

Cross Connections



St. Paul's Lutheran Church

June 2017

Vacation Bible School

Monday - Friday, June 19-23

9:00 am - 12:00 pm

Friday closing and picnic begins at 12:00 pm

You are welcome to join us for the closing and picnic or stop by anytime during the week to see the action! Children will be hearing stories of God lovingly creates people; Rahab believes in God's mighty power; God is with Gideon; Jesus dies and comes back to life; and Abigail brings peace. They will share these themes in the Sound Wave Sing & Play openings, in the KidVid cinema, in Bible Discovery, in Imagination Station, and in crafts. They will also have time for recreation and snack.



ORDINATION ANNIVERSARY



Congratulations to Pastor Scott Anderson

On Saturday, June 24 at 12:00 - 2 pm we will have a luncheon in Trinity Hall to celebrate with Pastor Scott as he celebrates his 10th year of ordination! There will be invitations going out with an RSVP so we can plan on luncheon numbers.

The Rev. Scott M. Anderson, Pastor

Susan Esposito, Parish Administrator & Editor

Jacqueline Nappi, Minister of Music

Amanda Stoen, Preschool Director

Susan B. Holland, Vicar

Rev. Laura Wind, Duke Lutheran Campus Pastor

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

pastor@stpaulsdurham.org

admin@stpaulsdurham.org

music@stpaulsdurham.org

preschool@stpaulsdurham.org

vicar@stpaulsdurham.org

duke@stpaulsdurham.org

crhugg@charter.net

Church Office Phone: 919-489-3214 * Fax: 919-490-1088 * Website: www.stpaulsdurham.org

Facebook: St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church, ELCA * Twitter: #St_Pauls_Durham

From the Pastor

I'm looking out my office window on a rainy Monday morning and musing about life at St. Paul's. It was a wonderful weekend filled with joy and many blessings. I give thanks for the Youth of our congregation and the advisors. Vicar Sue helped them to lead us in a spirit filled celebration of worship and then many stayed for a picnic at the Damascus House. Thanks to the youth, their families, the advisors, and Vicar Sue.

Last week was filled with other activity as well. I went to Southern Seminary to meet and spend time with our incoming Vicar, Adam Schultz. We spent time getting to know one another and I have asked him to send us some information about himself for the July *Cross Connections*.

I came back to planning for the September Via de Cristo retreat weekend and we hosted 50 people preparing for this event. Via de Cristo is three days living immersed in God's grace. It is a time when lay Lutherans proclaim the truth of their faith and actually testify to what Christ and fellowship mean to them. Anyone interested in more information, please contact me.

I also came back to find out that Wildflower Cottage, the daycare that rents Whitesell Hall from us, has received a 5 star rating for their daycare. This is a significant achievement and we benefit by association.

I will be holding a pastor's class the first two Sundays in June and hope anyone wishing to join will consider attending.

Someone asked me about our resident Vulture population the other day. As I understand it, there is not much to be done. They are an endangered species and have found solace and a home in our neighborhood. So life goes.

Well, that's some of the things that have been on my mind. I wish that all of you taking time away for vacation will be safe and return to us after your time away.

God's peace,
Pastor Scott

Youth and Family Ministry 2017 Living the Faith

Back in March, eighteen members of St. Paul's began a conversation about Youth and Family Ministry here at St. Paul's. Since that time, more people have been joining this conversation focused on the goals

and shape of faith formation specifically focusing on our children. During these discussions, several themes have emerged which highlight the hopes we have for our children's relationships with God and the church. Discussions around these themes have also highlighted the challenges we as the church and as parents and guardians face in today's world to provide and participate in programs and experiences which nurture those relationships.

The number one desire expressed by participants was that children would "live the faith;" that they would grow to have an ongoing, integrated and authentic relationships with God and that their faith would inform how they lived in the world. Participants wanted children to see service as integral to their relationship with God and part of one's identity as a Christian. They also wanted children to develop a deep understanding of their faith that would give them the freedom to engage and be in dialog with the multi cultural world we now live in.



Community, belonging and participation was the other key theme that emerged. Conversation participants noted how important it is that children see the church as *their* faith community, an extended family where they are known and embraced, and where they also had responsibility. At the same time, parents and youth advisors both acknowledged how difficult it is to foster community building among our children who rarely attend the same schools and don't know each other or other church members aside from church activities, who don't live near the church making travel to and from church an issue, and whose schedules are dictated by many other demanding factors such as family situations, sports, and academic pressures.

