

# Cross Connections



*St. Paul's Lutheran Church*

*June 2018*



## Vacation Bible School Monday-Friday, 9:00 am-12:00 pm June 18-22, 2018

We love to see all the children at VBS having fun. The laughter in the rooms is contagious, as adults of all ages are moving and dancing along with the children. God calls us to bring the little children and we have. At "Shipwrecked VBS" the children learn that Jesus is their friend and wants a close relationship with them.

The day begins with "**Castaway Sing and Play**" in Trinity Hall where we all learn the daily bible point, verse, the bible lesson, and the character as well as songs we will sing all week. The groups will

then move from station to station every 20 minutes where they experience **Bible Discovery** (learning more about the daily lesson), **Imagination Station** (applying some science to the themes), **Kid Vid Cinema** (watching a short video on life experiences and then discussion), **Cool Crafts** (creativity at work), and of course **Recreation and Snack** time (this is where they get to enjoy your wonderful donations after a time of burning off some energy). They will end the mornings with "**Sail Away Sendoff**" in the sanctuary where the topics are reviewed and enjoy more singing and discussion.

You are welcome to stop by and get a taste of VBS at any time. On Friday, at 11:35 am, they will begin their last "Sail Away Sendoff" and a review of all the songs.

Following that, everyone is invited to come to Trinity Hall for a wonderful picnic (hot dogs, watermelon, snacks) – all are welcome.

The children will be invited to come on Sunday, June 24 to the 11:00 am service to sing some of their songs for the congregation.

**If you want to help:** we are still in need of a person to head up the picnic on Friday, and we are also hoping that we can have some teens for the Teen Team. Please see Pastor Scott or Susan Esposito if you can help.

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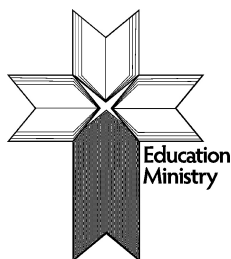
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## *From the Pastor...*

Summertime and the living is easy. Those words came to mind today as the church office staff begins to prepare for summer.

The only problem is that we realized nothing slows down too much this summer. VBS is this month and we still need adults and high school age kids to help with the implementation of VBS. We can't hold after care if we don't get more helpers. That makes life difficult for our parents who rely on this program for at least some help with child care this summer. The Pre-school has some summer camp weeks, so even they don't take the whole summer off. We are also beginning to plan for the fall. I want to hold some conversation over the summer about Sunday School and talk about ways to energize our program this fall. We will begin planning for the transition of Vicars and that is always bittersweet. We don't want Vicar Adam to go but look forward to our new Vicar. That's the rhythm of a teaching congregation. All of this is going on while we prepare and attend the National Youth Gathering and Campfirmation.



Synod Assembly is this month and council members, Johnson Sheelam, Lisa Lewis, and Marilyn Bell-Hawley are our voting members this year. Vicars Ali and Adam will be joining them and me for this event in Raleigh, NC on June 1 and 2. So watch for news from the Assembly.

Kathy and I want to again take this opportunity to thank the congregation for your generosity. We are using your gift from last year to help us take a much needed vacation. This is the first time in 15 years that I've taken two weeks in a row (actually 3 Sundays). We leave for our Crossing of the Atlantic on June 10. Vicar Adam will be in charge of things at St. Paul's, so if any pastoral need arises, please contact him.

Summertime. May the God of peace and Sabbath guide us as we take time for vacations, planning and rejoicing in the Lord.

Pastor Scott

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## *From the Vicar...*

With the National Youth Gathering coming up at the end of this month, I have been contemplating the theme "This Changes Everything."

I've been thinking about the biblical examples of moments when everything changes – when Moses

approaching the burning bush (Exodus 3), when God called young Samuel's name (1 Samuel 3), when hot coals touched Isaiah's lips (Isaiah 6:1-8), when the angel Gabriel appeared to young Mary (Luke 1:26-38; 46-55), when Jesus said, "Follow me," to Peter, Andrew, James, John, and others (Mark 1:16-20), when the women discovered an empty tomb (Matthew 28:1-10; Mark 16:1-8; Luke 24:1-12; John 20:1-18), when Jesus appeared to Paul on the road to Damascus (Acts 9:1-22), and so on. There are these specific moments when God abruptly intervenes in the course of people's lives or in the course of human history after which nothing can be the same again.

