

August Disciples in Action

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6th – 9th Sunday after Pentecost (green)

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

13th – 10th Sunday after Pentecost (green)

Reader: ?
Flowers: Carolyn Thompson

20th - 11th Sunday after Pentecost (green)

Reader: Libby Palmner
Flowers: Carolyn Thompson
Communion Assistant: ?
Communion Prep: Cynthia Mills

27th – 12th Sunday after Pentecost (green)

Reader: Carolyn Thompson
Flowers: Carolyn Thompson

Lawn Care: Robert & Jim Misenheimer
Fold Bulletins: Bonnie & Laura Smith
ALTAR GUILD: Chrissy Chandler, Cynthia Mills,
Angie Robertson

Mt. Zion Lutheran Church

August 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 AUGUST: Paper Goods – toilet paper, paper towels, facial tissue, cleaning supplies

ANNIVERSARIES:

3 - Terry and June Almond - 48
5 - John and Angie Lefler - 45
7 - Jim and Carolyn Thompson - 51
Mike and Teresa Misenheimer – 34
18 - Robert and Ricardia Wilson - 61
23 - Jim and Brenda Barringer - 48

BIRTHDAYS:

1 - Wyatt Gordon
2 - Angie Lefler
3 - Robert Wilson
17 - Ruby Layne Manus
18 - Kimberly Bolton
19 - Samantha Chandler
28 - Johnny Smith
Dylan Smith

Thank You:

- + to **Kay Cosgrove** who led Midweek Prayer on July 26!
- + to **Connie Gordon, Emily Misenheimer, Bonnie Smith, and everyone** who helped with our Reformation 500 VBS 2017!
- + to **everyone who contributed generously** toward our VBS goal of 500 donated items for local ministries! Canned goods, toiletries, bingo prizes, and school supplies will go to Stanly Community Christian Ministry, Mt. Pleasant Food Ministry, Esther House, Trinity Place, and our local schools to help our neighbors in need.

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!

New Office Hours

Pastor Ruth Ann has some public office hours on Tuesdays and/or Thursdays in various locations in our community. She is normally in the church office Wednesdays from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon and Fridays from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. ***Please stop by during those hours – or look for her out on Tuesdays or Thursdays - 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.*

Council Highlights:

During the regular July meeting, the congregation council:

- + Approved minutes from the June council meeting
- + Received the treasurer's report for June.
- + Received the pastor's report including prayer concerns and upcoming events.
- + Reviewed the proposed calendar for September. Plans for many events and activities are dependent on the outcome of the vote to extend our trial yoking with St. Stephen's.
- + Discussed parsonage arrangements as outlined in the proposed parish agreement.
- + Received constitutional amendments that have been made to the model congregation constitution by the Churchwide Assembly.
- + Agreed to host a pregame meal for the North Stanly HS football team. The tentative date is September 15.
- + Discussed ongoing projects.

Thank you to everyone who attended the **called Congregational Meeting** following worship on Sunday, July 30 . All three recommendations from the council were approved.

Financial Update for June 2017:

Annual Budget	\$ 112,300.00
June Regular Giving	7,747.23
June Actual Expenses	<u>(8,418.21)</u>
	\$ (670.98)
YTD Deficit	\$ (3,975.21)

Other Updates:

It is not too late to participate in the special bible study prepared by the NC Synod, **Reformers Reading Romans**. *Download a PDF copy at www.nclutheran.org/reformation-500/ or ask Pastor Ruth Ann for a printed copy.*

We will receive a special **Second Sunday Offering** on August 13th for the Building Fund.

Please give information for the September Glad Tidings newsletter to Chrissy Chandler or Pastor Ruth Ann by Friday, August 25th.

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

*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 August **Prayer Ventures** in the narthex.*

Do you shop Amazon.com?

Please use smile.amazon.com instead and support Mt. Zion as you shop!



The donation does not add to the cost of your purchase; it comes from Amazon's profit. *Simply go to <https://smile.amazon.com/ch/56-1506927> or smile.amazon.com and select Mt. Zion and .05% of your purchase will be given to Mt. Zion!*

August Events:

Members of Mt. Zion will provide the evening meal for **Community Inn** on August 6.

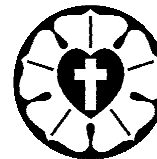
Midweek Prayer begins each Wednesday at noon. We gather to pray for all those on our prayer list and everyone in the congregation by name. *Even if you can't be here, please join us in prayer at 12:12 p.m., remembering Romans 12:12: Rejoice in hope, be patient in suffering, persevere in prayer.*



Congregation council will meet on Sundays, August 13. Breakfast begins at 7:00 a.m. The meeting follows at 7:30 a.m.

The **Pastor's Support Committee** will meet Wednesday, August 16 at 7:00 p.m.

A second **Stanly Community Christian Ministry / Second Harvest Mobile Food Pantry** will be here at Mt. Zion on August 31. Another local congregation is sponsoring this event, but more volunteers are always needed! *If you can help, please plan to arrive about 8:00 a.m. We should be finished by noon.*



Our weekly **Ever Reforming Bible Study** will conclude in the fall.