As a result of these conversations, the Youth and Family Ministry Task Force has been using this information as a source of ideas to strengthen our Youth Ministry in ways that intentionally address the hopes and challenges of our families. For example, one idea that bubbled up was to organize "playdates" for children for the half hour or so before our Wednesday evening community meals. This would allow parents, children and others to get together more often (increasing familiarity with each other and the number of opportunities for children to participate) and at a time when families would already be at the church (minimizing the number of times parents need to

transport children back and forth). Another idea was to integrate a service component into Sunday School on a regular (perhaps monthly) basis.

All these ideas are also opportunities for everyone in the congregation to enter into community with our young people and to witness to how you live the faith. We'll be looking for folks to share their passion for service, their desire to delve deeper into multi cultural understanding and their love of community as we begin to implement some of these ideas. Look for opportunities in future Cross Connections!

Vicar Sue Holland

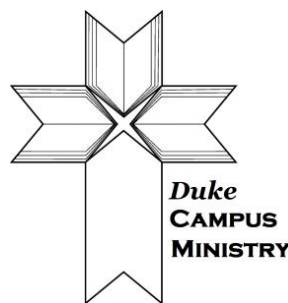
From the Campus Pastor

Duke Lutherans is proud of our recent graduates, Christopher McDonald, S.T.M., Ali Tranvik, M. Div., James Demmel, M.Div., and Joel Hinck, M.Div. Christopher will return to Canada, with his fiancé, who just completed a year of study at Trinity University in Dublin, Ireland. Ali and her husband Isak will spend the summer in Berlin where Isak will teach and Ali will participate in an internship. James Demmel is heading to Camp Agape for the summer as a team leader before attending Philadelphia Seminary, and Joel Hinck and his family are in the process of relocating to Minnesota as Joel is attending Luther Seminary. Beth Blackwood, a Duke Alum graduated from UNC Chapel Hill with a Masters in library science and is living in DC where she is employed. Lea Weber will also return to Germany and after completing her thesis will be living in an intentional community on the shores of the Baltic Sea, east of Berlin. Duke Lutherans will miss our students and wish them Godspeed as they embark on the next chapter of their lives.

So...now the students are gone? What's next? In a word, or rather in many words, filing reports: an annual review with Christy Lohr-Sapp for Duke Religious Life, a multi-page report due to churchwide, a report for LuMin (Lutheran Campus Ministry on line resource). At the end of June, join other Campus Ministers at the University of Texas in Austin for the annual Campus Ministry Conference. I have also had a chance to network with local campus ministry colleagues and am working toward the 2017-2018 Schedule for Duke Lutherans. So here is a summary of our past year of ministry to the Duke Community.

Duke Lutherans meet on Sunday evenings to worship and share a meal. Graduate student Bible

study, Wine and Word, meets at the Grace House which is close to East campus. Grace Lutheran is generous in allowing us space for a Lutheran lounge and provides a wonderful setting for our Wine and Word – a graduate Bible Study on Monday evenings. I cook a seasonal meal, and we enjoy time for fellowship, study, and food. Service, faith formation, mission trips, and engaging in social justice issues form the bedrock of our communal life together.



Highlights from this year include our weekly worship, and bi-weekly Bible study, participating in service projects including prepping and serving food at the Community Café in downtown Durham, fundraising events, not one,

but two simultaneous Shrove Tuesday pancake suppers staffed by students (one at St. Paul's and one at Grace Lutheran). Over the year, a deep sense of community formed through the students' active participation in service, worship, and study.

This year we were able to join with the UNC-Chapel Hill Campus Ministry at the invitation of Pastor Mark Coulter to tour Germany during the 500th anniversary year of the Reformation. The trip provided a wonderful educational experience for our students as well as providing opportunities for our two campus ministries to continue to deepen ties. In addition to the history of the Reformation and Luther's role in the Reformation, we also spent time exploring modern German history including the rise of the Nazi party, the Confessing Church and Dietrich Bonhoeffer's role in leading opposition to Hitler. One of the most solemn and moving days was spent at Buchenwald where we prayed for the victims of the Holocaust and other victims of genocide throughout the world.