In the sacrament of Baptism, we experience the same kind of life-changing encounter with God. We are called by the Spirit (sometimes through our parents if we were baptized as children) to the water of the font where we receive God's grace in being washed clean of our sin, God's love in being adopted into God's family, and God's hope in being sealed with the Holy Spirit. Our entire identity is forever changed with just a few splashes of water. In addition, we may have other moments in our lives when we hear the voice or feel the presence of God more clearly than at other times – moments of clarity into God's will or moments of God's providence working out in the world.

In the commissioning litany for those attending the National Youth Gathering from our congregation (Jonathan Maine, Mary Margaret McKenzie, Vicar Ali Tranvik, and myself) planned for Sunday, June 24, we will affirm those same promises of God's call, God's love, God's grace, God's hope, and Jesus changing everything. Those of attending the National Youth Gathering in Houston, TX will grow in fellowship with the communion of saints from around the country, will be inspired by the witness of other sisters and brothers in Christ, will worship in Spirit and in truth, will give of ourselves in service to the people of Houston, will experience the wide variety of ministries and missions of the Church, and most importantly, will live into these promises of Baptism – called, graced, loved, and given hope.

We thank those of you who have helped financially to make this trip possible at whatever level you are able. We are so appreciative of your generosity and we carry this congregation's love and support with us to Houston. If you would still like to make a contribution to the trip, the mock-up of the airplane outside of the sanctuary will remain up through Sunday, June 24. Please take a slip (or combination of slips) that equals the amount you would like to contribute and follow the instructions on board.

We will leave for Houston on the morning of

Wednesday, June 27 and return the night of Sunday, July 1. During those five days at least, we ask for your prayers to keep us safe and to allow the Spirit to move and inspire us. In your prayers, remember to give thanks that Jesus “changes everything” for you, too!

Love in Christ,  
Vicar Adam

## “Moving into the Neighborhood”

by Ali Tranvik

It may be June, but I want to revisit a text we typically hear in January. A text that talks about the incarnation, about the Word becoming flesh, about God dwelling among us. I recently came across a translation that puts these familiar words from John 1:14 a bit differently. It said, “The Word became flesh and blood and *moved into the neighborhood*.” It’s a translation that not only makes me think about Jesus differently, but about “the neighborhood” differently. It makes me think about the fact that God’s footprints are all throughout town – not just in the neighborhood where I live, but in the neighborhoods I ignore or neglect, the ones where I might pretend Jesus doesn’t dwell.

Translated to our local context, this passage might say something like, “Jesus has set up camp in Lakewood.” Or “he’s got a place in Lyon Park. He made a home in East Durham.” Jesus became flesh and blood and moved into *the* neighborhood, thus dissolving the lines we draw throughout our cities that distinguish neighborhood from neighborhood – neighbor from neighbor.

So what does this mean for the way that we live in “the neighborhood?” What would it look like for us to “move in?” To “dwell among?” To be neighbors, both to folks next door and across town?

These are some of the questions Duke Lutherans have been asking as part of our ongoing exploration of what it means to live as neighbors. To learn more about the neighborhood, a couple of us recently participated in a bike tour through downtown Durham led by a local historian that explored some of the stories that have shaped this place. Like that of John D. Loudermilk, who grew up in a home in Walltown and wrote “Tobacco Road,” the famous autobiographical blues song about growing up as a black man in the Jim Crow south. Or Pauli Murray, the civil rights activist, women’s right activist, Episcopalian priest, lawyer, author, and poet whose face we see painted in murals throughout town, and who reportedly walked

everywhere in Durham because she refused to ride the city’s segregated streetcars.



Duke Lutherans on Durham Bike Tour

This summer, a few Duke Lutherans will continue learning the stories of “the neighborhood” through the Pilgrimage of Pain and Hope, a weekend walking tour that explores how our faith is connected to the place we live. Hosted by DurhamCares and the Duke Center for

Reconciliation, the Pilgrimage includes site visits, reflection and conversation led by community leaders, and worship at a local historic church.

We invite members of St. Paul’s and Grace to join Duke Lutherans on this Pilgrimage on July 20-22, to walk with us as we learn more about the neighborhood and the God who has moved into it.