Women of the ELCA will meet again in the fall. **Women of the ELCA** The logo for Women of the ELCA, featuring the text "Women of the ELCA" in blue and black, with a small blue cross icon to the right.



Choir and handbell practice will return in the fall.



New on the Bulletin Board:

- + **CHRIST CHAPEL CELEBRATES 50th Anniversary** contains information about the chapel on the campus of **Lutheran Theological Southern Seminary.**
- + The Southern Bulletin is an update from **Lutheran Theological Southern Seminary.**
- + **Current Waves** contains the latest news from **Agape + Kure Beach Ministries**, one of the camp ministries of the NC Synod.



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

A capstone worship will be held on Saturday, September 23, at 2:00 p.m. at Covenant Presbyterian Church in Charlotte with ELCA Presiding Bishop Elizabeth Eaton preaching.

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: An Update on Kairos



"I was in prison and you visited me..."

Matthew 25:36

Team training is already underway for Kairos # 9 to be held at Southern Correctional Institution in Troy on September 14-17. I will be serving again as one of the clergy members of the team.

Not everyone can serve on the team and go inside, but everyone CAN be part of this event and help those who serve with those in prison, and your participation becomes a visible sign of God's *agape* love to the inmates on the weekend.

- + Would you be willing to pray during the four days of this event? *Look for a sign-up sheet in the front pew SOON!*
- + Would you be willing to provide financial support for this event? *You can sponsor meals for \$10 per person, \$60 for an entire table, or make a contribution in any amount! Ask me for more information.*
- + Would you be willing to write encouraging notes for all or a few of the (42) participants? *Talk with me about what can be included!*
- + Can you bake some of the (50) dozen chocolate chip cookies each team member needs to take along in September? *Talk with me about how to help!*

Can you tell I want to talk with you about Kairos? Team members need LOTS of help from others to make this important ministry possible.

Please let me explain how YOU can help!

+ *Pastor Ruth Ann*

FROM THE MAILBOX



On behalf of Stanly Community Christian Ministry, I am writing to express our gratitude for your June contribution of \$254.00.

Thanks to you we are able to provide 200 meals each day through our Community Tables in Albemarle and Norwood. We also provide about 1200 pounds of grocery assistance each day through our Food Pantry. Clothing assistance is provided from our fantastic assortment of clothing at the Clothing Closet on Main Street. Your donation will help us maintain these programs and reach more neighbors in need every day.

Sincerely,
Heather Kilde
Heather Kilde
Executive Director

*How timely!
God knows our needs
& he knows who can help!
Thank you for your gift.*

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR GIFT TO THE
BRIDGE TO RECOVERY**

A transitional house for men and women in Stanly and surrounding counties who are choosing recovery over addiction.

“FROM BROKENNESS TO WHOLENESS”

I'm a Lutheran!

We talked during VBS about why each of us is a Lutheran. Maybe you were born into the faith, married into the church, or arrived here for another reason.

You may have been reading the “I'm a Lutheran” columns in recent editions of **Living Lutheran**. Everyone is encouraged to spend some time with these prompts that are used for those articles and share their own story about being Lutheran.

Please give your answers to Pastor Ruth Ann. We will share these in future **Glad Tidings** so that we can learn more about why others we know are glad to be Lutheran!

Name

Occupation

I believe

My faith

I pray

I'm a Lutheran (continued)

My favorite church memory is

My favorite piece of Scripture is

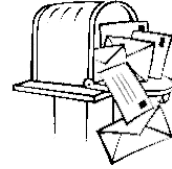
People are surprised

I struggle with

I share my faith by

I'm a Lutheran

FROM THE MAILBOX



As one of our sister congregations within the North Carolina Synod of the ELCA... Macedonia Lutheran Church lifted up your congregation and its ministry in prayer during our worship service last Sunday. We have been blessed by the prayers of other congregations, and wish to share this gift with you. It is a joy to share with other congregations in Christ's work through the Holy Spirit, and thus we intend, over the course of a year, to lift up in prayer the ministries of every congregation in our synod as well as our neighboring churches in Alamance County. We pray that God continues to bless your congregation and your participation in God's saving work in Christ in the world! We would also welcome your prayers for the ministries of our congregation.

We give God thanks, through the Spirit in which we share, for your faithfulness and witness.

Robin Huffman, Council President Pastor Richard Goeres


Please consider sending a birthday card to Jacob Priestley, who has terminal mitochondrial disease. Jacob is hoping for 100,000 birthday cards to celebrate his 15th birthday on August 28 and to raise awareness for this disease. The address is:

Jacob Priestley
P.O. Box 855
Queen Creek, AZ 85142

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)

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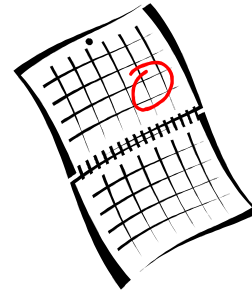
simply scan this QR code with your smart phone to set up an online payment.



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.



Coming Events – Mark your calendar now!

