

Cross Connections



St. Paul's Lutheran Church

September 2017



Sunday, September 10 – RALLY DAY

We will have our traditional Rally Day Breakfast beginning at 9:30 am in Trinity Hall. Come after 8:30 am worship or before 11:00 am worship. We will meet and greet Sunday School leaders and hear of plans for the year. We are still in need of session leaders for the children.

Sunday School classes begin

September 17 for adults and children at 9:45-10:45 am. If you would like to contribute snacks for the younger members, items should be pre-packed individuals such as granola bars, crackers, goldfish, juice boxes, etc. and can be left in the receptionist office where the mailboxes are.



Time and Talent Tables



Take the opportunity to stop and visit with our groups and committee members at the Time and Talent Tables that morning to hear what they are doing both in and outside of St. Paul's. They would like to explain and show you how they make a difference. A large number of committees and groups are in need of participants. Come and see how you can help.

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Pastor's Article

September always feels like summer to me and I am never ready for the fall to begin. Fall starts with a bang and we never seem to slow down. Rally day is September 10 and we will be having breakfast and introducing Sunday School teachers and classes. We are still in need of teachers for our children, so if you feel called to teach, please contact Vicar Adam or Pastor Scott.

On September 10, we will also be hosting a Time and Talent Fair. Our committees and ministries will be sharing their work and asking you to join their commitment to serving our God. Come to church that Sunday for a joyous time of celebrating ministry at St. Paul's.

September is also a time of transition in worship. We will begin using Setting 6 from the ELW in late September. This setting is lively and fun and filled with new music for most of us. It has the flavor of your favorite old time gospel sing and has rhythms that may be a little challenging, but I think you will find it uplifting and engaging. So come join us as we being using it on Sept. 24.

September means getting ready for the Pumpkin Patch in early October. Please see Joan Albright if you can help with the patch.

September is also registration for the National Youth Gathering. So make sure your young (high school) students are signed up for this great event in Houston, Texas, next June. Over 30,000 Lutheran Youth will be together sharing and celebrating their faith in Jesus Christ.

May the God of grace and peace, guide us as we prepare for a new school year.

Pastor Scott

New Beginnings

It is a season of new beginnings. I am in the midst of my own new beginning as this year's Duke Lutherans' vicar. Students at Duke are beginning their semesters as biomedical engineering students, incoming freshmen, divinity scholars, philosophers, music majors, and (hopefully really good) basketball players. As Pastor Laura and I prepare for (brace for?) our new beginning with Duke Lutherans, we look forward to forming and deepening relationships with students, experiencing God's grace through word and sacrament each week in worship, celebrating 500 years of our Lutheran heritage, wrestling with what it means to be a Christian on campus and in the world today, living out our vocations as neighbors throughout the

Duke and Durham community, *and* having you be a part of it all with us!

Perhaps you find yourself in a new beginning of sorts – at home, at work, or even here at church. Or maybe you are in the middle of season, or at one's end. Regardless, as people of faith, we are always in the midst of a new beginning. As Paul writes, "Behold! Everything is being made new." Or as Luther says, "life is nothing else than a daily baptism," a recurring dying-and-rising. Or as Kierkegaard claims, we are always in the process of "becoming Christian." The life of faith, in other words, is one in which we are given the grace to start anew, morning by morning.

So as we await the unknown and even unsettling newness God has in store for us this year, I invite you to rise each morning and trace the sign of the cross on your foreheads again, and perhaps revisit an excerpt from a prayer Luther wrote that I found on the wall of the St. Paul's office my first week:

"This life [...] is not health but healing, not being but becoming, not rest but exercise. We are not yet what we shall be, but we are growing toward it. The process is not yet finished, but it is going on. This is not the end, but it is the road."

I am grateful and excited to be on this road – a part of this new beginning – with you.

Vicar Ali Tranvik

Duke Lutherans Campus Ministry

Preschool Pitter Patter

by Amanda Stoen



St. Paul's Preschool & PMO is entering our eighth year as a half-day preschool program. How time flies!

This school year, we welcome 55 children to the preschool, including several new families. Our first day of preschool is Tuesday, September 5th, with our children ranging in age from ten months to four years old. We ask that you pray for us as we begin the school year and continue in our care of God's children.

This year, we will continue our St. Paul's Gives Back service projects. These monthly service projects will include collections such as books and diapers as well as thanking groups in our local community. If you have any service project ideas, please let me know. We are excited to teach our preschoolers about generosity and compassion for others through this new service

program!

