

# Cross Connections



*St. Paul's Lutheran Church*

*July 2016*

## Summer Sunday Adult Conversations

Please come and join us as we learn about God's mission and word together. We'll meet 9:45-10:45 am in either the Conference Room or Whitesell Hall.

- ▶ July 3<sup>rd</sup> – Social Media and the Church – How is and how can Social Media be part of our ministry? Led by Vicar Joseph.
- ▶ July 10<sup>th</sup> through August – Lectionary Bible Study - Delve deeper into the Lessons and Gospel readings from worship each Sunday. Led by Sharon Schulze.

# Faith Forum

## Our gracious thanks to everyone who made our Cave Quest Vacation Bible School such an amazing week.

- ✧ There were 40 children, 9 teens, and 32 adults to create, lead, play, feed, pray, sing, photograph, dance, craft, discuss, teach, explore, comfort !
- ✧ Each day there was a Buddy who was their spokesperson – Sal the salamander, Mawtha the moth, Radar the bat, Olivia the owl, and Ray the glow worm. The children traveled to "Bible Quest," Imagination Station, KidVid Cinema, Cool Crafts, and Recreation and refreshments each day. The opening each morning was in Sing and Play Rock Camp (Trinity Hall) with Cave Quest closing in the Sanctuary. They learned that Jesus gives us hope, courage, direction, love, and power. Bible stories were from Psalm 71, John 1, Isaiah 9, Matthew 5-7, Proverbs 3, Matthew 14, 1 John 3, Luke 23-24, 2 Corinthians 4 and Acts 1.
- ✧ Tiny hands contributed \$100.35 in their daily offering collection for Habitat for Humanity – we found out that this amount will pay for the nails to build a House!
- ✧ Many thanks for everyone who had a part in VBS: setting up, prep cutting, decorating, bringing snacks, leading, shepherding, crafting, fixing snacks, listening, running outside, greeting, singing, clapping hands, swimming, making hot dogs, accompanying to movies and other events!
- ✧ It's been a full week – one we thoroughly enjoyed and are happy to share. Song videos can be found on You Tube by searching "Cave Quest VBS Songs." Photos will be available soon.



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## From the Pastor...

### *Holy Scripture says:*

Micah 6:8 (“What does the Lord require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness?”), Psalm 85:10-11 (“Steadfast love and faithfulness will meet; justice and peace will kiss each other. Faithfulness will spring up from the ground, and justice will look down from the sky.”), and Psalm 89:14 (“Righteousness and justice are the foundation of your throne; steadfast love and faithfulness go before you.”).

The “justice” or which Jesus calls his followers to thirst in the beatitudes (Matthew 5:6) speaks of life, of reconciliation, the restoration of relationships with God and with one another.

When we are baptized we are called to live among God’s faithful people, to worship, pray, study, give, and encourage one another and to strive for justice and peace. In light of the situation in our world, the tragedy in Orlando, and the call to love God and one another, the topic of justice has been heavily on my mind.

Our denomination has been striving to teach love since its foundational beginnings. Our presiding bishop, Elizabeth Eaton has been hosting a series of webcasts (<http://www.elca.org/webcast>) On the topic of the ELCA a place for all. Her webcasts explore how we as church can more fully look like and reflect the greater community around us. This is a continuing part of the church’s African American Descent Strategy to strive to have the African American Community be 10% of our fellowship. At St. Paul’s we are nearing this number but we need to be aware of what is being discussed in our denomination, so I encourage you to go to the webcast page and view these topical videos.

We have been part of the beginnings of a Lutheran Hispanic/Latino Ministry for Durham, NC and will continue to grow this vibrant ministry.

In addition, we will soon be rejoicing with two of our same gender couples as they are joined in marriage. Sharon Schulze and Lisa Greene; and Emily Vardell and Brenda Linares will celebrate their love together in the coming months.

