

# Cross Connections



*St. Paul's Lutheran Church*

*October 2016*

## OCTOBER – A Very Busy Month!

### Sun, Oct 9 - PUMPKINS ARRIVE! (4 pm)

St. Paul's is known as the pumpkin church and for good reason – we have a lot of great pumpkins, we have happy people helping customers which brings repeat customers year after year. Sign up to help in the patch, come on Oct 9 at 4 pm to help unload!

### Wed, Oct 12 - OKTOBERFEST IN TRINITY HALL (5:45 pm)

"The Rusty Pipes" band from Croasdaile Village will begin at 5:45 pm. Come, enjoy the music and homemade Lefse and fellowship before we begin our German Oktoberfest meal. There is a sign-up board in the atrium/foyer so we can estimate guests. Check out the Silent Auction!

### Sun, Oct 16 - MICHAEL BURKHARDT HYMN FESTIVAL (4 pm)

Michael Burkhardt returns to St. Paul's! The theme is "Living Voices of the Gospel," inspired by Luther's belief that music is a living voice of the Gospel and in light of the upcoming celebration of the 500<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Reformation. This hymn festival will highlight the hymns of Martin Luther, paired with hymns of a variety of times and places.

### Sat, Oct 22 – 8<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL YARD SALE (7 am - 1 pm)

We accept useable and in good condition items. There will be a sign-up so you can volunteer time to help sort and price items. Donations will be accepted starting Oct 13 in Trinity Hall.

### Fri, Oct 28 - TRUNK or TREAT (6 pm)

Get your ideas ready for costumes and trunk decor to hand out treats! There will be a costume parade. Larry Lloyd will present a magic show. The evening starts with hot dogs, we ask that guests bring along sweet or salty treats to share. The Trunk or Treat will close out the evening.

### Sun, Oct 30 - BLOOD DRIVE (9 am - 1 pm)

Trinity Hall will be the location of the Red Cross Blood drive. (See article inside)

The Rev. Scott M. Anderson, Pastor

Susan Esposito, Parish Administrator & Editor

Jacqueline Nappi, Minister of Music

Amanda Stoen, Preschool Director

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## From the Pastor...

Tis the season of pumpkins and yard sales, Oktoberfest and Reformation, preparation for the annual stewardship campaign and for committee training, visits from a former Vicar and musical extravaganzas.

That means if you walk by Susan Esposito's office and look at the church calendar, you will find hardly a day that every space at St. Paul's is not filled to capacity. October seems like a time that is in between. It is in between summer vacations and Thanksgiving. Yet, October is one of the busiest times in the church year.

We are in full swing with Sunday School and Youth activities. We are in the midst of preparation for Advent and Christmas. We are busy.

So, what can you do to help? I would ask for your prayer for the whole people of God at St. Paul's. Pray that we find time for Sabbath in the midst of busyness. Pray for God to guide us as we continue to discern a path forward in our life together. Pray that God grace us with gifts for discipleship. Discipleship that helps us to live our baptismal promises: a life of prayer, study, worship, inviting others, encouraging one another, service and giving.

And as we pray, remember these words from James:

*Are any among you suffering? They should pray. Are any cheerful? They should sing songs of praise. Are any among you sick? They should call for the elders of the church and have them pray over them, anointing them with oil in the name of the Lord. The prayer of faith will save the sick, and the Lord will raise them up; and anyone who has committed sins will be forgiven. Therefore confess your sins to one another, and pray for one another, so that you may be healed. The prayer of the righteous is powerful and effective.* James 5:13-18

My prayer is that the God of grace continue to bless us and guide us in the work of our life together. Amen.

