



# St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church

September 2021

Sunday School: 9:15 a.m.

Worship Service: 10:30 a.m.



In response to the rising COVID-19 cases,

the St. Paul's Church Council recommends we continue to social distance and wear masks responsibly.

**September 2021**

**From the Pastor's Heart**

Dearly Beloved, during the summer of 2020 when we were not able to meet in-person I shared emails that contained intercessory prayers and information about the importance of intercessory prayer. I feel led in these troubled days to revisit those emails that focused on the book "Praying the Catechism" by Donald W. Johnson. This is a great book that every Lutheran should read, study and most of all use. Professor Ratke, at Lutheran Theology Seminary of the South in Columbia, SC made this book required reading because he wanted the Catechism to be both a source of doctrine and a source of love and devotion to God for his students. I plan to share a few nuggets from this book, in "From the Pastor's Heart."

While we pray the Lord's prayer every week, I don't want it to ever become an empty, meaningless ritual for you and the combination of Luther and Johnson will challenge you to think deeply about the Lord's prayer and your life.

In the small catechism Martin Luther teaches us:

"Our Father in heaven. What does this mean? Here God encourages us to believe that he is truly our Father and we are God's children. We therefore are to pray to God with complete confidence just as children speak to their loving parent." (Johnson, 1995)

Luther challenges us to put our complete faith and trust in God. Johnson goes further by asking the question:

"Our", How far does "our" go for you? Does it only include your family? Does "our" extend to the neighborhood, to the city, or even to include the nation, Does "our" include all in the nation, or just the Lutherans, just the Christians, just a certain political party or a certain group with common values. How far does your "our," extend? To other nations, to other cultures, to people who are rich, to people who are poor? Does your "our" include those who upheld apartheid in South Africa, to the communist Party, to the Klu Klux Klan, to the bikers, to the drug pushers? It is good if you have set limits for yourself. Just be conscious of the fact that God is always trying to expand the inclusiveness of our prayers. (Johnson, 1995)

Johnson challenges us look inside of our hearts and think about who and what we truly mean when we say: Our Father in heaven...

Have a great and healthy September

**Yours in Christ,**

**Pastor Spencer**



**COUNCIL MEMBERS June 27, 2021—Dec. 31, 2021:**

*(President: John Taylor; VP: Scott Heafner; Council Secretary: Lynn Rhyne*

Dave Hoyle (Finance), Scott Heafner (Planning) , Lynn Rhyne (Hospitality) , Wendy Rollins (Parish Education), Steve Hovis (Social Ministry), Matt Kanupp (Evangelism), Seth Rollins (Outside Property/ Cemetery), John Taylor (Staff Support), Josh Crisp (Inside Property), Susan Lineberger (Youth), Jeremy Loadholdt (Outdoor Ministries), Justin Rubow (Worship & Music)

**—We appreciate the out-going council members: David Beaver, Eric Lamanna, Justin Cloninger and Amy Plonk who were willing to serve an extra 6-months during covid-19—**

**DALLAS/HIGH SHOALS CHRISTIAN MINISTRY**



- ◆ Mark your gift for DCSM (Checks payable to St. Paul's marked for DCSM).
- ◆ Check out their new web site: [www.dallaschristianministry.com](http://www.dallaschristianministry.com)
- ◆ Thanks for your continued support of this ministry!

**CHURCH PICTORIAL DIRECTORY**

Mark your calendars for  
**September 23, 24, 25**

Making pictures on these dates!

See flyer in newsletter for details about online sign-ups.

In-person sign-ups in Bollinger Hall on Sunday,  
Sept. 5, 12, 19

*Call Scott Heafner, Steve Hovis or Lynn Rhyne.*

**MARK YOUR CALENDAR!**



**First Communion Class...**

If your child is 8 years + and has NOT been receiving communion, call the church office so we can schedule a date/time for instruction.