Our life of faith is about relationships, our relationship to God and one another. We rejoice when two people wish to be joined together and now that this union is legal in NC, our congregation council has approved our participation in this celebration of love and life together.

In addition, the congregation council has discussed the study of whether we should be a Reconciling in Christ congregation that affirms our desire to welcome all people as part of our fellowship. So the council will be gathering information about a

time of study and discernment for the whole congregation as we strive for justice, peace and love of neighbor in our baptismal calling to walk wet in this world.

I suppose I could have spent this letter talking about the struggles of this world, the struggles we have financially within our congregation, the challenges we face with the Paschall property, but Jesus calls us to a life of no fear. I do not fear the challenges we face internally. We will overcome them and thrive.

Instead I chose to remind us that life goes on. That there are bigger challenges in this world than we face internally. We are a people of hope, of love, of peace and justice.

We are a people who will disagree on issues of the day like which candidate to vote for, how many guns do we need in our homes, over whose sin is the greatest.

The people of God I have come to know and love at St. Paul’s know how to live together with our differences. We know how to love without condition as God has first loved us and we are a people who know that we are called to something greater than our own wants and desires.

May the God of peace continue to fill us with his blessing as we find ways to show the world that at St. Paul’s we love one another.

Pastor Scott Anderson

## From the Vicar...

### *Impossible Choices*

As I sit down to write this, I find myself torn in all sorts of directions. This is not my last *Cross Connections* letter, but then I realize that I will be gone by the time anyone receives the last one. I’m torn between time to focus on the forms and documents that shape my future, and the real activity – the life, love, and vitality – in this community here. And I turn to the news and see events like those in Orlando or the bitter struggles in politics and I’m torn between the work we do here, locally, and the needs in the world – justice, peace, mercy ... humility.

Then I remember that I am Lutheran, and being Lutheran means we acknowledge a life and reality that is often two things. This world is the Kingdom of God, God’s reign is here and now, but God also promises a future where the Kingdom is more than this and God’s reign is more – the now and not yet. We are people who every Sunday say, “We are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves,” yet in our baptisms we are “set free from the power of sin.”

The ELCA also has a tendency of making doctrinal decisions that leave us in a position to either choose between two opposing options, or to live in the middle of the struggle. Some call this wishy-washy or even say it's the product of the modern age or too much education. But this has been the way of church from the beginning. We have four gospels, and they don't agree perfectly. Most people prefer one gospel over the others – Mark is the common man and the human Jesus, Luke is the sophisticate and supporter of women, Matthew is very Jewish, John is high church and pro-gentile and divine Jesus. Which Jesus do we choose – The Jewish one or the one who supports gentiles? The human one or the divine one? The common man or the sophisticate? The masculine or the feminine? The early church decided these are all faithful understandings of Jesus.

So that is where we find ourselves – caught in the middle. It's not a place of clean and easy answers, and that can be frustrating at times. The beauty of being caught in the middle, however is that we can all be there together. We can live in the middle where we believe differently and find answers without having to reject or turn others away. We can even worship and practice our faith in ways that some of us find faithful and others don't. Because Jesus never called on us to get it right or to figure it all out, but he did call us, time and time again, to love one another.

And so for me, I can be entirely here and I can begin to say goodbye. I can prepare for what God has yet in store for me and my family, and I can live into and love every moment that remains here and now. And when I go, I will leave, but I know I will also remain behind.

That's the amazing God that we believe in. "With God, all things are possible" (Matthew 19:26), even a life caught in the middle of impossibilities.

Vicar Joseph O'Donnell

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## From the Duke Campus Minister...

*Claimed by Water and Word, fed at the Table, led by the Holy Spirit, our identities are formed and sustained by the Triune God. We have been claimed by Grace, and through that Grace sent to serve the world. This identity forms the bedrock of our communal life.*

As I was interviewing for the Campus Ministry Position at Duke, these were words that I kept in front of me. In a sense, these words reflect what it means to

be part of the body of Christ, claimed by Grace, sent to serve. It is my hope that these words will form the basis of my life serving with the community of Duke University and also St. Paul's. I feel God's Spirit has been at work throughout this process, and I am excited to be joining you beginning July 10.

