

June Disciples in Action

3rd – 2nd Sunday after Pentecost (green)

Reader: Carolyn Thompson
Flowers: Carolyn Thompson
Communion Prep: Carolyn Thompson
Communion Assistant: Cindy Misenheimer

10th – 3rd Sunday after Pentecost (green)

Reader: ?
Flowers: Carolyn Thompson

17th – 4th Sunday after Pentecost (green)

Reader: Cynthia Mills
Flowers: Carolyn Thompson
Communion Prep: Cynthia Mills
Communion Assistant: Cynthia Mills

24th – The Commemoration of John the Baptist (white)

Reader: Sherry Donaldson
Flowers: Carolyn Thompson

Lawn Care: Robert & Jim Misenheimer
Sign Changes: ?
Fold Bulletins: Bonnie Smith
ALTAR GUILD: Angie Lefler, Ruby Poplin
Bonnie Smith, Carolyn Thompson

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Mt. Zion Lutheran Church

June 2018 – 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 JUNE: Canned Meats – tuna, chicken, spam, salmon

ANNIVERSARIES:

4 – Rich & Kay Cosgrove – 48
19 – Dan & Beth Huber – 36
21 – Micheal & Chrissy Chandler – 21
28 – Andrew & Jenny Misenheimer – 4

BIRTHDAYS:

1 – June Almond
2 – Steve Robertson
3 – Kenneth Huneycutt
11 – Sandy Phillips
17 – Kirby Gordon
18 – Tommy Roseman
19 – Kellie Roseman
20 – Rusty Shoe

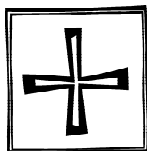
Thanks to:

- + to Emily Misenheimer and everyone who has helped with **Backpack Buddies deliveries** to North Stanly Middle School this year!
- + to **everyone** who helped host the Cabarrus/Stanny and Rowan **Spring Conference Meeting** on May 1!
- + to **Angie Lefler** who led **Midweek Prayer** while Pastor Ruth Ann was on vacation.

Congratulations...

- + to **Dale & Lynnsey Chandler** who both recently received Associate degrees in Applied Science from Stanly Community College.
- + to **Bart & Kelsey Huber** who were married on May 12.
- + to **Taylor Chandler** as he graduates from North Stanly High School. Taylor will be attending UNC Charlotte, and playing football for the 49ers.

We extend our Christian Sympathy to the family of



Rosalind Beaver. Her husband, the Rev. Tommy Beaver, served until recently as the interim pastor of Luther's Lutheran. Even though they grieve, may they trust in the sure and certain promise of the Resurrection to eternal life.

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 May meeting, the congregation council:

- + Approved minutes from the April council meeting and reviewed minutes from the May 6 called congregational meeting.
- + Received the treasurer's report for April.
- + Received the pastor's report including prayer concerns, thanks, and upcoming events.
- + Discussed ongoing property issues, including a possible water leak, and pending quotes for replacement of the front doors and heating the breezeway.

At the called congregational meeting on May 6, the congregation voted to approve the \$2,500 quote for repair to the altar wall. We also voted to retain our current 11:00 a.m. worship time.

Financial Update for April 2018:

Annual Budget	\$ 105,075.00
April Regular Giving	8,943.64
April Actual Expenses	<u>(7,489.97)</u>
	\$ 1,453.67
YTD Deficit	\$ (2,597.80)

Other Updates:

Copies of the 2018 yearbook are available in the narthex. *If you would like a PDF version let Pastor Ruth Ann know!*

The Lord be with Y'all! Our t-shirts are here. **Please pick up yours from the front pew.** If you have not already paid for yours, please place your payment (\$5 each) in a special offering envelope, marked 'T-Shirts'.

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

We will receive a special **Second Sunday Offering** on June 10th for the Building Fund.

Please give information for the July Glad Tidings newsletter to Chrissy Chandler or Pastor Ruth Ann by Friday, June 29th.