We appreciate all of the support from St. Paul’s members. Two easy ways you can support the preschool are by linking your Harris Teeter VIC and Kroger Plus cards. When you link your card to St. Paul’s Preschool & PMO, we will receive a portion of your purchases from Harris Teeter or Kroger. 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. To link your Kroger Plus card, visit krogercommunityrewards.com to register online. Our NPO number is 82098. Thank you for your support!

We do still have a few remaining spots in our 2s and 4s classes. If you know of anyone searching for a preschool this year, please have them contact me at the church by phone or email: preschool@stpaulsdurham.org.

Lutheran Men in Mission

Lutheran Men in Mission in NC are celebrating the 500th anniversary of the Reformation by asking congregation members to support their work. Lutheran Men in Mission in NC support new pastors, seminary students and new congregational starts. They are asking each congregation in the Synod to support their ministry by making a \$500 contribution during this 500th anniversary year. If anyone is interested in helping LMM raise this money, checks can be made to St. Paul’s for LMM.

Tenth Triennial WELCA Gathering

Minneapolis Convention Center
July 13-16, 2017

by Marilyn Bell-Hawley

All Anew was the theme of this year’s Gathering and because it occurred during the observance of the 500th anniversary of the Protestant Reformation, It offered another opportunity to celebration reformation, renewal, and transformation.

And celebrate we did!

Nearly 3,400 women and men, including more than 50 from our own NC Synod, converged on beautiful Minneapolis and perfect weather for four days of worship, fun, and fellowship with our brothers and sisters from throughout the US and around the world, including India, El Salvador, Honduras, South Sudan, and Liberia!



Our time together began with the powerful words of *Nobel Peace Laureate Leymah Gobwee*, who is best known for leading the non-violent movement of Christian and Muslim women which played a pivotal role in ending Liberia’s fourteen year Civil War. She described our theme as “A way of life, not an event. It’s a journey of understanding.” *Bishop Elizabeth Eaton* reminded us of our daily and ordinary opportunities for renewal as we reach out to those among us who are different, whether our brothers and sisters from a different land as refugees, or a smile and greeting of kindness to those within our own families and neighborhoods.

Opportunities for involvement and participation were endless: from *workshops* on Ending Homelessness, Human Trafficking, and Making Global Connections to daily organ recitals and evening prayer at nearby Central Lutheran Church.

At the *Exhibit Hall* there were numerous vendors, an Artist in Residence, special photography, an urban garden, and the book shop and book signings.

Servant Events included sorting and dividing donated in-kind gifts of more than 27,000 items of personal hygiene kits and clothing that were to be distributed to charities throughout the greater Minneapolis/St. Paul area and globally. As well as the Quilting Cottage where donated kits were turned into quilts, packaged, and boxed for Lutheran World Relief.

On Saturday morning, 404 participants joined the Run, Walk, and Roll 5K event, which is the WELCA’s *Raising Up Healthy Women and Girls Initiative*.

The American Red Cross collected blood from nearly 100 participants during it’s blood drive at the Gathering.

I was honored to join the 300 plus member *Gathering Choir* led by Kevin Anderson, director for Music and Worship at St. Phillip Lutheran, Mt. Dora, FL. We performed at the *closing worship service* which was conducted by *Rev. Angela Khabeb* of Ascension Lutheran, Waukesha, WI. She reminded us that Christianity is not comfortable; that when we think we have God all figured out, then He begins to look like us, vote like us; and we think God belongs to us, and not the other way around, by then we’ve gotten too comfortable.

The Eleventh Triennial Gathering will be held July 16-19, 2020 in Phoenix, AZ. I have only highlighted events here. There was so much more. Please visit welcatg.org.

WELCA Katherine Circle

The Katherine Circle will meet at 10:00 am on Tuesday, September 12 (instead of Sept. 19) in Trinity Hall. The program will be “Stop the Christmas Machine” presented by Nan Treul. Devotions will be led by Barbara Shade. Hostesses for the meeting will be Jennifer Bowling and Marcia Redman. All women of the church are invited to attend.

St. Paul’s Stephen Ministry



Stephen Ministry Builds
References on Area Long-term Care
Facilities and Similar Resources

The Stephen Ministry group is compiling information for congregation members who are looking for potential long-term care for themselves or others. The

information will be especially useful for those who anticipate a time when they or a loved one can no longer be cared for at home.

In addition to factual information, such as location of facility or resource, address, phone number, type of care offered, and so forth, the Stephen Ministry group plans to add reports of “Personal Experience” with as many of these facilities as possible.

