

Cross Connections



St. Paul's Lutheran Church

September 2018

Train children in the way; even when they are old
they will not depart from it.
– Proverbs 22:6

Rally Day Celebration Sunday, September 9 at 9:45 am



We are going to celebrate the day differently this year. First, we will gather quickly in Trinity Hall and then proceed downstairs together. We will re-gather in the hallway downstairs and dedicate the murals that were completed when Daniel Locke was our Vicar. Seems like a long while ago, but we never acknowledged the work of many of our members who participated in the painting of this wonderful addition to our facility.

We will then go out to the playground where we will dedicate this area. Again, we have waited too many years to dedicate this space. Ann Grovenstein's mother, Lena Austin, gave the initial donation which established the playground way back in 2008 so we have placed a plaque in honor of the Austin family on the brick wall outside the door to the playground. During Rally day morning, we will dedicate it as the Austin Memorial Playground. It continues to be a growing and ever changing place that is filled with laughter and excitement every day of the week.

Come on Rally Day to meet the teachers, help us dedicate the playground, and the murals, and then share in refreshments in Genesis Hall.

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From the Vicar

"By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another," – John 13:35.

As your new vicar, I haven't known St. Paul's for long, but I've already seen and experienced the love that this church has for its own and for the world. Within my first two weeks in Durham, I saw that you collected school supplies so that teachers could furnish their classrooms. I saw parishioners take the initiative to reach out to other members who needed encouragement and support. I saw you share meals with your neighbors with special needs. I heard stories about how you have begun to host honest conversations about race and racism. I have experienced my very first pounding (and what an amazingly thorough pounding it was!). I have been warmly welcomed by longtime members and week-old members. Damascus House and my heart have been filled with signs of kindness. Your love for one another, for your neighbor, and for your vicar is a testament to God's movement amongst you.

I am grateful that in this year I will move from watching these various ministries to joining you in the beautiful ways you live out the Good News. Thank you for welcoming me into your family and into your mission! I look forward to the adventure ahead!

Vicar Megan



Duke Lutherans Spotlight

Welcome to "Duke Lutherans Spotlight," a bi-monthly feature story that spotlights a member of the Duke Lutherans community. This month, we hear from Alex Goff, a sophomore biology major from Denton, TX.

What were you up to this summer?
This summer I traveled to Chile through the Duke in Chile study abroad program, where I spent most of my time in Valparaíso and Viña Del Mar. This program was of particular interest to me because of its intense level of



Alex and his host grandmother in Viña del Mar, Chile

immersion. In Viña Del Mar, I lived with an amazing host family. I also took a two-credit Spanish course at the University in Valparaíso for three hours a day and participated in an internship with the social entrepreneurship incubator Gen-E. These three aspects of the program kept me busy and truly enhanced my Spanish proficiency. It was a fantastic experience!

What was your favorite part of your time in Chile?
The coolest part of trip was our trip to the Atacama Desert. This excursion was actually not included in the program, but was something that four other boys on the trip and I decided to do with our one free weekend. The Atacama Desert is the driest desert on earth and is arguably the best place to view the stars because of this dry climate. Living in the suburbs of Texas and in Durham, I did not realize that one could see the Milky Way with the naked eye. But the Atacama Desert showed me that it's possible very quickly! We also saw wild flamingos in the salt lakes, ate llama kabobs in a village with a population of six people, relaxed in thermal springs, and nearly froze to death at the El Tatio geyser field.

What is one thing you learned this summer that you'll bring back to your life at Duke?

In Chile, there's a slower sense of time and a prevalent focus on the development of real relationships. This is exemplified in the fourth meal of the day in Chile, what they call "Once." Once usually consists of tea, pastries, and some bread. However, I found that Once is not really for nutritional support, but more for taking time to connect with family and friends. Once can last for 30 minutes or 3-4 hours, depending on the conservation. Ultimately, I hope to use the Chileans' intentional attitude towards creating real relationships through meaningful conversation, making sure to actually listen to people and not just wave, say hello, and go about the rest of my day, which can be easy to do at Duke.

What are you looking forward to as you return to Duke for your sophomore year?

I am excited to be living on West Campus this year in close proximity to all of my classes, the gym, and food. I'm also looking forward to this basketball season. I am hopeful for a great season this year, especially because of the incredible caliber of recruits that are enrolling this year.

