and we also have been providing each school with money weekly to purchase fuel, vegetables, and spices to prepare the meals.

Please prayerfully consider what you can do to help meet this immediate need.

You can click online to donate using an e check or credit/debit card. You can also mail a check to SMI Haiti, 1520 Heron Ridge Blvd, Greenwood, IN. 46143

When this obligation is met, we will make arrangements to feed the children as many days as possible during the summer. During the school break we will have to purchase all of the food at the local market. Any donations not used to meet the current bill will be help feed the children this summer.

To give you an approximate idea of what your donation can do:

\$110 provides a meal for the students at Kamitan

\$160 provides a meal for the students at Guitton

\$270 provides a meal for all of the students

\$1115 provides meals for all of the students for a week

\$4830 provides meals for all of the students for a month.

As we join our hands together the load will not be heavy.

Trinity Hope visits the schools to insure that the food is being distributed properly and they provided the pictures.



"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 giving back to God what is His in the first placer.

Avenues of Giving:

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

Attendance Update

June Sunday School

1	40	
8	30	
15	50	Father's Day
22	34	
29	<u>38</u>	
Total	192	
Average	38	

July Sunday School

6	28
13	30
20	31
27	<u>35</u>
Total	124
Average	31

June Worship

1	101	
8	99	
15	40	Father's Day
15	122	Father's Day
22	83	
29	<u>115</u>	
Total	560	
Average	112	

July Worship

6	98
13	106
20	83
27	<u>108</u>
Total	395
Average	99



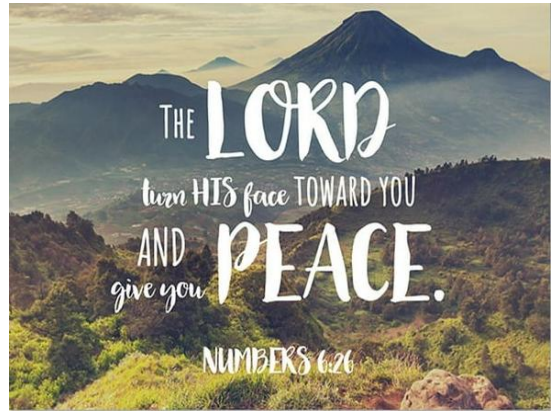
Honorariums and Memorials Gifts Given to the Glory of God during July

A gift was received for the Cemetery Fund in memory of Kent Goodman by:
Ruth Goodman

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

Gifts were received for the General Fund, Benevolence Fund, Cemetery Fund, and Gerald Bame Memorial Scholarship Fund in memory of James M. "Red" Swicegood, Sr., and Dorothy "Dot" Potts Swicegood by:
James "Macky" Swicegood

Gifts were received for the General Fund in memory of Wayne Vellines by:
Jennifer and Scott Curlee
Greta N. Sikes
Susan and Tommie Waller



Our Love and Sympathy is extended to Scott Curlee and Family on the death of his stepmom, Lakey Curlee.

Our Love and Sympathy is extended to Pam Vellines and Family on the death of Wayne Vellines, on July 23.

Dear Union Lutheran Church,

I want to thank everyone who supported my trip to Slovakia in July. It seems each year brings more and more blessings to all involved. This year was definitely no exception. Whether you supported monetarily or with your prayers, please know you were a special part of this opportunity.

Mary Hutchens



Thoughts from a Sunday School Teacher

July 28, 2025

Yesterday four children were promoted from the Joy Class to a new classroom and will have new teachers. The children are going into the 6th grade! Not only are they moving up in Sunday School – they are moving to new schools and no longer considered being in Elementary school.

Jesse Morgan, Marley Klutz, Corbin Kesler, and Dalton Thompson all of you have been a part of the Joy Sunday School Class for four years. Ms. Lisa, Ms. Susan, and I have prayed for each of you, planted seeds of spiritual growth and we love each of you. As teachers we pray you will continue to grow through using your Bible, praying in faith, and learning the 10 Commandments. Always remember: “Jesus” first to share to “Others” next and take care of “Yourself.”

A big thank you to the adults that have seen to it that the children have come to Sunday School! For anyone that has a child just know-Sunday School is the foundation that young faith is built on. Seeds are planted, wisdom grows, faith is rooted and God’s love is shared!

