

October Disciples in Action

1st – 17th Sunday after Pentecost (green)

Reader: Sherry Donaldson
Flowers: Cindy Misenheimer
Communion Prep: Cynthia Mills
Communion Assistant: Mary Manus

8th –18th Sunday after Pentecost (green)

Reader: Cynthia Mills
Flowers: Cindy Misenheimer

15th-19th Sunday after Pentecost (green)

Reader: ?
Flowers: Cindy Misenheimer
Communion Prep: Cindy Misenheimer
Communion Assistant: Cindy Misenheimer

22nd – 20th Sunday after Pentecost (green)

Reader: Cindy Misenheimer
Flowers: Cindy Misenheimer

29th –21st Sunday after Pentecost (green)

Reader: Libby Palmer
Flowers: Cindy Misenheimer
Communion Prep: ?
Communion Assistant: ?

Fold Bulletins: Mary Manus & Brad Cress
Lawn Care: Kyle Manus
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October 2017 – Glad Tidings

To submit articles to the newsletter contact Pastor Ruth Ann or Chrissy Chandler or leave them in the mailbox outside the Pastor's office. All submissions must be in by the Friday before the last Sunday of the month.

➤ SCCM item for OCTOBER: Canned or Dried Beans, Canned Tomatoes

ANNIVERSARIES:

1 – Tyler & Lindsay Gordon – 6
20 – Garrett & Starla Whitt – 5
21 – Phillip & Angela Huneycutt - 10

BIRTHDAYS:

1 – Rick Roseman
2 – Tara Barajas
3 – Travis Gordon
6 – Carolyn Thompson
7 – David Allen Culp
8 – Libby Palmer
10 – Frances Cosgrove
Sinjin Lefler
11 – Derek Rogers
13 – Peggy Roseman
16 – Sarah Waller
17 – Terry Almond
24 – Seth Almond
25 – Melynn Stowman
26 – Milo Gordon
27 – Bill Crawley
Tonia Icenhour
28 – Wade Barbee
29 – Elaine Crawley
30 – David Cosgrove

Thank You:

- + **to everyone** who helped with **God's Work Our Hands Day of Service** at **Trinity Place!** The staff and residents are very grateful for the meal, the music, and the chores we accomplished!
- + **to June Almond and Cindy Misenheimer for leading worship** while Pastor Ruth Ann was at Kairos #9 at Southern Correctional Institution.
- + **to June Almond and Chrissy Chandler** for organizing the Pre-Game Dinner for the North Stanly High School football team, and **to everyone** who helped cook, serve, or clean-up!
- + **to everyone** for their support of **Kairos #9 at Southern Correctional Institution** - through your prayers, cookie baking, note writing, and financial contributions! Lives have been changed forever through this weekend; which was made possible through your support.

Congratulations...

+ **To Cynthia Mills and Carolyn Thompson** who turned in the first two completed Disciples in Action bingo sheets. It is NOT too late for you to complete one, too, and received a prize!

Do you know someone we should thank,
congratulate, or offer our sympathy?

*Please tell Chrissy Chandler or Pastor Ruth Ann,
because we don't want to overlook anyone!*

Council Highlights:

- During the regular September meeting, the congregation council:
- + Reviewed minutes from the July 30 called congregational meeting and approved minutes from the August council meeting.
 - + Received the treasurer's report for August.
 - + Received the pastor's report including prayer concerns, thank you notes, and upcoming events.
 - + Voted to send the third quarter social ministry funds (\$400) to Lutheran Disaster Response.
 - + Reviewed the proposed calendar for October and November and approved building use requests.
 - + Received an update on the most recent yoking meeting and discussed some of the financial issues.
 - + Discussed discounted pricing from Efird Gas.
 - + Were reminded that nominees are needed to fill three council positions for 2018-2020.

If you are an Efird Gas customer, you are eligible for the same discounted rate that the congregation pays, but you must request it each year. *Contact Michael Furr in the Albemarle office to fill out an annual contract.*

Financial Update for August 2017:

Annual Budget	\$ 112,300.00
August Regular Giving	8,097.07
August Actual Expenses	<u>(8,816.44)</u>
	\$ (719.37)
YTD Deficit	\$ (3,943.70)

It is nearly time to elect new congregation council members to serve for 2018 through 2020! *If you would be willing to serve, or would like to nominate someone, please talk to one of the current council members*

Other Updates:

We will receive a special **Second Sunday Offering** on October 8th for the Building Fund.

Please give information for the November Glad Tidings newsletter to Chrissy Chandler or Pastor Ruth Ann by Friday, October 27th.