Pastor Scott

## From the Campus Pastor...

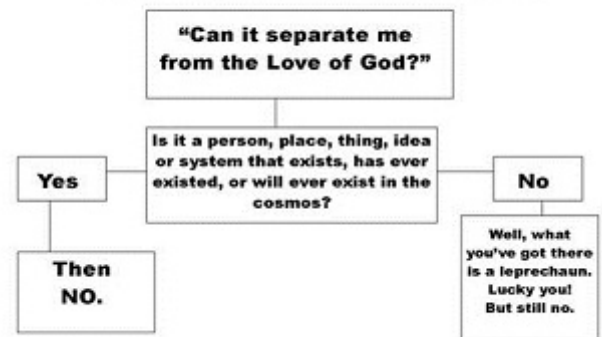
As I walk on campus, recently I have noticed that the students are developing a "thousand mile stare," the stare that mid-terms are looming. Reality has begun to sink in, and I can see it on their faces. Just like the popular phrase in Game of Throne, "Winter is coming" currently at Duke, the phrase is "Midterms

are coming."

Paul writes in his letter to the Romans: "The Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought. The Spirit intercedes with sighs too deep for words." At the end of this passage, Paul reassures us that "Neither life nor death, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus."

These are two of my favorite verses from Paul, and both assure us that no matter what our circumstances, no matter if we can pray or not, God's Spirit is constantly interceding for us. Furthermore, no matter what we face, absolutely nothing can separate us from God's love in Christ Jesus. God is always present with us. Which brings me to this flow chart, created by Tim Jahn.

### Romans 8:38-39 Flowchart



So, in the midst of mid-terms, election year, violence and suffering, and all the other ways our world is suffering right now, we have the assurance that absolutely none of this, not even leprechauns or the zombie apocalypse can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus. This is good news; and as Martin Luther would say, "most certainly true."

### Duke Lutherans

I am excited to announce that James Demmel has been assigned to us for the 2016-2017 year so that he can complete his field education. James is a native of North Carolina and in his third year of Divinity School at Duke. St. Paul's will welcome James on October 2 at both services.

### Wine and Word

Bible study and fellowship for Graduate Students

We meet on the first and third Tuesdays of each month at the Grace House. I provide appetizers and food; the students bring a bottle of wine and a friend. We spend time in conversation, in study, in prayer, and in community. If you are a grad school student, we

welcome you to join us at the Grace House, 824 North Buchanan Blvd. We meet at 7 pm.

### ***Faith Matters***

A special word of thanks to all who participated in my installation service on September 11 – it was a wonderful service, and a time to celebrate our new chapter with Duke Lutherans. I am excited to be serving at Duke and have the privilege to work with amazing young men and women at times in their lives when many trajectories intersect. I am thankful for our opportunities to nurture them, through home-cooked meals, worship, study, reflection, service, fellowship, community. This is a crucial time in the life of students. It was while I was participating in Lutheran Campus Ministry at the University of Cincinnati that I first had an inkling that I might have a call to ministry. The support I received from that community helped in my discernment. As Aaron Klink posted on Facebook about his college experiences with Campus Ministry, he ended his post by saying “Faith matters in college.” Thank you for your support of Duke Lutherans and for showing in concrete ways that faith does indeed matter.

Peace,  
Pastor Laura

## **Third, Fourth & Fifth Graders**

*by Vicar Sue Holland*

Youth group for third, fourth and fifth graders is gearing up for an exciting 2016-2017. Our theme this year is “Because God loved us first, we love and serve God, neighbor and faith community.” Joan Albright and I have a whole year of activities planned that will give our third through fifth grades plenty of opportunity to serve our church community as well as our neighbors here in Durham while having fun and developing friendships that will take them through confirmation, high school youth group and beyond. Here is a listing of the events that are currently on the calendar.

- ▶ Sunday, 9/25, 12:30-3 - Pizza and Prayer Walk
- ▶ Sunday, 10/16, 12:30-3 - Pumpkin Patch Sales and Acolyte Training
- ▶ Saturday, 11/12, 9-4:30 - Youthquake at St. Philip in Raleigh (registration required)
- ▶ Saturday, 12/10, time TBD - Shopping for and wrapping Angel Tree Christmas gifts
- ▶ Sunday, 1/15, 12:30-3 - Souper Bowl Ceramic Painting
- ▶ Sunday, 2/19, 12:30-3 - Bowling

- ▶ Sunday, 3/19, 12:30-3 - Casserole Cook-off
  - ▶ Friday-Sunday, 4/21-23 - BYG at Camp Agape (registration required)
  - ▶ Sunday, 5/21, 12:30-3 - End of year Cookout
- Stop by the new youth group bulletin board outside of Whitesell Hall periodically for all the latest details and for photos of the kids in action! All third through fifth grades are welcome to come to one or all of the events! Send an email to Vicar Sue at [vicar@stpaulsdurham.org](mailto:vicar@stpaulsdurham.org) to get on the mailing list for the latest news and then come out to an event and join in the fun.