New Office Hours

Pastor Ruth Ann is normally in the church office Wednesday mornings from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon and Friday afternoons from 3:00 to 5:00 p.m. **Please stop by during those hours with any concerns or just to chat.**

You can also reach Pastor Ruth Ann on her cell phone: 704/322-0660 or by e-mail: pastor@mtzionrichfield.org or. *If you would like a visit, or know someone who should be visited, please let her know.*

June Events:

Members of Mt. Zion provided the evening meal for **Community Inn** on June 3.

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.*



Congregation council will meet Sunday morning, June 10. Breakfast begins at 7:00 a.m. and the meeting begins at 7:30 a.m.

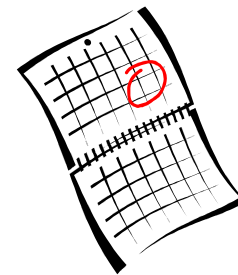
Women of the ELCA will meet Monday, June 11 at 7:30 p.m. at the church. They will also host the June birthday party at Trinity Place in Albemarle Wednesday afternoon, June 13.

Our next **Give and Take Event** will be Saturday, June 23, beginning at 8:00 a.m. *Please come early that morning to help greet our guests! You may bring items now and place them in the room next to the computer room.*

Handbell and Choir practice will resume in the fall.



Weekly Bible Study of the Acts of the Apostles will also return in the fall.



Coming Events –

Mark your calendar now!

Our 2018 Vacation Bible School
will be Sunday, August 12 through
Wednesday, August 15.

Look for more information coming soon!



New on the Bulletin Board:

A poster for the **NEW NC Synod Vision**, which focuses on Vital Congregations, Whole & Healthy Leaders, Collaboration, and Prophetic Voice, all for the sake of the world!

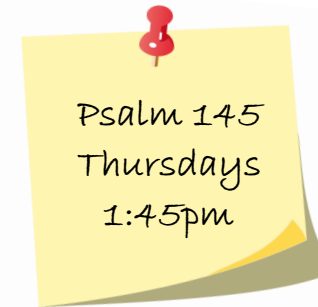
The Spring 2018 **LINK** from Novus Way (Lutheridge, Lutherock, Lutheranch, and Luther Springs) with information about spring and fall events for campers of all ages.

The June edition of **Voices** from Lutheran Services Carolinas.



Gary Samuelson, our local **Thrivent Financial** representative, has asked for help from Thrivent members in Stanly and Cabarrus Counties for a current **Thrivent Builds Habitat for Humanity** project at 95 Hemlock Drive in Concord. *Please sign up if you can help provide lunch for the volunteers on Saturday, June 16, or just stop by to visit the site and sign in the log to show our support for this project!*

Prayer for our Community



We have been invited to join our sisters and brothers in Christ, in the North Stanly UMC Missional Network, in a season of deep and intentional prayer for our community to ask how God is calling us to meet the needs of our neighbors, to love the least and the lost, and to make disciples for the transformation of Northern Stanly County. *Please stop to meditate, reflect, or pray with Psalm 145 at 1:45 p.m. or any time on Thursdays.*

