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2026 June Messenger

Volume 6



Monthly Musing

Stop and Smell the Roses: Finding God's Peace in a Busy World

Our calendars are full. Our phones buzz constantly. We rush from commitments to chores, often measuring the value of our days by how much we accomplish. In the middle of this chaos, it is easy to lose sight of the present moment. We forget to "stop and smell the roses"—to appreciate the quiet blessings God places right in front of us.

This is particularly true here at church this summer. We have VBS, Mission Trips, Lock-in's, Day Trips and Day Camps planned. Each of these activities needs your hands on involvement, as well as financial and spiritual support. So I want to make sure that we do not get lost in the sea of stuff and take time to be intentional and present, "smell the roses" and find God's peace.

As Lutherans, we understand that our worth does not come from our busyness or our achievements. We are saved by grace alone, a free gift from God. When we constantly rush, we operate out of a mindset of scarcity, feeling like we must do everything ourselves. Stopping to rest and be present is an act of faith. It shows we trust God to care for the world while we pause to admire what He is doing in the moments around you. We get to receive His peace in this manner.

Jesus himself modeled this rhythm of rest and being present. He frequently stepped away from demanding crowds to pray and look at the world around him. In the Sermon on the Mount, he specifically directs our attention to nature to teach us about trust: *"Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow: they neither toil nor spin, yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these."* — Matthew 6:28-29. When we slow down, we give ourselves the space to notice these "lilies" and "roses" in our own lives—a warm cup of coffee, a child's laugh, or the changing seasons.

This month, challenge yourself to intentionally pause. Step outside, take a deep breath, and look around. God's grace is alive in the quiet moments, waiting to restore your soul.

Scriptural Visual Anchors for Your Month:

- **Psalm 46:10** – *"Be still, and know that I am God."*
- **Ecclesiastes 3:12-13** – *"I perceived that there is nothing better for them than to be joyful and to do good as long as they live; also that everyone should eat and drink and take pleasure in all his toil—this is God's gift to man."*
- **Isaiah 40:31** – *"But they who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings like eagles; they shall run and not be weary; they shall walk and not faint."*

Always your Pastor,

Heidi W Pun

**SAM NGYUEN'S MONTHLY
MUSINGS
OF WHAT HE HAS LEARNT IN
CATECHISM**



The Creed

Luther's Small Catechism, is a guide to help teach the Christian faith written by Martin Luther in the 16th century. Martin Luther wrote it to help families and individuals understand God's Word. It explains key elements such as the Ten Commandments, the Apostles Creed, the Lord's Prayer and the sacraments. The catechism is helpful to Christians because it breaks down into easy to understand parts making it useful for teaching, learning and daily reflection. It also builds us up to grow in faith by applying these teachings to everyday life strengthening both faith and understanding.

The Nicene Creed was written in 325 AD by the First Council of Nicaea, establish orthodox beliefs regarding the Trinity—specifically affirming that Jesus Christ is fully divine, of the same substance with God the Father, and not a created being.

We have three Creeds the Apostles' Creed, the Nicene Creed and the Athanasian Creed. The creeds are foundational statements of belief that summarize the core teachings of the faith and unify believers around shared doctrine. The most well-known include the Apostles' Creed, the Nicene Creed, and the Athanasian Creed, each developed in the early church to clarify key beliefs, especially about the nature of God and Jesus Christ.

These creeds typically affirm belief in the Trinity—Father, Son, and Holy Spirit—as well as ideas like creation, salvation, and eternal life. Beyond simply listing beliefs, they serve as teaching tools, guides for worship, and a way for Christians across different times and places to express a unified understanding of their faith.

The creeds help us define our faith and define the truth of our faith. Jesus Christ told his disciples, *“And you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free”* (John 8:32). We must study the creeds of the faith, so long as they rightly adapt the Scriptures, because they outline the truths of our faith.

The creed also talks about the Trinity like God is the father he is also the creator and he Preserves us, Protects us and Provides for us then Jesus he is the son and our savior and he Redeems us and frees us and the Holy Spirit he is the spirit and he Cleans us from our sins and provides us with faith.

1 & 2 Chronicles Bible Study

Tuesday, June 2, at 6:30 p.m.
(Conference #1)

Thursday, June 4, at 6:30 p.m.
(Steve & Mary Hutchen's home)

To summarize the main themes of Chronicles, discuss the "incomplete" ending, and apply the lessons of hope and repentance to our lives today.

Catechism will resume in the Fall.

Please see page 2 for Sam Nguyen's monthly observations on Catechism.