Over the next months, as I get to know the context of St. Paul's and the University, we will have plenty of time to dream big dreams for how God may be calling us to shape ministry, but for now, it might be helpful for you to learn a little about me, even as I am looking forward to learning more about you.

I was born in Atlanta, Georgia, and moved to Alabama, rambling around the country side and the forty acres of land that my family owned. I loved playing the piano, making music, reading, and various kinds of needle crafts that I learned from my grandmothers and great grandmother. The women in my family were also fine southern cooks, and I grew up watching them cook and learning to cook from them.

I became Lutheran when I was 17 years old, and the local Lutheran church was looking for a church musician. (J.S. Bach was Lutheran; he was my favorite composer, and the rest is history.) I quickly fell in love with the liturgy, with Lutheran theology, and with a grace centered approach to God's love. Ten years later, I found myself packing up my little red car and heading to Lutheran Theological Southern Seminary in Columbia, South Carolina to slog through summer Greek in the hottest place I had ever lived!

My internship was in St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Startown, where I had the good fortune to meet my husband, Heath Wind. Heath was the best friend of Bruce Cardwell, who was on my internship committee. Fortunately, he was not a member of St. Paul's and after hanging out together as friends, we decided that we would go on a date. It was one of the best decisions I ever made.

My first call was to the Evangelical Lutheran Church of Saint Mark, in Jacksonville, Florida. This was ironic since I grew up in Jacksonville, Alabama (actually it was Cedar Springs, but the Baptist church and four way stop did not constitute the need for a post office.) Saint Mark was a wonderful first call, and Heath and I experienced many "firsts" while we were in that parish – our first house, our first child, and my first fall with no changing leaves and two seasons, hot and hotter. The Holy Spirit works in mysterious ways, and thirteen years ago, we found ourselves headed to The Evangelical Lutheran Church of the Epiphany in Winston-Salem, North Carolina. Part of my responsibilities included serving the Wake Forest

University Community as the Lutheran Campus Pastor. I learned many wonderful lessons at Epiphany and Wake Forest and am looking forward to serving the Duke Community in partnership with St. Paul's, Pastor Anderson, Grace Lutheran, and Pastor Chesnutt.

In addition to Heath my husband, my fifteen year old daughter Catherine, we have two four legged members of our family, Hershey, our chocolate lab; and Nike, our spotted pointer. Both of our dogs are pound puppies and bring such joy and love into our lives. Nike even has a heart shaped spot on her side. Additionally, Heath and I love to garden, growing vegetables and flowers year round. He is a bee keeper, and I help him with that. We love to cook good food, watch PBS and documentaries, travel, and read, and exercise. Recently, I have discovered a love for backpacking and hiking and look forward to more time in the wilderness. I still love music, and in my spare time play with the Salem Band (3<sup>rd</sup> clarinet) and the Salem Swing Band (keyboards). I am so excited to be coming to Durham and am excited about getting to know you and serve with you.

In the following months, check out the newsletter where I will be sharing information and stories from Duke Lutherans. As my time evolves, I will be asking and finding ways for you to serve the Duke community with me. May God bless our beginnings and order our days in our deeds in peace.

Pastor Laura Wind

## Fowler Library Footnotes

*by Emily Vardell, Brenda Linares  
Fowler Librarians*

You may have seen the Fowler Memorial Library "bookmobile" in the narthex on Sunday mornings. We'll be featuring different collections of library materials to encourage you to come check out all the library has to offer. We are glad to see many of you take interest in our bookmobile and the library offerings.

We would also like to remind you all that the Fowler Memorial Library also has several Lutheran and Christian magazines that are available for you to check out and take home.