**To Learn More:** Visit

[www.durhamcares.org/pilgrimage/](http://www.durhamcares.org/pilgrimage/)

**To Register:** Email Ali at [ahw22@duke.edu](mailto:ahw22@duke.edu). Space is limited so RSVP ASAP!

**To Sponsor a Student:** The cost of the Pilgrimage is \$100 per participant, which covers 11 meals, speakers, transportation, and admission to each of the sites. If you can’t join in person, please consider helping make this formative experience possible for a Duke Lutherans student! You may write a check to Duke Lutherans Campus Ministry with “Pilgrimage” in the memo line and put it in Ali’s mailbox at church, or donate online at [www.dukelutherans.org/support](http://www.dukelutherans.org/support). Thank you!

## Council Updates

by George Seiz

Congregation Council President

I’m going to start with a quote by Maya Angelou, “Hope and fear cannot occupy the same space, invite one to stay.” My wife reminded me of this quote when I was telling her about the first meeting of the Planting Hope Team which took place on May 5<sup>th</sup>. As a reminder, Planting Hope is a visioning process to help better define who we are as a congregation. Let me also tell *you* about the meeting.

Our team was not alone as we discovered three other Lutheran churches are also participating in the

training, and we were comforted by the fact there will be a designated coach to help guide us thru the process. As the teams got to know each other we began talking about God's mission and our relationships with God and the world, utilizing a triangle to demonstrate these relationships. Imagine for a moment an equilateral triangle (all three sides and angles equal, but I'm sure you knew that.) Try drawing the triangle. Label the points of the triangle as God, Each Other, and a Hurting World. Now think about St. Paul's and the strengths of these relationships. Are they balanced? Are we focused more on each other than the other points in the triangle? What stories do we have here at St. Paul's about God's activity around us? What are some of the things that are moving our congregation or holding us back?

Hopefully, you find the above questions to be important and thought provoking. In an effort to evaluate how our congregation views these relationships, a Congregational Vitality Survey (provided by the NC Synod) will soon be available for everyone to fill out, most likely mid to late June. It is anticipated there will be a number of ways to access the survey: on-line, hard copy to take home or fill out at church. Once surveys are completed they will be submitted to the NC Synod for evaluation. As a follow-up, the Planting Hope Team will be organizing a fall congregation event to receive the results of the survey. Stay tuned for more information in the coming weeks.

May hope replace any fear.

St. Paul's Planting Hope Team: Pastor Anderson, Betty Hinshaw, Ellen Lavery, Lisa Lewis, Curt Hahn, Tina Bessias, and George Seiz. Other churches participating with their own team: St. Philip, Raleigh; Christ Victor, Durham; Our Redeemer, Greenville, NC

## Stephen Ministry

*by Nan Treul*



On Sunday, May 27, three new Stephen Ministers were commissioned at St. Paul's. They are John Foreman, Marcia Redman, and Janet Seiz. These three individuals completed fifty hours of classroom training, in addition to many hours of reading as preparation. We appreciate their dedication and diligence!

We also commissioned a new Stephen Leader: Kim Hoke. Kim is a long-time member of St. Paul's,

and an experienced Stephen Minister. Kim attended a week of training in St. Louis, Missouri. St. Louis is where the Stephen Ministry program began.

The trainees join twelve other Stephen Ministers: Jeff Anderson, Marcy Brown, Audrey Busch, Bee Ellertson, Phil Hart, Sally Hart, Judy Kraska, Lois Kinzie, Paulette Misenheimer, Penni Perrotte, Tony Perrotte, and Nan Treul. Stephen Ministers is a lay ministry program, which provides compassionate care to a person who is experiencing a rough patch or transition in life. Some examples of these are an illness, a death of a loved one, a divorce, a separation, a stressful family situation, or a loss of independence. It is our hope that no member of St. Paul's has to experience these "rough patches" of life alone.

All Stephen Ministry relationships are held in strictest confidence, to protect care receivers' privacy. Neither names nor identifying details are disclosed. Care givers (the Stephen Ministers) listen deeply, reflect thoughtfully, and share the resources of their faith and prayer life. The supportive relationship is continued as long as it is helpful and wanted by the care receiver.

This lay ministry was started five years ago by Pastor Scott as a way of expanding pastoral care at St. Paul's. Over the past five years, over twenty individuals have received confidential care from a Stephen Minister, usually in weekly meetings.

If you know of someone who may benefit from having a Stephen Minister, please contact Pastor Scott or Judy Kraska. And, consider asking for a Stephen Minister if you find yourself in a time of strife. A Stephen Minister will be honored to walk along side with you.