Please read and take to heart Proverbs: 22:6. “Train up a child in the way he should go, even when he is old he will not depart from it.”

I am blessed to be a Sunday School Teacher!

Ms. Judy

Ephesians 6:4 “Don’t provoke your children to wrath, but nurture them in the discipline of the Lord.”

July ULC Highlights



- 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 July, Becky Lippard, Brenda McCombs, and Dawn Merrell provided the music.
- July 3-21, 2025, Mary Hutchens was God's hands and feet to the people of Slovakia.
- Union Lutheran Church sponsored a brief Patriotic Celebration following the worship service on Sunday, July 6.
- Thank you to Organ Lutheran Church, Salem Lutheran Church, and Faith Lutheran Church for sponsoring with Union Lutheran Church a Day Camp for 5 year olds-rising 5th graders from Sunday, July 6-Friday, July 11. This year's theme: *"See Ewe at Day Camp. Have a Wild and Wooly Time!"*
- Union Lutheran Church, Salisbury, voted on Sunday, July 13, 2025 at a legally called and held congregational meeting to ratify the proposed amendment to Carolinas Mission Region (CMR) Article 7.02. **42** voted to ratify and **0** voted not to ratify.
- Union Lutheran Church, Salisbury, voted on Sunday, July 13, 2025 at a legally called meeting to vote on the first of two votes on the proposed amendments to ULC's Constitution & By-Laws. **42** voted to approve and **0** voted not to approve.
- For the July 14-19 Mission Trip to Western NC we had the following Team Members from four CMR Lutheran congregations participate: Judy Boyd (Union, Salisbury, NC), Amanda Cauble (Union, Salisbury, NC), Raymond Czenszak (Holy Trinity, Troutman, NC), Lucinda Fraley (Union, Salisbury, NC), Darryl Hentz (St. Paul's, Pomaria, SC), Brad Huffman (Union, Salisbury, NC), Vicki Hunter (Union, Salisbury, NC), Kenny Jones (Salem, Salisbury, NC), Jesse Morgan, Jr. (Union, Salisbury, NC), Natalie Morgan (Salem, Salisbury, NC), Landon Morgan (Salem, Salisbury, NC), Madeline Morgan (Salem, Salisbury, NC), Lydia Morgan (Salem, Salisbury), Cathy Kluttz Painter (Union, Salisbury), Pastor Heidi Punt (Union, Salisbury, NC), Danny Ricard (St. Paul's, Pomaria, SC), Suzanne Shealy Ricard (St. Paul's, Pomaria, SC), Adam Thompson (Union, Salisbury, NC), Noah Trexler (Union, Salisbury, NC), Janie Vellines (Union, Salisbury, NC), Luke Whitley (Union, Salisbury, NC), Bailey Wilhelm (Union, Salisbury, NC), Ellie Wilhelm (Union, Salisbury, NC), Ethan Wilhelm (Union, Salisbury, NC), and Lucas Wilhelm (Union, Salisbury, NC). Thank you for serving as God's hands and feet!
- On Sunday, July 20, 2025 Debbie Rinehart requested to be released from her remaining term on the Church Council due to health concerns. The Church Council accepted her request and asked Ethan Wilhelm to serve the remaining 6-month term.
- 11 Members visited Mt. Airy (Mayberry, NC) on Thursday, July 24, for a day trip.
- The congregation released Debbie Rinehart from serving her remaining term on the Church Council on Sunday, July 27, 2025.

July ULC Highlights...*continued*

- Ethan Wilhelm was installed to serve the remaining 6-months term open on the Church Council on Sunday, July 27, 2025.
- Sunday, July 27, at the beginning of the worship service, the 2025-2026 Sunday School Team were installed: Judy Boyd, Amanda Cauble, Debbie Cauble-McPherson, Lucinda Fraley, Brad Huffman, Jan Huffman (Co-Director), Vicki Hunter, Elbert Kluttz, Susan Knight, Deena Lanning, Janie Lesley, Frank Merrell, Dwight Miller, Jill Miller, Lisa Morgan, Sonya Mulkey (Co-Director), Pete Nguyen, Cathy Kluttz Painther, Pastor Heidi Punt, and Ellie Wilhelm.
- Union Lutheran Church, Salisbury, would like to acknowledge the receipt of Patrick and Sharon Miller, Mid Carolina Construction Services LLC, generous donation to providing and delivering playground mulch and pine chips for a total of **\$1,700.00**. Because of this donation, the church's playground is safe for all to use!
- Mission Outreach June & July Project: supplies for school backpacks
- July Benevolence Focus: NALC Disaster