These insights could include reflections on how members who used or observed the care regarded the facility, administrative responsiveness, staff recruitment and training, food, cost and value of the care, and/or other comments that would be helpful for others who need this type of assistance.

“We need the church family to help us with the first hand experience part of it,” said leader Audrey Busch.

The group is asking for individual brief reports to place in the “Personal Experience” section of this collection of information. Personal experiences may be signed and individuals can designate their willingness to talk with others about the care or the feedback can be anonymous.

Forms will be available in the foyer, at the reception office desk, or from any Stephen Minister. Please return them to the Stephen Ministry mail box in the reception office. Thanks for your help!

Wednesday Night Play Date

by Heather Slane

Calling all parents of children ages infant to 2nd

grade (though older children are also welcome). Do you ever need a break from trying to entertain your kids while getting dinner on the table? What if you could gather for a play date while someone else prepared dinner?



Starting in September, we’re inviting parents to bring their children early for play time before the regularly scheduled Wednesday Night Suppers. We’ll meet on the playground beginning at 5 pm, so join us whenever you’re able for a little fellowship while the kiddos burn off energy before supper. If the weather is poor, we’ll meet indoors for coloring and/or craft time before supper. This is your chance to finally meet the other St. Paul’s parents and children that you’ve seen in church but haven’t had a chance to talk to (since you’re always chasing the kids down before and after service!).

Yard Sale News!

by Karen Hassett

THANKS to all of you who have helped in the past by bringing donations, helped with the organizing and pricing, helped on the day of the sale and/or helped with the clean-up.

Our 9th Annual Yard Sale will be on Saturday, October 14. The Yard Sale proceeds last year (\$5,000); (another record!), were divided between St. Paul’s Cub Scout Pack 12, Camp Agape and Damascus House. (We had originally thought that some of the money would go to a fund toward a second oven in Trinity Kitchen, but the oven was paid for by a generous anonymous donor.)



September is a great time to start thinking about donations for the yard sale. We will try to sell almost anything, as long as it is useable and in good (working)

condition. (Please do not give us non-working lawn equipment or old-model televisions and computers.) Please keep in mind our “re-gifting” category which is for “essentially new” items that people can give as presents. Some of these items might also be appropriate for the silent auction which will again be held on Oktoberfest (Oct. 4 this year).

Items that are not sold are donated to Habitat for

Humanity or Durham Rescue mission; some larger/more valuable items will be sent to a consignment store. We have limited storage space in the trailer now and in the “movie” room downstairs (i.e. Jerusalem room); we will be accepting the majority of donations in Trinity Hall starting after the Oktoberfest meal on Wed., Oct 4.

This year, the proceeds from the yard sale will go to Camp Agape, the Cub Scout Pack, and also for a fund for needed repairs and upgrades to Damascus House.

Questions? Please email me! Karen.hassett@gmail.com. I'll be asking for volunteers closer to the date in October, but if you would like to be involved in the early organization for the Yard Sale, please tell me!

African Art, Music, and Fun!

On Saturday, September 23, the NC Museum of Art is opening its news exhibition space for African art with a family-friendly afternoon of celebration. The Museum Park will host free music and dance performances, drum-making workshops, story-telling, and etc. Food trucks from such local restaurants as Palace International, Bo's Kitchen, Captain Poncho's, will be on site from 11:30 am to 3:30 pm. Inside the Museum, local artist Maya Freelon Asante will conduct a collaborative art project.

If you'd like to car pool to the museum, sign up on the bulletin board. Depending on the number of folks going, we might take the church van. We plan to leave St. Paul's about 11:30 am and return about 3:00 pm. Questions to Bee Ellertson at 919-451-4801.

Dementia: Navigating the Long Unknown

Sundays, Sept 17 - Oct 15

Westminster Presbyterian Church
3639 Old Chapel Hill Rd, Durham

6:30-8:00 pm in the Music Room (upper level)

The prevalence of dementia-related illnesses is on a marked upswing, affecting ever more family members and friends. All are invited to attend this free and informative series hosted by Westminster's Mental Health Task Force.

Planned topics include: “The ABCs of Dementia,” “I Am Still With You: A Theological Approach to Dementia,” and “Dementia Family Care: What Happens?” Local professionals, including Dr. Mitchell

T. Heflin of Duke University School of Medicine and Bonnie Thommarson of Home Instead Senior Care, will serve as guest speakers.

A movie night is planned in conjunction with the series for Friday, October 6, (*Still Alice*) at 6 pm in the Parlor at the church. There is no registration for the series on Sundays, but please sign up to attend the movie night at www.bit.ly/myWPCevent.

