

# Cross Connections



*St. Paul's Lutheran Church*

*August 2019*

## St. Paul's Preschool & PMO is Celebrating 10 Years!



St. Paul's Preschool & PMO is a half-day early childhood program for children 10 months through 4 years old. After the church finished the expansion and renovation in 2009, the preschool began a small, parent co-op program with 14 children ages 1-2 years old. The preschool expanded to two classes the next school year and added 3 year olds. The program continued to expand over the years, eventually offering classes to children 10 months through 4 years old. We currently have

about 55 children enrolled in seven classes, using four classrooms. Children attend two to five mornings a week and the program runs September through May. In addition to the school year, the preschool also offers several weeks of summer camp.

As we are beginning the 10<sup>th</sup> year of our Preschool, we have determined that some items can greatly add up over the years!

- ✓ Number of children attended - 220
- ✓ Gallons of paint used - 156
- ✓ Number of books read - 1,578
- ✓ Number of laminating sheets - 3,250
- ✓ Pieces of construction paper - 15,083
- ✓ Cubic yards of sand - 20
- ✓ Boxes of tissue - 210
- ✓ Weekly Chapel Time - 320
- ✓ Snacks eaten - 32,922
- ✓ Pounds of play dough made - 800
- ✓ Block towers created - 10,256
- ✓ Belly laughs - 100,000+ (too many to count!)

The Rev. Scott M. Anderson, Pastor  
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## *From the Pastor...*

It has been a very hectic July. Once VBS concluded, Vicar Megan and I prepared for confirmation camp. Camp was great. We had three students, Laura Ann McKenzie, Anastasia Smith, and Chiku Sheelam. We had a great time and learned about the church year. We are working on new curriculum for confirmation for the fall.

July is a time of preparation for the fall. We are preparing Sunday School offerings, developing changes in schedules and generally spending the month in planning. One major change is that we are moving the monthly worship at Croasdaile from the 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday to the First Thursday of the month.

July is also transition time. We say goodbye to Vicar Megan and hello to Vicar Anna. Vicar Megan has been a blessing this year and I ask you for prayers for her ministry. I pray she is called to use her gifts (and not in North Dakota).

We will be updating the Vicar photo gallery in a few days and if you haven't ever gone to look, it is located in the hallway behind the copier office, not far from the interior entrance to the library.

August is the time to pound the new Vicar. Not literally pound her, but provide supplies that will help her settle in. Suggestions are toilet paper, paper towels, cleaning supplies, gift cards, and kitchen staples (flour, sugar, coffee, etc.).

We continue to work on Planting Hope and will have an update soon.

God's peace  
Pastor Scott

## *From the Vicar...*

Dear St. Paul's Lutheran Church,

My name is Anna Carter (pronounced ah-nah) and I am incredibly excited to be your upcoming Vicar! I am looking forward to learning from you and with you throughout the coming year. One of the things you will soon learn about me is that I love to tell the story of God's redemptive and healing love in my life. My life, my call into pastoral ministry, and my adult adoption are one story interwoven with beautiful details of God's mercy and grace. I did not grow up in the church, but began attending an Evangelical Covenant Church (ECC) in 1999 while in high school. In 2003 I said yes to God's persistent nudging to become a pastor. I attended North Park Theological Seminary in Chicago, Illinois from the intention of becoming an ECC pastor. In 2007 while at North Park, I was

adopted. Instead of pursuing a call in the ECC after I graduated in 2009, I relocated to Winston Salem, North Carolina to live closer to my new family. My time at North Park was deeply formative for me in many ways. During my final year of seminary, I was able to bring together my love of theology and passion for care as I wrote my thesis, "A Trinitarian Theology of Care."

For several years, I lived in Winston Salem enjoying the experience of ordinary family life. These years in NC were a time of deep growth and healing for me. Additionally, I was a nanny for two children for nearly six years who are now ages 12 and 10. Loving and caring for these two children has been one of the greatest gifts of my life. Before I left North Park, one of my seminary professors encouraged me to find a Lutheran congregation, knowing it would be a good fit for me theologically. I found a home at Augsburg Lutheran Church in Winston Salem. As God began drawing me back toward a path to pastoral ministry, I knew it would be within the ELCA. I graduated with my MDIV in May and will begin my capstone internship with you on August 12.

I have been thinking and dreaming about being a pastor for nearly 20 years ... I am grateful, honored, and excited that I will be learning how to be a pastor among you. I am looking forward to getting practical, hands on experience in all things ministry related. I hope to grow in my teaching and preaching abilities as well as strengthening my skills for pastoral leadership. I am most excited about getting to know you and hearing about God's faithfulness and love in your lives.

