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# Our Saviour's Good News

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## MISSION STATEMENT

*Our Saviour Lutheran Church welcomes all people to a safe place to grow in faith and serve the Lord Jesus Christ*

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## Is the Bible the Inspired Word of God?

By Jason Carlson and Ron Carlson 5/25/11

During a question-and-answer session at a recent speaking engagement, a university student asked me, "Why do you believe that the Bible is the inspired word of God?" Now this is a very interesting question - and probably one of the most important questions any Christian could ask themselves. What is so special, so unique about the Bible that Christians believe it is literally the inspired word of God?

In answering this student's question, I encouraged him to consider the following facts about the Bible:

First, the Bible is not just one single book. This is a more common misconception than many people realize, especially with people who do not come from a Judeo-Christian background. Rather than being a single book, the Bible is actually a collection of 66 books, which is called the canon of scriptures. These 66 books contain a variety of genres: history, poetry, prophecy, wisdom, literature, letters, and apocalyptic just to name a few.

Second, these 66 books were written by 40 different authors. These authors came from a variety of backgrounds: shepherds, fishermen, doctors, kings, prophets, and others. And most of these authors never knew one another personally.

Third, these 66 books were written over a period of 1500 years. Yet again, this is another reminder that many of these authors never knew or collaborated with one another in writing these books.

Fourth, the 66 books of the Bible were written in 3 different languages. In the Bible we have books that were written in the ancient languages of Hebrew, Greek, and Aramaic; a reflection of the historical and cultural circumstances in which each of these books were written.

And finally, these 66 books were written on 3 different continents: Africa, Asia, and Europe. Once again, this is a testament to the varied historical and cultural circumstances of God's people.

Think about the above realities: 66 books, written by 40 different authors, over 1500 years, in 3 different languages, on 3 different continents. What's more, this collection of books shares a common storyline - the creation, fall, and redemption of God's people; a common theme - God's universal love for all of humanity; and a common message - salvation is available to all who repent of their sins and commit to following God with all of their heart, soul, mind and strength. In addition to sharing these commonalities, these 66 books contain no historical errors or contradictions. God's word truly is an amazing collection of writings!

After I had shared the above facts with this student, I offered him the following challenge: I said to him, "If you do not believe that the Bible is the inspired word of God, if you do not believe that the Bible is of a supernatural origin, then I challenge you to a test." I said to the student, "I challenge you to go to any library in the world, you can choose any library you like, and find 66 books which match the characteristics of the 66 books in the Bible.

(Bible cont'd on page 10)

### ***WATER MISSION IN KENYA.***

*“Truly God has listened; he has attended to the voice of my prayer.” — Psalm 66:19*

God hears our prayers, and he often chooses to use us to answer the prayers of others — even on the opposite side of the world!

For 15 years, 85-year-old Dani Fileria waited through drought, sickness, and thirst, praying that God would one day bring safe water to her community. Finally, after years of waiting, Dani's community of Ngulu, Kenya, is receiving safe water.

Implemented by Water Mission Kenya, this long-awaited water project will transform the lives of Ngulu's 3,600 residents. Ngulu is located in western Kenya, where the dry season is significantly longer than the rainy season. During these annual droughts, the need for safe water is all the more evident. The safe water project was commissioned last April and is currently in the final followup stage.

During a recent follow-up visit, Water Mission staff met Dani at one of the community taps. She greeted them and asked if they were the God-sent people who gave her rest by providing water at her doorstep. Before the implementation of the water project, residents would collect water from a stream three kilometers away.

At the age of 70, Dani started to experience back pain, which she related to her old age. Her pain made accessing water more difficult than ever. From that point on, she prayed for a solution to the water problem. For 15 years, she pleaded, “God, don't let me die before I see water in my community.”

“I came to celebrate what I thought I would go to the grave without my eyes beholding. I praised God with all the languages and ways I knew. He had not only answered my prayer but had given me more than I asked — water flowing from the tap at an affordable cost within my own community,” Dani said after the celebration of the arrival of water in her community.

Today, at the age of 85, Dani says confidently, “If I die now, it will be peaceful. I will sleep a grateful grandma. God has answered a prayer that I patiently waited on for 15 years. May he be always praised, for I have witnessed his faithfulness.”

We are so thankful for your support that makes stories like this possible. May God be praised for his overwhelming faithfulness.

Water Mission is an NALC Recognized Ministry. You may learn more about their work at [watermission.org](http://watermission.org).



***YOU ARE INVITED TO WATCH A SPECIAL MOIVE, “ALL SAINTS”***

Bethel Lutheran Church Fellowship Hall  
SEPTEMBER 22 AT 6:00 PM

Popcorn, drinks and ice cream will be served.

“*ALL SAINTS*” is based on the inspiring true story of salesman-turned-pastor, Michael Spurlock (John Corbett), and the tiny church in Tennessee he was ordered to shut down and sell the prime piece of land on which it sits.

Michael must choose between completing what he was assigned to do—close the church and sell the property—or listening to a still voice challenging the people of All Saints to rick it all and provide needed hope to their community.

**SO, COME AND JOIN US!**

Carolinas Lutheran Women



## **EIGHTH ANNUAL CONVOCATION**

*"Show me thy ways, O Lord, teach me thy paths." Psalm 25:4*



"Rod Trip: Navigating Your Faith Journey"

SATURDAY—SEPTEMBER 29, 2018

St. John's Lutheran Church

740 North Central St., Stateville, NC 28677

**\$8.00 REGISTRATION includes LUNCH**

Registration begins @ 9:30 am

Convocation begins @ 10:00 am

**Deadline for Registration September 17**

CHECK THE CLW website: [www.carolinaslutheranwomen.org](http://www.carolinaslutheranwomen.org) or thru our Church's website for letter concerning the Convocation and registration form.

