

Cross Connections



St. Paul's Lutheran Church

February 2018

February = Fun, Fellowship and Food



Preschool Spaghetti Dinner Fund-raiser

Wed, Feb 7 at 5:45 pm

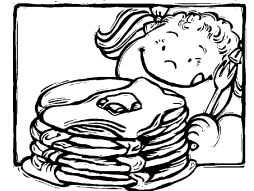
Join us for the 7th Annual Preschool Spaghetti Dinner Fund-raiser. Menu includes spaghetti with homemade sauce, meatballs, garlic bread, and salad. Proceeds provide scholarships for the preschool. Also that evening is the Bake Sale in the atrium. Support the Playground Renovation project by purchasing a cake, slice of pie or other sweet treat following the Spaghetti Dinner.

Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper + Duke Lutherans Fund-Raiser!

Tues, Feb 13

- ▶ 5:30-6:00 pm we will enjoy the Croasdaile "Rusty Pipes" band, a 24-piece band, playing great Dixieland Jazz for our entertainment before dinner
- ▶ 6:00 pm the dinner starts: Pancakes (plain and chocolate chip), toppings for the pancakes, sausage, applesauce
- ▶ Hear stories from Duke Lutheran students about why this community matters to them, and explore ways you can support this growing ministry! (More on page 9, Duke Lutherans)

PANCAKE SUPPER



Wednesday Night Suppers during Lent

February 21 and 28, March 7, 14, and 21 at 5:45 pm



On these evenings during Lent, we will have a light supper starting at 5:45 pm to enable handbell choir members to eat before their earlier practice time of 6:15 pm during Lent. We will need your help. A sign-up is posted on the atrium bulletin board and we hope you will consider helping with at least one meal out of the five. Start thinking – join with others, a group, friends, committees, to come up with a simple meal. Clean up help will come from the Kitchen Krewe.

The Rev. Scott M. Anderson, Pastor

Susan Esposito, Parish Administrator & Editor

Jacqueline Nappi, Minister of Music

Amanda Stoen, Preschool Director

Adam Schultz, Vicar

Rev. Laura Wind, Duke Lutheran Campus Pastor

Ali Tranvik, Vicar, Duke Lutherans

The Rev. Dr. Charles R. Huggins, Pastor Emeritus

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From the Pastor...

Believe it or not – Lent will soon be here.



Ash Wednesday is February 14th. We will celebrate the beginning of Lent with the imposition of ashes at both noon and 7 pm.

There is no dinner that night but each of the next Wednesdays in Lent we will offer a light meal followed by evening worship. We will also offer a service of quiet communion with healing at noon on Wednesdays following Ash Wednesday.

Also during the season of Lent, the ELCA is inviting us into a time of study of spiritual discipleship.

In baptism, you received the sign of the cross on your forehead. Many of us begin our Christian life with baptism, called “to live among God’s faithful people, to hear the word of God and share in the Lord’s supper, to proclaim the good news of God in Christ through word and deed, to serve all people, following the example of Jesus, and to strive for justice and peace in all the earth” (ELW 236). In the ELCA, we describe these instructions as faith practices to guide our daily living. But what do faith practices mean? And how do we practice them?

This Lent, as you begin your journey toward the baptismal waters of Easter, we invite you to take up faith practices as a spiritual discipline. Each week leading up to Easter, you’ll find new educational content on the ELCA’s Facebook page that offers insight into how you can integrate faith practices into your daily life.

To receive these updates, visit the ELCA’s Facebook page and “like” the page. Already liked our page? Make sure you’ve turned on notifications to receive ELCA posts in your newsfeed. Even if you’re not on Facebook, you can view the posts by visiting the ELCA’s website.

You can also learn more about the ELCA’s faith practices by downloading the guide “Faith Practices in the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America.”

I encourage you to participate with your sisters and brothers in Christ in the ELCA during Lent. On another topic, we have put hand sanitizer on each pew in the sanctuary. This is a flu season experiment to see if providing the hand sanitizer helps prevent the spread of disease. Please note this has some potential problems. First, we are concerned with open containers that could spill onto the pews and cause damage to the finish. Please be cautious. Second, we ask you to return the sanitizer to the center aisle so that we can track how fast they are being used and if any

go missing after worship. Third, please feel free to pass the sanitizer with the pew friendship pad. Maybe this will help us get pads signed.

From the Vicar...