Cruise'n Feedback

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



Feedback

Wow! What a Saturday, May 16, was! A huge thank you to everyone for making our 1st Annual Cruise'n a success! Seeing our parking lot filled with visitors was a highlight

*of the year! We are already looking ahead to next year and would love to know what you loved most (or how we can make it better). On **Wednesday, June 3, at 6:00 p.m.** everyone will have the opportunity to share your input and feedback to help us to continue to improve our community outreach!*

Good Timers July Day Trip

RSVP by Sunday, June 7

Join the **Good Timers** for an inspiring day trip to the Billy Graham Library in Charlotte, NC, on **Wednesday, July 15**. We will explore the life and legacy of one of the world's most beloved evangelists. Please bring a picnic lunch to eat at Gordon Conwell Seminary. Tea, lemonade, and desserts will be provided. RSVP to Deena Lanning or the church office by Sunday, June 7, for transportation.

Good Timers will not meet for a regular meeting in June.

Sunday, June 7, 2026

Loose Offering: Mission Outreach Fund

Benevolence: NALC Disaster

Monthly Project: Continental Youth Gathering collection: bath towels and washcloths (quick dry preferred)

Please place donations on the pew outside of the church office.

Deadline: RSVP for Good Timers July Day Trip

Altar Flowers (1 flower arrangement + plastic liner): Pam Vellines

9:30 a.m. Children & Youth Sunday School
Jesus Calls Matthew

Matthew 9:9-13 ~ Romans 5:1-11

Jesus said: "I came not to call the righteous, but sinners." (Matthew 9:13)

9:30 a.m. Adult Sunday School

Rabbit Hole Adult Sunday School

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Sunday, June 7, 2026

9:30 a.m. Adult Sunday School

Drew Wise Adult Sunday School

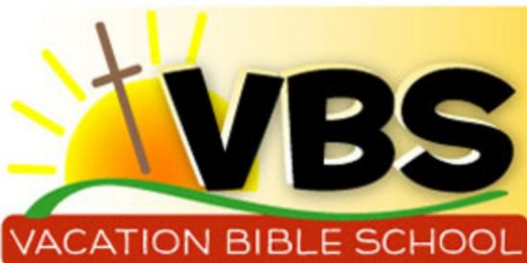
Deborah, the Dutiful Judge

Matthew 20:20-28; Judges 4-5

10:30 a.m. Worship & Holy Communion

Hosea 5:15-6:6; Psalm 119:65-72; Romans

4:13-25; Matthew 9:9-13



Intergenerational Vacation Bible School

Monday, June 8-Thursday, June 11

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

Summer is almost here, and you know what that means—it's time for Vacation Bible School! This year, we are thrilled to ***Learn to Root a Plant and Learn to Root yourself in Scripture*** from **Monday, June 8-Thursday, June 11, from 6:00 p.m.-8:30 p.m.** This event is for everyone and is free! Every year, VBS is one of our most anticipated events. It's an incredible opportunity for children, youth, and adults in our community to make new friends, play high-energy games, and learn about God's love in a creative, immersive environment.

VBS wouldn't be possible without our amazing volunteers! We need volunteers to: assist with the games, assist with Imagination Station, skit actors, and financial donations

Contact the church office to register and volunteer!

Day 1 Planted in God's Love

Creation Story

¹⁷so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith. And I pray that you, being rooted and established in love, (Key Verse: Ephesians 3:17)

Day 2 Watered by the Word

Jesus' Baptism

¹⁰⁵Your word is a lamp for my feet, a light on my path. (Key Verse: Psalm 119:105)

Day 3 Jesus Calms the Storm

Standing Firm in the Storm

⁶So then, just as you received Christ Jesus as Lord, continue to live your lives in him, ⁷rooted and built up in him, strengthened in the faith as you were taught, and overflowing with thankfulness. (Key Verse: Colossians 2:6-7)

Day 4 Bearing Fruit for Others

Great Commission

²²But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, forbearance, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, ²³gentleness and self-control. Against such things there is no law. (Key Verse: Galatians 5:22-23)

UNION LUTHERAN CHURCH

Vacation Bible School



Monday, June 8 - Thursday, June 11

6 pm - 8:30 pm

Learn to Root a plant
and Learn to Root
yourself in Scripture!

Free event

Intergenerational

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Union Lutheran Church will host the Piedmont-East Clergy on Tuesday, June 9, at 9:30 a.m. in Conference #1.



Hi Ladies, let's take a break and get together for encouragement, program, fellowship, and refreshments! The **Mary & Martha Circle** will catch up and read the Word on **Tuesday, June 9, at 2:00 p.m. in Conference #1.**

Thank you to Patsy Lyerly & Vivian Sprinkle for providing the refreshments and to Cathy Kluttz Painter for sharing God's Word!

We look forward to seeing you there!

Chapel Time at Autumn Care

"I was in prison and you visited me..." Matthew 25:36 reminds us that visiting the lonely is visiting Christ. Many residents at Autumn Care are unable to attend regular church services and often feel isolated.

*Our congregation has the privilege of sponsoring **Chapel Time on Wednesday, June 10, at 2:00 p.m.***

No Congregational Community
Wednesday Meal this month.