**Our Saviour Lutheran Church**  
**Bill Trudnak, President**  
**July 17, 2018 Council Minutes**

- c. JAARS
- d. Kids Alive change of name to Laszio Mission League

Adjourned with Lord's Prayer  
 Next Meeting: August 15, 2018

**Devotions:** Jeff White  
 Meeting called to order by President Bill Trudnak

Devotions: Bud Penley

**Members present:** Bill Trudnak, Bud Penley, Melinda White, Alice Vlaservich, Steve Digh, Denise Traveria, Jeff White and Robbie Wooten. Pastor Feige attended the meeting as well.



Members Absent: Teri Trudnak and Betty Ratchford

**Minutes** for June 18, 2018 were reviewed. Alice Vlaservich gave a motion to approve the minutes and Bud Penley gave a second

**Reception of Petitions and Communications:** None

**Report of the Pastor:** Reviewed and motion made by Melinda White to accept and Alice Vlaservich gave a second

**Report of the Treasurer:** Motion by Steve Digh to accept the Treasurer Report and seconded by Robbie Wooten

**Report of the Ministries:**

- a. Property: Light bulbs for activity building were replaced
- b. Stewardship and Finance: No report this month
- c. Worship & Music: No report this month
- d. Youth Team: No report.
- e. Witness: Cards and prayers continue to be mailed
- f. Christian Education Team: VBS was a huge success. Thanks to all that gave of their time, talent and donations.

**Report of Auxiliaries:** Rachel Circle: Did not meet this month.

**Old and/or Unfinished Business:**  
 None

**New Business:**

- a. Sharps and Flats request to use the church for a concert on November 19-2018. Steve Digh made a motion we approve this request and Alice Vlaservich gave a second on the motion.
- b. Withers and Whisenaut Funeral Home has requested to use our church as a chapel for some of their funeral services. They would like to know what OSLC would charge for this service. The Council discussed this request at length and would like a representative from the funeral home to be present at the next council meeting for further discussions and questions. Bud/Nick to contact them before next council meeting.
- c. Pastor Feige requested we consider replacing some of the worn altar cloths. Alice Vlaservich to check on prices and report to Council.

**General Information:**

- a. Kids Alive Report
- b. Attendance

**WORSHIP**  
  
**ASSISTANTS**

**NEEDED**

**FOR**

**OCTOBER**

**NOVEMBER**

**DECEMBER**

**Be a servant of the Lord**

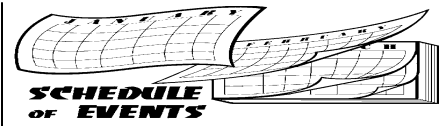
**Sign Up**



# September 2018



Sunday School: 9:45 pm  
Church Service: 11:00 pm -Sunday



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
2 15 <sup>th</sup> Sun of Pentecost		4	5	6	7 Walk for Life	1 8 Court Square Concert
9 16 <sup>th</sup> Sun of Pentecost	10 Team Mtg.	11 	12	13	14	15
16 17 <sup>th</sup> Sun of Pentecost	17 Board Mtg.	18 	19	20 International Day of Peace	21 International Day of Peace	22 Movie "All Saints"
23 18 <sup>th</sup> Sun of Pentecost	24 CLW/Rachel	25	26	27	28	29 8 <sup>th</sup> CLW Convocation
30 19 <sup>th</sup> Sun of Pentecost						

- Sept. 2—15th Sunday after Pentecost  
Holy Communion
- Sept. 3—Labor Day (see p 9)
- Sept. 7—28th Walk for Life (see p 9 & 11)
- Sept. 8—Court Square Summer Concert  
(see p8)
- Sept. 9— 16th Sunday after Pentecost  
Grandparent Day (see p 10)
- Sept. 10—Team Meetings:  
Youth 6:30 pm  
Others 7:00 pm
- Sept. 11—Patriot Day—9/11 (see p 7)  
Gaston Together (see p 8)
- Sept. 16—17th Sunday after Pentecost
- Sept. 17—Board Meeting
- Sept. 18—"Prayer" Group will meet at  
the home of Shirlee Marazza @ 1:30 pm
- Sept. 21—International Day of Peace (p 9)
- Sept. 22—Movie "All Saints" (see p 2)
- Sept. 23—FIRST DAY OF AUTUMN
- Sept. 23—18th Sunday after Pentecost
- Sept. 24— CLW/Rachel Group will meet  
at home of TBA 7:00 pm
- Sept. 29—CLW Convocation (see p3)
- Sept. 30—19th Sunday of Pentecost  
Hunger Sunday



FOOD FOR THE MONTH: **Spa-ghetti, Spaghetti Sauce, Corn**



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|-------------------|------------------|
| 3 Brady Ratchford | Libby Bickley    |
| 6 Carlos Traveria | Wayne Ann Penley |
| 13 Jacob Finger   | Stephen Digh     |
| 14 Cara Feige     |                  |
| 16 Kellie Marr    |                  |
| 17 Ben Trudnak    |                  |
| 19 Robbie Wooten  |                  |
| 19 Easton Finger  |                  |
| 20 Stephen Lowery |                  |