We have subscriptions to (descriptions are taken from the magazines' websites):

- ▶ **The Christian Century** – "a progressive, ecumenical magazine based in Chicago. Committed to thinking critically and living faithfully, the *Century* explores what it means to believe and live out the Christian faith in our

time."

- ▶ **First Things** – is "published by the Institute on Religion and Public Life, an interreligious, nonpartisan research and educational 501(c)(3) organization" and is "America's Most Influential Journal of Religion & Public Life"
- ▶ **Gather** - "The magazine of the Women of the ELCA, offers a mix of articles, theological reflections, devotions, and stories of comfort and challenge that help readers grow in faith and engage in ministry and action"
- ▶ **Living Lutheran** (formerly Lutheran magazine) - "your source for news, reflections and stories from the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA) and its local and global companions. We cover religious news and social issues, congregational life, global and domestic mission, family matters, spiritual practices and resources, and more."
- ▶ **Lutheran Forum** - "an independent theological quarterly for Lutherans and ecumenical friends"
- ▶ **Seeds of the Parish** - "the resource newspaper of the ELCA, contain[ing] articles that provide congregational leaders with insights, ideas and tools to assist them in a variety of ministries"
- ▶ **Southern Bulletin** - "the Lutheran Theological Southern Seminary magazine; published twice a year"
- ▶ **Sing for Joy** - the magazine of "the Sing For Joy radio program, produced by St. Olaf College, [that] has a simple mission: to explore the weekly themes of Christian worship by providing the best in sacred choral music and thoughtful commentary"
- ▶ **Thrivent Financial for Lutherans** - this "magazine includes a wide range of articles, including health, fitness, parenting, financial planning, faith and family"

To check out any of the magazines, just come to the library and fill out a "Magazine Check Out" slip available next to the magazines. All you have to do is write the name of the magazine, the issue (e.g., June 2016), and your name and then put the slip in the basket next to the librarian's desk. You're also welcome to read through the issues in the library if you're looking for a quiet reading space.

If you have books that you would like to recommend the library purchase, please email us ([emily.vardell@gmail.com](mailto:emily.vardell@gmail.com) and [linares7@gmail.com](mailto:linares7@gmail.com)) or leave us a note in the Comment box in the library. Happy reading!

## Preschool Pitter Patter



by Amanda Stoen, Director

Preschool Camp for children ages 2-5 is underway! We had three weeks of camp in June and will begin again in mid-July. The children have experienced Camping,

Construction and Summertime themes so far. We will continue this month with Fairy Tales and Music. Check out the Preschool Facebook page for photos throughout the summer!

Also, we still have a few remaining spots for this fall in a couple of our classes for our Tuesday PMO class of one year olds as well as our 4 day four year olds. If you know of anyone who may be interested in our preschool, please contact me at the church or by email at [preschool@stpaulsdurham.org](mailto:preschool@stpaulsdurham.org) for more information.

## Testimony

A few Sundays ago, I lamented that Lutherans don't testify. We don't always talk about our faith, or ways that God touches our lives.

So, in this *Cross Connections*, Bonnie Cooper volunteered to provide a testimonial of a kind. Testimony can be many things. It can be biographical, incident related, thought provoking or simply a way to say how God has touched our lives. I would encourage the congregation to write testimonies each month for inclusion in the newsletter. If anyone is interested, please contact me (the Pastor). If I don't get some volunteers, I may come and ask you to write something – so don't be surprised when I do.

Peace,  
Pastor Scott

### Three Little Miracles

by Bonnie Cooper

When we think of testimonies, we may think of the story of how we found our faith, or how we lost and then found our faith again. Or maybe it is one part of our faith of which we want to testify. I have lost of "testimonials" I could share with you that have been a part of my faith journey, but I've decided to share my testimony of miracles, not necessarily big miracles but the little miracles in life.

One of my favorite movies is *Moonstruck*. There is a line in the movie where Loretta, played by Cher,

shouts, "This is modern times! There ain't supposed to be miracles!" I personally haven't seen water turned to wine or someone raised from the dead, but there are small miracles all around us. We may see them as coincidences, but I feel God has a hand in many of the little miracles that take place in our lives. So I thought I would share three little miracles that have occurred within my family.