## **Preschool Pitter Patter**



*by Amanda Stoen, Director*

October brings us ever changing weather and a settled school routine for so many of us. The preschool children have settled into their new routines at school – routines that will help them learn self-help skills, independence and self-confidence. They are busy learners at this age and we focus on active learning in our classrooms.

This school year we are introducing St. Paul's Gives Back as a way to teach our preschoolers about helping others in our local community and beyond. Each month we will do a different service project school wide. We will continue some of our previous collections such as books and diapers and will add new ones such as sending out letters to different groups. If you have any service project ideas, please let me know. We are excited to teach our preschoolers about generosity and compassion for others through this new service program!

Don't forget to link your Harris Teeter VIC Card and Kroger Plus Card to the preschool. The Harris Teeter account number is **3049**. You can link in any store or online and you do not need to be a preschool parent to link your card. To link your Kroger Plus card, visit [krogercommunityrewards.com](http://krogercommunityrewards.com) to register online. Our NPO number is **82098**. Thank you for your support!

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

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

## Reformation Sunday Blood Drive October 30, at 9:00 am-1:00 pm



Because the June 12, 2016 shooting rampage in Orlando, FL occurred in the wee hours of a Sunday morning, and because most of our congregation were not aware of what had happened until much later in the day, our worshipping community could offer no timely corporate prayers for the victims, their friends and families. We could not share our horror. We could not console each other's hearts. By the next Sunday, other tragic headlines had grabbed for our attention, and Orlando was, if not forgotten, then certainly in the past.

But one of St. Paul's small groups couldn't let go. As we lamented the murders in Orlando, we asked ourselves, what can we do about that terrifying event and so many others like it, near and far?

The answer came through image and metaphor: Visitors to Pulse nightclub on June 12 spilled blood as they were shot, one by one. Blood lost threatens life. Blood given nourishes life. Throughout history, the blood of the martyrs has strengthened the Church.

**Most significantly, the blood of Jesus IS our life.**

What better day to hold a blood drive, we asked than on a Red Sunday? And what better festival to choose than the day we commemorate new life for the Church?

**On Reformation Sunday, the Red Cross Blood Drive will be set up in Trinity Hall throughout the morning and after the late service.** We ask you to help us meet our goal of 49 donors to honor and remember each of the 49 shooting victims in Orlando. Because many gay men are not allowed to donate blood, we will also stand in for them and others who cannot give in this way.

Never before have we met this numerical goal. It is a lofty—and achievable!—aim. We believe the people of this congregation will welcome this opportunity, this challenge.

For those who are able to give, know that someone will benefit. **Your blood will be a tangible gift. Your very life will help sustain life. Please join us in this act of discipleship, for the sake of the One who loves and saves us all.**

*We are State of Grace, a small group formed from our experiences at a Via de Cristo weekend and our commitment to encourage one another in a deepening life of faith. Kathy Anderson, Alice Barnes, Tracey Dissel, Brenda Linares, Deborah Steed, Emily Vardell*

## World Food Day

by Kaaren Johanson

World Food Day, celebrated around the world every October 16<sup>th</sup>, provides us an opportunity to stop and reflect on our fortunes. We have plenty to eat when 20% of the children in Durham are food insecure (i.e., they don't know day to day where their next meal will come from.) This year, we have the opportunity to do more than reflect, through the END Hunger Games, there are many ways we as a congregation and we as individuals can get involved and make a difference.