17<sup>th</sup> .....Steve & Julie Digh



**Holy Communion Schedule:**  
September 2: 15th Sunday of Pentecost

- Worship Service Assistance:**
- Altar Guild: Betty Ratchford  
Alice Vlaservich
  - Acolyte: Nick Vlaservich
  - Communion Asst: Yvonne Finger
  - Lay Reader: Marie Robinson
  - Worship Asst: NONE
  - Greeters: OSLC Members
  - Ushers: Jeff White and OSLC Members

Collection: Melinda White

Board Devotion: Sep. 17. Alice Vlaservich



Choir Practice  
on Wed. 5:00 pm

## FLOWERS

- Flower Schedule:**
- September 2 Betty Ratchford
  - September 9 Denise Traveria
  - September 16 Wayne Ann Penley
  - September 23 Nick Vlaservich
  - September 30 Open

Please sign up to place flowers on the altar  
in the glory of God  
and  
in honor or memory of your love ones.

Three (3) openings  
Decorate the altar of our Lord  
And then take home to decorate your home  
of give to a love one of shut-in



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**EVENTS for:**

**Agape/Kure Beach**

**Contact Camp Agapé:**  
 Telephone: 919-552-9421  
 e-mail: [agape@agapekurebeach.org](mailto:agape@agapekurebeach.org)

**Contact Kure Beach Lutheran:**  
 Telephone 910-458-0783  
 e-mail: [kurebreach@agapekurebeach.org](mailto:kurebreach@agapekurebeach.org)

**Web site:** [www.agapekurebeach.org](http://www.agapekurebeach.org)

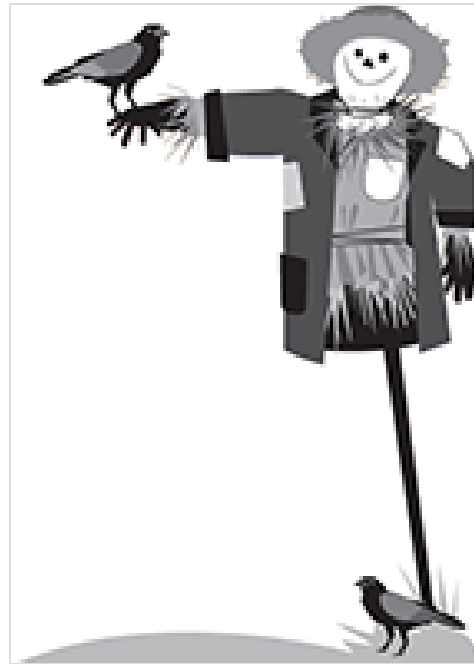
**Directions to Camp Agapé are on the web site.**

Please see calendars and other information on the bulletin board or go on-line

**Events for:**

**Lutheridge -Lutherock-Lutherspring- Lutheranch**

**First Day of Fall  
 September 23**



"I have set before you  
 LIFE and DEATH ....  
 CHOOSE LIFE so that  
 you and your descendants may live."  
Deuteronomy 30:19, NRSV

Life Chain, a one-hour, pro-life prayer and witness event, has been held annually since 1987, in thousands of cities and towns across the United States and Canada. The 2018 National Life Chain will be held on **Sunday, October 7, 2018 from 2:00 – 3:00 PM**. We are thrilled to have three locations in Gaston County: Belmont, Gastonia and Mount Holly! See **Event Details** for more information about the sites.

**How it Works:** Participants arrive early to park and pick up a sign and then space themselves 10- 15 feet apart on the sidewalk. At 2:00 PM we join

the rest of the Life Chains across the United States and Canada and, for just one hour, pray quietly for the unborn and for a conversion of our nation on the issue of abortion. The reverse side of the signs are printed with prayers and hymns to aid your prayer but feel free to bring or say your own prayers. **Everyone is welcome and no RSVP is necessary. Just show up at your preferred location on the day of the event! Signs will be provided.**

**Gastonia**

**Location:** Sidewalks of E. Garrison Blvd from Union Rd to New Hope Rd

**Parking:** Parkwood Baptist Church, Grier Middle School, East Garrison Baptist Church, Public Library or Lineberger Park

**Sign Pick Up:** Along the sidewalks of the route



WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

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## A Stewardship Minute

There is a small country in Europe named Macedonia. St. Paul traveled there and spread the Good News about Christ our Lord. Many people accepted Jesus as their Savior and several churches were started. Sadly, St. Paul wrote to Christians living in Corinth, Greece, telling about some sort of affliction the Macedonians were suffering. Paul did not say what the trouble was but what impressed Paul was they did not let their troubles kill their joy. In fact, the Macedonians enjoyed being Christians so much that they begged Paul to take a gift of money to use to tell others about salvation.

Paul told the Corinthians about how generous the Macedonians had been. Even though the Macedonians were mostly poor, they had given cheerfully, not begrudgingly. He wanted the Corinthian Christians to know that "God loves a cheerful giver." Someone may ask, "Does not God love everybody?" The answer is "Yes, of course!" But those who give of themselves readily, cheerfully, generously discover a certain satisfaction, a sense of well-being, they had not known before.

Paul compares what we reap in life to what we sow. If we sow love, good will, and gifts to God meagerly, we will reap meagerly. On the other hand, if we sow love, good will, and

gifts to God generously, we will reap bountifully.

As Paul put it to the Corinthians: "God is able to provide you with every blessing in abundance, so that by always having enough of everything, you may share abundantly in every good work."

The September issue of *Stewardship* has a story about farmers or gardeners who plant small-size potatoes. Of course, they reap small-size potatoes. Planting big potatoes results in harvesting big potatoes. Paul wrote: "...the one who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and the one who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully."

