

Cross Connections



St. Paul's Lutheran Church

October 2022



Oktoberfest - Wednesday, October 19



Join us on Wednesday, October 19 at 6:00 pm for a fun Oktoberfest evening. To start, we will enjoy music from the Croasdaile "Rusty Pipes." They are a great band composed of their residents at Croasdaile. Get your German taste buds ready for a savory meal. This year we welcome the Nacht Bar and Bottleshop who will be providing us with a great assortment of beer and non-alcoholic beverages for the event.

Reservation forms will be available soon. If you can help with the meal in any way, please contact Martha Dahl.

Trunk or Treat - Friday, October 28 at 6 - 7 pm

This is a stellar fall event where you have a creative time decorating your trunk and the treaters come to your car in our parking lot. Start thinking NOW! Trunk decorators (you don't need to have children to participate - just like trick or treat at your house), can arrive at the Pickett Road parking lot between 5:30-6:00 pm. This will allow time to set up decorations and have traffic completed before beginning the trunk or treating at 6:00 pm. Costumed Treaters will visit from car to car to gather their treats. We will end by 7:00 pm. Treats should be pre-wrapped and nothing home-made. Neighbors, friends, all are welcome to participate!



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From the Pastor...

I am truly looking forward to October this year. Lots of great things are happening. With both services and Sunday school back in full swing, it has been exciting to see old faces return to the pews and to Trinity Hall.

Our numbers are still running about one half to two thirds of our previous in person numbers, but we are still getting 40 or so households watching online either streaming or recorded. That means we are exceeding previous attendance in total.

Summer is over and if you are behind in your giving, we'd appreciate it if you'd catch up. This year is like most others in that the summer leaves us a little behind in our giving.

But, so much is going on in October, I hope this means we will see more of you in person.

On October 19th, we will have Oktoberfest. The Rusty Pipes from Croasdaile will be playing for our dinner. The Nacht Bar and Bottleshop will be providing us with a great assortment of beer and non-alcoholic beverages for the event. Reservation forms will be out soon.

October is Fall Convocation for Rostered Leaders and Pastor Amanda, Vicar Amanda, and I will be attending. The event will be at Lutheridge and feature Kaitlin Curtice, who is an award-winning author, poet-storyteller, and public speaker. As an enrolled citizen of the Potawatomi nation, Kaitlin writes on the intersections of spirituality and identity and how that shifts throughout our lives. She also speaks on these topics to diverse audiences who are interested in truth-telling and healing. We will have time with the Bishop and time to catch up with old friends.

Our Truck or Treat will take place on October 28, a Friday night. Read about it in this issue of Cross Connections.

Rev. Dr. Richard Lischer will be our preacher for Reformation Sunday on October 30th and we will confirm Kayden Hinshaw that day.

October will also see the first of a series of confirmation Lock-ins, that will be our main confirmation event every other month.

So, come and see us this month and help us rejoice in the Lord always.

Pastor Scott

From the Vicar...

During this season after Pentecost, we have been diving deep into the gospel of Luke and what it means

to be a disciple of Jesus. In Year C, the "Luke" year of the three-year lectionary cycle, we turn our attention to God's concern for human wellbeing. Luke gives particular attention to people outside of the 0.1%: women, children, the sick, the poor, tax collectors and sinners, and Gentiles. From the hard-hitting emphasis on vulnerable populations, it is clear that God cares deeply for the wholeness and wellness of "the least of these" – and Jesus expects the same of his followers.

This last month I have seen signs of hope in how this assembly of Christ's followers, St. Paul's Lutheran Church, works for the wholeness of God's beloved children. I listened to volunteers share their stories of Camp Destiny, a St. Paul's day camp that connected cross-culturally to educate adults about the needs of children from low-income families. It also gave children opportunities to explore their community safely through play, field trips, and activities.

I attended the Continuing Conversation Group's joint presentation with St. Joseph's AME Church on election education. I learned how the Durham County Board of Elections and hundreds of faithful citizen volunteers work to make our democracy flourish for all of us.