Our first Backpack Buddies delivery to North Stanly Middle School of the 2017-18 school year will be October 27. *Please talk with Emily Misenheimer if you can help!*

We will receive a special Fifth Sunday Offering on October 30 to support ELCA World Hunger (40%), Stanly Community Christian Ministry (40%), and the Mt. Zion Transient Fund (20%); helping others in our community and around the world.

Kids Celebrate children's bulletins, **ELCA Prayer Ventures** for October, and **Christ in Our Home** devotionals for October, November, and December are all available in the narthex.

There are several extra Reformation 500 items from VBS in the narthex. If you haven't already received a bookmark or do not have a copy of **Luther's Small Catechism**, *please pick one up!* **Also, if you attended VBS, please see Pastor Ruth Ann for your very own Luther Rose window cling!**

Would you like to learn more about the Reformation? We have copies of two different books that you can borrow now: **Daughter of the Reformation**, by Mary Rasmussen Jackson, about the life of Katie Luther and her marriage to Martin Luther, and **October 31, 1517 Martin Luther and the Day that Changed the World**, by Martin Marty. *Talk with Pastor Ruth Ann if you would like to read either - or both - of these!* *Also, look for more information coming soon on a new movie about Martin Luther and the Reformation and a local Reformation book fair!*

October Events:

Members of Mt. Zion will provide the evening meal for **Community Inn** on October 1.

Midweek Prayer begins each Wednesday at noon. We gather to pray for all those on our prayer list and everyone in the congregation by name. *Even if you can't be here, please join us in prayer at 12:12 p.m.*, remembering Romans 12:12: Rejoice in hope, be patient in suffering, persevere in prayer.



The **Finance Committee** will meet Thursday, October 5 at 7:00 p.m. The **Stewardship Committee** meeting will follow, about 8:00 p.m.

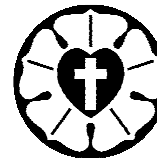
Congregation council will meet Sunday morning October 8. Breakfast begins at 7:00 a.m. and the meeting begins at 7:30 a.m.

Women of the ELCA will meet Monday night, October 9 at 7:30 p.m. 



Handbells will rehearse the second and fourth Wednesday nights (October 11 and 25) at 5:30 p.m. **Choir** will follow at 6:00 p.m.

Please invite your friends and family to join us for our annual Homecoming celebration on Sunday, October 15 as we celebrate 122 years of ministry here at Mt. Zion! A covered dish luncheon will follow worship.



Our weekly Ever Reforming Bible Study continues this month. We will meet on Tuesday evenings (October 17 and 24) at 7:00 p.m. and Wednesday afternoons (October 18 and 25) following Midweek Prayer.

Worship and Music Committee will meet Thursday, October 19 at 7:00 p.m.

Trust Fund Trustees will meet Wednesday, October 25 at 6:30 p.m.

The transitional parish council is planning special joint **Reformation 500 Service** here at Mt. Zion at 7:00 p.m. on Sunday evening, October 29! *Please plan to attend this special worship service!*

October Events continued:



Our **6th annual Trunk or Treat** event will be **Tuesday, October 31 from 6:00 to 7:00 p.m.** We will gather in the parking lot with treats to distribute as we invite children from the congregation and community to come for a safe Trick or Treat environment. *Please bring*

treats to share and consider decorating the trunk of your car or dressing in costume! Please invite others to join us for this community event

*If you would like to join others across the ELCA in daily prayer for specific concerns, including missionaries and other ministries of the church, pick up a copy of the October **Prayer Ventures** in the narthex.*



There are several special events planned here in North Carolina to celebrate the 500th Anniversary of the Reformation. Here are just a few:

In God's Own Country, an international theater production celebrating the 500th anniversary of the Reformation will be presented by the Piedmont Players at the Meroney Theatre in Salisbury on October 12-15 and 18-21. *For more information, call 704/633-5471 or visit piedmontplayers.com.*

An ecumenical opportunity for worship will be held Friday, October 27, 2017, at 7:00 p.m. at St. Thomas More Catholic Church in Chapel Hill.

For more information on events for Reformation 500, visit: <https://nclutheran.org/reformation-500/>

God's Work Our Hands Update

As always, there are many ways we can serve our own congregation and the community beyond our walls! Special projects this month include **Caring and Sharing** for Stanly Community Christian Ministry and the **Backpack Buddies** for North Stanly Middle School. We have also begun a new collection for the **Quarter Ministry** at the Mary and Martha Center.