**Prayer:** Dear Lord, enable each of us to discover the joy which comes from generous giving. **Amen.**



Patriot Day is an annual observance on September 11 to remember those who were injured or died (nearly 3,000) during the terrorist attacks in the United States on September 11, 2001. Many Americans refer Patriot Day as 9/11 or September 11.

### What do people do?

On the direction of the President, the flag of the United States of America should be displayed on the homes of Americans, the White House and all United States government buildings in the whole world. The flag should be flown at half-mast as a mark of respect to those who died on September 11, 2001. Many people observe a moment of silence at 8:46 AM (Eastern Daylight Time). This marks the time that the first plane flew into the World Trade Center. Some communities, particularly in the areas directly affected by the attacks, hold special church services or prayer meetings. People who personally experienced the events in 2001 or lost loved ones in them, may lay flowers or visit memorials.

### Public life

Patriot Day is not a federal holiday and schools and businesses do not close. Public transit systems run on their regular schedules. Some people and organizations may take some time out to hold prayers for the victims of the attacks, but these do not usually affect public life for more than a few minutes.

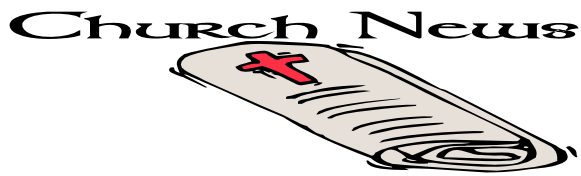
### Background

On September 11, 2001, four planes were hijacked. The hijackers then deliberately flew three of the planes into two important buildings, the Pentagon in Washington DC and the Twin Towers of the World Trade Center in New York. The fourth crashed into a field near Shanksville, Pennsylvania. The loss of life and damage that these hijackings caused form the biggest act of terrorism ever on United States soil. Nearly 3000 people died in the attacks and the economic impact was immense. The attacks have greatly increased attention to national security in the United States. This has had huge implications for United States national and international politics. This is particularly true for the relationships between the United States and Islamic countries in the Middle East.

### Symbols

The most potent symbol of the events that happened on September 11, 2001 are pictures and videos of planes flying into buildings, of the Twin Towers of the World Trade Center engulfed in smoke and later collapsing and of people falling from buildings. Pictures taken of damaged buildings and relatives looking for loved ones in the days and weeks after the attacks are also often shown. The flag of the United States is often displayed around images of the events on September 11, 2001. This is to remind Americans that their country remained strong in the face of massive terrorist attacks.

Patriot Day should not be confused with Patriot's Day, also known as Patriots Day, which commemorates the battles of Lexington and Concord in 1775, which were two of the earliest battles in the American Revolutionary War.



GASTON TOGETHER'S CLERGY & CITIZENS COALITION ,  
 September 5, 2016  
 8:30 to Noon  
 Clinton Room, Gaston Memorial Hospital  
 Breakfast before meeting , if you wish

If you need a Pastor,  
 please contact Pastor Pete Feige at 704-516-2805  
 or our office at 704-922-4648.



**CLW/RACHEL GROUP**

Will meet at the home of TBA  
 on September 25 at 1:30 pm



**OUTREACH MISSION**

**SHUT-INS**  
**NURSING HOME RESIDENTS**

Please remember our church members who are shut-ins or reside in a nursing home\* and visit them.

**Marilyn Finger**  
 1150 Meadow Way Dr., Dallas

**Jerri Presley\***  
 2604 Ole Home Trail, Dallas

(If others, please let the church office know)

**LET US PRAY...** *“Are any among you suffering? They should pray...The prayer of faith will save the sick, and the Lord will raise them up.” (James 5:13-15)*



MARGARET Addington (Brady Ratchford's sister and friends of the community), SUSAN Aderholt, SETH Alexander, AMANDA (friend of the Penley's), MARVIS Anderson, KELLY Ballard (friend of Shana Dease), ADDISON Blanton (friend of Dease's), KATHY Bohanan (cancer), KAREN Braddy, JOE Glenn (Melinda White's father), DANA Kirshman (friend of Robbie Wooten-cancer), ROBERT L. McCanless, Jr. (failing health - Charles McCanless' father), GARY Neal, (friend of Caleb Dease), NANCY Parker (friend of Marie Lingle-ALS), MARY O'Shea (co-worker of Melinda White's). EDITH Paysour, LAWRENCE Paysour (friend of Ratchford's), RIVER Peedin (Ursela Peedin's great-grandson- leukemia), JANICE and JOHNNY Pendleton (grandparents of Raygan Carpenter - Janice has strokes), SONDRA Phillips (friend of Melinda White), JERRIE Presley, BERNICE—Leon Rawlinson's mother, GARY Turner (father of Jason Murray), KELLY Walters (mother of Brie Murray), LISA Walters (Brie and Emma Murray's aunt -cancer), MELINDA White, ANNE White (niece of Betty Ratchford-breast cancer), Mathew Fall (seeking employment)



**2018 Court Square Summer Concert**

(presented by the Town of Dallas)

Held on the Dallas Historic Court Square, from 6:00—8:30 pm, each FREE concert will feature amazing talent (rain or shine). Enjoy the car show along Main Street and local craft beverage from Ole Dallas Brewer.

