

Friendly Messenger

August 2021

Grace and peace,

This is an important month! A lot is ramping up. This month our reopening efforts will expand to full capacity. The remaining elements that were modified for covid19-related concerns will return to normal. This includes a time for passing the offering plates and coming forward for Holy Communion.

This month will also kick off Sunday School! Mark your calendars for Sunday, August 29th for Rally Day at 9 am in the Fellowship Hall! It will be a great time to reconnect, discover which learning opportunities will be offered this year, and get grounded in God!

We also have a few other events going on this month. On August 7th our congregational council will meet for our annual retreat to consider our hopes, dreams, and vision! We have been engaged in a four session Bible Study to help us prepare for this time together. Please keep the council in your prayers as we meet for this important time together.

On Sunday, August 9th, our children and youth will be leading us in worship. The theme will be "What a Friend We Have in Jesus." What a beautiful hymn to reflect on as we consider the kinship we have in Christ!

This year the youth will also focus on preparing and fundraising for the ELCA Youth Gathering that will be held in Minneapolis, MN this year from July 24-28th. We have six youth who are eligible to attend! For more information or questions, please contact Robin Stuart at (828) 999-8923.

Finally, please consider how you can help in the faith formation of our little ones. Our Children's Christian Education invites you to get involved! If you can take one Sunday a month to teach or one week to assist as a helper, that would be greatly appreciated! On August 14th, the Sunday School team is going to have a Clean-up Day and New Teacher Training! Consider where the Holy Spirit might be calling you to plug in this year!

Grace and Peace,
Pastor Adrienne



YEAH!!! Back Together Again

The **Fred T. Foard Senior Citizens** group meet on the first Wednesday of each month for lunch and a program. The group will meet in August on the 4th at Ebenezer Methodist. All are invited to join us for fun, food, and fellowship.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Youth Christian Ed Meeting- August 2nd 6:30 pm. Youth and adult teachers are encouraged to attend.

Sunday School "Get Ready" Day- August 14th at 9 AM . Youth Sunday school teacher, assistants/ helpers and others who would like to volunteer time are planning to meet to reorganize, clean and update classrooms. There will also be teacher and assistant/helper training and materials review that morning.

Sunday School teachers and assistants/Helpers are needed!

Please consider volunteering your time and talents to share God's love with the youth during Sunday. Please let April Fulbright, Jennifer Whitener or Pastor Adrienne know if you are interested.

Youth Sunday school teachers- looking for one Sunday month commitment or volunteer as substitute teacher.

Would you like to help with youth Sunday school, but don't want to be responsible for teaching? Sign up to be assistant/helper one Sunday a month, no prep needed. You will rotate around to the different classes and provide assistants to the teacher as needed (craft time, bathroom breaks, story telling, etc)

Thanks April

Congratulations to the Newly Weds

Chelsea Midgett and Norman Franzke was married on April 24, 2021 at the Standesamt in Calw. Germany. They will celebrate in the U.S. when the pandemic improves.



August School Supplies

The Sardis Social Committee will be collecting school supplies for Banoak and Blackburn during July and the first of August. Everyone is hoping for a “normal” school year, but regardless of the specifics there will be students whose parents cannot afford school supplies. The Social Committee reached out to Blackburn and Banoak’s principals to discuss 2021/2022 school needs that the Sardis Family can donate.

Both schools will need stocked supply closets to furnish needy students the supplies and ensure students are not sharing items like crayons, paper, and scissors. Below is a list of needed supplies.

- Composition Notebook-100 sheets (marble design)
- Colored pencils-12 pack
- # 2 yellow pencils
- Crayola Washable Markers 8 pack
- Large glue sticks
- Pack of pencils topper erasers or large pink block erasers
- Loose leaf notebook paper (wide ruled 100 sheets)
- Primary Notebooks (wide ruled)
- Pencil Boxes
- Fiskars Scissors
- Inexpensive earphones
- Book Bags (Back packs)

The following items are also welcome for classroom use.

- Band aids
- Facial tissues
- Ziploc bags
- Copy paper (white)
- Liquid soap
- Hand Sanitizer

Please bring any items you can donate to the church from July 4th until August 16th and place in the back of the Sanctuary. Pastor Adrienne will bless the donated supplies as well as the Book Bags and supplies of the Sardis Students during the August 22nd service. The items will be shared between the two schools.

Sardis Lutheran Church
Church Council Minutes
June 21, 2021

Members Present

Pastor Andrienne, Bruce, Bryan, Gene, Ben
Susan, Kathy, Tim, April, Terry, Mike, Jon

Members Absent

Carolyn

Bruce called the meeting to order, Terry had devotions,

The minutes were read with April making a motion to accept as read with Susan seconding and the motion passed.

Bruce presented the Treasurer's Report. The balance for the Building Fund - \$4,313, Cemetery Fund - \$1,330 and the General Fund \$6,961. Jon made a motion to accept the reports as presented, Kathy seconded and the motion passed.

Pastor Adrienne presented her report:

Grace and Peace to you in the name of God our Father and our Lord Jesus Christ!