Community Events

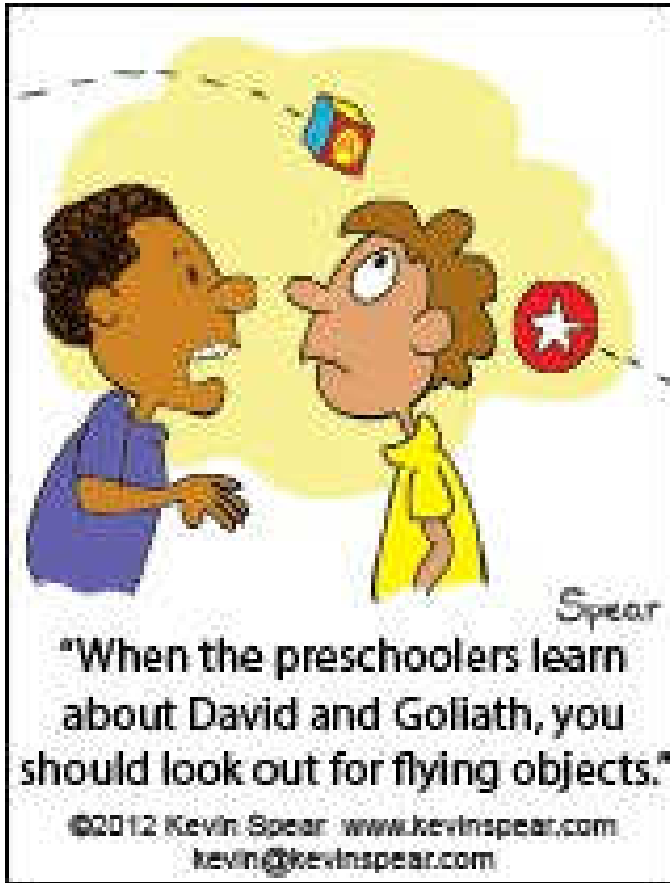
Fellowship for Performing Arts presents

Martin Luther on Trial

Tickets are on sale now for this original production in Charlotte's Knight Theatre on Friday evening, June 29 and Saturday afternoon, June 30.

“It’s an amazing evening of theatre with mind-boggling elements such as a trial sanctioned by God at Lucifer’s request, a reenactment of Satan’s rebellion and his failed enlistment of Michael the Archangel! All this along with a thorough examination of Luther’s controversial life. And did I mention how funny it is?” – Max McLean

For tickets, contact Blumenthal Performing Arts Center www.blumenthalarts.org. For more information, including video clips, visit: <https://fpatheatre.com/production/martin-luther-on-trial/>



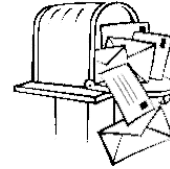
"When the preschoolers learn about David and Goliath, you should look out for flying objects."

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God's Work. Our Hands Update will return

FROM THE MAILBOX



On behalf of the board and staff of Stanly Community Christian Ministry, I am writing to express our gratitude for your May contribution of \$ 76.00...

Your donation will help us reach more neighbors in need every day.

Working parents, people with disabilities, veterans, the elderly, and the unemployed are examples of neighbors who find themselves in need of the helping hand we provide. Thank you for helping us reach out to assist them.

Sincerely,
Heather Kilde
Heather Kilde
Executive Director

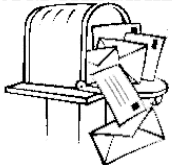
*Thank you for making
SCCM a ministry priority
We appreciate your support!*

THANK YOU

We would like to thank everyone that celebrated Taylor's upcoming graduation with us. Our church family has celebrated many great things with us, Taylor's baptism, his First Communion and his Confirmation. Now you have surrounded us once again for his high school graduation. We thank you all for being such an important part of our family and we love you all!

Chrissy and Taylor

FROM THE MAILBOX



God has spoken to us through our Mt. Zion church family. You have brought tremendous blessings to us through your kind deeds, cards, notes, and especially prayers. Thank you so much!

Carolyn & Jim Thompson



Here's a question I hope you all want to ask!

Tell us about the NC Synod Assembly...

This year, the NC Synod Assembly was held in Raleigh, with the theme **We are Church for the Sake of the World**. Business was conducted, including the election of synod council members and voting members for the 2019 Churchwide Assembly, and the approval of the 2019 synod budget. Deacon Tammy Jones West was installed as Assistant to the Bishop, and conference deans were also installed.

We heard from a variety of speakers, including Rev. Daniel Rift, the director of ELCA World Hunger (which includes Lutheran Disaster Response), as well as a series of keynote conversations with pastors serving as mission developers in Native American, Hispanic, and primarily African-descent settings across our synod.

Music from around the world, led by a group of ELCA Global music educators was a highlight of our time together!

Bishop Tim Smith reported on the past year and introduced a new vision for the synod, which focuses on **Vital Congregations, Whole & Healthy Leaders, Collaboration, and Prophetic Voice**, all for the sake of the world.

Here are some of the quotes that I found especially memorable:

From NC Synod Bishop, Tim Smith:

“We have to unclench our hands to receive the bread and wine, body and blood, and to embrace others.”