With students back in school, the need for **Backpack Buddies** returns, too. We partner with several other area churches to provide supplemental food and snacks for about twenty-five students at North Stanly Middle School whose needs have been identified by the guidance counselor. You can place donations toward this project in the basket located in the narthex. The following items are needed before we can pack bags again at the end of October:

- + Boxes of 100% juice or shelf-stable milk
- + Fruit or pudding cups
- + Individual foil packs of tuna or cups of pasta or soup
- + Packs or cups of Ramen noodles
- + Individually packaged snacks, like crackers & cheese, peanut butter cups, nut snack packs, and granola bars
- + Individually packs of instant oatmeal, grits, or breakfast cereal

At the September **Women of the ELCA** meeting, we learned about the work of the **Mary and Martha Center** in Albemarle. As a result, we now have two jars for the Center's **Quarter Ministry**. One is located in the narthex and the other in the meeting room. ***You are invited to place quarters in these jars as donations***, which will be used to help women in need, by providing quarters for use at a laundromat, or through the purchase of laundry soap or feminine hygiene products

NOTE: Please DO NOT bring any items for Give & Take events at this time. Large items may be placed in the storage building; but please keep smaller items at home for now. We need to keep that room cleared out for another month.

Now through the end of October:

Caring & Sharing Campaign



for Stanly Community Christian Ministry

***Your Opportunity
SHARE your CHANGE
by placing it in the cup
during our campaign
and by your caring, your change
will go to help those in need!***

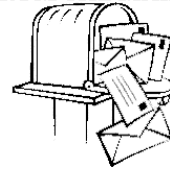
***You may fill your cup with spare change, bills, or checks!
Please make any checks payable directly to SCCM.***

*For more information visit www.sccminc.org or find
Stanly Community Christian Ministry on Facebook!*



Ask the Pastor will return.
*Please share your questions
with Pastor Ruth Ann
so they can be answered here.*

FROM THE MAILBOX



On behalf of Stanly Community Christian Ministry, I am writing to express our gratitude for your June contribution of \$ 84.80.

We would love to give you a tour so you can meet some of the staff and volunteers who graciously give their time to SCCM in order to make our programs successful. We love to show off the renovated Community Table and our Food Pantry to visitors. Visiting our branches is a great way to see God's word in action.

I am always available to set up a visit for you, or to answer any questions you may have. Don't hesitate to call me at 704-982-7915.

Thank you again for your generosity.

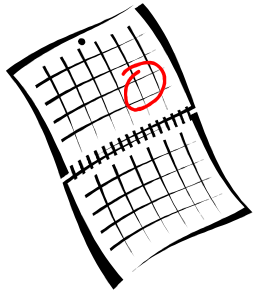
Sincerely,
Heather Kilde
Heather Kilde
Executive Director

*Thank you for your
faithful support of SCCM!*

Thank you for your recent gift of \$167 to the Community Inn. We have received more than 700 Stanly homeless men, women, and children there since we began in 2009. Many of those we have assisted have gotten back on their feet and become contributing members of our community again. Your support of our program gives us the confidence to expand our reach as we try to assist more of the homeless folks that come to us each week. God bless you!

Skeet Ayscue
Skeet Ayscue
Executive Director
Homes of Hope

Coming Events – *Mark your calendar now!*



Look for more information coming soon on our annual Stewardship Sunday and the Community Thanksgiving Service. Both will be held on November 19!

Community Events:



Trinity Place is hosting its **Fifth Annual Harvest Hustle 5K Run/Walk** to benefit the Homes of Hope on Saturday, November 4. Registration begins at 7:00 a.m. at Vac and Dash (154 S. First Street, Albemarle). The race begins at 8:00 a.m. Register at Trinity Place or at www.runsignup.com by October 22. See Pastor Ruth Ann for a brochure or call Trinity Place at 704/982-8191 for more information.



Mourning's Dawn: Healing and Living with Grief

This three-day retreat will be held at Saint Francis Prayer Center in Stoneville, NC. Retreat leaders are Margaret Fields and Rev. Leslee Wray. Whether your loss is recent or you've been on this journey for some time, you're invited to join in this time of support, remembrance and reflection. See Pastor Ruth Ann for a registration form, e-mail lindentreeministries@gmail.com, or visit Linden Tree Ministries on Facebook for more information.



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Alexandra Cabus

God's Work. Our Hands. continued:



One of the best ways to help those impacted by Hurricanes Harvey, Irma, and Maria is by donating to Lutheran Disaster Response!

Because LDR is supported by the ELCA, 100% of your donation will go directly to disaster response. *Simply place your donation in a special offering envelope marked Hurricane Harvey to donate through Mt. Zion.* NOTE: Thrivent members may receive matching money for your donation if you give through Thrivent, rather than Mt. Zion. Visit www.thrivent.com for more information.



"I want you to scan these and put them in the next newsletter."