- ◆ **Saturday, September 8—The Catalinas**  
 Since its creation in 1957, over 60 accomplished guitarists, keyboardists, trumpet players, drummers, bass players and singers have been part of **The Catalinas**. The bad owner, Gary Barker of Statesville, has performed with the bank since 1965 and attributes its long success to the ongoing popularity of beach music and the tunes the band has composed, particularly *“Summertime’s Calling Me”* in the 70s.  
**Cruise-in and Music**

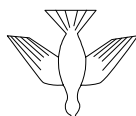


**Whoever** posed this question has good insight into the ironic double standards of modern society.

**The Judges who said we don't need to stand up for the National Anthem expect us to stand up when they enter the room.**

What do you suppose would happen if the Judge came into the courtroom and everyone "took a knee"?

Just asking. . .





## LABOR DAY ]

### Why we celebrate Labor Day?

For a lot of people, Labor Day means two things: a day off and the end of summer. But why is it called **Labor Day**? Labor Day is a day set aside to pay tribute to working men and women. It has been celebrated as a national holiday in the United States since 1894.

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## CRISIS PREGNANCY CENTER OF GASTON COUNTY

**THE ANNUAL 28<sup>th</sup> WALK FOR LIFE**  
**Friday, September 7, 2018~ 3:30-8:00 p.m.**

**The Field between 700- 800 Robinson Road, Gastonia, NC**

**Afternoon activities: Hot Air Tethered Balloon (6-8 pm), Rock Climbing Wall, Slide, Moon Bounce, Face-Painting, Craft Activities, Free Refreshments**  
**4:00 pm until 7:30 pm**

**Evening Activities: Praise and Worship by local church ministries—6:00 pm until 7:30 pm**

**Also information about the Center: services available, positive results, volunteer possibilities, opportunities for donations to save lives, T shirts for walkers**  
**Consider taking part in this WALK for LIFE on the first Friday in September.....,This is a reliable organization working to save lives.**

**If you are interested in participating, please contact Marie Robinson.**  
**Also see bulletin board.**

**For more information call—(704) 867-3706**

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## LCMC 18th Annual Gathering

OCTOBER 7-10, 2018

@ HYVEE HALL,

730 3RD STREET, DES MOINES, IA 50309

"Growing Up" is the theme of our next Annual Gathering, and we've invited **Dr. Kent Hunter** of Church Doctor Ministries to help us to consider how congregations of any size can be focused on the Great Commission and develop a kingdom mindset. **Jo Kinnard** will be returning this year to serve as our Bible study leader as we reflect on the text of Ephesians 4. It is time for our churches to "grow up" and become mature, hearing the call for every member to carry out the work of ministry as God has designed His Church to do.

**(For more information about registration go to: [www.LCMC.net](http://www.LCMC.net))**



**Grandparents Day** is always celebrated on the first Sunday after Labor Day. As its name suggests, Grandparents Day honors the nation's grandparents, who play an important role in the lives of many young people and their families.

The history of Grandparents Day can be traced back to 1961 with the efforts of Mrs. Hermine Beckett Hanna. Hermine made it her goal to educate the young in the community to the important contributions senior citizens have made, and to the important contributions they are willing to make if asked. She also urged the young to adopt a grandparent, not for 1 day a year, not for material giving, but for a lifetime of experience and caring just waiting to be shared with others.

Marian McQuade of Oak Hill, W.V. is credited with lobbying for a national observance of Grandparents Day. Her goal was realized in 1979 when President Jimmy Carter signed Public Law 96-62 designating the first Sunday after Labor Day as National Grandparents Day. The statute cites the day's purpose as: "... to honor grandparents, to give grandparents an opportunity to show love for their children's children, and to help children become aware of strength, information, and guidance older people can offer."

*Grandparents  
Are a Gift*



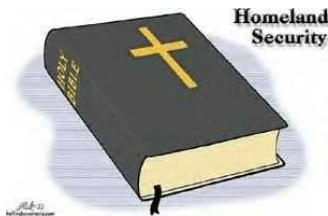
(Bible cont'd from page 1)

You must choose 66 books, written by 40 different authors, over 1500 years, in 3 different languages, written on 3 different continents. However, they must share a common storyline, a common theme, and a common message, with no historical errors or contradictions." I went on to say, "If you can produce such a collection of books, I will admit that the Bible is not the inspired word of God." The student's reply was almost instantaneous, he emphatically stated, "But that's impossible!"

"But that's impossible!" It truly is impossible, for any collection of human writings. However, the Bible passes this test. The Bible contains 66 books, written by 40 different authors, over 1500 years, in 3 different languages, on 3 different continents, with no historical errors or contradictions. The entire Bible, from Genesis to Revelation, bears the mark of Divine inspiration.

The next time you encounter someone who asks you why you believe the Bible is the inspired word of God, try sharing this challenge with them. Better yet, don't wait until you're asked, just go ahead and share this challenge with a friend today.. You don't even have to mention the Bible up front, just ask them if they think it would be realistic to assemble such a collection of books. After they say, "But that's impossible!" you've got a ready-made opportunity for sharing the truth of God's word with somebody!

*Post script on this is: then imagine that none of it contradicts the other parts over the 1500 years!!!*





## Our History

Roe vs. Wade in 1973 had gone unanswered in Gaston County, until on November 13, 1985, at 10:00 o'clock a.m. an initial meeting of the Board of Directors was held at the law offices of Cherry, Bekaert, & Holland here in Gastonia.

Seven men and women came together as God had encouraged their hearts to respond compassionately to the needs of those facing unplanned pregnancies. They gathered to initiate a ministry that would upon opening their doors for clients in September of 1986 have an immediate impact.