For more info, visit www.wpcdurham.org/dementia or contact Heather Ferguson (heather@wpcdurham.org; 919-489-4874).

Military Prayer Board



We have installed our new Military Prayer Board in the main hallway off the foyer. Those who have family or friends in the military are invited to use the cards, available in the reception office, to list their information. You are invited to provide a photograph or an address if their military person would like to be contacted. This board has replaced the list in the bulletin each week. Take a moment to check it out and keep our military friends in your prayers.

Changes of Address

Victor Chi – college address
HA-0307 Hawthorn Hall
9201 University City Blvd
Charlotte NC 28223

John Guran
8893 Tappy Toorie Cir
Highlands Ranch CO 80129

Anita Johnson (mail address)
c/o Sharon Baker
3906 Schley Rd
Hillsborough NC 27278
Anita is still residing at:
Pruitt Health Rm 215
3100 Erwin Road
Durham NC 27705

Christina Perez
607 11th Street
Galveston TX 77550-5024

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 under Resources.

Part 1: Wills

Part 2: Life Insurance

Part 3: IRAs

Part 4: Charitable Gift Annuities

Part 5: Charitable Trusts

This month we feature Charitable Trusts.

Charitable Trusts

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

Remainder Trusts: With a remainder trust, the donor gifts an asset to the trust (often to avoid capital gains taxes), then the donor receives an income for life, or a period of years from the trust. It is also possible to grant your children or grandchildren 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 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 opposite of remainder trusts. In a lead trust, the charity receives an income stream from the donated assets for a period of years. Following the term of the agreement the asset transfers back to the original donor or to whoever the donor designates.

Both Remainder trusts and Lead trusts require professionals to set them up. 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 or return the coupon below in the offering plate.

THANK YOU!

St. Paul's Lutheran Church would like to thank individuals and families who have notified the congregation that the ministry of this church has been included in their estate plans. Gifts through a person's estate are a great lasting testimony to the importance that the church and service to God has held in their lives.

St. Paul's respects requests for anonymity, but since gift amounts are not being made public, we are hopeful that publishing a list of names will be seen as a statement of faith and will encourage others. Please use the reply form below to let the church know that you have included St. Paul's in your estate plans.

Alternatively, you may use this form to let us know if you are interested in learning more.

REPLY

___ I/we have included St. Paul's Lutheran Church in estate plans. It would be OK to list my/our name(s) in articles about Planned Giving.

___ I/we are interested in including St. Paul's Lutheran Church in our estate plans. Please contact us.

Name _____

Phone _____

email _____

THANK YOU!

In the mailbag...

Dear Sisters and Brothers at St. Paul's,

Thank you so much for the lovely reception and all the wonderful gifts you gave me on my last day at St. Paul's. I was so touched by your thoughtfulness and generosity, and I will think of you all every time I wear one of those beautiful stoles and use my hymnal and my personal puppet Jesus! I also want to thank you for all the love and support you gave me during my internship and for helping me grow into my pastoral identity. You give an amazing gift to the church by living into your calling as a teaching parish. Blessings to you all as you continue in this ministry.

With love, Sue Holland

St. Paul's,

Thank you for your contribution to the Lifeline Fund! Together, we are making a difference in the lives of our pastors and congregations.

Sincerely,

Caroline Mocho, NC Synod

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Thank you for your generous gift of \$250 to Housing for New Hope. With your support, we are able to continue to provide creative solutions for the homeless, breaking the cycle of poverty. Every dollar is crucial to providing our clients a place to call home.

*Christy Thompson, Development Director
Housing for New Hope*

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Thank you for your gift of \$400 through Urban Ministries of Durham to offer neighbors food, shelter and a future.

Lorie Castillo came dancing into my office waving a letter. She held it out to me: Her application for an apartment had been approved, so she is moving out of the UMD homeless shelter. Lori has been homeless off and on for 33 years, yet she is starting the new year in her own place. She came to tell me her good news because she knows this hopeful new chapter in her story is possible only because of your willingness to share.

Bryan Gilmer

*Director of Marketing & Development
Urban Ministries of Durham*

Some letters have been abbreviated. Complete letters are on the bulletin board in the reception office.

Honorarium Received

We have received a donation to the Music Fund from Susan Honoré in honor of the Honorés, Pedersons, and Espitias.