For fun, I love to clean and organize, read, decorate, and bake. I am a gluten-free vegetarian and am always up for trying new recipes. I find it hard to say no to ice cream and any kind of cheese. I get energized when I talk about the Trinity, the sacraments, and creation care.

I truly believe that the Holy Spirit has led me to St. Paul's and I am looking forward to continuing my formation as my journey toward Word and Sacrament continues to progress.

Grace and peace to you,  
Vicar Anna

## *A Thank You Note from former Vicar Megan Hoewisch*

Before I started at St. Paul's, I studied the directory, trying to memorize names and faces. So, as the new vicar, I knew people based on what they were

wearing in their picture in the directory, or what their haircut had been, or where the picture had been taken. It's a pretty one-dimensional way of knowing someone. But on my last Sunday as your vicar, after the doors were locked and the parking lot emptied, I sat with my lap full of cards and notes and gifts. As I read your kind and thoughtful and meaningful cards, my eyes lingered on the signatures. And those names that had once been one-dimensional now leapt with life and laughter, with memories of joys and sorrows shared, with personality and uniqueness. I am so grateful for the ways you have welcomed me into your lives and into your community of faith. I am grateful for the clarity you have given me regarding my call to ordained ministry. And I am grateful for the gifts and the check and the love and the prayers that you have sent me off with!

Thank you for this year. Thank you, thank you, thank you. I'll close with the preschool benediction: God bless us and keep us, wherever we go.

In Christ,  
Megan Hoewisch

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## Share a Meal with Duke Lutherans!

by John and Linda Foreman  
Duke Lutherans Committee

A central part of Duke Lutherans' life together is eating together. Duke Lutherans invites you to come to campus this fall and share in the gifts of food and fellowship. Each Sunday night at 5:30 pm, Duke Lutherans gather in the York Room of Duke Divinity School for a short service of Evening



Prayer, followed by a community meal, which is graciously prepared and served by members of St. Paul's and Grace. Whether you've served a meal in the past or whether it would be your first time, we invite you to take part in this vibrant ministry – and we need your help! This fall's open dates include: Sept 8, Sept 15, Sept 29, Oct 13, Oct 20, Oct 27, Nov 3, Nov 10, Nov 17, Nov 24 and Dec 8. For more information or to sign up for a date, please email [john.foreman@duke.edu](mailto:john.foreman@duke.edu).

## The Best of Enemies

Pastor Ali Tranvik  
Duke Lutherans

You may have read the book or seen the new movie, "The Best of Enemies," featuring Taraji P. Henson and Sam Rockwell. It's based on a true story that took place in Durham in the summer of 1971, when Ann Atwater, a single mother and civil rights activist, was asked to co-chair a committee to oversee the desegregation of Durham's schools. But her fellow co-chair, C. P. Ellis, was not only on the opposite side of the integration debate – he was the leader of the local Ku Klux Klan, who was determined to prevent integration by any means necessary. "The Best of Enemies" tells the story not only of formal school desegregation in Durham, but of the unfathomable friendship that Atwater forged with Ellis in the process.

With this remarkable story as our guide, Duke Lutherans, members of St. Paul's, and members of Grace gathered throughout June and July to wrestle with race, scripture, and what the faith of Ann Atwater means for us as Christians and as Durhamites today. The CCG looks forward to continuing conversations and discerning how we are called into the hard work of challenging racism together at St. Paul's this fall.

If you are interested in learning more about Ann Atwater, visit

<https://www.schoolforconversion.org/ann-atwater-free-dom-library>. If you'd like to read the book, email Pastor Ali – there are a couple copies still available.

## Sharing Life Together Across Campus and Congregation

by Anya Varanko  
Duke Lutherans Congregational Liaison

As part of living into our "call to life together" this past year, Duke Lutherans revived "Adopt-a-Duke-Lutheran," a program that connects Duke Lutherans with members of our two supporting congregations. This year we matched twenty students and local Lutheran families who spent the year getting to know one another, sharing meals, and participating in church and community events.

"I joined Adopt-a-Duke-Lutheran because I wanted to find a home away from home, to give myself a chance to love and be loved by others," says Jovita Byemerwa, a rising third year PhD student. Jovita's adopted family was eager to provide that home. "We were inspired to participate in the program because of

my own experiences as a college student when families welcomed me into their homes,” says Marilyn Bell.

Adopted families provide a way for Duke Lutherans to engage more deeply in their wider community. “My adopted family invited me to Thanksgiving dinner with all of their family members in Greensboro and that was such a great moment,” Jovita says. “I’ve loved talking to my adopted family about their childhood, looking at their family photos, and learning from them about the history of Durham and North Carolina.”