- No longer would words be heard without matching deeds and actions that gave a visible expression of our concern for the abortion issue.
- No longer would someone who could not afford a pregnancy test be denied one.
- No longer would the longing for a listening ear, a compassionate, caring counselor when the crisis of pregnancy came about be denied.
- No longer would the everyday needs of material assistance and crisis calls from clients of needing a listening ear, go unanswered.

On that day, this Board of Directors, composed of Dale Chase, Rev. Marion Clark, Audrue McMahan, David Ward, Rev. Marlin Mull, Peter Caprise, Rachel Pichet and Cathy Epperson nominated officers, set meeting times, elected an Executive Director, and voted to request information from a sister CPC. Other Board members unable to attend that day were: Steve Baker, Laura C. Atkins, Rev. M.O. Owens, Dr. Glenn Phoenix and Dr. Thomas Will.

From that humble beginning, the Crisis Pregnancy Center of Gaston County has been in three pivotal rental locations and finally was able to purchase property and a home in July 1996. The journey from those initial days included leadership from diversely skilled Board of Director Members, to Executive Directors, to multi-talented staff, to service by Volunteers that utilized the gifts of individuals as well as the strengths of an interdenominational ecumenical corporate body working for the cause of the unborn.

The history of the Crisis Pregnancy Center of Gaston County, Inc. has included immeasurable faith, the development of a support base that transcends race, gender and religion. The experience of serving in this setting allows women, men and their families to see the efforts of all combined to meet the needs of one. It is an awesome testimony to see so many varied agencies, individuals, and churches tackling this single issue.

From its inception, the Crisis Pregnancy Center of Gaston County, Inc. has now served 20,000+ clients, been blessed by faithful volunteers, trusted God for budget needs numerous times, and made an impact in this County that is now indelible and indispensable.

Over the years, an expanding staff, a diversified Board, Abstinence emphasis, ultrasound/medical clinic, seasoned and well trained volunteers, public presentations, our annual fund-raisers, ad. in finitum, are making the future as bright as God's genius and calling.

Eighteen years later those actions are bearing much fruit,

- Now, Shepherds, within the church of our Lord, the Body of Christ, can strongly affirm Biblical Sanctity of life from conception to natural death and point them to a place in Gaston County that ministers without manipulation;
- Now, those who have hidden the guilt of past abortions can have a place of healing, experiencing first hand, God's unconditional love,

Now, the pro-life constituency can prayerfully point to a place of refuge that will meet not only physical needs but will unashamedly present the gospel of Jesus Christ as the ultimate answer.

## **2018 SEPTEMBER MISSION EMPHASIS ~ CROP Walk**



For the next several months, the mission emphasis for one month will overlap into the next month. August Mission Emphasis will overlap into September with **WALK FOR LIFE being September 7 4-8 pm.** Last Sunday to contribute to Walk for Life is September 3. Thanks to those who have given to Crisis Pregnancy Center for the Walk for Life. Our September Mission Emphasis will overlap into October with the **CROP WALK usually being the third Sunday afternoon in October.** Note the October newsletter and upcoming bulletins. CROP Hunger Walks are community-wide events sponsored by Church World Service and organized by local congregations or groups to raise funds to end hunger at home and around the world.

CROP WALK is an organization held in our community in October. Pray for those who have little food or water that funds may be raised to support this organization. Also pray for those who are organizing our local walk, and those who will walk and those who will give. May we be faithful workers in God's kingdom.

### **CROP WALK Background**

With its inception in 1969, CROP Hunger Walks are "viewed by many as the granddaddy of charity walks," notes the Los Angeles Times (Oct. 26, 2009). On October 17, 1969, a thousand people in Bismarck, ND, walked in what may have been the start of the hunger walks related to CROP – and raised \$25,000 to help stop hunger. As far as we know, York County, Penn., was the first walk officially called the CROP Walk for the Hungry – and that event has been continuous since 1970. Several other CROP Hunger Walks occurred soon thereafter, and before long there were hundreds of Walks each year in communities nationwide. Currently, well over 2,000 communities across the U.S. join in more than 1,300 CROP Hunger Walks each year. More than five million CROP Hunger Walkers have participated in more than 36,000 CROP Hunger Walks in the last two decades alone.

### **What does CROP stand for?**

When CROP began in 1947 (under the wing of Church World Service, which was founded in 1946), CROP was an acronym for the Christian Rural Overseas Program. Its primary mission was to help Midwest farm families to share their grain with hungry neighbors in post-World War II Europe and Asia. Today, we've outgrown the acronym but we retain it as the historic name of the program. CROP Hunger Walks are interfaith hunger education and fundraising events sponsored by Church World Service and organized by CWS local offices across the U.S.

### **Where do CROP Hunger Walk funds go?**

CROP Hunger Walks help to support the overall ministry of Church World Service, especially grassroots, hunger-fighting development efforts around the world. In addition, each local CROP Hunger Walk can choose to return up to 25 percent of the funds it raises to hunger-fighting programs in its own community. CROP Hunger Walks help to provide food and water, as well as resources that empower people to meet their own needs. From seeds and tools, to wells and water systems, to technical training and micro-enterprise loans, the key is people working together to identify their own development priorities, their strengths and their needs something CWS has learned through some 68 years of working in partnership around the world.