**HARDIN FUN DAY—  
OCTOBER 23, 2021**

**St. Paul's Lutheran Church**

**11:00 A.M.—3:00 P.M.**

**COMMUNITY-WIDE EVENT**

**(St. Paul's, Fancy Hill, Hardin Community Baptist)**

**Hamburgers & hot dogs to be served (Free)**

**Shaved Ice Station**

**Possible Activities (Free)**

**Bomb squad (bear cat robot) / K9 Demonstration**

**EMT / North Gaston Fire Department**

**Dunking Booth / Antique Tractors w/.Trailer Rides**

**Corn Hole Tournament / Hunting Simulator**

**Gaga Pit / Inflatable Bounce House**

**WE NEED VOLUNTEERS—  
See Wes Cloninger or Steve Hovis  
if you can help.**



**Dear Friends and Family of St. Paul's,**

*The family of Gary Bradford would like to express our thanks and appreciation for the prayers, calls, cards, visits and gifts of food made to the family and memorials made in memory of Gary. Thank you also for the delicious after service meal and to the lovely ladies who served us. We do not like to think that Gary "lost" his battle with cancer, but instead fought valiantly until the time that God gave him eternal peace and rest. Your support and prayers for him and our family has lifted us up and given us strength to bear this earthly loss with comfort from the Holy Spirit.*

*May God Bless You!*

**Sue Bradford and family**



**Women of the ELCA: President: Sandy Kennedy; VP: Susan Hutcherson;  
Secretary: Kristin Cloninger; Treasurer: Lisa Rubow**

Mission Community: Paula Hull; Mission Action: Lynn Rhyne; Mission Growth: Donna Robinson

***WELCA ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING—ALL women invited!***

***Sunday, September 26th at 6:00 p.m. in the picnic shelter (light meal provided).***

***Plan for 2022, elect officers, take a group photo for pictorial directory.***

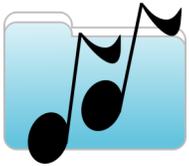


**MEN'S BREAKFAST MEETING - 3RD SUNDAYS OF THE MONTH - 7:30 a.m.**



**NEWS FROM ELISHA MITSCHKE-LAMANNA**

- ◆ Handbells resume Sept. 26th—Practice 8:45 a.m. on the 2nd & 4th Sunday mornings—spots open for anyone who loves music and can count to 4;
- ◆ Chancel Choir Rehearsal starting Sept. 12th—Rehearsals @ 5 p.m. every Sunday (no 5th Sunday practices) - All who want to make a joyful noise are welcome!
- ◆ See Elisha Lamanna if you have questions. Her number is 704-692-7423



**WORSHIP & MUSIC COMMITTEE MEETING...**

**SEPTEMBER 9, 2021 - 6:30 p.m. @ St. Paul's**

**Justin Rubow, chairman**



**John & Kelly Taylor are working with the Jr./Sr. High Youth Group**  
Contact them if you have questions. Kelly's phone: 704-678-6419

⇒ **Youth Meeting for Jr./Sr. High Youth (6th-12th grades) Sun., Sept. 12th from 1:30-3:30 p.m. in Bollinger Hall. Welcome 6th graders!**

⇒ **Youth sponsored winter coat drive...put winter coats in marked box outside of office area (all sizes). Please be sure coats are in good condition.**



**SUNDAY SCHOOL RALLY DAY BREAKFAST**

**Sunday, September 12, 2021—8:30 a.m.—Everyone invited! St. Paul's men cooking breakfast for everyone. We have classes for ALL ages.**



**Acolyte & Crucifer Training ... Call Carol Garrison with questions (704-718-4130)**

- Acolyte Training (Grades 4-8) Sept. 12th 2:30-4:00 p.m. in the sanctuary;
- Crucifers (Confirmed Students Grades 9-12)...See Carol to be trained.



**PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING**

**WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 15, 2021—6:30 P.M. @ St. Paul's**

**Scott Heafner, Chair**

## SEPTEMBER 2021 Birthdays:



- 2 Kallie Barker, Rev. John Spencer
- 4 Pam Baker, Mark Lamphiear
- 5 Ronnie Cloninger, Hayden Hope
- 6 Kaden Goudelock
- 7 Olivia Denton
- 10 Leonard Keever, Curtis Mitchem, Amanda Hall
- 11 Wendy Rollins
- 12 Mardie Best, Dave Hoyle, Reagan Vineyard, Tonita Wilkinson
- 13 Alayna Crisp
- 16 Rick Best, Richard Cloninger
- 17 Rev. John Bollinger, Jeremy Loadholdt
- 18 Jared Barkley
- 19 Linda Ackles
- 24 Tina Heafner, Bruce Martin, Kyle Martin, Jake Parker, Eli Plonk
- 25 Jeff Comer, Zade Denton
- 26 Kayla Jackson
- 27 Darrell Plonk
- 28 Quinn Heafner, Dow Lynn, Laura Willis
- 30 Blair Denton, Anne Plonk



- ◇ **Dallas High Shoals Christian Ministry:** Soup, Mac 'n Cheese, Green Peas
- ◇ **Backpack Ministry...**The ALL Sunday School Class collects money to help feed local school children. Use your blue envelope for donations.
- ◇ **Project Turkey...**The ALL Sunday School Class collects money to help needy families with holiday meals. Use your blue envelope.
- ◇ **Boy Scouts Troop 22** chartered at St. Paul's. Make donations by marking for "Troop 22".
- ◇ **Group Homes & World Hunger...**Use your blue envelopes or mark your checks accordingly.



## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

**If you are willing to be on a 2-person team to take communion to our members see Matt Kanupp or John Taylor.**

## SEPTEMBER RESPONSIBILITIES...



Acolytes: Alayna Crisp, Meredith Crisp  
 Altar Flowers: Carol Garrison  
 Altar Guild: Linda Metcalf  
 Audio/Video: John Taylor  
 Cantor: Eric Lamanna  
 Children's Church: David Beaver  
 Crucifer: Maylin Crisp  
 Council Rep.: Scott Heafner  
 Council Assistants: Scott Heafner, Wendy Rollins  
 Greeters: Resa Hoyle, Pierson Parker  
 Ushers: \* head usher Dave Hoyle, Mark Kennedy, Darrell Plonk, Emma Plonk  
 Food to DCSM: Joe & Lynn Rhyne

Date:	Reader	Nursery
9/5	Eric Lamanna	Wendy Goudelock, Shelby Barkley
9/12	Katie Crocker	Elizabeth Eudy, Erika Crowder
9/19	Chase Heafner	Lisa Rubow, Dru Parker
9/26	Matt Kanupp	Jenny Eudy, Donna Robinson



**ONE CALL NOW...**This is our messaging system. Only those who sign up are placed into the system. Please note that you will be receiving information from this telephone number **877-698-3261**—If you "opt out" or block this number you will not be able to receive messages until you call the office to be re-instated.



## ON-LINE GIVING...Easy Tithe/Ministry One

You can give a one-time donation or set it up to give recurring donations by going to St. Paul's website:

[www.stpaulsdallas.org](http://www.stpaulsdallas.org)

Click on the "On-Line Giving" Tab and follow directions.

**Or**

You can give using your iPhone by downloading the app MinistryOne—search for our church using our zip code of 28034 then follow the directions.

**Or**

Mail in your donations to 531 Hardin Road, Dallas NC 28034.

**Thanks for your support!**



## Memorials & Gifts...

- ◆ **In memory of Jeraline Hoffman given by:** Wendy Rollins; Jeff & Becky Paseur; Alan & Susan Hutcherson
- ◆ **In memory of Gary Bradford given by:** M/M Mark Lamphiear; Juanita Harris; Donald, Lacey & Priscilla Bennett ; Jim & Edwina Beam; Betty Paseur; Jeff & Becky Paseur; Heather Kuemmerle & Family; Jane Blanton; M/M Steve Nation;
- ◆ **In memory of Deborah Quinn Harris given by:** Mariah Quinn Porter (SPIRIT Group)
- ◆ **In memory of Sharie Kennedy given by:** Chris Thornburg; Kathyrene Liddle; Alan & Susan Hutcherson; Mark & Becky Lamphiear
- ◆ **In memory of Eddie McRae (Donna Robinson's brother) given by:** Mike & Letha Owen;
- ◆ **In honor of SPLC Council (outgoing, current & in-coming) given by:** Mark & Becky Lamphiear
- ◆ **In honor of Davis Pasour's Eagle Scout Rank given by:** Alan & Susan Hutcherson