As we talk about church vitality, we need to remember that “We are not the Church Permanent.” There is a difference between vitality and sustainability (speaking about the new synod vision)

From Rev. Daniel Rift

“The feast of thanksgiving is not complete unless and until we turn to the world in service.”

Ask the Pastor (continued)

From Rev. Alfredo Oviedo, pastor at Grace/Hendersonville

“In the kingdom of God, there is no we and them. We are all one family; children of God”

“It is never too late to be a little more like Jesus!”

From Dr. Shanitria Cuthbertson, pastor of Emmaus/Charlotte:

“Here are three steps to partnering with schools:

1. Pray. Pray persistently!
2. Be present. Go, volunteer, proctor, whatever.
3. Give Money. Schools need money. Whatever we give will shine the light back on Jesus and our church.”

“Allow people of faith to be who God has shaped them to be.”

From Rev. Jack Russell, pastor of Living Waters/Cherokee:

You don't learn by talking, but by listening.”

And near the end of assembly, we spent time in Bible study, using the portion of the synod's summer study, **Remarkable Mark**, which I wrote on Mark 8: 27-38! *Look for more information about this study next month.*

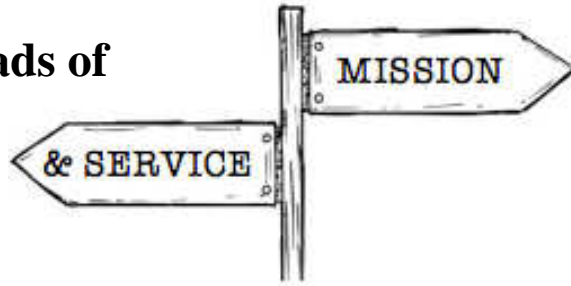
For more information about this year's synod assembly, visit:

<http://campaign.r20.constantcontact.com/render?m=1101477504383&ca=8341775c-37d5-468d-ae24-c0fa4a3e04f5>

The 2019 NC Synod Assembly will be held at the Khoury Convention Center in Greensboro, May 31 thru June 1. *Please consider serving as one of Mt. Zion's voting members next year so you can experience the worship, the speakers, and the fellowship for yourself!*

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

At the Crossroads of



There are many stories in scripture about God's people standing at a crossroads. There are the Israelites at the Red Sea as they looked back at the familiarity of slavery and forward to the uncertainty of following God into the wilderness. There is Ruth at her crossroads with Naomi, where she must decide whether to go home to Moab or follow Naomi to Bethlehem. There is the disciple who asks to follow Jesus but wants to turn back to bury his own father. There is the Samaritan woman, who at the crossroads of a well finds her life changed by the loving presence of Jesus. The pastors of the North Stanly Missional Network have sensed that God is calling our community to a crossroads of sorts, to new possibilities in mission and service.

WHAT:

A Community Center that will function as a site for collaborative mission and service for area churches, beginning with the possibility of becoming a feeding site of Stanly Community Christian Ministry (SCCM). A community center could house multiple possibilities in the future, serving multiple generations and bringing people of diverse backgrounds together.

WHO:

You and your neighbors! This will be **a collaborative ministry effort of multiple congregations and community institutions**. Possible partners include churches of different denominations, non-profits like SCCM, Pfeiffer University, and the Uwharrie District of the Western North Carolina Conference of the United Methodist Church. While there is a directional team of pastors and community leaders, this community center will only thrive with the gifts and efforts of many!

At the Crossroads (continued)

WHERE:

Richfield UMC has stepped out in boldness and faith to host this community center in their facilities. Their partnership is a blessing and truly a gift from God; as their facilities already host a community youth group, are in a wonderful location, close to the crossroads of Highways 52 and 49.

WHY:

Each partnering church and institution may answer this question differently. The United Methodist Church's mission statement is that we exist to **"make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world."** This community center is an opportunity for us to be disciples and make disciples through being good neighbors, through serving those in need, and through combining our gifts and graces for a stronger impact in our county for Jesus Christ.

NEXT STEPS?