At the Durham CROP Hunger Walk website

(<http://durhamcropwalk.org>), there are a number of awareness raising exercises and advocacy opportunities that you are encouraged to check out. You will also find around a dozen Durham hunger fighting agencies who are looking for volunteers during the week of the END Hunger Games (October 9-15). It is a great way to learn more about how Durham agencies are feeding our neighbors and to give them a hand.

St. Paul's will be doing the SNAP Challenge (i.e., living on a food and beverage budget of no more than \$4.20/per/person/day for five days). This will give us the chance to understand what our neighbors who do so every day are experiencing. It will also remind us to be truly thankful for all that God provides for us every day. There will be an opportunity to sign up for the SNAP Challenge in the foyer on Sunday, Sept 25<sup>th</sup> and Oct 2<sup>nd</sup>. We will start the challenge on Friday, Oct 7<sup>th</sup> so that we can be done in time to enjoy Oktoberfest on Wednesday. Participants are asked to share about their experiences at Oktoberfest and online. At the end of the 5 days, they will donate the money they would have spent on food to the CROP Hunger Walk at <https://www.crophungerwalk.org/durhamnc/Team/View/17761/St-Pauls-Lutheran-Church>.

There will also be a **non-perishable food collection during the Oktoberfest Celebration** which will be donated to the Durham Public Schools Food Pantries during the World Hunger Day Celebration on Sunday October 16<sup>th</sup> at Durham Central Park. The World Food Day Celebration will be a large, family-friendly community gathering with live music, a keynote speaker, snack food and LOTS of games to play. It will be between 3 and 5 pm. Many local non-profit hunger fighting agencies will be there sharing what they do. Everyone is encouraged to attend.





## Yard Sale Update

by Karen Hassett

Our 8<sup>th</sup> Annual Yard Sale will be on Saturday, Oct 22 from 7 am to 1 pm. We will be accepting donations in Trinity Hall starting Oct 13 which is AFTER the Oktoberfest meal. Until then, please bring donations to the back room in Whitesell Hall. There will be sign-ups in the foyer for

volunteers; this yard sale is definitely a group effort!

Pack 12 parents and cubs will be working along with volunteers from St. Paul's.



### A Change in Plans:

Most of the items which are not sold will be given to TROSA this year (they will come with a truck after the sale to get donations so we will not have to transport it ourselves.) If you have a specific charity that you would like to receive some goods (for example, clothes for Dress for Success), please talk with Karen Hassett or Bess Line.

Remember that we will try to sell almost anything, as long as it is useable and in good (working) condition. (Please do not give us non-working lawn equipment or old-model televisions and computers.) Keep in mind our "re-gifting" category which is for "essentially new" items that people can give as presents. We will have a new category, "Antique and Vintage." If you have any questions about this, Bess Line (who is a certified appraiser and spent 35 years running estate sales) will be happy to answer them. [Bessline@SBCGlobal.net](mailto:Bessline@SBCGlobal.net) or 210-383-7298.

**New Information:** This year, the proceeds from the yard sale will go to Camp Agape, the Cub Scout Pack, and also a fund to purchase a 2<sup>nd</sup> convection oven for the Trinity Hall Kitchen (we can stack 2 ovens where we currently have the single oven).

Other questions? Please email me [khassett@nc.rr.com](mailto:khassett@nc.rr.com) or call (or text) at 919-599-0961.

## Katherine Circle

The next meeting of the WELCA Katherine Circle will be on Tuesday, October 18 at 10:00 am. The speaker will be Rev. Laura Wind who will talk about her faith journey and role at Duke. Devotions will be led by Marilyn Hawley. Hostesses will be Nancy Anderson and Ida Elliott. Margaret Simis is in charge of October pew supplies. All women of the church are invited to attend.

## Small Groups Begin

If you are looking for fellowship at St. Paul's, consider joining a small group! The study will be a six-week gathering and viewing of the Nooma video series, then open sharing and discussion in the home of a fellow St. Paul's member. If you are interested in participating or offering your home for this ministry, please contact Marcia Redman or Theresa McCoy. Following are notes about what it means to Barb Shade and Tim & Kim Hoke to belong to a small group.