August

Please add our next Give & Take Event to the August calendar printed in the July newsletter!

It will be August 19, beginning at 8:00 a.m. You may bring items now and place them in the room next to the Computer Room. **Please do not leave them in the Fellowship Hall until AFTER August 13.**

September

Our transitional parish council is working on plans for a special **God's Work Our Hands Day** from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. on Saturday, September 9. *Please mark your calendar and plan to join with fellow Lutherans from Mt. Gilead, St. Martin, St. Stephen's, First/Albemarle and others as we gather at Trinity Place for service projects, lunch, and other activities with the residents!*

October

*Make plans now to attend our annual **Homecoming** celebration on Sunday, October 15!*

The transitional parish council is also planning special joint **Reformation 500 Service** for us on Sunday evening, October 29! *Please mark your calendars now and look for more information coming soon!*



Ask the Pastor will return.

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

From the Pastor:

Have you noticed? There wasn't really supposed to be an August newsletter, but here it is, filled with lots of information!

As I wrap up from our **Reformation 500 VBS** and prepare to attend the **Rostered Ministers Gathering**, I am borrowing some words from a colleague. No matter how hard I might try, I cannot read minds, and hospitals no longer call to tell pastors when a church member is in the hospital, so these are important reminders. I've added one specifically for us during this trial yoking agreement.

Call. The. Church. Office. Or. Pastor. With. Information.

A Public Service Announcement
for ELCA Members & Friends from Pastor Kari Foss.

(In our case, please call me on my cell phone or send me a text or e-mail message. You never know for sure when I'll get a message left on the church phone!)

If you or a loved one is having surgery or sick and you want a prayer or a visit or a phone call---call and let the pastor know what you want.

If you or a loved one moves to another location--call the pastor with an update.

If your or your loved one's birthdate or anniversary isn't in the newsletter with everyone else's and you want it there--call the pastor and let her know.

If you or someone who wants it isn't receiving the newsletter—call the pastor and let her know.

If you aren't attending because something upset you--call the pastor and ask to talk about it.

If you are feeling distant from God and struggling spiritually—call the pastor and ask to talk about it.

If you are struggling with anything and want prayer--call the pastor and add your name to the prayer list, and keep her updated.

If you don't want to be on a list or in a group, or do want to be on a list or in a group--call the pastor and talk with them about it.

From the Pastor (continued)

Whatever you want or need may not always be available or happen, but it's much more likely if you let someone know what's going on with you, instead of expecting the pastor to figure it out on her own.

And one just for us: If you have a question or concern about our yoking agreement—call the pastor or our council chair and ask!

Prayers continue for each of us in the busy-ness of the summer. May your gardens and fields be fruitful; your days be filled with joy and your nights with peaceful rest; and may you remember that wherever you go, God is already there!

Blessings,
+ Pastor Ruth Ann

p.s. I hope you are reading along with us in Genesis this summer to fill in the gaps between the passages we are reading in worship! Here is a list of the Old Testament lessons and psalms we will be reading and discussing during worship in the coming weeks:

Aug 6	Genesis 28:10-19a	Psalms 139:1-12, 23-24
Aug 13	Genesis 29:15-28	Psalms 128
Aug 20	Genesis 32:22-31	Psalms 17:1-7, 15
Aug 27	Genesis 37:1-4, 12-28	Psalms 105:1-6, 16-22, 45b
Sept 3	Genesis 45:1-15	Psalms 133

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August 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Notes: <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Join us for Reformation 500 Vacation Bible School July 30 through August 2!</i></p>		1 Outside Office Hours 6:00 pm Supper 7:00 pm Bible School	2 10:00 am Pastor's Office Hours 12:00 noon Midweek Prayer 6:00 pm Supper 7:00 pm Folk Mass		4 10:00 am Pastor's Office Hours	
6 9th Sunday after Pentecost 10:00 am Sunday School 11:00 am Worship w/Holy Communion 6:30 pm Community Inn Meal	7	8 ~ ~ Pastor Ruth Ann at ELCA	9 12:00 noon Midweek Prayer Rostered Ministers Gathering	10 in Atlanta ~ ~	11 10:00 am Pastor's Office Hours	12 Fellowship Hall Reserved
13 10th Sunday after Pentecost 7:00 am Council Breakfast 7:30 am Council Meeting 10:00 am Sunday School 11:00 am Worship Service	14 Pastor's Day Off	15 Outside Office Hours	16 10:00 am Pastor's Office Hours 12:00 noon Midweek Prayer 7:00 pm Pastor's Support Committee	17 ~ ~ Pastor Ruth	18 Ann on vacation through	19 8:00 am Give & Take Event Tuesday ~ ~
20 11h Sunday after Pentecost 10:00 am Sunday School 11:00 am Worship Service ~ ~ Pastor Ruth	21 Ann on vacation	22 ~ ~	23 10:00 am Pastor's Office Hours 12:00 noon Midweek Prayer 7:00 pm Civitan Bd Mtg	24	25 10:00 am Pastor's Office Hours September Newsletter Information Due	
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