Why are you a Duke Lutheran? What are you most excited for with Duke Lutherans this next year?

When I came to Duke, I was unsure how I'd continue to worship and participate in fellowship in the faith. However, Duke Lutherans has given me a great

community of caring people to worship with. The various events and activities through Duke Lutherans have helped me transcend the pressures of school. Duke Lutherans is more than a church group. It is a way to connect with others at Duke and in Durham, meditate on my faith, and ultimately connect with Jesus.

This next year, I will be serving on the Duke Lutherans Leadership Team, focusing on recruiting and community building. I hope to connect with the incoming freshmen and foster a welcoming community of diverse people rooted in faith.

Council Updates

by George Seiz

Congregation Council President

Greetings! This is a brief article about stewardship activities and budget planning for 2019. Representatives from the Finance Committee,



Council Notes

Stewardship Committee, church staff and church council met back in February of this year to talk about the budget planning process. A result of this meeting was the development of a Budget Planning Calendar for guidance thru the course of the year. Various stewardship activities were also included in the planning process. Here are some key dates from the budget calendar you should be aware of:

- ◆ August 7, 2018 – Committees begin working on budget sheets and narratives
- ◆ August 31, 2018 – Committee budget sheets and narratives turned in
- ◆ September 9, 2018 – Commitment cards available, Rally Day Sunday
- ◆ September 30, 2018 – Consecration Sunday – Commitment cards turned in
- ◆ October and November – Review of budget by council and finance committee
- ◆ Early December, 2018 – Congregation meeting to vote on budget

I've highlighted Consecration Sunday because it is earlier this year when compared to some previous years. Why you ask? It's because all budget and stewardship activities have been moved up in an effort to allow adequate time for budget preparation and review. This is to help avoid having to make last minute adjustments just before the annual congregation meeting. Other than the pledges being

turned in earlier, my hope is that the changes will be virtually unnoticed by most members. So how can you prepare for these changes? Start thinking ahead about ways you can continue your support for St. Paul's.

MUSIC NOTES



by Jackie Nappi
Minister of Music

Some of you may or may not know that church musicians often plan worship for the entire year in the summer! Summer is a

wonderful time for church musician folk to gather ideas, brainstorm choir anthems, and organize their musical thoughts. Once the excitement of September rolls around, with new beginnings and Rally Sundays in churches, we're simply rarin' to go!

This year, our Rally Sunday is September 9th. Worship services will go back to singing Setting One in the ELW hymnal, the Choir and Handbells will begin rehearsing on Wednesday evenings, and Children's Chimes (yes, you read that correctly!) will meet on Sundays at 9:45-10:00 AM in Genesis Hall. There is also special music planned for Advent 4 (12/23) the Sunday before Christmas that includes string quartet, choir, bells and chimes, and a special Christmas Concert that afternoon at 4:00 with soprano Jessica Cates.

Looking forward to a wonderful year together at St. Paul's!

Fall Music Schedule

- Bell Choir Rehearsals – Wednesdays at 6:30 in the Sanctuary
- Choir Rehearsals – Wednesdays at 7:15 in Trinity Hall
- Children's Chimes Rehearsals – Sundays at 9:45 am in Genesis Hall

Choir Q&A

I'm interested in singing with the choir, who should I talk to?

Email Jackie: music@stpaulsdurham.org

When does choir start back up again?

Our first rehearsal back is Wednesday, September 5th

What time and where are choir rehearsals this year? Rehearsals are Wednesdays at 7:15 pm in Trinity Hall

Are there any Wednesday evenings we will not have rehearsal this Fall?
No Rehearsals on Wed 11/21 (Thanksgiving) and Wed 12/26

When is the first Sunday the choir sings in church?
Rally Sunday, September 9th

What liturgy are we singing for the Fall?
Setting One begins on September 9th and will likely go through Easter

Will the choir sing at the early service again like last year?
Yes. Choir will sing the second Sunday of each month at early service. All other Sundays at late service.

What time will the choir meet on Sunday morning?
If choir is singing at early service we will meet at 8:10 am. If choir is singing at late service we will meet at 10:30 am.

Where does the choir meet to warm up and rehearse before the services?
Choir will always meet in the Sanctuary before a service

What Christmas Eve Service is the choir singing in this year?
Choir will sing at the 7:00 pm Christmas Eve service.