Family Crisis Council Community Appreciation Breakfast is Friday, June 12, from 8:30 a.m.-10:30 a.m. at Catawba College – Peeler Crystal Lounge.

Sunday, June 14, 2026

Loose Offering: Gerald Bame Memorial Scholarship Fund

Benevolence: NALC Disaster

Monthly Project: Continental Youth Gathering collection: bath towels and washcloths (quick dry preferred)

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Altar Flowers (1 flower arrangement + plastic liner): Dawn Merrell

9:30 a.m. Children & Youth Sunday School
Esther's Brave Decision

Esther 4:1-17 ~ Mathew 10:16-22

Mordecai said: "Who knows whether you have not come to the kingdom for such a time as this?" (Esther 4:14 ESV)

9:30 a.m. Adult Sunday School

Rabbit Hole Adult Sunday School

Esther's Brave Decision

Esther 4:1-17 ~ Mathew 10:16-22

Drew Wise Adult Sunday School

Hannah, the Faithful Supplicant

Isaiah 49:13-17; 1 Samuel 1:1-28, 2:1-11, 18-21, 3:1-18

10:30 a.m. Worship & Holy Communion

Exodus 19:2-8a; Psalm 100:1-5; Romans 5:6-15; Matthew 9:35-10:8, 9-20

No Good Timers meeting this month.

Sunday, June 14, 2026

10:30 a.m. VBS Sunday *Rooted in Christ*

10:30 a.m. Commissioning of Western NC Mission Trip Team

Governance Board of the Congregation is made up of the **Pastor, Church Council & Umbrella Chairs**. This Board will meet for their first quarterly meeting, **Sunday, June 14, at 2:00 p.m.**, to review past events, projects, etc., and upcoming events, projects, etc.



5:00 p.m. Leaving to Western NC Mission Trip

Please pray for the Mission Trip Team as they serve the people of Western NC from Sunday, June 14-Saturday, June 20.

A complete list of Team Members will be in the Sunday, June 14, bulletin and the July Messenger.

Whatever you do, **work heartily**, as for the Lord and not for men, knowing that from the Lord you will receive the inheritance as your reward. **You are serving the Lord Christ.**

Colossians 3:23-24 ESV



Those Serving in June

Altar Guild: Jan & Brad Huffman, Nikki & Sam Nguyen

Acolytes: Robyn Arey

Communion Assistants: Brad & Jan Huffman, Nikki & Sam Nguyen, Ellie Wilhelm

Lay Readers: Vuthy Niles & Ellie Wilhelm

Ushers: Larry Barringer, Frank Merrell, Bailey Wilhelm & Lucas Wilhelm, Don Davis (June 7th only)

Live Streaming: Pete Nguyen

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

Offering Counters: Jennifer Curlee, Ali Davis & Doris Shepherd

Sending Sunday Visitors Cards: Vuthy Niles

Union Lutheran Church

INTERGENERATIONAL DOMESTIC MISSION TRIP

**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.



**Cost \$150 per person
(non-members) of ULC
No Cost for members**

**JUNE 14-20, 2026
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Sunday, June 21, 2026

Happy Father's Day! Thank you for being a reflection of God's love, strength, and guidance in our lives. Your dedication to leading in faith is a blessing, and we pray God blesses you with wisdom, joy, and peace today and always. You are a true testament to His goodness.

Loose Offering: Building & Repair Fund

Benevolence: NALC Disaster

Monthly Project: Continental Youth Gathering collection: bath towels and washcloths (quick dry preferred)

Please place donations on the pew outside of the church office.

Deadline: newsletter articles

Altar Flowers (1 flower arrangement + plastic liner): Open for reservation

8:30 a.m. Worship only (*Dutch Meeting Hall*)

9:00 a.m. Breakfast (*Dutch Meeting Hall*) provided and served by the women in honor of the Men in our lives.

9:30 a.m. Children & Youth Sunday School
Paul Asks Philemon to Forgive
Philemon ~ Romans 6:17-23

Paul wrote: "So if you consider me your partner, receive him as you would receive me." (Philemon v. 17)

9:30 a.m. Adult Sunday School

Rabbit Hole Adult Sunday School
Paul Asks Philemon to Forgive
Philemon ~ Romans 6:17-23

Drew Wise Adult Sunday School
Jonathan and David, Resolute Friends
Proverbs 27:6, 10-11, 17-19; 1 Samuel 18:1-4, 19:1-7, 20:1-42; 2 Samuel 1:17-27, 21:7

10:30 a.m. Worship & Holy Communion
Jeremiah 20:7-13; Psalm 91:1-10, 11-16;
Romans 6:12-23; Matthew 10:5a, 21-33

10:30 a.m. Commissioning Pastor Heidi Punt's Albania Mission Trip



*Pastor Heidi has been called to serve in Albania on a short-term summer mission with **SON Ministries (Spiritual Orphans Network)**. During her time there, she'll be working alongside local leaders and other team members to **host English camps / assist with women's ministry / work with local youth**. Her goal is to be the hands and feet of Jesus, providing both practical help and spiritual encouragement.*

She'll be out of the country from June 25-July 7, 2026.