If you’ve seen me wear short sleeves or long sleeves rolled up, you’ve likely noticed that I have a tattoo on my right forearm. Ask anyone with a tattoo, and there’s usually a meaning and/or a story to go along with that tattoo. Mine is multileveled, but let me share a piece of it with you now.

Last January, I was in Jerusalem studying for a seminary class while also making what I considered a Christian pilgrimage to Bethlehem, Nazareth, the villages in Galilee around the Sea of Galilee, and the holy sites around Jerusalem. As a seal of that pilgrimage, I decided to get the “traditional” pilgrim’s tattoo, so called because it is the tattoo Christian pilgrims from Europe, Egypt, and elsewhere to Jerusalem used to get to prove their pilgrimage dating back to the Crusades and earlier. The right forearm of pilgrims kind of served as a passport and the tattoo as the stamp. The traditional design for these Jerusalem pilgrims was the Jerusalem cross, a squared off cross with four smaller crosses in four quadrants that the larger cross creates.

I got my tattoo at Razzouk Tattoo, a tattoo parlor that has been run by the same Coptic Christian family and tattooing Christian pilgrims to Jerusalem since 1300. The design I received is the exact same design that has been tattooing thousands of Christians for hundreds of years. We are connected to one another by a shared faith, a shared pilgrimage, and a shared tattoo.



There are several meanings to the Jerusalem cross including that each cross represents one of Christ’s wounds from his crucifixion: the four smaller crosses representing the four nail wounds in his hands and feet and the larger cross representing the spear wound

in his side. Another explanation of the Jerusalem cross (and why it is appropriate for Christian pilgrims) is that the larger cross represents Jerusalem, the holy city that serves as the site of Jesus’ passion, crucifixion, and resurrection. The four smaller crosses represent the four “corners” of the earth where the Gospel spreads making Christian believers who become pilgrims returning to Jerusalem.

Those meanings are significant for me, but the

meaning I want to share with you now is this: the four smaller crosses stand for the four Gospel accounts of Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John. The larger cross in the middle is the true Jesus. Let me explain. Think of George Washington and think of four fairly famous portraits of him: the portrait of his bust that Dolly Madison saved when the White House was burning during the War of 1812, Washington on horseback during battle, Washington crossing the Delaware at night, and Washington standing in front of the Second Continental Congress. All four portraits show the same man, but they show different parts of that man: the first President of the United States defining an office, the British trained military general, the brilliant strategist, and the diplomat and statesman (respectively).

That is what the Gospel accounts of Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John do. They present portraits of Jesus that capture a certain piece of who Jesus is without capturing the fullness of him. That is why we have four Gospel accounts in our Bible. They all tell the same story differently and present a different portrait of who Jesus is.

Each of us has a story – an experience with Jesus – to share. I know my story, but I may not know your story. We need each other's stories to get a fuller picture of who Jesus is so we can all grow deeper in faith. That is the point of "God's Story. Our Lives. – a Storytelling Workshop." (See the flyer insert for details.) We all have stories to share, and this workshop seeks to help us identify our stories and equip us to better shape and tell them. There are spaces left to sign up. Please contact me if you are interested in attending (vicar@stpaulsdurham.org, 919-489-3214, or come and talk to me).

My tattoo is a reminder to me to listen for the story of Jesus in other people's stories as well as mine as I continue to grow deeper and deeper in faith.

Duke Lutherans

CAMPUS
MINISTRY



by Rev. Laura Wind

Duke Lutherans Campus Pastor

One of my favorite works of music written by Samuel Barber tells the story of a young boy and summer evening in Knoxville, Tennessee in 1915. The young

boy, James Agee, used parts of this fragment in his book, *Death in the Family* for which he posthumously won the Pulitzer Prize for fiction.

Agee writes:

It has become that time of evening when people sit

on their porches, rocking gently and talking gently and watching the street and the standing up into their sphere of possession of the trees, of birds' hung haven, hangars. People go by; things go by...

Parents on porches: rock and rock. From damp strings morning glories hang their ancient faces.

The dry and exalted noise of the locusts from all the air at once enchants my eardrums

On the rough wet grass of the back yard my father and mother have spread quilts. We all lie there, my mother, my father, my uncle, my aunt, and I too am lying there....

They are not talking much, and the talk is quiet, of nothing in particular, of nothing at all. The stars are wide and alive, they seem each like a smile of great sweetness, and they seem very near.