Oversight of the ministry happens at the discretion of the Campus Ministry Committee, which meets monthly and consists of members from St. Paul's Lutheran and Grace Lutheran Church. We are currently in the process of forming a strategic plan for development and sustainability. Duke Lutherans also serves as a field education site for Duke Divinity School students. In addition to oversight by St. Paul's and Grace, Pastor Laura participates in Religious Life staff meetings with other ecumenical and interfaith partners who serve Duke University. Next year Duke Lutherans will be the site for Vicar Ali Tranvik. Ali has been working with Duke Lutherans for several years and brings great gifts to strengthen the ministry.

In fact, Ali is the one who created the tag line for our t-shirts: Duke Lutherans Listen to something different. On the back of the shirt, she chose a quote from Soren Kierkegaard, "It's not where we breathe, but where we love that we live." This quote has been instrumental in forming the core of us over the past year.

Pastor Laura Wind

Preschool Pitter Patter



by Amanda Stoen

We have just wrapped up another incredible school year at the preschool. Our six preschool classes included 53 total children and ten teachers! This ministry is flourishing at St. Paul's because of the

incredible support we have from our church family at St. Paul's and this glorious space downstairs.

During the month of May, our preschoolers made dog treats for the Animal Protection Society. Then we had a visit from someone at the APS who talked with them about what they do and all of the different animals that they rescue – dogs, cats, ferrets, pigs, rabbits, guinea pigs, chickens and even an alligator! Thank you for your support of our April service project benefitting Book Harvest. Together, we collected over 150 books for them.

St. Paul's will once again be offering six weeks of summer camp this summer for children 2-5 years old. We have a total of 36 children attending summer camp! Our summer themes include Under the Sea, Space, Cooking up a Good story, Seussical, Enchanted Forest and Winter in summer Camp. We are also continuing enrollment for the fall. We will be offering classes for children ages 10 months - 4 years old. Please contact me at the church or email: preschool@stpaulsdurham.org for more information.

New Vicar to be Housed at the Damascus House

Council approved that our new Vicar, Adam Schultz, will be housed in the Damascus House. He will move his furniture in the Tuesday after Memorial Day and actually take residence in early August. He will begin his time with us on August 16, 2017. Council approved his residence in Damascus House as an interim measure, while we continue to work on a

final use for the home. If we should need to do something else with Damascus House, during his time with us, we will rent a residence for Adam and make the transition. But in the meantime, it seemed prudent to let him live in the home and avoid paying rent for an apartment while we have the house available.

The council is working on several options for the use of the Damascus House and is planning to hold an informational session in early fall to share their work with the congregation, solicit input and hopefully develop a final plan for Damascus House.

Please keep the council in your prayers as they lead this congregation.

Peace,
Pastor Scott

Pentecost Sunday, June 4:

Field Trip to the RACE Exhibit and Discussion at the NC Museum of Natural History in Raleigh



On Pentecost, the Holy Spirit transcended the barrier of language and lit a fire in the Apostles to share the Gospel message with people from every nation under heaven in their native tongues (Acts 2). What better day to engage one of the huge issues that continues to

separate human beings in the twenty-first century: race.

YOU ARE INVITED to join members from St. Paul's on Pentecost Sunday, June 4, to experience the RACE Exhibit at the NC Museum of Natural History and to participate in a "Cultural Conversation." This exhibit explores "race in the United States through the eyes of history, science and lived experience" and explains how "human variation differs from race, when and why the idea of race was invented, and how race and racism affects everyday life." After spending time in the exhibit, we will participate in a Cultural Conversation: an exchange of thoughts, opinions and ideas about race that will take place in a safe space facilitated by a trained discussion leader.

Details: On Sunday, June 4, we will attend 8:30 worship service together, share a meal and then carpool to the museum in Raleigh at 10:45. We'll have 2 hours to explore the Race exhibit before gathering for our 90 minute Cultural Conversation at 2 PM. Plan on returning to St. Paul's around 4:30. **Participation is FREE but is LIMITED to the first 20 individuals**

who sign-up on the bulletin board in the Foyer.

If you are unable to attend the RACE exhibit on June 4 with the group from SPLC, please plan on seeing it on your own and participating in the Sunday School discussion on June 11.