Please keep our Stephen Minister and their care receivers in your prayers.

## Preschool Pitter Patter

*by Amanda Stoen*



The end of May finished another joyous school year at the preschool. We had seven preschool classes in four classrooms, which included 56 total children and nine teachers! St. Paul's will once again be offering six weeks of summer camp this summer for children 2-5 years old. We have a total of 40 children attending summer camp!

During the month of May, our preschoolers made dog treats for the Animal Protection Society. Then we



had a visit from someone at the APS who talked with them about what they do and all of the different animals that they rescue. We also made placemats for Meals on Wheels. When the volunteers deliver the meals to members of our community, they will include a laminated placemat from us. The placemats can be enjoyed for many meals!

This ministry is flourishing at St. Paul's because of the incredible support we have from our church family at St. Paul's. We have a few more spots remaining for the 2018-2019 school year. Additional information can be picked up downstairs in the preschool area or can be downloaded from our website:

<http://stpaulspreschooldurham.weebly.com>

## St. Paul's Readers



Read a good book and then join the St. Paul's book group to discuss it. We next meet on Thursday, June 21, at 4:00 pm in St. Paul's

library to discuss Before We Were Yours, by Lisa Wingate. The book selection for July 19 is To Free A Family, by Sydney Nathans. Questions can be directed to Barb Shade or Vicar Adam.

## Planned giving

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

*Part 1: Wills*

*Part 2: Charitable Gift Annuities*

*Part 3: IRAs*

*Part 4: Life Insurance*

*Part 5: Charitable Trusts*

*This month we feature IRAs*

### ARTICLE #3: IRAs

*In preparing for retirement, my wife and I invested in tax deferred annuities for our financial future. But at the age of starting them, I was not fully aware of their tax consequences. I'm talking about that RMD – 'required minimum distribution' that happens after you reach the age of 70 ½.*

*Well, two years ago we both received our RMDs and put them in our savings account. About the same time one of our children needed a little financial assistance, so I withdrew an amount from one of*

*those funds and sent it to them. But because we had already received our annual RMD this new money was now taxed as ordinary income. Some of you are already aware of this fact but I didn't give it much thought at the time.*

*As I thought how I could remedy this, it occurred to me to look at how we were making payment on our financial pledge/commitment to our church. Since we were making our payments from our checking account, which was money from ordinary income, why not look at alternatives? A friend reminded me that we could have any or all of our annual RMD disbursed as normal but sent directly to the church as our commitment payment. Bottom line, our RMD from this account happens to equal our annual giving amount, so we had it mailed directly to the church and we didn't pay taxes on it! It was a 'wash' – no taxes to pay and no deduction. Just a thought for discussion.*

Individual Retirement Accounts are often the best gift you give to the church during your lifetime (as the story above discusses). They can also be a good way to leave a gift to the church through your estate. The reason is that traditional IRAs have tax consequences for your children or other individuals who inherit them. They can take the IRA either as a lump sum or paid out over years, but there are taxes due.

The church gets to avoid the taxes due and therefore can place the entire amount of the IRA into use for ministry.

Giving through an IRA is very simple too. You don't need an attorney. Simply call your IRA administrator and tell them what you want to do. They will get you the form right away.

Additionally, Congress has made permanent legislation where you can give directly from your IRA to a charity if you are 70 ½ or older. That is what is described in the story above. Your gift counts towards your required minimum distribution for the year and it does not count as income to you (there is no gift tax credit though).

For help with gifting an IRA, contact the church office.

## 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.

## Summer Reading with CCG

by Bee Ellertson

The Continuing Conversation Group invites you to read this engaging book over the summer: The Best of Enemies: Race and Redemption in the New South, by Osha Gray Davidson. This is an account of the remarkable relationship between Ann Atwater and C. P. Ellis during the desegregation upheaval in the 1970s in Durham. Atwater was an outspoken advocate for fair housing and equal access for African Americans; C. P. Ellis was head of the Ku Klux Klan klavern in Durham. The two sparred at City Council meetings and were bitter enemies. But in 1970, they were appointed as co-chairs of a community charrette to plan for local school desegregation. Over ten days of meetings, they found common ground in their concern for their children. Ultimately, Ellis resigned from the Klan and remained close friends with Atwater for the rest of his life.