### **HISTORY OF CHURCH WORLD SERVICE (CROP WALK began here)**

Church World Service was born in 1946, in the aftermath of World War II. Seventeen denominations came together to form an agency "to do in partnership what none of us could hope to do as well alone." The mission: Feed the hungry, clothe the naked, heal the sick, comfort the aged, shelter the homeless

More than 68 years later the mission remains, though where and how we accomplish it has changed dramatically. In 1946-47, U.S. churches opened their hearts and provided more than 11 million pounds of food, clothing, and medical supplies to war-torn Europe and Asia. Protestants and Catholics pooled talent and resources to meet a staggering refugee crisis. Today the Immigration and Refugee Program of CWS is a vital, internationally-recognized operation, having resettled nearly half a million refugee since its inception. Also in 1947, CWS, Lutheran World Relief, and the National Catholic Welfare Program created a joint community hunger appeal, the Christian Rural Overseas Program, also known as CROP. The acronym is gone but the name and life-saving work remains as CROP Hunger Walks in some 1,500 communities across the United States.

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That early CROP initiative captured the imagination of America's heartland. Soon "Friendship Trains" roared across the country, picking up commodities such as corn, wheat, rice, and beans to be shared around the world. The experience of the trains led to "Friendship Food Ships." And, a multi-denominational program called One Great Hour of Sharing was formed to raise in-church gifts to help fill these ships. CWS continued to provide community-wide opportunities for sharing.

In the 1950s and 60s, CWS expanded its reach across Asia, Africa, and Latin America. As the '60s dawned, CWS began to augment its emergency assistance work with support for long-range, problem-solving efforts – what came to be known as development. Development begins at the grassroots. CWS recognized early on that to be successful projects and programs must come from the people themselves, not be imposed by others.

CWS sought out local agencies who share this vision of empowering self-help and long-standing partnerships were forged. Over the years the success stories have been many. One of the first was in Algeria, in North Africa. Over four years, using more than 5 million human-days of volunteer labor, some 20 million forest and fruit trees were planted to anchor the soil against nature's persistent erosion.

In India, CWS helped countless villages construct reservoirs, dig wells, and lay irrigation systems. The result: "drought insurance" and improved food production. The same partnerships that enhanced our development efforts have enabled CWS to maximize our response to disasters.

In the 1970s CWS work evolved in significant ways. Our work in grassroots development inspired a deeper analysis of the root causes of hunger and poverty. As a result, in 1974 CWS - in collaboration with Lutheran World Relief - established the Development Policy Office in Washington, D.C. to represent CWS concerns about hunger to U.S. government bodies. The importance of this work was further ratified in 1978 by the findings of the Presidential Commission on World Hunger, which noted that the primary cause of hunger was poverty, i.e. human-made. Thus what was missing to end hunger was the political will to do so. The Report also called for a concerted effort to increase education on hunger and its causes. Staff from the CWS Development Policy office served on this Commission. In 1976, in order to provide greater support to refugees and their sponsors in the USA, CWS established refugee resettlement offices in various parts of the U.S. They played a pivotal role in supporting the growing number of refugees from Southeast Asia who were resettled to the United States in the years after the Vietnam War. While the number of offices ebbs and flows with refugee admissions, they continue to form the foundation for CWS work in resettling refugees in the US. It was also in the 1970s that CWS first began responding to U.S. disasters at the request of its member churches.

CWS work in international emergency response and development through the 1970s and 1980s focused on working in partnership with other NGO's and with local groups. In some instances this led to the creation of new, independent organizations such as the Middle East Council of Churches, the Christian Commission for Development in Bangladesh or CEPAD in Nicaragua. Working in partnership remains one of the hallmarks of CWS work. These groups remain valued partners to CWS.

More recently, CWS was one of the founding members of a global partnership of faith-based humanitarian agencies, ACT Alliance, with members in 140 countries. With 130 member organizations, ACT Alliance provides a dynamic environment for collaboration in responding to human needs around the world. By working together agencies can maximize their impact.



## OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD (SHOE BOX) IS COMING!

### OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

Since 1993, more than 100 million boys and girls in over 130 countries have experienced God's love through the power of simple shoebox gifts from donations to Operation Christmas Child. Samaritan's Purse works with local churches and ministry partners to deliver the gifts and share the life-changing Good News of Jesus Christ.

#### HOW CAN I HELP?

In October, the boxes will be passed out at Our Saviour congregation for you to fill and bring back to be collected and turned over to Samaritan's Purse staff.

## International Day of Prayer for Peace



Each year the International Day of Peace is observed around the world on 21 September. The General Assembly has declared this as a day devoted to strengthening the ideals of peace, both within and among all nations and peoples.

The United Nations Member States adopted the 17 Sustainable Development Goals in 2015 because they understood that it would not be possible to build a peaceful world if steps were not taken to achieve economic and social development for all people everywhere, and ensure that their rights were protected. The Sustainable Goals cover a broad range of issues, including poverty, hunger, health, education, climate change, gender equality, water, sanitation, energy, environment and social justice.

Sustainable Development Goal 16 "Peace, Justice and Strong Institutions" calls for promoting peaceful and inclusive societies for sustainable development, providing access to justice for all and building effective, accountable and inclusive institutions at all levels.

A peaceful society is one where there is justice and equality for everyone. Peace will enable a sustainable environment to take shape and a sustainable environment will help promote peace.

The theme for the International Day of Peace in 2018 is "The Right to Peace - The Universal Declaration of Human Rights at 70"

The theme celebrates the 70th anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights.

The Universal Declaration of Human Rights is a milestone document in the history of human rights. Drafted by representatives with different legal and cultural backgrounds from all regions of the world, the Declaration was adopted by the United Nations General Assembly in Paris on 10 December 1948 as a common standard of achievement for all peoples and all nations. The Universal Declaration – the most translated document in the world, available in more than 500 languages - is as relevant today as it was on the day that it was adopted.