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*Being part of a small group offers opportunity to develop relationships in a Christian context. Using Rob Bell's DVDs as a starting point, our conversations take on a spiritual nature which can range from deeply serious to jovial and informative. It's fun while being time well spent. I look forward to our meetings.*

Barbara Shade

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*In a nutshell, we find the discussion in St. Paul's Small Group to be insightful and meaningful. And a significant part of the conversation is getting to know other members of the congregation outside of the services at church. We are so fortunate to have a diverse group. We are made up of couples, singles, older (like me) and younger folks as well as one who has been involved in ministry, so we have the opportunity to be exposed to ideas in a setting where we can offer our perspectives and learn from each other as well as ask questions.*

*Our format looks something like this: First, we gather for some light snacks and catch up with each other on a personal basis, then we watch one of the Noona videos (or something comparable) and then we talk about it and how it relates to our faith and our lives. We end with prayer.*

*At least on our part, Small Group provides a casual setting where we can dive deeper into some of the Nona themes, explore new ones, learn more about the life of Jesus as well as Scripture (which the Noona series weaves so thoughtfully into topics of our everyday lives), and establish even closer relationships with our new friends.*

*We are flexible in trying to schedule the group on days and times when all or almost all of us can come. We've enjoyed participating in and hosting small group so much that we wanted to continue this year. Our challenge has been to end in an hour and a half (or shortly thereafter)!*

Kim and Tim Hoke

## Sharing Abundantly

*Save the Date!*

### Consecration Sunday

**November 13**

Coming soon we will be hearing a lot about SHARING ABUNDANTLY and what it means.

Watch for more information in your bulletin, in Temple Talks, in Parish Notes, and in your mailbox. For now, save the date and plan to be in church on November 13. More later.

*Now to him, who by the power at work within us is able to accomplish abundantly far more than all we can ask or imagine, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations, forever and ever.*

*Amen. —Ephesians 3:18-20s*

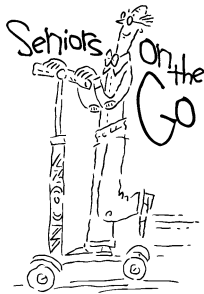
## SPAM at the Community Café

The St. Paul's SPAM Group will be volunteering at the Community Café on Saturday, October 15. Please let Brenda Linares ([linares7@gmail.com](mailto:linares7@gmail.com)) know if you will be coming to help.

## Young In Spirit Duke Homestead

**Wed, Oct 12 at 11:00 am**

If you are Young In Spirit and want to join a great group of church people in fellowship, come on Wednesday, October 12 and join us for a visit to Duke Homestead, on Guess Road and Carver Street. We will meet at the church at 11:00 am, travel to the homestead via the church van. We will lunch, after the tour, at Melo's Trattoria. Sign up in the church reception office.



### Future activities of Young In Spirit:

- ▶ November – Russel School, one of the first black schools in NC, located in Hillsborough
- ▶ December – Sunday, Dec. 8 Ballet video of Nutcracker, at Briar Creek Theater
- ▶ January – Train trip to Greensboro - Civil Rights Museum
- ▶ February – Potluck at church
- ▶ March – walking tour of Historic Hillsborough
- ▶ April – Tour Duke Gardens
- ▶ May – TBA
- ▶ June – baseball game

## Tongue & Thimble

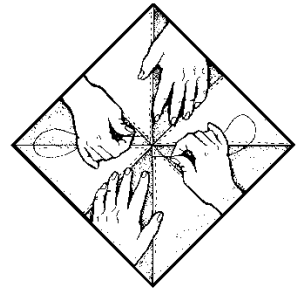
The Tongue and Thimble

Quilting ministry is an opportunity for members of St. Paul's to answer God's call to love and serve our neighbors in need, and to provide a tangible symbol of God's love and compassion.

On Sunday, September 25, prayers and blessings were lifted up for the 100 quilts, 21 dresses, 9 pair of boys' shorts, and 35 stockings for the Murdoch Center's Operation Santa Claus.