Are there any other special services this Fall the choir will sing in?
Yes. The Sunday before Christmas (12/23) the choir will sing special music with string quartet at late service for Advent 4.

Ringling in The Handbell Choir

by an anonymous handbell choir member

J “It looks like a fish hook! What does it mean?”
“I don’t know”
“It’s the symbol for ‘echo’?”
“What does that mean?”
“How do you do an ‘echo’?”

And so, went a brief, real, truthful, but lighthearted parlay of those in the bell choir. One of the fun things about ringing with St. Paul’s handbell choir: it seems like we’re always learning! Basically, although there is a basic technique to ringing a handbell, being able to read music marginally well is the only requirement in learning to play. There are some special music notations to learn, but this is part of what make it

interesting. Everyone learns to play at their own speed while part of the group. Did you know that there are many different ways to “ring” a bell, each with a unique sound! A few include:

▼ Martelatto (‘Mart’ for short) – Striking bell on padded table

✚ Mallet with bell on table

PI Pluck

It’s fun and a challenge (at least for me!), both at the same time. Our ringers have experience from just a couple of years to over 15 years! Why not think about joining St. Paul’s handbell choir?!?! If you are interested please contact Susan Beschorner (Email Susan.beschorner@gmail.com, call or text 402-650-7235), we’d love to have you! We also hope you all enjoy listening!

Many, Many Thanks!!!

On Saturday, August 25, about 15 people from our membership and parents from the preschool put in a lot of work in the morning helping to improve the playground area. They dug about 82 feet of trench, installed 80 feet of underdrain pipe and fittings, placed about 2 cubic yards of stone, moved about 5 cubic yards of dirt and placed heaps and heaps of mulch. Thanks to this effort, the playground now has an improved appearance, will drain better, and is safer for the children. Many thanks to George Seiz (Outdoor work crew coordinator) and Amanda Stoen (Preschool Director) for arranging this undertaking.



Preschool Pitter Patter



by Amanda Stoen

St. Paul’s Preschool & PMO is entering our ninth year as a half-day preschool program. How time flies! This school year, we welcome 55 children to the preschool, including several new families.

Our first day of preschool is Tuesday, September 4th, with our children ranging in age from ten months to four years old. We ask that you pray for us as we begin

the school year and continue in our care of God's children.

This month, our teachers and I will attend the North Carolina Association for the Education of Young Children's annual conference in Raleigh. Dr. Becky Bailey, the founder of Conscious Discipline, will be the keynote speaker and there will be several sessions exploring ways to bring Conscious Discipline into the classroom. Conscious Discipline is an evidence-based, trauma-informed program that provides an array of behavior management strategies and classroom structures that teachers can use to turn everyday situations into learning opportunities. Children learn self-regulation skills that support academic learning.

Please consider linking your Harris Teeter VIC card to St. Paul's Preschool & PMO, and we will receive a portion of your purchases from Harris Teeter. 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. Thank you for supporting the preschool!

Finally, we still have a few remaining spots for this fall in a couple of our PMO classes (10-23 months old). If you know of anyone who may be interested in our preschool, please contact me at the church or by email, preschool@stpaulsdurham.org for more information.

Katherine Circle of WELCA

by Jennifer Bowling



All women are invited to the Katherine Circle meetings. The next one is Tuesday, September 11 at 10:00 am. Marcia Redman will present our program on their trip to India this summer. Martha Dahl will be giving the devotion as well as bringing refreshments.

Missionary in Japan

Sarah Hinlicky Wilson, a former Vicar of St. Paul's, is going to be a missionary in Japan. She will lead the congregation of English speaking people in Tokyo. We are asking for the congregation to help support her in this mission. Contributions may be made to St. Paul's and designated for Missionary Support.

Thanks for anyone wishing to help.
Congregation Council

"Enemies Transformed"

by Barbara Ellertson

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

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

On October 7, following the 11 am service, CCG will show a video of interviews between Atwater and Ellis and hold a discussion luncheon. Whether or not you manage to read *The Best of Enemies*, we hope you'll look up and learn a little bit about their story. We hope to reflect together on change and transformation across racial boundaries. One copy of the book is in our Fowler Memorial Library.