All my people are larger bodies than mine, ... with voices gentle and meaningless like the voices of sleeping birds.

By some chance, here they are, all on this earth; and who shall ever tell the sorrow of being on this earth, lying on quilts, on the grass, in a summer evening, among the sounds of the night. May God bless my people my uncle my aunt, my mother, my good father, oh, remember them kindly in their time of trouble; and in the hour of their taking away.

After a little I am taken in and put to bed. Sleep, soft smiling, draws me unto her: and those receive me, who quietly treat me, as one familiar and well-beloved in that home: but will not, oh, will not, not now, not ever; but will not ever tell me who I am.

This beautiful piece reminds me of early years of visiting my family in Alabama. My uncle, my grandmother, my grandfather, my great-grandmother, Nannie, the storyteller. People would come by, and would be waved onto the porch. Nannie would say, "Sit and stay for a spell," and enchant us all with her stories. We would sit on the front porch that wrapped around the house. I would press my face into the cool concrete of the porch and listen to the cicadas, and watch the fireflies, and smell the boxwood. Even to this day the pungent smell of boxwood takes me back to that time, to that place, to that very particular space in Alexandra, Alabama.

In evening, Nannie would make a pallet of quilts and I would sleep in the dining room on the floor outside her door. She told me Bible stories, and one of my favorite stories was of Samuel in the Temple tending the flame while Eli slept.

In the passage, Samuel hears a voice, thinking it is Eli calling for him, he gets up. Not once, not twice, but three times. Eli catches on and realizes that it is God

calling Samuel. Samuel whose name means “God hears” or the “one who hears God” receives a message, a message that is difficult to hear, and even more difficult to deliver. Samuel has to tell Eli that Eli will be punished because of the behavior of his sons, and judgment will fall on the house of Eli.

As we gathered around this story, on a Sunday night, in a chilly room at Duke University, we realized that God too was calling us – to speak truth to power. That is no easy task – and furthermore, our parents, our friends, our teachers, our peers, our career trajectories, all have things to say to us about who we are and how we should be in the world. But Agee was right when he said, *“and those receive me, who quietly treat me, as one familiar and well-beloved in that home: but will not, oh, will not, not now, not ever; but will not ever tell me who I am.”*

In baptism, God tells us who we are. God claims us and calls us beloved children. Psalm 139 says it like this, there is no where we can go to escape God’s love – not to the heights of heaven nor the depths of Sheol. God formed our inmost parts, even before we were born, fearfully and wonderfully made. God wrote all the days of our Life before we were even born.

Families and friends, institutions and ideologies attempt to lay claim to our lives, but in the life giving waters of Baptism we were claimed by the One – who ate and drank with sinners and prostitutes, who healed the sick, who fed the hungry, who spoke words of comfort to those who mourn, who lived in solidarity with the poor. One who was not afraid to speak truth to power – religious authorities as well as Roman officials.

As we gathered around the Table, and received the body of the One who claimed us, who loved us, who died for us, we too are sent to speak truth in love to power, to speak truth unconditionally. We are claimed by one who is making all things new, and we too are part of that newness.

Whatever you drink, whatever you think...

Vicar Ali Tranvik

We often remember Martin Luther for momentous events: the posting of the 95 theses, excommunication by the pope in Rome, or his bold theological defense at the Diet of Worms. However much of Luther’s life and ministry was spent at his dining room table – a beer in hand – debating and discussing theological questions with friends, peers, and students.

Duke Lutherans has attempted to take a cue from

these infamous Table Talks, and has started “Pub Theology” this year, which developed out of our former tradition of Wine + Word. While initially a Duke Lutherans gathering, we soon realized that the more theological perspectives and faith backgrounds at the table, the more lively and fruitful conversation can be. As such, we invited other campus ministry groups and congregations to join in, and now have 15-20 young adults from across Durham attending our monthly gatherings. Each gathering focuses on a particular theological topic or question, drawing from both Scripture as well as articles, book chapters, or short stories that further illuminate (and complicate) the topic at hand.

With the help of our primary collaborators, Duke’s Presbyterian Campus Ministry and the Congregation at Duke Chapel, we’ve welcomed in an increasingly ecumenical group of young adults to our monthly events; Lutherans, Methodists, Presbyterians, Mennonites, Episcopalian, and Baptists wrestle with questions around race and reconciliation, forgiveness, and death and dying, to name a few. While we are richly interdenominational, we’re pondering how we might invite in friends and neighbors across traditions in an effort to be more interfaith as well.