For more information about the RACE exhibit and Cultural Conversations, as well as the related Speaker Series and other educational resources, see the Museum's website:

<http://naturalsciences.org/exhibits/featured-exhibitions/race>

For more information about St. Paul's field trip on June 4 or to volunteer to help with brunch, contact Vicar Sue: vicar@stpaulsdurham.org

Sat., June 24 - 8:30-11:30 AM: Rise Against Hunger Family Service Opportunity - Fill Bags, Have Fun, Make Friends, Feed the World!

On Saturday, June 24, SPLC is joining St. Titus Episcopal Church in Durham to help fight world hunger by filling bags, having fun and making new friends.



One in three people worldwide are negatively affected by malnutrition including vitamin and mineral deficiencies. At *Rise Against Hunger* (formerly known as *Stop Hunger Now*) Meal Packaging events,

volunteers fill bags in assembly-line fashion with enriched rice, soy protein, dried vegetables and 23 essential vitamins and nutrients to create meals designed to provide a comprehensive array of micronutrients. Meals are distributed across the globe in schools, hospitals, and training programs. Check out how easy it is and how much fun it can be to feed the world by going to the RAH website:

<http://www.riseagainsthunger.org/preparing-for-your-meal-packaging-event/>

Details: SPLC members of all ages will join members of St. Titus and NCCU at the *Rise Against Hunger* Meal Packaging Event being held on Saturday, June 24 at St. Titus Episcopal Church. The event runs from 9-11. Meet at St. Paul's at 8:30 to carpool over to St. Titus. Return to SPLC after the event and stay for the luncheon celebrating Pastor Scott's 10th anniversary of ordination.

Please register ahead of time so we know how many people are signed up. 70 people are needed total! Get a paper registration form from Vicar Sue or register online at

<http://events.stophungernow.org/StTitus>. Participation is free; free-will donations to offset the cost of ingredients are appreciated.

Sunday, July 16 - 12:30: Lunch and Learn - Does Reading the Label Really Help? A Workshop on Diversity

Fear, media, peer pressure and poor role models have helped to create a climate where name-calling, one-up-manship, and a "what's-in-it-for-me?" mentality has flourished and thrived. The workshop shows us alternatives to destructive communication, and helps open the door to reconciliation. This workshop has helped Synods, church groups, youth groups, educators, women's groups, school systems, federal government employees and many others learn that we really can "all just get along." The workshop stresses "Personal Responsibility" and small steps as the beginning of what can be a very cathartic process. As we examine how "Ism's" (racism, sexism, ageism...) cause us to live in a fractured world, the workshop helps us see more clearly how we can make a difference... ONE PERSON AT A TIME...starting with ourselves. Very often, we label others and are labeled ourselves, and this labeling only helps to separate us and highlight our need for a common bond. If the horrific events of Sept. 11, 2001 taught us anything, it is that when we seek to exclude and distrust each other, and allow walls to be built between us, it can have disastrous effects. This workshop attempts to teach us how to move beyond the barriers that separate us, and to begin to see and experience each other, without labels and stereotypes and preconceived notions.

Rev. Tim Taylor, Pastor of The Church of the Abiding Savior, Durham along with his wife, Rev. Sharon Taylor presented this transformational workshop at last year's NC Synod Assembly. Pastor Tim will lead this session here at SPLC and will also preach at both worship services on July 16. Please plan on attending!

Youth Ministry News

Congratulations to our Graduating High School Seniors!

Four of our youth are graduating this June from High School.

Victor Chi, son of Curtis and Maria Chi, is graduating from Riverside HS.

Victor plans to attend UNC-Charlotte School of Engineering-Construction Management in the fall.

Diana Fennimore, daughter of Cindy and Chuck Fennimore, is graduating from Rock Point School in Burlington, VT. Diana is planning to attend the University of Vermont.

Matthew Staehle, son of Eric and Renee Staehle, is graduating from Jordan High School in Durham. Matthew is looking forward to attending the NC State College of Engineering in the fall.

Heidi York, daughter of Dawn and Steve York, is graduating from Jordan High School in Durham. Heidi will be attending the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill in the fall.