Mission Response (Thoughts from Judy Boyd, led by God)

⁵Our God is a God who strengthens and encourages you. May he give you the same attitude toward one another that Christ Jesus had. (Romans 15:5 NIV)

As a Church Family you have given to children you do not know! School Supplies will be donated to children in the community who have a need!

A big Thank You to all that donated items! As you say your prayers-remember the children that will be blessed by the school supplies!

God Bless Each of You!



Worship & Music Committee

Thursday, June 26, 2025, at 6:00 pm

Minutes

- I Pastor Heidi opened meeting with prayer
- II Approval of Minutes
March 13, 2025
Minutes approved
- III Treasury Report
Current Balances as of April
- | | |
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| Organ Fund | \$12,599.00 |
| Worship & Music | \$5823.02 |
| Substitute Organist & Volunteer Musician | \$9854.10 |
- IV Completed Business
Choir Robes sold
Lenten Season
Easter Season
Mother's Day
Ascension Day Services at Dunn's Mountain
Father's Day
Pastor Heidi informed more info regarding Eternal Flame and may use for special occasions.
Acolytes would light their candlesticks from Eternal Flame to light altar candles
Liturgy Setting remains the same for summer and fall(Pentecost Season)
All organists and musicians are scheduled thru Dec. 7, 2025
Jan Huffman will continue working with Youth & Young Adult Music group starting back in fall 2025. Summer break currently.
- V Continuing Business
Revisit Funeral/Wedding Guidelines in September 2025
- VI New Business
Motion made to send recommendation to Budget Committee to create organ repair fund for Ministry Plan 2026
Youth Sunday June 29, 2025
Homecoming Pastor discussed at meeting with multiple suggestions. Pastor Heidi contacted Rob Crawford during meeting and he agreed to serve as Pastor for Homecoming 2025
Organist/music director job posting discussed and committee agreed that all job postings should be removed from platforms for the summer and work on revising posting for fall.
All paraments are being relocated to the cabinet in narthex at request of Altar Guild members. As paraments are changed, they will be brought from upstairs cabinet and placed in narthex cabinet for ease of parament changing.
- VII Next meeting scheduled for Thursday, September 18, 2025

CALLED CONGREGATIONAL MEETING MINUTES

July 13, 2025

The meeting was called to order by Pete Nguyen, Vice President. He opened the meeting with a brief scripture reading and prayer.

There were 2 items of business on the agenda. Each required a simple majority vote. There were 42 voting members present.

A motion was made and seconded to approve the proposed amendment to the Carolinas Mission Region Constitution article 7.02. After having no discussion brought up, ballots were distributed to voting members and collected. The votes will be counted, and results announced by the church office.

A motion was made and seconded to approve amendments to the Union Lutheran Church constitution. This was brought to the floor by recommendation of the church council. This is the first of two required votes. Frank Merrell gave a brief overview of the changes which had been made available to members in advance. After there being no discussion brought up, ballots were distributed to voting members and collected.

The results will be announced by the church office.

Having no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,
Vicki Hunter, Secretary

CALLED CONGREGATIONAL MEETING RESULTS SUMMARY

Sunday, July 13, 2025

42 members present with 1 guest

Union Lutheran Church, Salisbury, voted on Sunday, July 13, 2025 at a legally called and held congregational meeting to ratify the proposed amendment to Carolinas Mission Region (CMR) Article 7.02. **42** voted to ratify and **0** voted not to ratify.

Union Lutheran Church, Salisbury, voted on Sunday, July 13, 2025 at a legally called meeting to vote on the first of two votes on the proposed amendments to ULC's Constitution & By-Laws. **42** voted to approve and **0** voted not to approve.