This year, adopted families also provided rides to the airport, a quiet home to study in, and a louder cheering section at Duke sporting events. Ellen and Kevin Lavery supported rising junior Alex Miley at his meets with Duke’s Cross Country and Track teams. “Our favorite memory was watching [Alex] win the Steeplechase at Duke last spring, knowing it was his first time competing in the event,” says Ellen.

But perhaps the most important part of the program are the relationships. “We’ve enjoyed spending quality time with our adoptee and learning about his work at Duke and plans for the future,” says Phil and Sally Hart. “Adopt-a-Duke-Lutheran has brought us closer to the Duke Lutherans community. We’ve appreciated the shared gift of relationships.”

As we begin to welcome new members into Duke Lutherans in just a few weeks, we will have more opportunities for church members to get involved. If you’re interested in “adopting” a Duke Lutheran this year or want to learn more, please reach out to me at [akv12@duke.edu](mailto:akv12@duke.edu). We are grateful for your continued support as we begin another year of building relationships across campus and congregation!

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## Council Notes

We hope everyone is having a restful and restorative summer. Your congregation council continues to move forward on several projects including: the survey of the Damascus House property, a lease for Wildflower Cottage, and working with the Finance Committee to reshape roles and move toward hiring a bookkeeper for St. Paul’s.

The council offers sincere thanks to Vicar Megan for her service among us. We have learned and grown from the perspectives she brought to our work.

It’s hard to believe that summer’s end will see us starting the budget planning process as well as gearing up for our Stewardship Campaign in September. Stay tuned!

Thanks to each and all of you for the gifts you

daily share in the work of St. Paul’s.

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## Preschool Pitter Patter

by Amanda Stoen



Preschool Summer Camp wraps up August 8. We have had six weeks of fun! We welcomed more than 40 children, ages 2-6, to our summer program. During the summer, we spend a lot of time outside before the morning gets too hot and there is usually a lot of water play involved. Then we split up into classrooms and the children explore centers, open ended art, games, play doh and stories. We provide the children a lot of time to engage in their play to support their active learning styles. Check out the Preschool Facebook page for photos of our summer fun!

It’s already that time of year to relink your Harris Teeter VIC card. When you link your card to St. Paul’s Preschool & PMO, we will receive a portion of your purchases from Harris Teeter. The Harris Teeter account number is **3049**. You can link in any store or online and you do not need to be a preschool parent to link your card. Thank you for supporting the preschool!

We have a few more spots in our Twos classes this fall. Visit our web site – <http://stpaulspreschooldurham.weebly.com> or please contact me at the church or email: [preschool@stpaulsdurham.org](mailto:preschool@stpaulsdurham.org) for more information.

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## Received by Holy Baptism

On Sunday, June 30, we welcomed by Holy Baptism, Megan Turner. Megan lives at 2507 Pickett Road in Durham.

On Sunday, July 14, we welcomed by Holy Baptism, Scarlett Carolina Aceituno, daughter of Rebecca Amelia Ewing and Ramiro Armando Aceituno Castaneda. Scarlett was born on August 19, 2018.

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## Our Sympathy

Our Sympathy to the family and friends of Douglas Franzen, youngest brother of David Franzen. Douglas died on July 4 following a brief illness. His funeral will be Monday, August 5 in Apple Valley MN.

## Memorials Received

Our thanks to the following persons who have given memorials in memory of Nancy Clendaniel.

Robin Winfree, Durham

James and Sonja Bock, Durham

Phillip and Sally Hart, Durham

Lisa L. Heusel-Gillig, Decatur GA

Gary and Kathleen Spitz, Rochester NY

Neil and Janis Shephard, Missoula MT

Richard and B. J. Oline, Durham

Thomas and Judith Kraska, Chapel Hill (to the Stephen Ministry Fund)

Gary and Diane Archer, Hillsborough

Ronald and Marcella Brown, Durham

Karl and Otilie Freundt, Durham

Barbara D. Anderson, Durham

Marilyn and Everett Hughes, Durham

Joanne and Emmet Voelkel, Towson MD

Frank and Patricia Parker, Durham

Betty Hinshaw, Hillsborough

Jane Anne Roediger, Goleta, CA

We have also received a memorial in memory of Bill Anderson by Betty Hinshaw, Hillsborough

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## Stephen Ministers: The After People

by Nan Treul

People often ask, “What exactly is a Stephen Minister?” One way to put it is that Stephen Ministers are the *After People*.

**Stephen Ministers are there:**

...*after* the phone call you hoped you’d never get.

...*after* the divorce papers are served and the bottom falls out of your life.

...*after* the funeral, when everyone has left and the emotions you’ve held at bay come crashing in on you.

...*after* the doctor says, “I’m sorry, but there’s nothing more we can do.”

...*after* the nursing home director shakes your hand and says, “Welcome to your new home.”