"It is time all nations and all people live up to the words of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, which recognizes the inherent dignity and equal and inalienable rights of all members of the human race. This year marks the 70th anniversary of that landmark document." -- Secretary-General António Guterres

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Yet, the Universal Declaration does not include a separate article on "Right to Peace". This is why we ask you this year:

What does "The Right to Peace" mean to you? Share your ideas with us through #peaceday and #standup4humanright.

In the lead up to the International Day of Peace on 21 September, we call upon all to take action.

You can support SDG 16 Peace, Justice and Strong Institutions by seeking peaceful resolution of conflict when disagreements arise around you. You can be part of the solution by taking small steps. You can prevent an injustice at school or in your community by adopting a non-violent approach to problem solving and reporting potential crimes, including online bullying.

You can promote human rights by collecting and promoting videos of as many articles as possible in as many languages as possible. Record yourself reading one of the 30 articles of the Declaration in any of the 135 languages currently available and share your video with your friends.

You can engage by speaking up when others are at risk and stand with others' human rights at work, in school and around the dinner table.

You can reflect how each of us can stand up for rights, every day.

Human rights are everyone's rights.



## Daily Bible reading guide from NALC, LCMS and LCC

*Reading the Word of God*, a daily Bible reading guide, has been prepared for Lutherans to use over the next three years.

The North American Lutheran Church has joined with the Lutheran Church-Canada and the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod to compile a three-year plan of *daily* Bible readings and a year-long series of *weekly* readings on Martin Luther's approach to the Scriptures.

### Daily readings

The daily readings are listed on calendars for **2018**, **2019** and **2020**. The plan provides a guide that will take the reader through the entire Old Testament one time in three years, with the exception of Psalms, which are read twice each year. The New Testament will be read twice in the three years.

A reading from the Old Testament, a psalm (or portion of a psalm) and a reading from the New Testament are assigned for each day. Certain church festivals - Christmas, Easter, Pentecost and so forth - have readings appointed for the specific occasion.

# SEPTEMBER

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 <i>Duet. 14</i> <i>Ps. 61</i> <i>Gal. 5:1-15</i>
2 <i>Duet. 15</i> <i>Ps. 62</i> <i>Gal. 5:16-6:5</i>	3 <i>Duet. 16:1-17</i> <i>Ps. 63</i> <i>Gal. 6:6-18</i>	4 <i>Duet. 16:18-17:20</i> <i>Ps. 64</i> <i>Luke 1:1-4</i>	5 <i>Duet. 18</i> <i>Ps. 65</i> <i>Luke 1:5-25</i>	6 <i>Duet. 19</i> <i>Ps. 66</i> <i>Luke 1:26-38</i>	7 <i>Duet. 20</i> <i>Ps. 67</i> <i>Luke 1:39-56</i>	8 <i>Duet. 21:1-23</i> <i>Ps. 68</i> <i>Luke 1:57-66</i>
9 <i>Duet. 22</i> <i>Ps. 69</i> <i>Luke 1:67-80</i>	10 <i>Duet. 23</i> <i>Ps. 70</i> <i>Luke 2:1-21</i>	11 <i>Duet. 24</i> <i>Ps. 71</i> <i>Luke 2:22-52</i>	12 <i>Duet. 25</i> <i>Ps. 72</i> <i>Luke 3:1-14</i>	13 <i>Duet. 26</i> <i>Ps. 73</i> <i>Luke 3:15-17</i>	14 <i>Duet. 27</i> <i>Ps. 74</i> <i>Luke 3:18-38</i>	15 <i>Duet. 28:1-29</i> <i>Ps. 75</i> <i>Luke 4:1-13</i>
16 <i>Duet. 28:30-57</i> <i>Ps. 76</i> <i>Luke 4:14-30</i>	17 <i>Deut. 28:58-29:8</i> <i>Ps. 77</i> <i>Luke 4:31-41</i>	18 <i>Duet. 29:9-29</i> <i>Ps. 78:1-5</i> <i>Luke 4:42-5:11</i>	19 <i>Duet. 30</i> <i>Ps. 7:36-72</i> <i>Luke 5:12-26</i>	20 <i>Duet. 31:1-22</i> <i>Ps. 79</i> <i>Luke 5:27-39</i>	21 <i>Duet. 31:23-32:14</i> <i>Ps. 80</i> <i>Luke 6:1-11</i>	22 <i>Duet. 32:15-35</i> <i>Ps. 81</i> <i>Luke 6:12-19</i>
23 <i>Duet. 32:36-52</i> <i>Ps. 82</i> <i>Luke 6:20-36</i>	24 <i>Duet. 33:1-11</i> <i>Ps. 83</i> <i>Luke 6:37-49</i>	25 <i>Duet. 33:12-29</i> <i>Ps. 84</i> <i>Luke 7:1-17</i>	26 <i>Duet. 34</i> <i>Ps. 85</i> <i>Luke 7:18-35</i>	27 <i>Job 1</i> <i>Ps. 86</i> <i>Luke 7:36-50</i>	28 <i>Job 2</i> <i>Ps. 87</i> <i>Luke 8:1-8</i>	29 <i>Job 3</i> <i>Ps. 88</i> <i>Luke 8:9-18</i>
30 <i>Job 4</i> <i>Ps. 89</i> <i>Luke 8:19-25</i>						



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