On June 11 at the 11 o'clock service, we will recognize this major milestone in the lives of these students and send them on to whatever lies ahead with a blessing. A reception in the foyer will follow the service.

Vacation Bible School - June 19-23, 9 AM - 12 noon!

Ages 3 - 5th Grade: Sign up now in the Foyer.

MS and HS students: Sign up for Teen Team to be part of the leadership team.

Family Service Opportunity - Sat., June 24, 8:30- 11:30!

SPLC is joining St. Titus Episcopal Church in Durham to help fight world hunger.

One in three people worldwide are negatively affected by malnutrition including vitamin and mineral deficiencies.

At Rise Against Hunger Meal Packaging events, volunteers fill bags in assembly-line fashion and package meals that include enriched rice, soy protein, dried vegetables and 23 essential vitamins and nutrients and are designed to provide a comprehensive array of micronutrients. Meals are distributed across the globe in schools, hospitals, and training programs. For more information on RAH, see their website: <http://www.riseagainsthunger.org/>

SPLC members of all ages are invited to the Rise Against Hunger Meal Packing Event being held on Saturday, June 24 at St. Titus Episcopal Church. The event runs from 9-11. Meet at St. Paul's at 8:30 to carpool over to St. Titus. Get a paper registration form from Vicar Sue or register online at <http://events.stophungernow.org/StTitus>.

2018 ELCA Youth Gathering!

Even though the 2018 ELCA Youth Gathering in Houston is over a year away (June 27-July 1, 2018), it is time to start planning to attend now!

Volunteers: If you will be at least 19 years old, have graduated and been out of high school for one year by the time of the Gathering and would like to volunteer at the Gathering, you must apply between May 15 - June 15, 2017. Go to <http://www.elca.org/YouthGathering/registration/volunteer-opportunities> for more details and to apply.

Participants: Youth who are in 8th - 12th grade in September of 2017 are eligible to attend. Save the dates for the Gathering and watch this space for more details about the trip and fundraising opportunities.

Thank You Youth Sunday Participants!

Thank you to all our youth who participated in Youth Sunday on May 21. You all did a wonderful job leading worship

and sharing the Gospel. Thanks also to the advisors and supporters that helped make worship and the cook-out happen.

Calling all Youth - Every Sunday!

There is a place for you on the Worship Team Every Sunday.

You don't have to wait for Youth Sunday to be part of the Worship team. You are needed every Sunday to help lead worship as Junior Crucifers, Acolytes, Torch Bearers, Bible Bearers, Crucifers, and Lectors. This is a wonderful way for you to contribute to the life of the church and take an active role in worship. If you would like to be part of the worship team, contact Vicar Sue (vicar@stpaulsdurham.org). We'll set up a time before the service to go over everything you need to know so you'll be ready.

Summer Camp Opportunities at Camp Agape!

Camp Agape offers a variety of Christ-centered residential camp experiences for youth and families. Brochures are available on the Youth Ministry bulletin board outside of Whitesell Hall and more information can also be found on-line at www.agapekurebeach.org

For St. Paul's Families with 3rd-6th Graders! Several St. Paul's families have already registered their 3rd-6th graders to attend the Prime! Camp program at Camp Agape during the week of July 23-28. All of St. Paul's 3rd-6th graders (and their friends) are invited to sign up for those dates as well to enjoy a week at camp with church friends. It is not too late to register... There are still several openings for this week. Contact Amanda Stoen for more information or go www.agapekurebeach.org to register your child.

Planned Giving

This is one article in a series of topics about various types of planned giving. We will feature one topic each month in Cross Connections. To see the other articles in the series, check our website: stpaulsdurham.org and open the Resources tab.

Life Insurance

One of the easiest ways to make a gift to St. Paul's Lutheran Church is through life insurance. Simply, you can make the church a full or partial beneficiary of a life insurance policy that you own or intend to take out.

Another way to leave a life insurance gift to St. Paul's is to make the church the owner of the policy. Then, you can provide a gift to St. Paul's each year to pay the premium. The annual premium payment will qualify as a gift to the ministry each year and so may be tax deductible. St. Paul's would then make the annual payment to keep the policy current.

To learn more about planned giving through Life Insurance or any other means, please feel free to contact a member of the Stewardship committee.