For more information and how you can help, please review the handout included with the June Messenger.

July Messenger & Handouts will be printed on Friday, June 26.

Sunday, June 28, 2026

Loose Offering: Youth Missions Fund

Benevolence: NALC Disaster

Monthly Project: Continental Youth Gathering collection: bath towels and washcloths (quick dry preferred)

Please place donations on the pew outside of the church office.

Altar Flowers (1 flower arrangement + plastic liner): Ashley Deaton

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

Peter Tries to Walk on Water

Matthew 14:22-33; Romans 7:9-25

Peter cried, "Lord, save me." Jesus immediately reached out his hand and took hold of him. (Matthew 14:30-31)

9:30 a.m. Adult Sunday School

Rabbit Hole Adult Sunday School

Peter Tries to Walk on Water

Matthew 14:22-33; Romans 7:9-25

Drew Wise Adult Sunday School

Amos, the Courageous Prophet

Psalm 23; Amos 1:1, 2:6-16, 3:1-15, 7:10-17

10:30 a.m. Worship & Holy Communion

Jeremiah 28:5-9; Jeremiah 28:5-9; Romans 7:1-13; Matthew 10:34-42

2:00 p.m. Emergency Response Team

Heading out of town? Pack your sunscreen, your camera, and your giving! Even when you're not in the pew, your financial support keeps the lights on and the ministries running. Thank you for your continued faithfulness!



NORTH AMERICAN
LUTHERAN CHURCH
DISASTER RESPONSE

June Monthly Benevolence Focus

NALC Disaster Response

Sharing Christ's Love When It's Needed Most

Disaster Response in the North American Lutheran Church isn't just about emergency supplies—it's about being the hands and feet of Jesus. When storms surge, fires rage, or floods rise, NALC congregations are equipped to respond with compassion, courage, and Christ-centered care.

As an affiliated ministry of the NALC, NALC Disaster Response works alongside congregations to prepare, equip, and mobilize faithful volunteers across North America. Whether responding to regional disasters or large-scale emergencies, we walk together—ready to serve.

Ways You Can Help

Disaster response begins long before the storm—and continues long after the headlines fade. Here's how you can make a difference:

- Donate to the Disaster Response Fund
- Assemble and ship Care Kits
- Host a "Stuff the Truck" collection event
- Join a Volunteer Team
- Pray for our teams and those we serve

Pastor Heidi Punt is out of town to fulfill Dean responsibilities from July 10-12.

Attendance Report

April Sunday School

5	41	Easter
12	37	
17-19	15	CMR Youth Spring
Retreat		
19	21	
26	<u>28</u>	
Total	142	
Average	36	

May Sunday School

3	37	
10	42	Mother's Day
17	34	
24	29	
31	_____	

April Worship & Holy Communion

5	50	Sunrise
5	163	Easter
12	80	
17-19	15	CMR Youth Spring
Retreat		
19	77	Worship only
26	<u>71</u>	Worship only
Total	456	
Average	114	

May Worship & Holy Communion

3	109	
10	42	8:30 a.m.
10	112	Mother's Day 10:30
a.m.		
17	93	
24	99	
31	_____	

Ascension Worship at Dunn's Mountain Park

May

14

25



Did you know that we have signs & vests for multiple events? Before purchasing or making signs, check in the Christmas Decorations room first.





Dear Union Lutheran Church,

Thank you so much for thinking of me during my seminary journey by sending Amazon gift cards. I appreciate all of you and your prayers.

Love, Melanie Corn, Seminarian

Dear Union Lutheran Church,

Thank you so much for your love and support during my recent stay in the hospital. Knowing you were thinking of me truly helped me get through it!

Love, Pat Wiles

Dear Church Family,

What an incredible "Cruise'n" we all shared! Thank you for participating in our Cruise'n Fundraiser event on May 16.

*Because of your enthusiastic support, we raised **\$4,208** during the event and more donations are coming in! Proceeds will directly support the Youth Missions Fund.*

We hope to have final figures to share with you soon!

It was a joy to see so many families enjoying the classic vehicles, food, fellowship, and fun. Your generosity ensures that our ministry continues.

With Gratitude, Mission Outreach Team

Our Love and Sympathy is extended to the Family of Michael Phillip Walton who passed into God's eternal arms Thursday, May 28.

Funeral arrangements are pending.