Child-size comforters and warming bed covers will be donated to UNC Children's Hospital Pediatrics, UNC Children's Cancer Center, and Duke Health Center Pediatric Clinics. Cotton dresses and boys shorts will go to areas in the world of greatest need. Tongue and Thimble also presents a comforter to the babies which are baptized at St. Paul's.

As our Quilting Ministry reaches out we are always in need of financial donations to help defray the cost of batting for the quilts, or specific fabric or notions needs. If you wish to give a donation, please note it as WELCA/Tongue & Thimble and put it into the offering plate. THANKS to all for your support of this ministry!



## Concert at St. Paul's

**Sunday, November 6<sup>th</sup> at 3:00 pm**

### Bull City Baroque

This is a new Early Music group including Allison Willet on violin, Robbie Link on gamba, and Jacqueline Nappi on harpsichord. This concert will feature dance music for violin and gamba, as well as a beautiful violin sonata by French composer Elisabeth Jacquet de la Guerre.

### Change of Address:

**Lois Kinzie**

224 Millspring Dr  
Durham, NC 27705

**Angela Zielaskowski**

117 Poppy Trail  
Durham, NC 27713

[ang.zski@gmail.com](mailto:ang.zski@gmail.com)

## New Member

On September 4, we welcomed Jennifer Bowling by Affirmation of Baptism. Her info:

3225 Coachman's Way  
Durham, NC 27705  
home: 919-493-1746, cell: 919-219-3919  
[bowlingjennifer4@gmail.com](mailto:bowlingjennifer4@gmail.com)

## Camp Agape News

### Fall Work Day, October 22

Gather your work gloves and head out to Agape for a day of service and fellowship. There will be plenty of jobs for everyone! This is an excellent opportunity for students to fulfill any required community service hours they may have. Breakfast and lunch are provided. For more information or to register, contact Mir at [AceEd@agapekurebeach.org](mailto:AceEd@agapekurebeach.org).



## ACE Ed Enviro-Venture featuring the Hike-a-thon & Basket Raffle

### November 5 at Camp Agape

The 13<sup>th</sup> annual Hike-a-Thon and Basket Raffle will be taking on a new look and a new name in November. Introducing: Enviro-Venture! What's new?

- ◆ Nature Stations: guest naturalists will be part of the event – specializing in topics such as entomology, geology, ornithology, apiary, and likely more
- ◆ Chili Cook-off Contest
- ◆ Pumpkin fling
- ◆ Musical Entertainment
- ◆ \$20 Entrance fee (reduced from \$25)

What's the same?

- ◆ Hiking the trails! (A.k.a. Hike-a-Thon) Enjoy a leisurely stroll or a stimulating walk – several yards to several miles. It's all up to you.
- ◆ Basket Raffle! (Just \$1.00/ticket for a chance to win the basket of your choice.)
- ◆ FUN & Prizes!

Enviro-Venture is for everyone! Bring your friends! Bring the whole family! Bring your youth group! Bring your senior group! Bring your scout troop! Everyone!

Contact Melissa at [agape@agapekurebeach.org](mailto:agape@agapekurebeach.org) or see our website [www.agapekurebeach.org](http://www.agapekurebeach.org) for more info.

## Our Sympathies to the following:

- ✦ To the family and friends of Jim Armstrong (friend of Robin Winfree).
- ✦ To the family and friends of **Pastor Lou Bauer**, who died on Monday, Sept 12. His funeral was held on Friday, Sept 16 at 3:00 pm at St. Matthews Episcopal Church in Hillsborough, NC, with The Rev. Brooks Graebner and Pastor Scott Anderson presiding. Burial was in Alamance Memorial Park in Burlington. In lieu of flowers, the family requests memorials to Lutheran World Relief.

## Congratulations!

We celebrate the birth of Nyle Paul Solis, newborn son of Jenni and Christopher Solis. Nyle was born September 21, 2016 at 10:01 am at Durham Regional Hospital. He weighed 6 lb. 13 oz. and was 19 ½ inches long. Very proud first-time grandpa is Chris Westerfeldt.