As we grow and continue to become, there is a clear need for meaningful community, a place to ask difficult questions, and a place that welcomes the messy, inarticulate, and honest wondering of what it means to be people of faith in the world today. We hope and pray that we can be that place for people.

If you are a young adult in the area or know someone who is, check out our Facebook page, join us as you’re able, and don’t hesitate to reach out to me with any questions. As we say, “Whatever you drink, whatever you think, all are welcome!”

Preschool Pitter Patter

by Amanda Stoen



The preschool will host the 7th annual Spaghetti Dinner and Bake Sale Fundraiser on Wednesday, February 7 in Trinity Hall. Dinner will begin at 5:45 pm. Proceeds from the dinner portion will benefit our

financial scholarship fund, which assists families who need financial support to send their child to preschool. The Bake Sale proceeds will benefit our playground. We want to add some new equipment to the playground.

Registration for the 2018-19 school year has begun. Registration forms and enrollment procedures can be picked up downstairs in the preschool area or can be downloaded from our website:

<http://stpaulspreschooldurham.weebly.com>. If you are interested or know of anyone who is, please contact me at the church or email:

preschool@stpaulsdurham.org or more information.



Lent Madness 2018

The Sainly Smackdown

By now you've heard that Ash Wednesday and Valentine's Day coincide this year. The real Lenten *love*, however, kicks off the next day on February 15.

Why? Because for the ninth year running, people of faith are gearing up for Lent Madness, the beloved "sainly smackdown!"

With its unique blend of competition, learning, and humor, Lent Madness allows participants to be inspired by the ways in which God has worked through the lives of saintly souls across generations and cultures. Throughout Lent, thirty-two saints will do battle to win the coveted Golden Halo. Based loosely on the NCAA basketball tournament of a similar name, this online devotion pits saints against one another in a bracket as voters choose their favorites throughout this penitential season.

Here's how to participate: on the weekdays of Lent, information is posted at www.lentmadness.org about two different saints. Each pairing remains open for 24 hours as participants read about and then vote to determine which saint moves on to the next round. Sixteen saints make it to the Round of the Sainly Sixteen; eight advance to the Round of the Elate Eight; four make it to the Faithful Four; two to the Championship; and the winner is awarded the coveted Golden Halo.

The first round consists of basic biographical information about each of the 32 saints. Things get a bit more interesting in the subsequent rounds as we offer quotes and quirks, explore legends, and even move into the area of saintly kitsch.

This year Lent Madness features an intriguing slate of saints ancient and modern, Biblical and ecclesiastical, 2018 heavyweights include John the Evangelist, Margaret of Scotland, Richard Hooker, Katharina von Bora, and the apostles Peter and Paul.

Council Updates

by George Seiz

Congregation Council President

The congregation council held its first meeting for 2018 on January 13. This meeting served as a retreat for new and current members, Pastor Anderson and Vicar Adam, to get to know each other better and begin talking about expectations and needs for the coming year. The council challenged itself to look at bigger, broader and longer term needs of the congregation. Questions were raised to help frame the conversation such as: How can we be more collaborative? How do we leverage the considerable human capital we have to meet needs? How can we best learn, communicate and engage the congregation? What are some of the challenges facing the 21st Century Church? At a follow-up study session on



Council Notes

January 22, the council began developing goals and objectives for 2018 to begin addressing some of these questions.

Council committee liaison assignments were also determined at the retreat. They are as follows:

- ▶ **Communications, Memorials** - Lisa Lewis
- ▶ **Duke Lutherans** - Linda Foreman
- ▶ **Fellowship** - Maria Chi
- ▶ **Finance** - Johnson Sheelam
- ▶ **Property, Endowment** - George Seiz
- ▶ **Education** - Jim Shoaf
- ▶ **Social Ministry** - Marilyn Hawley
- ▶ **Arts** - Tina Bessias
- ▶ **Worship** - Bonnie Cooper
- ▶ **Stewardship** - Curt Hahn

Other updates:

Be a Communion Assistant: sign-up sheets are in the atrium on the credenza for both services. Although present and past council members fill many of the slots, it is open to members who would like to participate. Two assistants are needed for each service. This is a wonderful way to be engaged with the worship service. Please sign up, and if you have never served in this capacity easy instruction will be provided.