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

A gift was received for the General Fund in honor of Cathy Kluttz Painher by:

Michael and Jane Hartness

A gift was received for the General Fund in honor of Debbie Cauble McPherson by:

Michael and Jane Hartness

A gift was received for the General Fund in memory of Becky Hartley by:

Union Volunteer Fire Department

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

Sharon Leazer

A gift was received for the General Fund in memory of Ms. Ray Chester Pilson and Family by:

CV Pilson Farm, Home of the CVI's Choice Sweet Potatoes

Gifts were received for the Cemetery Fund in memory of Jean Ray by:

Eric and Lana Brown

Derom and Cynthia Freeze

Joe and Phyllis Freeze

Ruth Goodman

Gus Holshouser

Jimmy and Connie Holshouser

Sandra Holshouser

Sarah Holshouser

"The Kluttz Kids" (Cathy Kluttz Painther, Ken Kluttz, Susan Kluttz Smith, June Kluttz Pryor, and Mary Kluttz Bost)

Cathy and Troy Painther

Sylvia Peeler

A gift was received for the Cemetery Fund in memory of Will and Carrie Trexler by:

Rev. William "Bill" and Karla Trexler


Union Lutheran Church is sponsoring a
MANGER TO THE CROSS ALL DAY CAMP

*Interactive Bible, Games, Crafts, Music, Food & Snacks for
Children (Preschool (or potty trained)) - Youth (12th grade)*



Sunday, July 19-Friday, July 24, 2026

**Schedule: Sunday, July 19, at 4:00 p.m. Orientatooon
Monday, July 20-Friday, July 24, from 8:30 a.m.-6:00 p.m.
Friday, July 24, 6:00 p.m. Program**



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

To register, please contact the church office at 704.636.5092.

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GRADERS!

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TO THE **CROSS** AND **BEYOND**



JULY 24TH-25TH



6PM-3PM



**UNION LUTHERAN
SALISBURY, NC**

COME
GROW IN
FAITH AND
HAVE A
BLAST!

COME ON THE JOURNEY... JESUS IS WORTH IT! ♥

May Highlights at Union Lutheran Church



- Pastor Heidi Punt, Judy Boyd, and Deena Lanning represented Union Lutheran Church during the Carolinas Mission Region Convocation held at Christiana Lutheran Church, Salisbury, from Friday, May 1-Saturday, May 2. Frank Merrell represented the Gordon-Conwell Theological Lutheran Studies Advisory Board. Also, this was Lynn Coughenour's last year serving on the Piedmont-East Regional Council Board. This year's theme was: Unashamed Workers for Christ.
 - During the Convocation, Pastor Heidi Punt was nominated and elected to serve as Dean of the Piedmont-East Mission District.
- In May, Sunday musicians, both laity and professionals have been called upon to lead the worship service. In May, the following shared their musical talents with us, Dawn Merrell, Brenda McCombs, and Genevieve Baker.
- A Town Hall meeting was held Sunday, May 3, with the purpose of presenting on the carpet, floor covering and renovations (moving the organ console and piano) of the choir area and forming of a renovation project team (Mike Cauble, Phil Cauble, Ashley Deaton, Brad Huffman, Linda Kesler, Cathy Kluttz Painter, Frank Merrell, and Ronald Vellines). The Team will be considering the 5 options to take to Property, Cemetery & Columbarium: 1) Do nothing, 2) Replace all Sanctuary carpet, 3) Hard wood from Nave to front pew, 4) Laminate from Nave to front pew, and 5) Hard wood the whole Sanctuary.
- Bible Study on 1 & 2 Chronicles continued with Tuesday evenings at the church and Thursday evenings hosted by Steve & Mary Hutchens.
- On Mother's Day, May 10, the Union Youth sponsored an 8:30 a.m. worship service in the Dutch Meeting Hall in honor of our mothers with music led by Genevieve Baker.
 - Following early worship, all enjoyed breakfast honoring our mothers, coordinated by Pete Nguyen, Phil Cauble, and Men Volunteers!
 - Thank you to the George Kluttz Family for providing the table decorations!
 - At the 10:30 a.m. worship service, mothers and mother figures were recognized. Faye Kesler was recognized as the oldest mother and Lexie Lambert was recognized as the mother with the youngest child.
 - Congratulations to Bailey Wilhelm & Lucas Wilhelm for receiving the Gerald Bame Memorial Scholarship.
 - Also, the 2026 Graduating Class was recognized and given a small gift congratulating them on this milestone. Those recognized are Harley Cauble (East Rowan High School), Caylea Cline (East Rowan High School), Mallory Eagle (East Rowan High School), Felisaty Morgan Hunt (Appalachian State University), Landon Kesler (East Rowan High School), Caden Madden (Rowan Cabarrus Community College), Dusty Morgan, Jr. (North Hills Christian School), Makenzie Poole (East Rowan High