*Our Christian sympathy is extended to Mark, Sandy & Katie Kennedy on the death of Sharie Kennedy (Mark's daughter). Sharie died on August 18th.*

## Prayer List - September 2, 2021

### PRAYER LIST

*Call the office to have a name added or removed.*



**In the armed forces:** Jordan Barker; Joshua Best, Austin Earle; Mark & Thor Gignac; Blake Hughes; Coty Land; Hunter Grant MacConnell, Gregory Tyler III

### **Home-bound/Assisted Living/Rehabilitation:**

Carrie Cloninger, Somerset Court of Cherryville, 401 W. Academy St., Cherryville, NC 28021

Gene & Lou Collins, 715 Narrow Gauge Rd., Dallas NC 28034

Ted & Frances Goins, 728 Klumac Road, Apt. 126B, Salisbury, NC 28144

Pauline Guess, 226 Elizabeth Lane, Dallas, NC 28034

Mary Frances Hovis, 2591 Tin Mine Rd., Lincolnton, NC 28092

Betty Faye Lineberger, 423 Ike Lynch Road, Dallas, NC 28034

John Lineberger, 117 Colt Thornburg Road, Dallas, NC 28034

Martha Pasour, Woodlawn Haven Rest Home, 301 Craig Street, Mt. Holly, NC 28120

Jill Robinson, Heath House, 919 Wilma Sigmon Rd., Lincolnton, NC 28092

Todd Stillwell @ Mt. Ridge, 810 King Arthur Dr., Gastonia, NC 28056

**Our Members** Mardie Best, Jerry & Shirley Black, Sue Bradford, Bobbie Cloninger, Marlene Cloninger, Jonathan Eudy, James Goudelock, Grace Harbin, David Hoyle, Ann Keever, Mark Kennedy & Family on the death of Sharie Kennedy, Dow Lynn, Kay & Malcolm Lynn, Vera Martin, Louise McManus, Henry Moffett, Sandy Plonk, Danny Safrit, Chris Thornburg, Kay Urfer, the family of Jeraline Hoffman and the family of Gary Bradford

**Friends & Family:** *(Names removed after 1 month – you can fill out a prayer card or call the office to add to this list):* Jim & Sharon Barkley, Rev. John & Nancy Bollinger, Harold Cloninger & Family, Nancy Friday, John & Joanne Gignac, Judd Harrelson, Kris Mingo, William H. Simmons III, Harold Smith



**Concert at St. Paul's Lutheran Church**  
531 Hardin Road, Dallas NC 28034 (704-922-4387)  
**Saturday, September 18, 2021 – 6:30 p.m.**

*Invite your friends and family!*

We are excited to bring this male “gospel-rooted” quartet to St. Paul’s as part of our 125<sup>th</sup> Homecoming celebration. We hope you will invite your family and friends to this free event. Below you will find information about the singers and how this group was formed.

Who is King’s Cadence? King’s Cadence Quartet had been a dream of KC Armstrong’s since 1994. Planning, recording and scheduling began while leading up to KC’s retirement from the US Army Chorus in the summer of 2019. As a Christ-centered ministry, their vision is to sing great songs to people who are yearning for GOOD NEWS, an encouraging word, or maybe just something to smile about! Although their first official concert together as King’s Cadence was not until August 4, 2019, each member has been singing gospel music with other groups for decades. All four men have vocal training at the collegiate level and hold degrees in music. Collectively they bring years of experience and a variety of musical styles to the platform. Having been friends since 1996, they originally met in studio sessions and performing with ensembles based out of the Chattanooga area.



**Todd Gaither, Tenor...**Todd brings a classic “Contemporary Christian” sound to the mix and with little effort consistently produces that high tenor register that rivals any in the industry.



**Jay Craig, Lead...**Jay brings a modern “Soulful Gospel” sound to the group and with passionate conviction hand delivers the message of the song every time he steps out front.



**Daniel Varnell, Baritone...**Daniel brings a clean “Choral Blend” to the ensemble which helps tie all the voices together and has the versatility to tackle any style we attempt.