On Sundays, I have watched you pick up cards from the Nurturing Committee and write messages to those who are sick or lonely or celebrating or just need a kind word.

I have personally benefitted from your generous spirit as you have poured out gift cards, cash, paper products, and letters and cards of welcome to a new vicar in your midst. You have provided food and beverage and opened your homes to me, welcoming a stranger.

I wonder how else we will follow this call to work for the wellbeing of all God's children.

Maybe you will pick up a copy of "Lutheran Guide to Advocate for LGBTQIA+ People in Church and Society" at Pride or in the narthex and try out some of the suggestions there.

Maybe you will connect with Durham Congregations in Action to discover ways you can support justice, healing, and wholeness for all those in our community. Perhaps you participate in the Community Food Co-op, or bring youth and adults to training events on conflict resolution and suicide prevention. Maybe you walk in the CROP Walk.

What ways do we see God's kin-dom of wholeness and healing breaking through and how can we serve God and neighbor there?

Let's dream together.

In peace,

Vicar Amanda

Music Ministry

We are looking forward to a selection of concerts in the coming year. Here are the fall dates – there will be more in the Spring, but that's a while off.

- ▶ **October 9, at 3:30:** Organ recital, Ted Turner. Works at this concert feature Bach, Scheidemann, Tunder, Reincken and Jacob Praetorius II.
- ▶ **December 4, at 3:30:** Organ recital, Daniel Jacky, Duke organ scholar
- ▶ **December 24, at 6:30:** Christmas eve pre-service concert plus Telemann cantata during service

Music Time for children

We are looking for two volunteers to help out with music time for the kids at the 8:30 am service. Assistance is needed with escorting the children after the children's sermon from the sanctuary to Whitesell Hall and back, along with one alerting the music director when the sermon is done and the other person acting as an aid during music time. It will only last about 10 minutes, 15 max.

If you have any questions about the concerts, or will volunteer with the Music time for children, please contact Ted Turner, our Minister of Music at music@stpaulsdurham.org.

Mark Your Calendars: Bishop Tim Preaching for Duke Lutherans Reformation Sunday Evening Prayer



All St. Paul's members and friends are invited to join the Duke Lutherans on Sunday, October 30, at 5:30 pm for a special Reformation

Evening Prayer service. Bishop Tim Smith will be our guest preacher for this festival worship service in celebration of the Reformation. After worship, we'll enjoy a fellowship dinner together. worship and dinner will be in the York Room of the Divinity School (second floor of the Gray Building above the library) and parking is available in the Bryan Center of the Parking Garage. **Please R.S.V.P. to Pastor Amanda by Sunday, October 25 at amanda.highben@duke.edu**

Journeying Through Grief Booklets

"Journey Through Grief" is a set of four short booklets that the Stephen Ministers of our church send to people at four times during the first year after the death of a loved one. The author of this booklet is Kenneth C. Haugk, who was the founder of the Stephen Ministry program. Haugk is a pastor and a psychologist who wrote the booklets to help people travel through the grief journey following a death. He shares helpful insights about grief, biblical truths, and stories that provide comfort and reassurance.

These four booklets are sent out at four times during the year following the death of a loved one. Booklet one is called "A Time to Grieve," and it is sent three weeks after the loss of a loved one. Booklet two is called "Experiencing Grief," and it is sent three months after the death. Booklet three is called "Finding Hope and Healing;" and it is sent six months after the death. The final book, book four, is called "Rebuilding, and Remembering," and it is sent 11 months after the death.

Each book focuses on what the surviving family member is likely to be experiencing at that point in the grief process. The books are short and easy to read, and it is our Stephen Minister group's hope that the books will be read and be helpful in the year following the death of your family member.

In the past six years, the Stephen Ministers of St. Paul's have sent out 53 booklets to members of our congregation. We sometimes receive appreciative feedback from people who receive the books, who say that they, in turn, have passed on the booklets to other people whom are experiencing grief. In this way, we know that we have reached even more people than the 53 recipients of the booklets.