Join Duke Lutherans for a Potluck in the Park

by Ali Tranvik

Members from Grace and St. Paul's are invited to join Duke Lutherans as we kick off the new school year! On Sunday evening, Sept 30th at 5:30 pm, we'll gather at the Fisher Amphitheater of Duke Gardens for an evening of worship, food, fellowship, and family-friendly fun. Fisher Amphitheater is located just off Flowers Drive, approx. 50 yards east of the fish pond, and parking is available in the Anderson Lot. In the case of rain, we'll gather in the York Room of Duke Divinity School, in which case parking is



available in the Bryan Lot. Please bring your own blankets or lawn chairs, and a food item to share according to the first letter of your last name:

- A-G: Veggie, fruit, or salad
- H-L: Bread or dessert
- M-S: Main course item
- T-Z: Beverages

We look forward to sharing an evening together in the gardens as we welcome new and returning members of the Duke Lutherans community. See you there!

Last Chance to RSVP for the Durham Pilgrimage!

How do Durham's story, your story, and God's story connect? What does it mean to be neighbors? How are we called to live out our faith in the place that we live? Join Duke Lutherans on Sept 21-23 as we wrestle with these questions and more on the Durham Pilgrimage of Pain and Hope. Hosted by the Duke Center for Reconciliation and local nonprofit DurhamCares, participants will visit significant sites, explore how the stories of scripture play out in our local context, and hear from neighbors who have shaped this community. We would love to have you join us for what is sure to be a formative few days.

The cost per person is \$100, which covers 11 meals, speakers, transportation, and admission to local sites. Not able to join us on the Pilgrimage? Please consider donating to help make this experience possible for a Duke Lutheran. You may send Ali a check made out to Duke Lutherans, with "Pilgrimage" in the memo line. Thank you!

To watch a short video and learn more about the Pilgrimage, visit www.durhamcares.org/pilgrimage. With questions or to RSVP, email Ali at ahw22@duke.edu. Thank you!



Can you Volunteer?

Communion Assistants are needed! Sign-up sheets are on the credenza in the atrium under the TV monitor 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. Please sign up – and if you have never served in this capacity, easy instruction will be provided.

Also located on the credenza in the atrium are sign-up sheets for **8:30 lectors**, **11:00 lectors**, **snack providers** for Sunday mornings, as well as **Altar Flower recognitions** in the double tray. There are openings in all areas. For flowers, you sign your name on the top, pick up a form and envelope for the \$30 donation. Your form should be submitted at least one week before your recognition is to be printed in the bulletin.



Our sympathy to the family of John Y. Yoder, Jr., brother of Nancy Anderson and brother-in-law of Ida Elliott, who died on July 27.

New Additions

Our congratulations to Rev. Daniel and Sarah Locke upon the birth of their first child, Bennet Alexander Locke, born on Tuesday, July 31. Bennet weighed 9 lb. and was 21.5 inches long. Their address is 6742 East Road, Jacksonville FL 32216.



Our congratulations also to Matt and Amy Foreman upon the birth of their son, Ethan Michael Foreman on August 22. Ethan is the grandchild of John and Linda Foreman. Matt and Amy live in Manakin Sabot, VA.

And, just as we were about to print this, Tina Bessias informed us that her daughter, Sophia and husband Lee, announced the birth of their baby girl, Zoe, born on Mon, Aug 27 weighing 8 lbs. and 19 inches long. All doing fine. Proud grandparents include Tina and Pakis Bessias.

Memorials Received

A memorial gift has been received in memory of Richard P. Boynton by Arloa Bittikofer, Durham.

A memorial gift has been received in memory of Rosa Barrett, mother of Sharon Wilson, from Jayne and Chelsey Baum, Durham.

In the mailbag...

Dear St. Paul's,

Thank you so much for letting us use Trinity Hall this past weekend (Aug 4) for Pastor Bryan's retirement celebration. It was joyful to see so many people gathered together to wish him well, especially from so many different churches and community groups. All of us will treasure the memories from that afternoon.

In Christ,
John Kolba
President, GELC



In the Mailbag!

Thank you for your gift of \$500 through Urban Ministries of Durham to offer neighbors food, shelter and a future. Listen to what you're helping to accomplish:

Tears, uncontrollable, grateful tears ran down Ronnie Sharpe's face. He turned his face trying to hide the tears. But they just kept coming, as if something burst inside of him with nowhere to go.