In his Introduction, Davidson cites the “transformative power of listening,” and the courage needed to set aside norms and overturn mythologies. This exploration of a charged time in local history has lessons for our present: “Davidson demonstrates that race is intimately tied to class, and that cooperation is possible when people begin to listen to each other.”

Next fall, CCG will show a video of interviews between Atwater and Ellis and hold a discussion luncheon. Whether or not you manage to read The Best of Enemies over the summer, we hope you’ll look up and learn a little bit about their story. We hope to reflect together on change and transformation across racial boundaries. (One copy of the book is in our Fowler Memorial Library).

## Connections Bloom in Our Community!

by Krissy Snyder

Some true stories from Wildflower Cottage for Children:

- Ms. Robin gave us a swallowtail butterfly and a bird’s nest, so our children could have real-life experience with science.
- Grandpa Talmo, a great-grandparent and occasional attendee of Growing thru Grief, read stories to our children and quoted poetry verse.
- When Mara’s mother went to do some work in Ethiopia, the teachers fixed up a Skype connection for them to connect with each other during the



- school day from opposite corners of the world!
- Ms. Marilyn insisted that children need to grow things ... so Mr. Jim promptly built a couple of garden boxes!
- On “Random Acts of Kindness Day,” our children washed Ms. Susan’s car and hid hand-painted rocks in the landscaping for Mr. George to find.
- Before Maundy Thursday service, Olive saw a limb on the sidewalk in front of a gentleman’s walker. Unprompted, she ran over to remove the limb from his path.
- The Tuesday Morning Men delivered donuts to our little friends, and Mr. Tom played a jazzy version of “Twinkle Twinkle” on the piano.
- We made fast friends with next-door neighbors Scott and Janet – delivering Stone Stoup, and even caroling in our pajamas at Christmas!
- When teacher Ms. Verly had surgery, Abram insisted to his mother that they take a “get well” cantaloupe to her at home.
- Ms. Penni brought her little dog, Tootsie, to teach our children some tricks ☺, and to teach gentleness to living things.
- When Cooper became a big brother, the teachers gathered a home-cooked dinner and went on a home visit to show extra care.
- Our children saw some branches that had fallen on “Ms. Kim’s” ivy, so they spontaneously began to gather them in a pile.
- Ms. Lois brought fabric shapes to our children to learn about quilting – and math!
- The Durham Bridge Club ladies enjoyed several homemade valentines – delivered by joyful children.
- Our new friend, Elena, taught us how to do modern dance and ballet on her precious days off from middle school.
- Mr. AJ came once to teach our children about birds, but then began to come for music classes, lunches, and tree climbing!
- Ms. Joan welcomed our families to take pumpkin photos, play pumpkin games, and select favorite pumpkins.
- Ms. Kaaren arranged vision screenings for our children.
- Little Asher – wearing an Eagles jersey – asked to visit Pastor Scott to get an unbiased opinion about the team who won last night’s Superbowl.

St. Paul’s has graciously provided the home base for such connections to unfold. These are only a few stories from Wildflower Cottage over the past 17 months. Please contact Krissy at

[krissy@wildflowercottage.org](mailto:krissy@wildflowercottage.org) to visit and make even more connections over the summer months!

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## In the Mailbag...

*Dear Congregation of St. Paul's Lutheran Church*

*I wish to share good news with you – my doctor no longer can find malignant cells in my body, so he has declared me to be cancer-free. For me and my family it is great to be able to say that I am a cancer survivor. We give thanks to God for his healing and guidance to all who took part in the healing process. We also thank you for all your support, your prayers, your cards and phone calls. My immunity is nearly back to normal, so Otti and I plan to be back attending services with you.*

*Sincerely,*

*Karl Freundt*

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*Dear St. Paul's,*

*Thank you so much for the prayers, cards, and calls during my illness. I am so fortunate to be part of such a caring congregation. May God bless you all.*

*Alice Richmond*

## Congratulations to our Graduates

**Ben Wilson** graduated from UNC on May 13 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Biology and minors in Neuroscience and Medical Anthropology. He plans to take a gap year to finish up some medical career prerequisites.



**Barry Wilson** graduated from UNC on May 13 with a Bachelor of Science degree in Biology and minors in Chemistry and Neuroscience. He plans to take a gap year to work on applicable experience in order to enter dental school.