Our Sympathy

We extend our prayers of sympathy to the family of Jerry Koontz, who died in May 14. His funeral was held at St. Paul's on Saturday, May 20 with interment following in the columbarium. Memorials can be made to St. Paul's Memorials Committee.

Address/Phone Changes

Barbara Shade – new phone # 984-329-7667

Changes to your Information



Please remember to give the church office any changes to your address, phone, or email throughout the year. If a newsletter comes back, we have to pay for it and sometimes do not receive the forwarding information.

When we receive updates, we automatically update the smartphone app. If you have not yet had the opportunity to download the directory app – here is how:

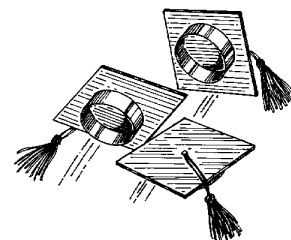
Locate “Instant Church Directory” on your app store. Click it, install and it will then ask for your

email. The email you give them must be the one which we have published in the directory (security feature). They will send you a password to that email. Copy and paste the password and it will then open the directory. Each time we update information in the office, the app is updated.

Congratulations College Graduates!

Kara York, daughter of Dawn and Steve York, graduated from the University of North Carolina at Greensboro on May 12th with a Bachelor of Music degree in Oboe Performance and a minor in Arts Administration. She will be attending American University in Washington, DC in the fall to begin earning her Master of Arts degree in Arts Management.

Emily Vardell earned her PhD in Information Science from the School of Information and Library Science at UNC Chapel Hill. Her dissertation was entitled "Health Insurance Literacy: How People Understand and Make Health Insurance Purchase Decisions." Beginning this fall she will be an Assistant Professor in the School of Library and Information Management at Emporia State University in Emporia, Kansas.



St. Paul's Lutheran Church, ELCA
1200 West Cornwallis Road
Durham, NC 27705-5731

Nonprofit Org.
U.S. Postage
PAID
Durham NC
Permit No. 600

Address Service Requested

Pastor's Class

On Sundays, June 4 and 11, Pastor Scott Anderson will lead a class at 9:45 am in the conference room. If you have questions about the Lutheran faith, about St. Paul's, information on how to become a member here, or other faith questions, plan to attend. New members will be received on Sunday, June 25.

Wednesday Night Suppers

The next supper is June 7 at 6:00 pm. The theme is "Take Me Out to the Ballgame!" Get on your game gear (or least a baseball hat) and join us for brats, hot dogs, nachos, slaw, watermelon, popcorn, and root beer floats. Thanks to Margot Wuebbens and the Senior Choir for spearheading this meal.

Then because of VBS the third week of June and the first Wednesday of July being the 5th, we will not meet those Wednesdays.

Next meal after June 7 will be July 19 when we are back on track for the 1st and 3rd weeks of the month. If you can volunteer to help lead a meal or assist with it, please contact Susan Esposito.



Vacation Bible School Picnic

On the last day of VBS – Friday, June 23, we have a closing beginning at 12:00 noon followed by a hot dog picnic which we hope you will attend. It gives you a chance to see the children, hear their songs, see what they've done that week and enjoy a quick lunch. Come join us!



Prayers for Service Members

We will be installing a new bulletin board in the foyer providing a place for information cards on our military family and friends.

The names will be transferred from the bulletin and placed on the board. Those who have family/friends in the military are invited to use the cards, available on the board, to list their information, and even provide a photograph if you wish. If they would like to be contacted, you could also list their address. If you have any questions, please contact the church office.

Children's Bulletins and Bags

Each Sunday, we print bulletins for the children to use in worship. They are located on the table to the left before you enter the sanctuary. Their focus is on the Gospel of the day so each week is different. Under the table are bibles and busy bags. They are for use during worship and are to be returned after worship. Inside the busy bags are coloring books, reading books, and puzzles to do along with crayons. We try to keep them up to date but if you find one that needs refilling, please leave it on the table instead of the crate. Thanks!

Lectors and Altar Flowers

You can sign up for Lectors for either the 8:30 or 11:00 am services at the credenza under the TV monitor in the atrium. You will be sent the readings the week before. Also there is a two-tray box holding the Altar flowers information. Sign up on the sheets in the top tray and pick up the forms and envelopes from the bottom – return those at least one week before your selected date(s).