The first two occurred at the time of my Father's passing in June of 2014. He had been having health problems for a while and was diagnosed with stage 4 lung cancer in the spring of 2014. We traveled back and forth to Pennsylvania several times that spring and I was able to stay with him and my Mom for the last two weeks of his life. It was a tiring and difficult time, but he died in his home as he wanted. Right after he passed, I called my husband, who was in Durham, to let him know. My husband, Kirb, works for Cisco and is often in the middle of some technical software crisis on the account he supports, and that was the situation as I was calling. He took my call because he knew it would be important, but was getting a lot of pressure to fix a big problem that no one on his team at work could figure out. We talked a few minutes and hung up so he could go back to work. He said that he was feeling emotional about my Dad and struggling with the work crisis when suddenly, out of the blue, the work problem corrected itself. No one on his team had done anything to make the correction; no one even knew what was causing the problem at this point. And it continued to work as it should from then on. When Kirb called me back to tell me what had happened, he very seriously said, "I think your Dad fixed our problem." What's kind of funny is that my Dad had trouble hammering a nail to hang a clock...he just was not good at fixing anything. So not only was the technical crisis averted, it lightened the mood a little for us just thinking of Dad having a hand in correcting this work dilemma.

The second little miracle involved our son, Ethan, getting home for his Grandfather's funeral. He was taking two classes at UNC Charlotte during the summer semester for a specialty in his major. They were difficult engineering classes and were packed into just a couple of weeks. In order for Ethan to be at the funeral he would have to miss two class periods which would be difficult to make up, but he decided to go to the funeral in Pennsylvania anyway. When he got back to school later that week, he found out that the instructor just did not show up for the classes (which had never happened before or after that time) and Ethan didn't miss anything.

The third miracle happened last weekend as we



were coming home from a visit with our daughter. As we were driving on 40 west our indicator light on the dash came on to say that our left rear tire air pressure was about 10 psi low. Kirb asked if I thought we should stop or try to make it home since it wasn't too low. I felt we should add some air if possible to prevent a blowout. We were at the exit for Harrison Avenue in Cary, so we quickly got off the exit and went to the one gas station near the exit which luckily had an air compressor. It probably took us 5-10 minutes to pump the air and get back on the road. Within moments of getting back on the road there was a significant accident that had just happened. First responders were still on their way. Then a little further down the road there was a second, very serious accident with first responders just arriving. I have no way of knowing if we would have been involved in either of these accidents, but when I had my tire checked at the tire shop the next day and they could find no leak and it has not leaked since, I'm inclined to feel it was a little miracle.

Were these really miracles or just lucky coincidences? One person may see it one way, and another person as something else. As for me (unlike Loretta in Moonstruck), I do believe there are miracles in modern times.

## Our Final IHN Hosting Week

*by Ellen Lavery and Margot Wuebbens*

We finished our last week of hosting IHN families at St. Paul's in May with a full house of 3 moms and 9 children! It was a very busy week and was a good way to complete our ministry with IHN as we know it. The Durham IHN program has merged with Genesis House to form "Families Moving Forward." This new initiative will enable homeless families to live in a more stable situation while they are working to become self-sufficient. As a congregation and as individuals, there will be volunteer opportunities to support this new organization, but at this time, we are unsure what those will look like. We will update you as we learn of those opportunities.

We would like to thank the following individuals for their participation in our last week of hosting: Judy and Tom Kraska, Tina Bessias, Carole and Larry Ostrowski, Curt Hahn, Rachel Harter, Dick Havill, Debra Steed, Marcia and Dean Redman, Audrey Busch, Barbara Ellertson, Rebecca Jules, Betty Hinshaw, Renee Staehle, Dotte Williams, Nancy Anderson, Carol Sackett, Tim and Kim Hoke, Margaret Simis, Dick and Nancy Clendaniel, and

Diana and Ted Dominick. We would also like to thank everyone who has participated in this meaningful ministry over the past twenty plus years.