**KC Armstrong, Bass...**KC brings an old school “Southern Gospel” sound to round off the quartet, warms up the background vocals, and opens his heart through his solo performance.

Visit [www.kingscadence.com](http://www.kingscadence.com) to learn more and hear some of their music!

**UP-COMING EVENT for Middle and High School families...**

Pumpkin-carving for middle & high school families Saturday, Oct. 23rd 5:00 p.m.  
at the home of Mariah Porter.

# Dear Church Family, It's time for a New Directory!

Celebrating faith. Connecting families. Sharing hope.



## New Safety Procedures

Universal is committed to the health and safety of your church families & our employees.

We want you to know that we are taking the necessary precautions to reduce the spread of the coronavirus.

- Following 6 ft. Social Distancing rules throughout the photography process
- Germ guard plexiglass between customers & photographers at the viewing station
- All equipment will be disinfected between sittings
- Utilizing larger lobby rooms for safe social distancing
- Staff will be utilizing hand sanitizer between sittings

*Join us for this "Family Connections Event" and be part of what God is doing right here at your church!*



New Safety Glass at Viewing Station



## Family Connections Event

*Our church directory will not be complete without you. Please join us and help celebrate faith and family with our new church family directory.*

- Schedule your professional photography session when you stop by the sign-up table at the church or simply go online and follow the instructions below.  
If we don't see your name on our list of appointments, you will receive a phone call inviting you to participate.
- Everyone who is photographed by Universal will receive a complimentary 8 x 10 portrait and a directory!
- Universal provides a complete professional portrait studio right here at your church!  
You'll enjoy a variety of poses, backgrounds, portrait sizes, finish and framing options AND have the opportunity to purchase portraits to give to family and friends.

*Directory Committee*

Set your appointment with Universal today!

**1-888-742-5823**



ST. PAUL'S PICTORIAL DIRECTORY PHOTO DATES: SEPT. 23, 24, 25

Online Scheduling Available!

To schedule your photography appointment online, simply go to [www.ucdir.com](http://www.ucdir.com), click on photography appointment scheduling login on the right side, enter **nc292** in the Church Code field and enter **photos** in the Church Password field. Follow the prompts to schedule your family's appointment time. If you have 6 or more in your family please use 2 consecutive time slots. The online scheduling option is available Monday through Friday. **Appointments fill up quickly, so schedule as soon as possible to secure your preferred date and time.**

Scott Heafner, Steve Hovis & Lynn Rhyne  
will be available for in-person sign-ups in the very near future.



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[www.stpaulsdallas.org](http://www.stpaulsdallas.org)

See the online calendar at  
[www.stpaulsdallas.org](http://www.stpaulsdallas.org) to view up--coming  
events and activities.

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Newsletter information should be  
turned in no later than the 15th of  
each month. Thanks for your help.

**HOMECOMING AT ST. PAUL'S—CELEBRATING 125 YEARS!**

- Special concert by King's Cadence Saturday, Sept. 18th 6:30 p.m. here at St. Paul's—invite your friends & family;
- \* Sunday, Sept. 19th Sunday School 9:15 a.m./Worship 10:30 a.m.



**MISSION STATEMENT:**

*At St. Paul's, we are committed to serve  
as faithful children of God as a part of a  
connected family of believers.*



**Church Office Hours:**

- ◆ **Office Hours (Gail):**  
8 a.m.—2 p.m. Monday—  
Thursday
- ◆ However, it's always a  
good idea to call ahead to  
be sure our schedule has not  
changed.



Please use your assigned envelopes or an  
envelope in the pew rack for your donations.  
Using envelopes helps with the process of  
counting and recording monies.

Check out our on-line giving option: go to  
our website [www.stpaulsdallas.org](http://www.stpaulsdallas.org) or go  
directly to [www.easytith.com/dl/?uid=st531296](http://www.easytith.com/dl/?uid=st531296) to register your account.  
On-line giving guides in narthex.



Help us keep our buildings  
secure. Please be sure to lock  
the doors after your group uses  
the buildings. Doors have to be  
pushed to be sure locks engage.  
Thank you!