You too can provide "fellowship treats" on Sunday morning: sign-up sheets are on the credenza in the atrium. Purchased or home-made goods are welcomed. Treats need to be delivered by 9:00 am Sunday. See any of the council members or Susan Esposito for details. My personal favorites are mini-crullers.

As always, please contact council members if you have questions or need additional information. The complete list is printed on the back of the weekly Parish Notes in the bulletin.

Council President - George Seiz

Council Vice President - Linda Foreman

Council Secretary - Maria Chi

Art within St. Paul's

LAST SUPPER etching by P. Buckley Moss displayed in St. Paul's atrium

About the artist: P. Buckley Moss was born in the 1930's in New York City to a Sicilian-Italian mother and an Irish American father. Brought up in a middle class Catholic family, she struggled academically in school. Not diagnosed as dyslexic until adulthood, she prefers the term "learning differently" to "learning disability." She now works to promote the integration of art into educational programs.

Greatly influenced as a child by her mother and some teachers, she began working with her artistic talent and eventually earned a scholarship to the prestigious Cooper Union for the Advancement of Science and Art in New York.

Ms. Moss considers herself a religious artist; expressing her faith in works that show God's love in nature. She is also inspired by the rural Shenandoah Valley of Virginia and the simple life of the Amish and Mennonite peoples.

Ms. Moss has won many awards, including the Cultural Laureate of the Commonwealth of Virginia and a citation from First Lady Barbara Bush recognizing her contributions to learning disabled children.

Sources:

P. Buckley Moss, Painting the Joy of the Soul by Peter Rippe

Artist P. Buckley Moss: Works That Reflect Her Faith by Katie Scott, staff writer, Catholic Herald

Growing Thru Grief Needs You!

Growing Thru Grief is a weekly ministry which takes place each Tuesday late afternoon at St. Paul's, and which ministers to anyone who is struggling with grief as a result of the death of a loved one. It is supported by an inter-faith coalition of eight local churches, three Jewish organizations, and a funeral home.

The core of the GTG program is its small group

discussion groups, where participants are provided a safe and supportive place to share their most intimate feelings. This can only work if the discussion groups are facilitated by trained volunteers, who keep the conversations safe, supportive and non-judgmental.

During 2017, GTG experienced rapid growth, with over 50 participants attending some Tuesdays. In addition, a number of our facilitators have had to withdraw from their participation, for both personal and professional reasons.

As a result, GTG is in great need of additional facilitators. A training session for facilitators will be held on Friday and Saturday, Feb 9-10, at the offices of Duke HomeCare and Hospice in Hillsborough.

If you have any background in counseling, the healing professions, hospice, pastoral care, listening skills, or simply have a heart for listening combined with a level of self-awareness, or if you know anyone who has such skills, please contact Bill Dahl (cell: 919-599-2638) to discuss the possibility that you might be called to this work. As with many outreach opportunities, it will give you more than you give it.

Support to WCPE

by Hitch Havill

For the past few years, FM station WCPE of Wake Forest, NC has mentioned, on the air on Sundays mornings, support given by our St. Paul's Lutheran Church together with four other Triangle Area churches. Such acknowledgment of support by our congregation will continue through June 2018. This results from annual requests to our parishioners, who regularly contribute to WCPE, to instead, cumulate their contributions within the congregation and have the congregation give one collective contribution to the station in the name of the congregation.

Now is the time to start collecting contributions for continuing WCPE's mention of our congregation for another year. Starting in February 2018, an effort will be made to collect the necessary \$1,000.00 of gifts, from interested members of our congregation, to continue the relationship with WCPE for another year. Please contact Hitch (Dick) Havill if you are interested in making a gift to WCPE. He can be reached at Sunday services and at 919-929-2755 or dhavill@bellsouth.net.

To make a contribution, please make your check payable to St. Paul's Lutheran Church and give it to Hitch for delivery of a St. Paul's cumulated gift check to the FM station when we reach the goal.

Lutheran Marriage Encounter

Lutheran Marriage Encounter helps married husbands and wives celebrate their special relationship – and provides them with unique insights and tools to improve their communication for the long haul. The experience is a whole weekend away from chores, jobs, and kids to celebrate their love, learn a delightful new method of communication, and reap joyful long-term rewards for them, their family, and their faith journey.