- School), Adam Thompson (Rowan Cabarrus Community College), Bailey Wilhelm (Carson High School), and Lucas Wilhelm (Carson High School).
- An Ascension Service was held at Dunn's Mountain Park on Thursday, May 14.
- The First Annual Cruise'n was held on Saturday, May 16, from 9:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.
 - Thank you to the Mission Outreach Team for facilitating the event.
 - Thank you to Greg Poole for assisting with the planning and picking up the Hardwood Signs decals.
 - Thank you to the Car Clubs for sponsoring the event. We ended up with around 100 classic vehicles.
 - Thank you to Hardwood Signs for sponsoring and donating car decals.
 - Thank you to Mary Hutchens for providing the tickets.
 - Thank you to Kevin Huffman for donating eggs.
 - Thank you to Gladys Morgan for donating chili.
 - Thank you to Robyn Arey for donating white slaw.
 - Thank you to Vuthy Niles for donating onions.
 - Thank you to Janet Overcash for donating 200 hamburger buns.
 - Thank you to the Davis Family for donating 200 hotdog buns.
 - Thank you to the Barringer & Leazer Family for donating condiments.
 - Thank you to Pete & Nikki Nguyen for donating 360 cans of Cheerwine and bottled water.
 - Thank you to Tim & Andrea Eagle for donating Coke products.
 - Thank you to Jan Huffman & Robyn Arey for donating bottled water.
 - Thank you to Phil Cauble & Volunteers for providing and serving Breakfast.
 - Thank you to Janie Vellines & Volunteers for providing and serving Lunch.
 - Thank you to Cheryl Kluttz & Volunteers for providing baked goods.
 - Thank you to Tyler & Felisaty Hunt for providing and serving concessions.
 - Thank you to Thad Mulkey, Coordinator & Volunteers for parking.
 - Thank you to the off-duty police officer for directing traffic.
 - Thank you to Tim Eagle, Greg Poole, and David Eller for volunteering their golf carts for the event.
 - Thank you to the ERT for being first responders in case of an emergency.
 - Thank you to Mary Hutchens, John Knight & Volunteers for receiving financial monies.



- Thank you to Cheryl Kluttz & Janie Vellines for requesting \$250 each for Thrivent Action monies to be used for the event.
- Thank you to Judy Boyd for providing a safe and fun place for the children to gather.
- Thank you to Faye Kesler & John Cauble for greeting visitors.
- Thank you to Greg Poole for coordinating and picking up the Cruise'n T-Shirts at Kimball's Printing in Granite Quarry.
- Thank you to the Community member who won the 50/50 and graciously gave back the win to the Youth Missions Fund.
- Thank you to the church office for administrative assistance.
- Thank you to the community for participating in the Cruise'n!
- Thank you to everyone who participated in making this fundraiser a success!
- As of May 17, 2026, \$4,208 was received during the event.
- TBD Grand Total received
- TBD Proceeds to the Youth Missions
- Expenses:
 - \$1,891.00 Kimball's Printing & Screening for 140 t-shirts of various sizes
 - \$149.83 Shuler Meats (sausage & biscuits)
 - \$37.17 Virginia Carolinas Enterprises (ham)
 - \$375.00 College BBQ for 50 lbs
 - \$37.43 Amazon 960 deli sheets
 - \$44.72 Amazon 20 pack safety vests
 - \$38.48 Amazon 2 pack Handicap Parking signs stickers
 - \$152.23 Amazon Blank Yard signs 22 pieces (\$33.29x3) and 6 piece event parking signs with arrows (\$22.32 x 2)
 - \$63.12 Amazon 20 pieces Stop signs stickers
 - \$150.00 WSAT Radio (15 spots for \$150 + 10 extra spots)
 - \$225.00 Off-Duty Police Officer (\$45 per hour x 5 hours)
- Thrivent Action monies used for the Cruise'n:
 - \$116.18 Sam's Club
 - \$234.26 Sam's Club
 - \$11.20 Sam's Club
 - \$94.27 Walmart
- Union Lutheran Church is grateful for the generosity of The John R. & Kathryn Walton Wise Fund of Thrivent Charitable for their donation of \$5,306.43 to the General Fund.
- We welcomed Dylan & Lexie Lambert into our church family by Affirmation of Faith & Reinstatement of Membership on Sunday, May 24.
- Two Saturdays in May, volunteers assisted a member in need with a home project.
- May Benevolence: SMI Haiti
- No May Project

Good Timers

The Good Timers met on May 14, 2026 in the Old Pine Center with Deena Lanning, presiding. Deena Lanning had the devotions. We had 18 members and 6 visitors (Tara Davis, Elaine Bowles, Patsy Wiles, Susan Knight, Karen Morgan, and Debbie McPherson) in attendance with an offering of \$37.00 being received. Linda Kesler won the door prize.

May birthdays: Sarah Holshouser (3), Faye Kesler (17), Jack Lanning (17), Pastor Heidi Punt (18), Linda Kesler (20)

May wedding anniversaries: Betty Sue and Glenn Lowder (20)

Linda Kesler had the program today about arranging flowers in the altar vases. She told about the different flowers and greenery she uses. She uses wettable foam in the vases. Sometimes she starts with the flowers first and then the greenery. She was working on the altar vases which she had in the church on May 17 in honor of Faye Kesler's birthday. She had several vases on display.