## Our Sympathy

We extend our sympathy to the family and friends of Pastor George D. Hanssen, 75, who died on Sunday, June 5, 2016 at Duke Regional Hospital. Prior to his retirement from the ministry he was founding pastor of Christ the King Lutheran Church in Vestal, NY. He was an ELCA evangelism consultant to the Lutheran Churches in region 7, followed by a Pastorate of St. Michael's in Camillus, NY. His final ministry was to Advent Lutheran Church in Wyckoff, NJ. He is survived by his wife, Amanda Montgomery, two daughters and a son as well as three grandchildren. A memorial service will be held at a later date in New York state.

## A July 4<sup>th</sup> Remembrance

*by Karl Freundt, July 2016*

Sixty years ago my mother and I arrived as immigrants in the United States.

Forty years ago, the United States celebrated its Bicentennial. July 4<sup>th</sup> fell on a Sunday that year. Pastor Robinson had invited the congregants to wear

period clothing from the 1776 era for that Service. My wife Otti had made outfits for our two children and the two of us and we wore them. Most in this congregation did likewise. Families were instructed on that Sunday to take seats as customarily done in those early days – men sitting on one side and mothers and children on the other side.

In keeping with former tradition, Pastor Robinson asked after the Service, if anyone wished to make announcements. Several congregants did and then I stood up and said: "On July 3, 1956, my mother and I arrived in the United States. The following day the whole nation celebrated."

The congregation reacted with laughter. Our Mrs. Tilley was there and remembers it.



## Reformation Tour of Germany

On May 22, a group of St. Paul's members boarded a plane for a flight to Frankfurt, Germany. We were excited and a little nervous: we would be spending the next ten days together, and, even though we knew where we would be going and what we would be seeing, we didn't exactly know what to expect. We were Alice Barnes, Pat and Morris Casper, Barbara Ellertson, Jackie Nappi, Jim Shoaf, Deborah Steed, and Dotte Williams. Once in Frankfurt, we joined up with Barbara and Bill Dahl, and Dean and Marcia Redman. And so began our journey of faith and study. For those of you who might not have followed our progress, you can read about some of our perceptions on the website that Tina Bessias helped us create: [www.stpaulsreformationtour.wordpress.com](http://www.stpaulsreformationtour.wordpress.com).

Pat and Morris Casper wrote the two posts below after our return. It was a spirit-filled time, and we hope that our learning will continue as conversations and dialog in the months ahead.

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### *Was This a Pilgrimage?* by Pat and Morris Casper

We wanted to walk where Luther walked. And we did. We saw his places: the towns of Eisenach, Erfurt, Eisleben and Leipzig. We saw the churches where he preached. We saw where he was schooled.



We know that sometimes some of what we saw tended toward speculation. But it was an earnest tendency. Our guides were doing their best to show us real places; real things; real relics even.

When we saw the Wartburg Castle, Luther's situation, his terrible political status, his isolation from church and

society, all came home to us. And of course, without this isolation we would have not the Luther Bible, maybe no German language as we know it, and certainly no Lutheran church. Luther was in hiding to avoid being murdered.

Now to the question that is the title of this essay: Was this a pilgrimage? We'd say it was. Luther did not believe in pilgrimage, but with all due respect to our founder, we didn't travel as merely tourists, because we were walking in the steps of our leader



and founder where we could find them. So maybe we were pilgrims.

Luther found pilgrimages unacceptable because they were done as self-serving acts of salvation, or so it seemed to him. WE didn't expect salvation through our actions. But we hoped the trip would evoke, kindle, inspire for us, the life within the words we use every time we speak the faith.

We hoped that in the words of John Wesley "our hearts would be strangely warmed."

And they were.