March 2-4, 2018

Clarion Hotel, Myrtle Beach, SC

apply now at GodLovesMarriage.org!

Questions? Contact Dean & Marcia Redman
dmredman251@gmail.com or 919-797-0501
pre-registration is required – don't miss out!

In the mailbag...

Thank you for your generous contribution of \$100 on Dec 28, 2017 to support LSC child and family services. Your gift will provide invaluable assistance as we work to transform the lives of those who are most vulnerable.

Lutheran Services Carolinas offers an extensive array of residential options and at-home services to support seniors and their caregivers in NC. In addition, LSC shields children from abuse and neglect, encourages growth and independence for those with intellectual or developmental disabilities, provides welcome to refugees seeking sanctuary, and provides a broad continuum of other services across the Carolinas designed to promote healing, renewal, and self-sufficiency for individuals and families facing a variety of challenges.

Thank you for making a meaningful difference in the lives of others.

Yours in Christ,

Ted W. Goins, Jr., President

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Thank you for your gift of \$500 through Urban Ministries of Durham to offer neighbors food, shelter and a future.

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In the last full fiscal year,*

- UMD provided 51,585 nights of shelter to an average of 141 people a night, including families with children,*
- fed hungry people 262,015 meals in our Community Café, some 718 daily*
- distributed groceries and clothing to more*

than 500 households in need each month

- helped end homelessness for 175 people.*

Bryan Gilmer

Director of Marketing & Development

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Thank you for your generous gift in support of bereavement. It is only through donors like you that we are able to continue to provide a haven of comfort and emotional support to the many patients and their families that need end of life care and bereavement services. At Duke Hospice, our goal is to help patients and their caregivers face the end of life with comfort, dignity, and compassion.

We are so grateful for all that you are doing for the patients and families who count on Hospice. Thank you for your continued care for the community and the patients we serve!

Ms. Dale Horton, Office of Development

Duke Health, Duke HomeCare & Hospice

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Dear Friends in Christ

We celebrate your partnership with us! Your support is more important than it ever has been as requests continue to increase for scholarship assistance.



Thank you for your recent gift of \$128.61 to honor the ordination of Daniel Locke and in support of Lutheridge, Lutherock, Lutheranch and Luther Springs. The faith of thousands of children, youth, adults and families is built and fortified through the power of sharing in the Christ-centered communities. Over 3,000 youth attended summer camp or servant camp at Lutheridge, Lutherock, Lutheranch, Luther Springs or a day camp in their local church and community this summer. Every child who requested help received financial assistance, thanks to the gifts of many congregations.

Sincerely in Christ,

Keith Trout

Development Director

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To our friends at St. Paul's Lutheran Church

We truly appreciate your donation to DCIA. Your support sustains and extends our work to bring religious communities together for healing poverty, racism and violence in Durham. Whether gathering diverse ministers and leaders to build bridges together, or connecting people in dialogue and interfaith learning, we've been pleased to see

involvement grow this year. More people have been using our community resource guides to connect people in need with programs for food, clothing, housing and financial assistance. We provided an educational tour of hunger relief programs in Durham that connected almost 30 faith-community leaders with organizations providing food assistance. New participants have become involved with REAL Durham for achieving more economic security.

*Sincerely,
Spencer Bradford
DCIA Executive Director*

(Complete letters are on the bulletin board in the reception office.)

Memorials Received

In memory of Anita Johnson by...

Larry & Ann Grovenstein, Durham
Ida Elliott, Creedmoor

In memory of Doris Tilley by...

Larry & Ann Grovenstein, Durham
Edith Dunnagan, Durham
Bill & Tena Butts, Greensboro
Beulah Latta, Durham
Virgil (Gus) Holshouser, Durham
Kevin & Ellen Lavery, Durham
Larry & Phyllis Jenkins, Durham
Arloa Bittikofer, Durham
Paul & Sherlynn Powell, Siler City
Richard & Nancy Clendaniel, Durham
Joy & John Williams, Hillsborough
Karl & Otti Freundt and family, Marion and Mark,
Durham
Piney Grove United Methodist Church, The
Samaritan Class, Siler City
Gary & Diane Archer, Hillsborough
John & Linda Foreman, Durham
Nancy Treul, Chapel Hill
Rachel Harter & Richard Havill, Chapel Hill (to
the Endowment Fund)
Kenneth & Sharon McPherson, Siler City
Ida Elliott, Creedmoor
Mark & Nancy Dewhirst, Chapel Hill
Dean & Marcia Redman, Chapel Hill
Marlene Coulter, Roxboro

In memory of Charles Spangler by Mary Sturgeon,
Carrboro

Our sympathy

We remember in prayer:

Doris Belk Tilley, who died on December 27, 2017. Her funeral was held on Saturday, December 30, 2017 at St. Paul's. Presiding minister was Rev. Deborah Steed, preacher was Rev. Rob Womack. Contributions in memory of Doris may be made to St. Paul's Lutheran Church Memorial Fund.