This rush of tears didn't fall when he described the betrayal of his wife's physical and emotional abuse and her drug addiction that marked the beginning of his homelessness. He didn't break down when he shared how alcoholism and diabetes threatened his health and landed him in the hospital. And they didn't fall when he recounted hearing a voice among the trees that encouraged him not to take his own life, and to call the police to help him. The floodgates opened when he tried to put into words what UMD and donors like you mean to him.

"UMD saved me," he confessed, regaining his composure. "Y'all brought me back. Everything I lost, y'all helped me regain."

In our Community Shelter, Ronnie was able to have immediate emergency shelter, with access to case managers and community resources. In the Café, he was able to eat 3 meals a day. And he could count on receiving other necessities such as food, clothing, and hygiene items from the Food Pantry and Clothing Closet. Through our Workforce Development program, Ronnie was able to get on the job training in Facilities Maintenance and Laundry Services, and off-site experience with partners such as Bull City Movers. And just in the last few weeks, Ronnie received two job offers, and accepted a position at the Sheraton Imperial.

As Ronnie's tears and words attest, your financial support toward the work of UMD has the power to save and restore lives.

Let's keep it going,
Sheldon Mitchell
Executive Director
Urban Ministries of Durham

St. Paul's Yard Sale!

Coming up on Saturday,
Sept 29 at 7 AM - 1 PM!

Items are beginning to fill up the stage which is good – the more we have the better the sale. If you have furniture to donate, please bring after Sept 19 if at all possible. We will be accepting children's clothing up to size 6X but no other used clothing. All items need to be clean and all appliances and electrics in working condition. No TVs except for the flat screens. We will need people to help with the sale, both before and during. Contact Bess Line at 210-383-7298. No items will be accepted after Thursday, Sept 27 at 6 pm. Bring your items and volunteer to help!



We welcomed our newest members on August 4, 2018

Sharon Demorest and son, Ezra Betts

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Wednesday Night Meals

Come for food and fellowship – Sept 5 and 19 beginning at 6 pm. Menus will be announced in the weekly parish notes and emails. If you want to help with any meals, including cooking, preparation work, or cleaning up, contact Martha Dahl or Susan Esposito. We always welcome new people on the Trinity Hall Fellowship list.

A new NURTURING COMMITTEE MINISTRY

is being formed at St. Paul's. The committee will be a coordination of all the ways that we presently care for our church family or ways that we can show our care in the future. Whether calling for a friendly chat, sending notes of encouragement, sending cards of sympathy, welcoming new members, or helping with special needs, each is a way to stay connected and provide care to our brothers and sisters in Christ. If you are participating now in any of the previous caring thoughts or would like to be involved in some way, please join us September 16 between services in Trinity Hall for an informational/organizational meeting. For more information or questions, contact Janet Seiz or Marcia Redman.



Conversation and Views of India

Going with blessings and prayers from St. Paul's, Dean and Marcia Redman traveled to India to create Lutheran Marriage Encounter experiences for India couples. On Sunday, Sept 9 after the 11:00 service they will share video, pictures, and conversation about India and their trip. Lunch will be provided.

Young in Spirit: new year – new plans!

If you are free during the day for fellowship and

“adventure” please join us for Young In Spirit fellowship! We meet the 2nd Wednesday of each month. Young in Spirit begins anew Wed, Sept 12 at 12:30 pm with lunch and planning for the coming year. Bring your own bag lunch – ice cream sundaes will be provided for dessert. All are welcome!

St. Paul's Readers

All are invited to join St. Paul's book group on Thursday, Sept 20 at 3:00 pm in the church library. The book to be discussed is A Man Called Ove, by Frederik Backman.

St. Paul's Readers will continue to meet at 3:00 pm the 3rd Thursday of each month. The book selection for October 18 is Ordinary Grace, by William Kent Kreuger. Please contact Barb Shade with any questions.



Durham Pride Festival Back On Saturday, Sept 29 11 am to 5 pm

St. Paul's will be joined by the faithful from Good Shepherd in Raleigh and have a booth at Durham's Pride Festival. We are looking for folks to populate the booth and help to plan activity. Contact Kathy Anderson – kandy54@gmail.com for information or to volunteer.



Gleaning

There will be an opportunity on Saturday, Oct 6 to go to First Fruits Farm in Louisburg (which is north of Durham) to glean sweet potatoes. The event is listed as 8 am - 12 noon. Space has been requested for 10 members of St. Paul's. If more wish to help, we just let them know as much in advance as possible. A sign up sheet will be coming!