### *Community of Saints* by Pat and Morris Casper

In the book of Ruth, Ruth the daughter-in-law tells Naomi "Entreat me not to leave you or keep from following you, for where you go, I will go, where you lodge, I will lodge, your people shall be my people and your God, my God."

And so in this way they continued to be together.

The greatness of human life and the value of human strivings always seem to eventually resolve into value for the community. One might say it's the way the community becomes culture.

We look back, now that we are home, and we hope that this trip and the experiences of those who went will help build a stronger St. Paul's community; at least we think that we've put another pretty strong pillar of support under the roof that is our mother, the church.

We've been other places in the Lutheran world, joined other groups, and tried to help build other communities. Sometimes to good effect and sometimes not. When the effect is good, the time becomes sacred time and the space, sacred space. And it is as if we are Ruth walking back to Bethlehem with Naomi, on the way to some new community, some new expression of ourselves that will please God and strengthen the world he made for us.

So we don't know the road, but we are the community of saints. The stronger that community, the easier the walk.

What's especially interesting here to us is that nobody set out on this trip to do insightful thinking (as far as we know). It seems though, that along the way this kind of thinking fell on us like a heavy snow or maybe like that other white stuff from heaven, manna.

So we hope we're right and that what we saw and did and thought is the beginning of many conversations that we in the St. Paul's community of saints have about our place in the Lutheran world at large.

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## In the mailbag...

*Dear Pastor Anderson*

*We would like to express our humbled gratitude to you and the St. Paul's family for the love, care and spiritual guidance extended to my mother Mae Flowers and to me through the years.*

*Outreach of the St. Paul's family has been incredible. The visits, mini worship services, singing of hymns and administering of sacraments by you Pastor Anderson, Vicar Joseph O'Donnell and our personal "Earth Angel" Stephen Minister Barbara Anderson were always uplifting. The Valentine's cards from the Cub Scouts, the shawl from the Dropped Stitch Ministry, the quilt from the Quilting Ministry and Easter baskets from Women's Connections are treasured.*

*My mother is blessed to have been part of the St. Paul's family. Although we have moved away, we will always have a special place in our hearts for all of you. Thank you, and God bless you.*

*Sincerely,*

*Mae E. Flowers, associate member*

*Starletta Williamson, daughter*

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## Save the Date!

Brenda Linares and Emily Vardell will be getting married on September 4, 2016 at St. Paul's. The church family is invited to attend the wedding ceremony in the late afternoon on Sunday, September 4.

## SPAM EVENT!

Join us for the next SPAM Dine Around! We'll be going to Bull City Burger and Brewery on Friday, July 22<sup>nd</sup> (107 E Parrish St, Durham 27701). Meet us there at 7 pm! Please RSVP to Brenda ([linares7@gmail.com](mailto:linares7@gmail.com)) if you plan to attend so that we can make reservations. See you there!

**There will be a congregational meeting on Sunday, July 24 following both the 8:30 and 11:00 am worship services. Agenda is to have a resolution on the Paschall Property purchase.**

## Welcome our Newest Members who joined June 12:

**Gail Ann Anderson**

transfer from Gethsemane Lutheran in Austin, TX

**Steven and Pamela Taylor**

transfer from Shepard of the Glades, Naples, FL

**The Thursday Morning Bible Study** will be on vacation the months of July and August and will resume in September on Thursdays at 10:30-11:45 am. Plan to join us then!

## Saints of the Month

- ✦ **Phyllis Jenkins** for the delicious Chinese Supper!
- ✦ **Margot Wuebbens** and the Senior Choir for their "Take Me Out to the Ball Game" meal

## Wednesday Night Suppers

Come on Wednesday, July 6 at 6:00 pm for a late - July 4 celebration with pizzas, salad bar, and dessert, brought to you by your staff!

Wednesday, July 20 will be our second meal of the month at 6:00 pm. Menu is still being worked on!

Check out our worship services and other events on Vimeo on the web. Go to

<https://vimeo.com/stpaulsdurham>.

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