If you know of a congregation member who might benefit from receiving these booklets, please let Nan Treul, Kim Hoke, or John Foreman know.



Camp Destiny

Camp Destiny has come and gone. It was held August 22-25. This is just the short version of camp. I hope you will read the full



report that Susan has or will send out by email. There are also some full copies with photos available on the credenza in the atrium.

We had six great campers

from Burton Elementary School. Each morning we commandeered the church bus to pick them up at the school and take them back to the church.



Each day was action packed with always too little time for everything. In the afternoons we would take them back to Burton in the bus.

Our incredible crew that helped to make camp possible were Tim and Kim Hoke, Marilyn Hawley, Katherine Trexler, Robert Fogel, Audrey Busch, Karen Mzyk, Marcia Redman, Alta Lindsay, Megan Cunningham, and Tracey Dissel. Obviously more adults than children but not everyone was there at any one time.



We worked a lot of experiences into those four days. When we were finished the children wanted to continue with the camp. On the first day we introduced them to our church and staff and then taught them how to make their own pizzas and salad dressing. On the second day we went to the Stagville Plantation and took them to Elmo's restaurant for lunch. On Wednesday we took them to Morehead Planetarium for a show and then followed that up with



lunch at The Loop. On the last day we took them to a farm where they fed chickens, saw how blueberries grow, and allowed them to pick grapes. We had a formal sit down lunch at the church for our last meal. In addition to this we had many activities at the church that they could

choose to do. You will have to read the full story to hear about those.

Each day the children were given a snack in the morning and one in the



afternoon before they went home. They also took home bags with a jar of St. Paul's honey, craft items they had worked on, and books in their final bag.

What a joy it was to work with these children. Our volunteers can't wait until next year for camp and neither could the children. Thanks to the Peeler/Casey Fund for making this possible. We would love to have more volunteers (and perhaps contributions) for next year's camp so that we can serve more children.

Adult Sunday School

The Adult Sunday School class has been studying the book of Isaiah, from which our lectionary draws heavily for its New Testament readings. October 2 the focus will be on some very familiar readings from Chapters 40-55, which include references to the Messiah. At the same time we will look at a few short passages in Matthew that Jesus made reference to these lines of Old Testament scripture. We will end our study of Isaiah on October 9 with a reading/study of portions of Chapters 45-55.

Then beginning on October 16 Morris Casper will begin the first discussion of four Sundays on Martin Luther.

Join us in Trinity Hall on Sundays at 9:45-10:45 am. Coffee will be available.



JOIN OUR
STUDY

St. Paul's Readers Thursday, October 20 at 3 pm

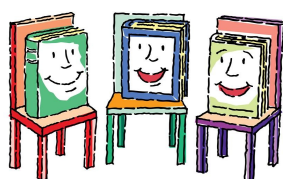
We invite all readers to join us for our discussion of *The Book of Lost Friends* by Lisa Wingate. Our meeting is on Thursday, October 20, at 3 pm in Trinity Hall. Katherine Trexler is facilitating the discussion.

This selection is a novel based on letters that were written by former slaves. Some of these letters are included in the book. The freed slaves wrote letters hoping to find family members and friends who were sold to other owners, often many years before emancipation. Their letters were published in a newspaper and passed around to churches and other gathering places to be read and posted on bulletin boards. The book is the fictional story of one of the families.

The author, Lisa Wingate, is notable for her recognition as a recipient of the National Civics Award. This award celebrates public figures who work to promote greater kindness and civility in American life.

Our final book for 2022 is *Damien the Leper* by John Farrow on November 17. The reading list for 2023 will be selected at our November meeting; we welcome suggestions. We try to select books from different genres to stretch our horizons, as well as to appeal to a wide range of people.