"Uncertain Times: Martin Luther's Remedies for the Soul" at The Walters Art Museum, Baltimore MD August 6 - October 29, 2017

If you are traveling and in the Baltimore area, you may wish to check out this exhibit which provides insight into Luther's world, friendships, and family. Approximately 20 works will be on view, ranging from a simple beer cup to a mesmerizing rendering of the Lutheran orb and cross composed entirely of microscopic hand-lettered prayers.

YOUTH MINISTRY NEWS



2018 ELCA Youth Gathering – UPDATE!

From June 27 - July 1, 2018, Lutheran youth from across the country will gather in Houston, Texas for worship, fellowship, and service.

All youth who are in 8th - 12th grade in September of 2017 are eligible to attend.

Trip details:

Cost:

- ◆ Attending the event costs approximately \$1,500 per person. This includes travel, hotel, and meals.
 - ▶ SPLC will contribute \$500 per youth
 - ▶ Participants will contribute \$500 per youth
 - ▶ Youth will participate in fundraisers to make up the balance.
- ◆ Payment Schedule:
 - ▶ September 14 – \$150 (nonrefundable deposit)
 - ▶ November 14 – \$150
 - ▶ March 14, 2018 – \$200
- ◆ Fundraising:
 - ▶ All youth attending the gathering are expected to participate in fundraising activities.

Other Details (subject to change):

- ◆ We are currently planning on flying to Houston.
- ◆ Travel arrangements may impact departure and arrival dates.
- ◆ Go to <http://www.elca.org/YouthGathering> for more details about the event.

To Register:

- ◆ Fill out these forms (both available on the Youth bulletin board outside of Whitesell Hall)
 - ▶ a youth participant registration worksheet and
 - ▶ a youth participant agreement form
- ◆ Include a check made out to St. Paul's Lutheran Church with "Youth Gathering" on the memo line for your nonrefundable deposit of \$150 per youth.
- ◆ Return the forms and the check to the Vicar no later than September 14.

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From Conflict to Communion

After 500 years, we thought we'd make a date to talk about the things we have in common. God calls us to Unity as we recall the Reformation of 1517. Come study our common hope in the saving act of Jesus by reviewing the joint Catholic/Lutheran document "From Conflict to Communion."

Saturday, September 9 at 9:00 am - 12:00 pm at St. Paul's in Trinity Hall.

Co-sponsored with St. Thomas More Catholic Church in Chapel Hill.

Book and Magazine Re-Use!

Caring for Creation is the theme behind the paperback/hard back books that are available in the church hallway. Please take a book or leave a book. Also, there are magazines available in the hall by the conference room. Enjoy without purchasing new!



Young In Spirit

Young In Spirit will come together again this September after enjoying an unscheduled summer. The first event will

be "Bring your own lunch" and planning session on Wednesday, September 13 at 11:30 am in Trinity Hall. Come join a great group of people each month as we eat together or visit local sights or events.

Prayer Partners

The Prayer Partners reveal will be Saturday, September 23 at 9:30-11:00 in Trinity Hall. Along with a light brunch, we will have a program regarding "Coloring our Prayer" and then REVEAL who has been praying for us all year. The morning will conclude with a drawing for a new prayer partner. All are welcome!!!

Wednesday Night Suppers

Join us on Sept. 6 and 20 for our Wednesday suppers. They begin in Trinity Hall at 6 pm. Menu for Sept 6 is our "Reading, Writing, and Ravioli" meal – ravioli, sauce, meatballs, salad, garlic bread, and dessert. Menu undecided yet for the 20th. If you can help with either meal, please contact Susan Esposito.

Time and Talent Tables



Between services on Rally Day (Sept 10) we invite you to take a few minutes to stop and speak with our members at our Time and Talent Tables. Committees and groups will be set up

around the main level of the building with information on what they do, their goals, and answer any of your questions. This, too, is an education process in which members have an opportunity to seek out ways to affirm Christ in another way – giving of their time and talents. Spend a few minutes and you may possibly happen upon a group or committee which interests you – all need additional participants.

Outdoor Sheds/Trailer Cleanup

On Sat, Sept 30 beginning at 9 am, we will make an all-out effort to go through, clean out, and organize our storage areas in the rear. **We need help to do this.**

Looking Ahead...

- Wed, Oct 4 – Oktoberfest in Trinity Hall, 6 pm
- Sat, Oct 7 – Pumpkins Arrive for Pumpkin Patch, 3 pm - we'll need help to unload
- Sat, Oct 14 – Indoor Yard Sale, 7 am - 1 pm - start going through your attic and closets!
- Fri, Oct 27 – Trunk or Treat, 6 pm
- Sun, Oct 29 - Reformation Celebration/Lunch at 12:30