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From the Pastor:

*God's word is our great heritage
and shall be ours forever;
to spread its light from age to age
shall be our chief endeavor.
Through life it guides our way;
in death it is our stay.
Lord, grant while time shall last
your church may hold it fast
throughout all generations.*

Text by Nikolai F.S. Gruntvig
Tune EIN FESTE BURG by Martin Luther
Evangelical Lutheran Worship # 509

It seems as though we have been talking about Luther's teachings and studying the history of the Reformation for months. The truth is, we have! Through our participation with other Lutherans across the North Carolina Synod in the *Ever-Reforming* study; through our weekly bulletin quotes from **Luther's Works**; and through our own **Reformation 500** Vacation Bible School; plus other special events and films.

But in just a few weeks, on October 31, the big day will be here: the 500th anniversary of the beginning of the Reformation, as we recall that according to tradition a monk named Martin Luther posted 95 theses – or points that he wished to discuss – on the door of the castle church in Wittenburg, Germany on All Hallow's Eve, 1517.

We will commemorate that occasion with other Lutherans from the congregations that have been discussing the creation of a yoked parish: Mount Gilead/Mt. Pleasant, St. Martin/Concord, and St. Stephen's/Gold Hill, along with any others that wish to join us for this special worship service at 7:00 p.m. on Reformation Sunday, October 29.

I hesitate to call it a celebration, because celebrating the Reformation is much like celebrating a painful divorce. Luther desired to reform the Roman Catholic church of his day, not to start a new church. He would likely be appalled that we even call ourselves Lutherans.

From the Pastor (continued)

Luther would prefer that we be known as the evangelical church – the church of the Good News. Through his study of the Holy Scriptures, he rediscovered the good news that we are justified by grace through faith, particularly in the writings of St. Paul, and he spent the rest of his life spreading that message.

Here are just a few of the key verses which lift up this central message of our faith:

*For we hold that a person is justified by faith
apart from works prescribed by the law.*
Romans 3:28

*We know that a person is justified not by the works
of the law but through faith in Jesus Christ.*
Galatians 2:16

*For by grace you have been saved through faith,
and this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God—
not the result of works, so that no one may boast.*
Ephesians 2:8-9

God's word truly IS our great heritage. We embrace God's promise that it will be ours forever and in response to this great gift of grace, we answer the call to share this message of Good News with others. That is indeed worth celebrating!

Blessings,
+ *Pastor Ruth Ann*

p.s. We are continuing our journey through Exodus in worship this month. Here are the texts (and the corresponding psalms) that we will be reading this month in case you are reading along between Sundays:

Oct 8	Exodus 16:2-15	Psalms 105:1-6, 37-45
Oct 15	Exodus 17:1-7	Psalms 78:1-4, 12-16
Oct 22	Exodus 20:1-4, 7-9, 12-20	Psalms 19
Oct 29	Exodus 32:1-14	Psalms 106:1-6, 19-23

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October 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 17th Sunday after Pentecost 10:00 am Sunday School 11:00 am Worship w/ Holy Communion 6:30 pm Community Inn Meal <i>~ ~ Pastor Ruth</i>	2 <i>Ann on vacation</i>	3 NO Bible Study <i>thru Wednesday ~ ~</i>	4 12:00 noon Midweek Prayer NO Bible Study	5 7:00 pm Finance Committee 8:00 pm Stewardship Committee	6 12:00 pm Pastor's Office Hours	7 8:30 am Confirmation Class
8 18th Sunday after Pentecost 7:00 am Council Breakfast 7:30 am Council Meeting 10:00 am Sunday School 11:00 am Worship Service Second Sunday Building Fund Offering	9 7:30 pm WELCA <i>~ ~ Pastor Ruth</i>	10 NO Bible Study <i>Ann at Fall Leaders' Convo</i>	11 12:00 noon Midweek Prayer NO Bible Study 6:00 pm Choir <i>(Lutheridge)</i>	12	13 12:00 pm Pastor's Office Hours	14
15 19th Sunday after Pentecost 10:00 am Sunday School 11:00 am Worship w/ Holy Communion Covered Dish Lunch Homecoming Sunday	16 <i>Pastor's Day Off</i>	17 Outside Office Hours 7:00 pm Bible Study	18 10:00 am Pastor's Office Hours 12:00 noon Midweek Prayer 1:00 pm Bible Study	19 7:00 pm Worship & Music Committee	20 12:00 pm Pastor's Office Hours	21
22 20th Sunday after Pentecost 10:00 am Sunday School 11:00 am Worship Service	23 <i>Pastor's Day Off</i>	24 Outside Office Hours 7:00 pm Bible Study	25 10:00 am Pastor's Office Hours 12:00 noon Midweek Prayer 1:00 pm Bible Study 6:00 pm Choir 6:30 pm Trustees Mtg 7:00 pm Civitans Board Mtg	26	27 12:00 pm Pastor's Office Hours <i>November Newsletter Information Due</i>	28
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