After the program the group met for lunch at Lakeview.

Respectfully yours,
Ruby Leazer, Secretary

Good Timers Treasurer's Report for May 2026

Beginning Balance	\$336.62
Received	\$37.00
Disbursed (Program)	\$25.00
Ending Balance	\$348.62

Respectfully submitted,
Dick Shue, Treasurer





Jean Carol Lyerly Ray, 94, of Salisbury, passed away May 3, 2026, at Autumn Care of Salisbury.

Born August 22, 1931, in Rowan County, she was the daughter of the late Wilbert Henry Lyerly and the late Pearl Geneva Kluttz Lyerly. She retired from Food Lion.

She was a lifelong member of Union Lutheran Church where she was very active. She gave selflessly of her time to the church and to the community. She was devoted to her family.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband, Clifford Ray.

Left to cherish her memory are her brother, Wilbert Lyerly and wife Carolyn Trexler Lyerly of Charlotte; nieces, Ann Andrews (Steven) of Raleigh, Malinda Lyerly (Charles Rape) of China Grove and nephew, John Lyerly (Kristie) of Mint Hill.

The family will receive friends from 1-2 p.m. Monday (May 11) in the fellowship hall of Union Lutheran Church. The funeral service will be conducted at 2 p.m. in the church sanctuary with Rev. Heidi Punt officiating. Burial will follow in the church cemetery.

Summersett Funeral Home is serving the Ray family. Online condolences may be made at www.summersettfuneralhome.com.

To send flowers or a memorial gift to the family of Jean Lyerly Ray please visit our Sympathy Store.

Our Love and Sympathy is extended to the Family of Jean Carol Lyerly Ray upon her death, May 3, 2026.

PLEASE REMEMBER IN PRAYER...

Nursing Homes – Brenda Mahaley (Autumn Care Room 815), Ruth Monroe (Autumn Care Room 818), Sarah Bame (Brookdale Room 9), Pat Kluttz (Brookdale Room 56), Donnell Miller (Bethany Woods, Albemarle), Charles Hartley (The Laurels Room 301), Mike Taylor (Trinity Oaks), Ann Tucker (Oak Park Retirement Room 236)

Homebound/Shut-ins Members/Special Needs – Tom Cole, Kiki Deaton, Rachel Earnhardt, Madison “Drew” Harrington, Linda Hartley, Pete Honbarrier, Howell & Teresa Kesler, James & Jean Kluttz, Glenn & Betty Sue Lowder, Harold Miller, Rev. TC & Mary Plexico, Macky

Swicegood & Billy Waller

Sick/Surgery/Recovery – Larry Barringer, Susan Knight, Doris Ludwick, Patsy Lyerly, Brad Trexler & Pat Wiles

Continual Prayer – Wayne & Samuel Bondason (Scot Zimmermann’s friends), Ginger Hendricks (Genevieve Baker’s sister), Rita Volker (Pastor Heidi’s aunt), Union Fire Department #76, Ethan Yates (Janie Lesley’s nephew), Global Missions (Congo, SON Ministries, Slovakia & Haiti), especially those affected by political unrest & those affected by natural disasters (Jamacia, Haiti, Alaska, North Dakota, Dominican Republic)

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

OUR VISION: Fellow Workers of the Gospel - Unified in Christ. (3 John 1:8; Ephesians 4:15-16; Romans 15:15-16)

OUR ACTION PLAN: Responsible management of God’s entrusted resources—time, talent, treasure & mission. (Genesis 1 & 2)

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2026 Church Council Members

2024-2026

Phil Cauble
Kevin Huffman
John Knight (*Treasurer*)
Thad Mulkey

2025-2027

Karen Barringer
Pete Nguyen (*President*)
Brad Trexler

2026-2027

Don Davis (*Vice-President*)
Ethan Wilhelm (*Secretary*)

2026 Council adopted motto: “*As leaders of Union Lutheran Church we will work together as one, reflecting Christ and stay true to the Word, as we share the Word.*”

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Lay Ministers:

Tara Davis, Vicki Hunter, Steve Hutchens, Elbert Kluttz and Deena Lanning

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Union Lutheran 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



PASTOR HEIDI PUNT

A New Chapter: Joining SON Ministries in Albania

Dear Family and Friends in Christ

Praising God for each of you! As many of you know, my heart for **Global Mission** has always been a passion. Over the last two years the Lord has been working on me to extend beyond the borders of Haiti. Today, I'm excited to share that I've been called to serve in Albania on a short-term summer mission with **SON Ministries (Spiritual Orphans Network)**.