Please consider joining us in October or for another of our meetings. We welcome you to come and check us out, even if you have not read the book. For questions or more information, please contact Katherine Trexler, katherine.m.trexler@gmail.com



St. Paul's Readers

New Members August 28

On Sunday, August 28, we welcomed the following new members:

- ▶ William and Amy Elkin, along with daughter Lily Elkin
- ▶ William (Bill) Gresham, III
- ▶ Kenneth and Stephanie Knudsen
- ▶ Michelle Meaders
- ▶ Carolyn Ulrich
- ▶ Michael Wendt
- ▶ Jan Huntley (Associate Member)

Their information is in the Instant Church Directory. If you have not yet downloaded this free app for your smartphone, there are instructions on the credenza

under the monitor in the atrium which can help you – if it is very easy and it is for I-phones and Androids. The app includes all information in the printed directory. If you need a printed directory, there is usually some copies available on the first aid station next to the mailboxes in the reception office.

Prayers of Sympathy

We offer our prayers to the family and friends of Barbara Shade who died on September 10, 2022. Her Celebration to the Glory of God service was held at St. Paul's on Saturday, Sept. 17 at 11:00 am. Memorials may be made to St. Paul's Memorials Fund.

MEMORIALS RECEIVED

We thank the following persons who made donations to the Memorials Fund, with designations as noted.

In memory of JoAnn Bowman by:

Kirk and Kimberly Woolley, Rougemont

In memory of Arloa Bittikofer by:

Karl and Ottilie Freundt, Durham

Larry and Phyllis Jenkins, Durham

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Clint P. Sparks, Spring, TX

Lynnette Craig, Woodsedge Community Church, Spring TX

Gus Holshouser, Durham

Katherine Trexler, Durham

Croasdaile Worship

The October Croasdaile

Worship will be on Thursday, October 27, the fourth Thursday of the month at 2:00 pm in the Chapel.



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Help Stock the St. Paul's Shelf at Parktown Food Hub!

The Women's Connection Group is leading an initiative to support the Parktown Food Hub, a ministry of South Durham Connections, led by Pastor Sharon Schulze.



St. Paul's has committed to "adopting a shelf" in the Food Hub for at least the next 5 months.

St. Paul's Shelf - dry boxed pasta – spaghetti, macaroni, ziti, penne, etc. (NOT: kits or dinner, nor canned pasta entrees).

- ▶ **Fact:** at least 21 packages of dry pasta are distributed each week to clients.
- ▶ **Fact:** all basic food needs are greater than ever.
- ▶ **Fact:** your generosity makes a difference to our neighbors!

Please consider adding a box or two or more of pasta to your shopping list and place it in the box in the atrium at the bulletin board.

Thursday Morning Bible Study

We will be continuing the Genesis Bible Study on Thursday mornings, 10:30-11:45 am. We meet in the Conference room as well as on Zoom. Lesson notes are sent via email ahead of time as well as being available at the meeting. Come join us!

Rocky Railroad

Children will be meeting each Sunday downstairs in the Genesis Room (the larger room with kitchen). They begin at 9:45 and conclude at 10:45 am. Leaders are Betty Hinshaw and Carole Ostrowski and they will be incorporating the Vacation Bible School curriculum so the children will be learning about Jesus through bible stories which accompany the series "Rocky Railroad." We welcome all children to this interactive and varied activities program.



Need a Room for a Meeting?

We now have more rooms available but we also have some of our previous groups pre-Covid, gathering in their usual spaces. What this means for **everyone** is that you need to book your meeting time and space ahead! Contact Susan in the church office, request your date, time, and room. A location cannot be guaranteed if it is not on the church calendar!



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Worship

We have two services on Sunday mornings: 8:30 am and 11:00 am, both using Setting One of the ELW. The 8:30 am service will be in-person. The 11:00 am service will be in-person, live-streamed and recorded. The link to watch the 11:00 service live is: <https://vimeo.com/event/1478223>. The link to watch any services which have been recorded is: <https://vimeo.com/stpaulsdurham> then choose the service date or event you wish to watch.