Jayne Baum and family upon the death of Jayne's mother, Helen Henderson, in Marion, Iowa on Sunday, January 7, 2018.

Triangle Area Lutherans

Did you know that our congregation is a member of the Triangle Conference, one of the sixteen conferences that make up the North Carolina Synod of the ELCA? The Conference brings together the fourteen ELCA congregations and four Lutheran Campus Ministries in the Triangle for mutual support and cooperation and to work together as the face of Lutheranism in our area. The congregations included in the Triangle Conference are: in Cary – Christ the King; in Chapel Hill – Holy Trinity; in Durham – Arbol de Vida, Christus Victor, Church of the Abiding Savior, Our Savior, and St. Paul's; in Fuquay Varina – Abiding Presence; in Garner – Lord of Life; and in Raleigh – Good Shepherd, Grace, Holy Trinity, Joy of Discovery, and St. Philip. Lutheran Campus Ministries in the Triangle serve UNC (Holy Trinity Chapel Hill), Duke (St. Paul), NC State (Holy Trinity Raleigh) and NC Central (Church of the Abiding Savior).

Rostered leaders in the Triangle Area get together regularly to share how the Spirit is moving in their communities and to discern how local congregations can work together and support each other. Being part of the Triangle Conference gives us all the opportunity to get to know and be part of this larger Lutheran community. This month, we are highlighting the ministries of one of our Triangle congregations, St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Durham in our newsletter and will hold that congregation in prayer. In upcoming months, we will feature other congregations and Campus Ministries so that we can get to know all our brothers and sisters and see what Lutherans across the Triangle are up to. The Conference has also started a Facebook page to spread the word about special events, worship services and ministry opportunities taking place throughout the Triangle. Follow "Triangle Area Lutherans" on Facebook for updates on all the latest happenings in Triangle Lutheran churches.

The Mission of St. Paul's Lutheran Church as a

part of the family of God is to share God in Christ with the world by equipping one another through worship, learning, witness, service and support. Worship is central to all we do. Our regular worship services are 8:30 am and 11:00 am each week. St. Paul's is a very traditional place, with two pipe organs and a lively participative congregation. We provide a half day Preschool/PMO with over 45 students. We have had seminary interns (Vicars) for over 15 years and our current Vicar is Adam Schultz.

More details concerning activities at St. Paul's can be found on either our website:

www.stpaulsdurham.org or our Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/St-Pauls-Evangelical-Lutheran-Church-ELCA-178099685554769/>

St. Paul's has a long history of inviting the community into our space and it is the rare evening that you can find an empty space within the church.

St. Paul's is also the Campus Ministry sponsor for Lutheran Students at Duke University. Rev. Laura Wind is our full-time Campus Pastor and Ali Tranvik is our Vicar. More information on their ministry can be found at: <http://dukelutherans.org/home/>

St. Paul's has been active with Durham Congregations in Action, Urban Ministries, Durham County Community Living Programs, Families Moving Forward (formerly IHN), Habitat for Humanity and CROP Walk.

We would ask your prayers for our ministry.

Duke Lutherans *(cont. from front page!)*

A place to find community. A place to pause amidst a busy day of school. A place to wonder and wrestle with questions. A place to discern where God is calling. A place to be a neighbor. A place to break bread together. A place to pray and be prayed for. A place to challenge one another. A place to share in God's abundant love and grace.

There is a place for everyone at Duke Lutherans, and we are thrilled so many new students have found their place with us this year! But to ensure this important ministry continues, we need your help. Here are just some of the many ministries that your financial support can make possible for us this spring:

- ◆ Fellowship lunches
- ◆ hosting speakers from Durham to help us learn about our community and how we can be neighbors within it
- ◆ Student participation in the "Why Christian?" conference over spring break
- ◆ Leadership Team training
- ◆ Retreats

- ◆ Ecumenical pub theology gatherings
- ◆ Final exam snacks
- ◆ Duke Lutherans t-shirts
- ◆ ...and so much more!