What I'll Be Doing

During my time there, I'll be working alongside local leaders and other team members to **host English camps / assist with women's ministry / work with local youth**. My goal is to be the hands and feet of Jesus, providing both practical help and spiritual encouragement.

Why Albania?

Albania is a beautiful country with a complex history. After decades of forced atheism, and now predominantly Muslim, there is a deep "spiritual orphanhood" there—a generation looking for hope and belonging. SON Ministries focuses on building long-term relationships through local churches to show people they aren't alone.

How You Can Partner With Me

I cannot do this alone. I am looking for a team of partners to stand with me in two ways:

1. **Spiritual Support:** This is the most important part. Will you commit to praying for my safety, for the hearts of the Albanian people, and for the team and local church leaders?
2. **Financial Support:** To make this mission possible, my goal is to raise **\$3500 by June 14, 2026. This covers travel, housing, and ministry materials. Would you consider a giving?**

How to Give:

You can donate online at sonetwork.org (be sure to select "2026 Team Member Support and scroll down until you find me: Punt, H.) or mail a check to Spiritual Orphan Network, **5901-J Wyoming Blvd NE # 298 Albuquerque, NM 87109-3873** (please attach the giving coupon instead of writing anything on the memo). All donations through SON Ministries are tax-deductible.

Thank you for your friendship and for considering being a part of this journey. I'd love to grab coffee or hop on a call to tell you more about what God is doing in Albania!

In the joy of Christ,



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SEND ONE – Connect Spiritual Orphans to the Global Family of Christ this summer!

YES! I am sending the following SON Team Member(s).

Note: Please do not write team members name on the check or in the memo line, as this may affect tax deductibility. Make your check payable to SON. Mail to Spiritual Orphans Network, 5901-J Wyoming Blvd NE #298, Albuquerque, NM 87109

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June- Dates & Times are subject to change

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2 6:30 p.m. 1 st & 2 nd Chronicles Bible Study	3 6:00 p.m. Cruise'n Feedback	4 6:30 p.m. 1 st & 2 nd Chronicles Bible Study	5	6
7 9:30 a.m. Children & Youth Sunday School 9:30 a.m. Adult Sunday School 10:30 a.m. Worship & Holy Communion <i>Deadline to RSVP for Good Timers July Day Trip</i>	8 6:00 p.m.-8:30 p.m. VBS <i>(Rooted in Christ)</i>	9 9:30 a.m. Piedmont-East Clergy 2:00 p.m. Mary & Martha Circle 6:00 p.m.-8:30 p.m. VBS <i>(Rooted in Christ)</i>	10 2:00 p.m. Autumn Care Chapel Time 6:00 p.m.-8:30 p.m. VBS <i>(Rooted in Christ)</i>	11 6:00 p.m.-8:30 p.m. VBS <i>(Rooted in Christ)</i> <i>No Good Timers this month.</i>	12	13
14 9:30 a.m. Children & Youth Sunday School 9:30 a.m. Adult Sunday School 10:30 a.m. Worship & Holy Communion 10:30 a.m. VBS <i>(Rooted in Christ)</i> 2:00 p.m. Church Council + Governance Board 5:00 p.m. Leaving on Mission Trip <i>Commissioning Western NC Mission Trip</i>	15 <i>Western NC Mission Trip</i>	16 <i>Western NC Mission Trip</i>	17 <i>Western NC Mission Trip</i>	18 <i>Western NC Mission Trip</i>	19 <i>Juneteenth Western NC Mission Trip</i>	20 <i>Western NC Mission Trip</i>
21 <i>Father's Day</i> 8:30 a.m. Worship <i>(Dutch Meeting Hall)</i> 9:00 a.m. Breakfast <i>(Dutch Meeting Hall)</i> 9:30 a.m. Children & Youth Sunday School 9:30 a.m. Adult Sunday School 10:30 a.m. Worship & Holy Communion <i>Recognition of fathers & father figures</i> <i>Commissioning Pastor Heidi Punt's Albanian Mission Trip</i> <i>Deadline for newsletter articles</i>	22	23	24	25 <i>Pastor Heidi Punt's Albanian Mission Trip (June 25-July 7, 2026)</i>	26 <i>July Messenger & Handouts printed</i>	27
28 9:30 a.m. Children & Youth Sunday School 9:30 a.m. Adult Sunday School 10:30 a.m. Worship & Holy Communion 12 noon Christian Education Umbrella 2:00 p.m. Emergency Response Team	29	30	5-29-26 Benevolence: NALC Disaster Project: to assist youth participants in attending the July 7-10, 2026 Continental Youth Gathering in Roanoke, VA			

June Birthdays

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



June Anniversaries

Monday, June 8	Drue and Hayley Davis
Saturday, June 13	Matt and Jill Miller
Sunday, June 14	Larry and Judy Fesperman
Sunday, June 21	James and Jean Kluttz Richard and Kay Lyons
Monday June 22	Harold and Donnell Miller
Saturday, 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!