Notification to the Church Council on Sunday, July 20:

Due to continued health issues, I find myself unable to continue as part of the church council. Consider this my resignation from the council. It has been my privilege to be a part of this group.

God bless you all! Deborah T Rinehart

The congregation released Debbie Rinehart from serving her remaining term on the Church Council on Sunday, July 27, 2025.

Ethan Wilhelm was installed to serve the remaining 6-months term open on the Church Council on Sunday, July 27, 2025.



Wayne Whitley Vellines, 78, of Salisbury, passed away Wednesday, July 23, 2025 at Novant Health Presbyterian Medical Center in Charlotte, NC.

He was born on June 4, 1947, in Salisbury, North Carolina, to the late James Whitley Vellines and Effie Klutz Vellines. A proud graduate of East Rowan High School, Class of 1965, he went on to earn a Bachelor's Degree in Business Administration from Catawba College in 1969. Mr. Vellines retired from the State of North Carolina after more than 40 years of dedicated service, including over 30 years in a full-time capacity and 14 part-time. A cancer survivor, he lived life with gratitude and joy, treasuring time spent with his family-especially his grandsons, who were the light of his life. A lifelong member of Union Lutheran Church, he

faithfully served as an usher, Sunday school teacher, and on the church council. His quiet strength, steadfast faith, and devotion to family and community will be deeply missed.

Mr. Vellines enjoyed watching NASCAR, cheering on Legion and Braves baseball, and meeting friends for breakfast. A beach lover at heart, he found peace camping by the shore and riding his golf cart along the coast.

Wayne is survived by his wife, Pamela Morgan Vellines , whom he married, June 2 1990; daughter, Janice Vellines (Tommy) Goodman of Salisbury; two grandchildren, Justin (Gracie) Goodman and Tyler (Jade) Goodman; sister, Lana (Eric) Brown of Mooresville; brother, Ronald (Janie) Vellines of Salisbury; nieces and nephews; and his faithful companion, his fur baby, Andy.

The family will greet friends and relatives on Monday, July 28, 2025, 10:00 am - 10:45 am at Union Lutheran Church Fellowship Hall, Salisbury, NC.

The funeral service will be held at 11:00 am on Monday, July 28, 2025, in the Union Lutheran Church, with Rev. Heidi Punt, officiating.

Burial will follow in the Union Lutheran Church Cemetery.

The family would like to extend their deepest gratitude to two exceptional nurses at Novant Health Presbyterian Neuro ICCU, Bobby Mitchell and Nathaniel McLean, for their outstanding care and compassion. Special thanks are also extended to the Hospice Unit at Presbyterian for their support and kindness during a difficult time.

Memorials may be made to American Diabetes Association, P.O. Box 7023, Merrifield, VA 22116, Faithful Friends, 220 Grace Church Rd, Salisbury, NC 28147 or Union Lutheran Church, 4770 Bringle Ferry Rd, Salisbury, NC 28146.

Powles Staton Funeral Home of Rockwell is assisting the Vellines family. Online condolences may be made at www.powlesfuneralhome.com.

To send flowers to the family or plant a tree in memory of Wayne, please visit our floral store.

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PLEASE REMEMBER IN PRAYER...

Nursing Homes – Brenda Mahaley (Autumn Care Room 815), Harold Miller (Autumn Care), 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, & Pam Vellines

Continual Prayer – Bill Barringer (Larry Barringer’s brother), Millie Ann Barringer (Larry Barringer’s mother), Ashley Burleson (Lanny and Connie Burleson, former members, daughter), Bobby Curlee (Scott Curlee's dad), Johnnie Earnhardt (Pete Nguyen’s friend), Rev. Cathy Fanslau (NALC Pastor), Rev. Doug Hefner Family (daughter died in car accident), Angie Humes (Janice Goodman’s friend), Tommy Lamb (Pam Vellines’ uncle), Dr. Sean Malone (Pam Vellines’ friend), Jeff Matthews (cancer patient), Alex and Nadia Punt McCoy, (Pr. Heidi Punt’s daughter and son-in-law), Adam Osborne (Vicki Hunter’s co-worker), Cindy Terzi (Vivian Sprinkle’s daughter), 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, Marty Kaufmann (member of Pastor Heidi’s previous flock), 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)
Ethan Wilhelm (6-month term)

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, Vicki Hunter, Steve Hutchens, 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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UPCOMING SEPTEMBER EVENTS

Christmas Program Practices
September Sundays at 3:00 p.m.