These ministries make a huge difference in the lives of our students. Not only do they help us grow in size, but also in deeper relationship with God and with one another. So join us on Shrove Tuesday...indulge in some chocolate-chip pancakes, hear from the students themselves why Duke Lutherans matters to them, and consider supporting this community as we make a difference for students, at Duke, and throughout Durham!

A New Perspective of Islam

Please join the Continuing Conversation Group on **Sunday, February 25, at 1:00 pm** for a light lunch and remarks by Imam Abdul-hafeez Waheed. Imam Waheed has been a member of the Religious Life Staff and Chaplain to Muslim students at Duke University for over 19 years. A sought-after speaker for both educational and civic groups, Mr. Waheed is committed to inter-faith dialogue and understanding. He will be speaking with us on Savior's Day, an important anniversary in the history of Muslim life in America. To help us learn and be more informed listeners, a table in the foyer area will have copies of "My Neighbor Is a Muslim," a wonderfully informational booklet prepared by Lutheran Social Service of Minnesota in partnership with Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Services. During the next several weeks, please help yourself to a copy, read and reflect, and bring your questions on Feb 25; a light lunch will be served in Trinity Hall before the talk. We hope that both Duke Lutheran students and Duke Muslim students will be joining us as well. Invite a friend and let's learn together.

Bicentennial Year Programs

The Burwell School Historic Site is offering a series of programs and exhibits throughout 2018 honoring Elizabeth Hobbs Keckly, a remarkable woman who began life as a slave, spent seven tumultuous years in Hillsborough in the Burwell household, then gained her freedom and became dressmaker and friend to Mary Todd Lincoln. The inaugural program will be on Sunday, Feb 11 at 3:00 pm at Dickerson Chapel AME Church, 100 East Queen Street, Hillsborough.

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Katherine Circle

The next meeting of the Katherine Circle will be on Tuesday, February 13 at 10:00 am. Vicar Ali Tranvik will present our program, describing her faith journey. Please note that we have changed our regular meeting time from the third Tuesday of the month to the second Tuesday of the month. Marilyn Hawley will be doing devotions. Nancy Anderson and Nan Truel will be providing refreshments. All women are invited.



Young In Spirit February event

Plan to come to the Ash Wednesday service at 12:00 noon on Wednesday, February 14 and then stay after the service for a lunch in Trinity Hall. We will be having soups, salad, and bread.



Ash Wednesday Services February 14 at 12:00 noon and 7:00 PM

Both services will be in the sanctuary, both will include the imposition of ashes and Holy Communion.

Lent Midweek Worship for 2018

Lent is a forty-day journey that we take each year to bring us to the passion of Holy Week and the triumph of Easter. By contrast, Lent can feel drawn out and heavy. It's difficult to say and honestly mean: "Get excited about Lent!" During our Lenten journey together this year, we are planning on doing things a

little different. Our overall theme for Lent is "God's Story. Our Lives." Each week when we gather for midweek Lenten worship at 7:00 PM, we will be examining the connection between the biblical narrative and the stories of our lives that come together in God's story of enduring love. During worship, people will share their personal stories as they relate to a particular theme for the evening, and we will encounter the different ways the Bible speaks to that theme. Our five weekly themes as we journey through Lent together are "Burned" on February 21, "Broken" on February 28, "Stained" on March 7, "Washed" on March 14, and "Promised" on March 21. We invite you to journey with us through scripture and story as we prepare for Holy Week and Easter. As with previous years, we will also hold a brief service of communion that will include a rite of healing and anointing at noon each Wednesday.

Vicar Adam Schultz

A Lenten Journey: Biblical Stations of the Cross

Noon on Fridays during Lent February 16, 23; March 2, 9, 16, and 23

Lent is a reflective time that is guided by our lectionary, liturgy, and hymns in our worship. In our personal devotions there are many options and journeying the way of the cross is a tradition that has its earliest forms observed and recorded in the late 4th century. Please join me on Fridays during Lent at noon in the sanctuary to journey through the Biblical Stations of the Cross. Through scripture, hymns, and prayers we will follow the way of the cross and ponder the connections to this path that we experience daily in our own lives.



Pastor Lorrel C. Strom-Jensen