**Ryan Pusak** is graduating from Southern High School

here in Durham. Ranked currently 3<sup>rd</sup> in his Class. In the Fall he will be attending Durham Tech but in January of 2019 will be attending N.C. State University in Raleigh where he will be pursuing a degree in Zoology. This summer, once again, he will be on staff at Camp Ottari on the Blue Ridge Scout Reservation, however this year he will be the Director of the Nature Lodge (Ecology).

## Memorials Received

We thank the following for gifts in memory of...

**Marjorie Humphrey**, mother of Ann Taylor, by

Melanie Marshall-Park, Rocky Mount, NC

**Doris Tilley** by Ruth Ann and Thomas Meier, Durham

## Sacrament of Holy Baptism

We welcomed on May 13, 2018 by Holy Baptism, Cecilia Kelly Raney, daughter of Kelly and Nolan Raney. Cecilia was born on October 19, 2017. Sponsors are Mike and Jody McNaughton, and Bill and Peg Raney.



## Our Sympathy

We extend our sympathy to the family of Linda Light (cousin of Terry Wilson) who died on May 16.



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## Food and Drink for VBS

We enjoy having the children here for Vacation Bible School and it is a very busy morning. We try and provide a healthy and substantial snack mid-morning and we could use your help to provide these items. Thank you!



### DRY ITEMS

Dry items can be brought to the church before VBS begins. You can put them in the container so marked in the foyer. This list is rather specific because we have children with allergies attending. Please donate only these specific items.

- ☐ Wheat Thins original crackers
- ☐ Graham Crackers
- ☐ Sun Chips
- ☐ Veggie Straws
- ☐ Animal Crackers
- ☐ Teddy Grahams
- ☐ Oreo cookies - regular or vanilla types
- ☐ raisins
- ☐ juices: apple and grape
- ☐ Crystal Light Lemonade mix powder

### FRESH ITEMS - these can be brought closer to VBS (June 18)

- ☐ grapes
- ☐ strawberries
- ☐ apples
- ☐ small oranges (clementines, cuties, mandarin, etc.)
- ☐ little carrots

This list has been somewhat revised from the original as children with allergies have registered. We cannot allow peanuts, tree nuts, sesame, eggs, or dairy. We also cannot accept home-prepared items to ensure the safety of the products. If you have any questions, please contact Susan Esposito. Many thanks!

## Wednesday Night Suppers

This summer will have only one supper in June and one in July. The next one is June 6 at 6:00 pm. Menu is still being planned so watch the emails and parish notes on Sundays for details. The only one in July will be July 18.

## Summer Pop-Up Choir

*by Jackie Nappi*

Our fun Summer Pop-Up Choir will begin on Sunday, June 10<sup>th</sup>! We will meet at 10:30 am on the second and fourth Sundays of June, July, and August (with one exception being we will meet the *first* Sunday in August instead of the second) to sing at the late service.

### Pop-Up Choir Dates:

June 10<sup>th</sup> & 24<sup>th</sup>; July 8<sup>th</sup> & 22<sup>nd</sup>; August 5<sup>th</sup> & 26<sup>th</sup>

### What is Pop-Up Choir?

Pop-Up Choir is a fun way to get into singing at church without any commitment other than showing up on Sunday morning 30 minutes before the late service. We learn an easy tune or special hymn verse to sing either during a hymn, psalm, or the offertory at the late service. No experience necessary, singers of all levels and ages are welcome to join us on any of the Pop-Up Choir dates! You do not have to come to every Pop-Up Choir date in order to join in the singing, and you don't have to be in our regular seasonal Adult Choir either! All songs/verses will be sung in the upstairs balcony during the service. Singers are welcome to sit anywhere they'd like, and then walk to the upstairs balcony when it is time to sing.

If you're interested in learning more, or would like to get on the email list, please contact Jackie:

[music@stpaulsdurham.org](mailto:music@stpaulsdurham.org)

## Travel, anyone?

On **Sunday, June 3** after late worship, there will be an informational meeting about the possibility of a trip to the once every 10 years Oberammergau Passion Play and Danube River Cruise in August 2020. Pastor Scott and Morris Casper will be leading this conversation. Because the Passion Play sells out fast, we would need to make a commitment in the next couple of months. Come join the conversation. In the meantime, check out the site for the tour we are contemplating. Here is the link:

<https://reformationtours.com/package/oberammergau-cruise/>