## In the mailbag...

*On behalf of the residents of Durham County Community Living Programs, Inc., we would like to thank you for your donation of \$100 to our program. We appreciate being the beneficiary of your generous donation. We are a private, non-profit organization, so donations are always useful and needed. We want you to know that your donation will be used to support the residents of our residential programs.*

*Elizabeth Rehbock*

*Finance & Development Director*

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*Dear Congregation of St. Paul's,*

*Thank you for the love, grace, encouragement and financial support you have offered me over the past year. Your kindness has consistently smoothed over rough places and made following God's call on my life a great joy. I look forward to seeing where this path will lead and sharing it with you. Special thanks, also, to Pastor Scott for shepherding me (and Lisa) in just the right ways.*

*Sharon Schulze*

**Articles & Information for the November issue of Cross Connections are due Monday, Oct 17 to Susan Esposito.**

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**Wednesday Night Suppers will NOT take place on the 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesdays in October. Instead we have Oktoberfest on Wed, Oct 12, and the Trunk or Treat hot dog supper on Fri, Oct 28.**

## Growing Thru Grief

Beginning October 4, Betsy Barton will lead a six-week series about the entire grief process. Topics are:

- ▶ Oct 4: Finding your own way through grief
- ▶ Oct 11: Exploring our early experiences with grief
- ▶ Oct 18: Ambiguous grief
- ▶ Oct 25: The spiritual opportunities of loss
- ▶ Nov 1: Meaning-Making after loss
- ▶ Nov 8: Remembering and Re-Membering

Betsy Barton, MPH, has lived in Durham for 38 years and is committed to educating people in the community about dealing proactively with issues of serious illness, dying and grief. One of her favorite places is the Eno River, where she has processed many a loss herself – and seen remarkable critters along the way. She currently works part-time at Duke on research projects related to end of life.

Growing thru Grief meets every Tuesday, gathering at 4 pm for coffee and cookies. The meeting runs from 4:30-6:00 pm at St. Paul's Lutheran. Growing thru Grief is a coalition of area religious and civic organizations to offer support and education for those who mourn, centered on small group discussion. For further information, see the website [www.growingthrugrief.org](http://www.growingthrugrief.org) or email [growingthrugrief@gmail.com](mailto:growingthrugrief@gmail.com).

## Music Ministry

Handbells continue to meet on Wednesdays at 6:30 pm in the Choir Loft. The Senior Choir has moved their rehearsals to Whitesell Hall, meeting on Wednesdays at 7:30 - 9:00 pm. Contact Jackie Nappi if you would like any information - [music@stpaulsdurham.org](mailto:music@stpaulsdurham.org).

## Silent Auction

Something new this year is a Silent Auction which will be held on the Oktoberfest evening (Oct 12). We are asking for donations such as nice items, gift baskets, babysitting certificates, weekend cottage gift, fishing trip, golf game, home cooked meal, house cleaning, and anything else you can think of which someone else would want to bid on. Proceeds will benefit Trinity Kitchen, Camp Agape, and our Pack 12 Cub Scouts. Contact Bess Line at 210-383-7298 for details.

## Adult Sunday School

Come to Whitesell Hall at 9:45-10:45 am

### Sept 25, Oct 2 and 9

**Race and Reconciliation** – The arranged guests are Randy Lewis (Sept 25), Dr. Chris Herring (Oct 2) and someone from the Duke Divinity School on Oct 9.

### October 16

**Daniel and Sarah Locke** will be here to tell us about their year in Malaysia

## Lutherans Got Talent

**Saturday, November 12 at 6:30 pm  
in Trinity Hall**

Hooray for our annual Lutherans Got Talent Show, back for its fourth year! Performers of all ages and skill levels are welcome, as are talents of all types. There is a sign-up sheet in the atrium or speak with Amanda Anderson. All acts are welcome. This is a fun event for the whole family. We begin at 6:30 pm with a potluck dessert and fellowship time, and the Talent show begins at 7:00 pm – all in Trinity Hall. Plan to be here! Bring your visual arts to show as well. Pot-luck desserts are also welcome!