...*after* the last child honks the horn, waves, and drives away – and the house suddenly seems empty.

...*after* the gavel goes down, the handcuffs go on, and your loved one is led away.

...*after* the baby arrives, demanding more of you than you ever dreamed possible.

...*after* you find a pink slip with your final paycheck.

...*after* your family and friends have heard your story one too many times, but you still need to talk it out.

Stephen Ministers are the “After People.” We are men and women, ready to come alongside you – or your friends, neighbors, co-workers, or relatives – and provide comfort and support for as long *after* as needed.

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## Planned Giving: Charitable Trusts

*This is one article in a series of topics about various types of planned giving. We feature one topic each month in Cross Connections and bulletin inserts. To see the other articles in the series, check our website [stpaulsdurham.org](http://stpaulsdurham.org) under Resources.*

*This month we feature **Charitable Trusts**.*

### Article #5: Charitable Trusts

For some people, establishing an irrevocable Charitable Trust can provide great benefits for themselves, their heirs, and for our church. Charitable Trusts work two ways.

**Remainder Trusts:** With a remainder trust, the donor gifts assets to the trust (often to avoid capital gains taxes or for other tax benefits), then the donor receives an income stream for life, or for a prescribed period of time from the trust. It is also possible to grant children, grandchildren, or other beneficiary a period of time to receive that trust income. Following the prescribed time period, the trust assets are then transferred to the church.

People who don’t want their children or grandchildren to inherit a lump sum of money will appreciate this option so that the income is provided to heirs over a period of time.

**Lead Trusts:** These work the opposite of remainder trusts. In a lead trust, the church received an income stream from the donated assets for a prescribed period. Following the term of the agreement, the assets transfer back to the original donor or to whoever the donor designates.

Both remainder trusts and lead trusts require professionals to set up and manage. St. Paul’s will utilize the ELCA Foundation that has small fees, but a long history of servicing these charitable vehicles.

For more information on Charitable Trusts, contact a member of the Stewardship Committee.

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## Music Announcements

*by Jacqueline Nappi  
Minister of Music*

The Children's Choir will begin when Sunday School begins and take place in Genesis Hall from 8:45-9:00 am. First date of Sunday School is September 15.

Handbells and Adult Choir will rehearse on Wednesday Evenings starting August 28<sup>th</sup>. Bells will be at 6:30-7:15 pm and Choir from 7:15-8:30 pm.

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## St. Paul's Readers

St. Paul's Readers will be taking a break and NOT meet in August. We will meet again to discuss Inspired, by Rachel Held Evans, on Thursday, September 19, at 3:00 pm in the library.

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## Wednesday Night Supper

One Wednesday night supper in the month of August and that is on August 21 at 6:00 pm. Menu is "Summertime Sandwich and Salad Spread." Come to enjoy ham salad, egg salad, tuna salad, as well as potato salad, cole slaw, chips, ice cream novelties and cupcakes.

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## The Enchanted Baroque

### Music of Vivaldi, Telemann, Rameau and others

The North Carolina Baroque Orchestra, under the leadership of Frances Blaker and Barbara Blaker Krumdieck, will present in concert "The Enchanted Baroque" on Saturday, August 10 at 3:30 pm at St. Paul's Lutheran Church. Suggested donation is \$15 General / \$10 students and Seniors / kids free. For more information: [www.ncbaroqueorchestra.org](http://www.ncbaroqueorchestra.org)

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## Congratulations!

Brigid Sophia Ballantine was born July 20 to Pastor Marsha Anderson and Brian Ballantine. Proud grandparents are Pastor Scott and his wife Kathy. Brigid joins big brother, Drew, and big sister, Caroline.

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## Thursday Morning Bible Study

Come join the Thursday morning Bible Study when it resumes on September 5 at 10:30-11:45 am in the conference room.

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## Croasdaile Worship

A reminder that beginning on August 1, monthly Croasdaile Worship will now meet on the **first** Thursday of the month at 2:00 pm.

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## New Members

On Sunday, September 1, we will receive new members. If you are interested in joining at that time, please speak with Pastor Scott.

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**CRAYONS**<sup>2</sup>  
CALCULATORS

Bins are in the church atrium to collect items for the Crayons 2 Calculators "Fill the

Bus" drive. Items being collected include: **hand sanitizer, clip boards, tissues, Sharpies, colored markers, scissors, construction paper, mechanical pencils, colored pencils, dry erase markers, tape (clear, masking, and duct), markers.** These items will stock the shelves at C2C with basic school supplies. C2C then provides free school supplies to classroom teachers throughout the year. You are not just "filling a bus. You are filling a NEED". Last day to bring in supplies is **Sunday, August 11.**