Catechism Interest Meeting
Wednesday, September 10, 6:30 pm.

Catechism
September Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m.

The Bridge
Sunday, September 28 at 6:30 p.m.

September Project: Food Drive for Organ Lutheran Church's Pantry

September Benevolence: Food for the Poor

August Birthdays

Friday, August 1

Mary Bost
Owen Miller
June Pryor
Doris Shepherd

Saturday, August 2

Pamela Queen

Tuesday, August 5

Tanner Heintz
James "Macky" Swicegood, Jr.

Thursday, August 7

Dusty Morgan, Sr.

Monday, August 11

Richard Lyons

Tuesday, August 12

Vicki Hunter

Saturday, August 16

Melissa Arey
Matt Miller

Sunday, August 17

Ruby Leazer

Monday, August 18

Drew Harrington

Wednesday, August 20

Malynda Peeler

Friday, August 22

Jean Ray

Saturday, August 23

Patrick Miller

Sunday, August 24

Mary Hutchens

Monday, August 25

Rozalyn Walton

Wednesday, August 27

Lucas Wilhelm

August Anniversaries

Sunday, August 3

Mike and Brenda Cauble

Saturday, August 16

Frank and Dawn Merrell

Sunday, August 24

Greg and Angie Poole

Thursday, August 28

Steve and Ervina Walton



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

August Calendar – dates/times subject to change

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
Revised as of 7-31-2025 Project: noisy offering each Sunday for SMI Haiti August Benevolence Focus: SMI Haiti August/September: The Personnel Support Team will meet with employees to review contract and salary. Gerald Bame Scholarship Recipients will be recognized in the Fall.					1 <i>August Messenger is printed</i>	2
3 9:30 a.m. Children & Youth Sunday School 9:30 a.m. Adult Sunday School 10:30 a.m. Worship & Holy Communion 4:00 p.m. Little Lutherans <i>90 Days sign up</i>	4 NALC Convocation <i>(Pittsburgh, PA)</i>	5 NALC Convocation <i>(Pittsburgh, PA)</i>	6 NALC Convocation <i>(Pittsburgh, PA)</i> 6:00 p.m.-7:30 p.m. Mid-Week Meal Chefs	7 NALC Convocation <i>(Pittsburgh, PA)</i>	8 NALC Convocation <i>(Pittsburgh, PA)</i>	9 9:00 a.m. Church Work Day 11:00 a.m. Belles & Beaus
10 251 st Homecoming 9:20 a.m. Choirs <i>(Sanctuary)</i> 9:30 a.m. Children & Youth Sunday School 9:30 a.m. Adult Sunday School 10:20 a.m. Prelude by Brass Quartet & Organ 10:30 a.m. Worship & Holy Communion 12 noon Covered Dish Lunch <i>(Dutch Meeting Hall)</i>	11	12 2:00 p.m. Mary & Martha Circle 6:30 p.m. 90 Days	13 2:00 p.m. Autumn Care Chapel Time 6:30 p.m. Chancel Choir	14 10:00 a.m. Good Timers <i>(Old Pine Center)</i> 5:30 p.m. Mission Outreach	15	16
17 9:30 a.m. Children & Youth Sunday School 9:30 a.m. Adult Sunday School 10:30 a.m. Worship & Holy Communion 12 noon Ribelin Reunion <i>(Old Pine Center)</i> 2:00 p.m. Church Council	18	19 6:30 p.m. 90 Days	20 6:30 p.m. Chancel Choir	21	22	23
24 9:30 a.m. Children & Youth Sunday School 9:30 a.m. Adult Sunday School 10:30 a.m. Worship & Holy Communion 2:00 p.m. Emergency Response Team 6:30 p.m. The Bridge <i>Deadline for September articles</i>	25	26 6:30 p.m. 90 Days	27	28	29 <i>September Messenger is printed</i>	30
31 9:30 a.m. Children & Youth Sunday School 9:30 a.m. Adult Sunday School 10:30 a.m. Worship & Holy Communion <i>led by Good Timers</i>						