Welcoming Jennifer Orr. The Uwharrie District is partnering with us by appointing Rev. Jennifer Orr to serve as the coordinator of this future community center. Jennifer will begin in July and will work to help all partners to move forward in making this dream a reality.

Participating in community listening efforts. Throughout the summer and fall, there will be opportunities to gather your friends and neighbors together to discuss the assets and needs of our particular community. There will be opportunities to gather oral histories and articulate our values as a community.


PRAY. Prayer roots us in the steadfast love of God, fills our hearts with gratitude for the past, plants our feet in the present, and opens our hands to the possibilities of the future. May every step of this journey be committed to open and trusting prayer!

"See, I am doing a new thing! Now it springs up; do you not perceive it? I am making a way in the wilderness and streams in the wasteland."
Isaiah 43:19

Manage Your Giving Online!

Secure online giving is available! Giving online is easy and allows you to set up automatic recurring contributions and view your complete online giving history from anywhere you have access to the Internet.

Our new electronic giving program offers convenience for you and much needed donation consistency for our congregation. You will no longer need to write out checks a year or prepare envelopes. And, when you are not able to attend worship, this program will allow your weekly offerings to continue on an uninterrupted basis.

Visit www.mtzionrichfield.org and click on  to set up a one-time or recurring donation to our General Fund, Building Fund, Fifth Sunday Offering, or the Fisher Wilhelm Fund)

OR

simply scan this QR code with your smart phone to set up an online payment.



NOTE: Please use your bank routing number and checking account number to create an ACH transaction and avoid additional charges to the church which result from credit or debit card transactions.

To contribute to other funds, please use a special offering envelope, marked with the purpose of the donation, such as the Memorial Fund or other special appeal.

When the offering plate is passed, you may place an online giving card in the plate to participate in this act of worship. These cards are available in the pew racks.

From the Pastor

*We must always give thanks to God for you,
brothers and sisters, as is right,
because your faith is growing abundantly,
and the love of every one of you for one another is increasing.*

2 Thessalonians 1:3

This long, green season after Pentecost is the perfect time for us to focus on growth – not just in our fields and gardens, but in our faith, too.

While we will not have weekly bible study during the summer, we will have an opportunity to read and discuss scripture together during worship each Sunday morning. We will be using the semi-continuous Old Testament readings for Year B of the Revised Common Lectionary, beginning in 1 Samuel, along with the corresponding psalm.

My hope is that this gives all of us – including me! – the incentive to spend more time in the story of God at work among the chosen people through the Old Testament. This year we will read about the prophet Samuel, and at least three of the kings: Saul, David, and Solomon.

If you would like to read along in preparation, here is a list of the Old Testament lessons for the coming weeks. We will be reading only specific passages, so you may find it helpful to read in between these texts.

June 17	1 Samuel 15:34--16:13
June 24	1 Samuel 17: 32-49
July 1	2 Samuel 1:1, 17-27

*I love to tell the story, for some have never heard
the message of salvation from God's own holy word.
I love to tell the story; 'twill be my theme in glory
to tell the old, old story of Jesus and his love.*

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We need to know the story well before we can share it with others!

Sharing the word, *Pastor Ruth Ann*

Mt. Zion Lutheran

June 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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3 2nd Sunday after Pentecost 10:00 am Sunday School 11:00 am Worship w/Holy Communion 6:30 pm Community Inn Meal	4 <i>Pastor's Day Off</i>	5	6 10:00 am Pastor's Office Hours 12:00 noon Midweek Prayer	7	8 3:00 pm Pastor's Office Hours	9 <i>Meeting Room Reserved (am)</i>
10 3rd Sunday after Pentecost 7:00 am Council Breakfast 7:30 am Council Meeting 10:00 am Sunday School 11:00 am Worship Service	11 <i>Pastor's Day Off</i> 7:30 pm WELCA	12	13 10:00 am Pastor's Office Hours 12:00 noon Midweek Prayer 2:00 pm Birthday Party (at Trinity Place)	14	15 3:00 pm Pastor's Office Hours	16
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