Each day I say a prayer of thankfulness. With all of the stress and difficulty of this past year, I am grateful for the moments of calm, peace, normalcy, and levity.

On May 30th, we returned for our first Sunday back in the sanctuary since the pandemic. It was so wonderful to see everybody and heartening to see us all back in the sanctuary. And boy is it nice to hear congregational responses again instead of empty space! I have also been grateful for those who have lent their voices for our temporary need to record singing.

This past month, our committees and ministries have been gearing up for a new year. Our Children's Christian Education Committee, ANGELS for Christ, WELCA, Worship & Music, and VBS committees have been considering curricula and events for the year. We received an invitation from Grace Lutheran to attend the VBS they have planned. Our group (Sardis, Plateau, Wesley Chapel, and Zion Lutheran Church) has decided to take them up on the invitation and has even gotten involved in the planning and leadership.

During the last weekend of May, Robin Stuart, Nena Babb, and I attended our first virtual Synod Assembly. It was well-organized and well-run. We held a Bishop Election and Bishop Timothy Smith was re-elected with 268 votes! No more ballots were needed! During the Assembly, we heard reflections on the last year and new initiatives in our synod. We are encouraged to grow in our understanding of our own privilege and pursue racial justice for the sake of the world. I hope to attend the related course led by the Rev. Dr. Shanitria Cuthbertson on the "Explicit Curriculum of Jesus Christ". I encourage you also to attend!

As we are gearing up for a new year, we have updated our list of little ones. This past year and a half has been a time warp! We have 36 children in our congregation. And as one continuing education event I attended put it so well, "Our children are not the future of the church, they ARE the church!" Our Children's Christian Education Committee has organized classes and teachers for the year and would welcome any helpers, assistants, or teachers.

Confirmation will resume this year. We will be working with Beth Eden, Bethlehem, St. Paul's, St. Stephens, and Zion Lutheran churches. Hayden Johnson will be starting this year! Please keep him in your prayers as he embarks in the catechetical process. We also have a group eligible to receive instruction for First Communion. We will have a group of four: Cayden, Hayden, Keaton, and Lexi. I will offer this class in August.

Cont. Council min.

Summary:

Continuing Education, Stepping up to Supervision

May 11, 10:30 am-12 noon; 1:30 pm to 3 pm

May 18, 10:30 am-12 noon; 1:30 pm to 3 pm

May 25, 10:30 am-12 noon; 1:30 pm to 3 pm

Continuing Education, Grace-filled Embodiment, Wednesday, May 12

Continuing Education, Hickory Area Ministers Retreat: "Emerging from the Wilderness and Preparing for What Comes Next", Thursday, May 13th

Continuing Education "Thriving Beyond COVID19" (NC Synod), Sunday, May 16th

American Red Cross Blood Drive, Wednesday, May 19

Thriving Beyond Covid19 Council session, Thursday, May 20th

Synod Assembly Info Session, May 25

Festival of Pentecost, Sunday, May 23rd

Holy Trinity Sunday and First Sunday back inside the sanctuary, Sunday, May 30th

Reopening Committee Meeting, Sunday, May 30*

Synod Assembly (virtual), Thursday, June 3-5

Recording worship music, Wednesday, June 9th

Reopening Committee meeting, Thursday, June 10th

Children's Christian Education Meeting, Monday, June 14th

Fred T. Foard Seniors Luncheon, Wednesday, June 16th

Drive-in worship service, Sunday, June 20th at 9 am

Confirmation planning meeting, Monday, June 21st at 11 am

Council meeting, Monday, June 21st, 7 pm

Upcoming:

Synod Coaching session, June 23

ANGELS for Christ, Monday, June 28

Children's Christian Education, Monday, June 28

Thriving Beyond Covid, Council session 2, Wednesday, June 30

LIGHTS Conference Meeting, Thursday, July 1

Bible Study, Tuesday, July 6th at 10 am

Fred T. Foard Seniors Luncheon, Wednesday, July 7

Drive-in service with Holy Communion, Sunday, July 18

Agape Day Camp delivery, July 15th

VBS at Grace Lutheran, July 15th-28th

Vacation Dates: Monday, July 19th-Monday 26th

Tuesday, August 31-September 7th

Thriving Beyond Covid, Session 3 and 4, Thursday, July 29th at 7 pm

Council Retreat, Saturday, August 7th 8:30 am-12 noon with Pastor Greg Williams

Homecoming, Sunday, September 12th

Items for Action/Discussion

Vacation plans:

Monday, July 19th-Monday 26th Mark Howell supplying

Tuesday, August 31-September 7th

Camp Agape campers

Respectfully Submitted,
Pastor Adrienne Martin

Cont. Council min.

Guest Speaker via Zoom:

Pastor Ben Krey from Durham gave a presentation on a new campaign the NC Synod is beginning – “Be The Light”. This 3yr campaign will provide funds to multiple Lutheran Services of the Carolinas programs. This program, kicked off at the Synod meeting this year, has a goal of \$4.2 million that will be the seed money for the self-sustaining initiative. After the presentation and some discussion, it was decided to gather additional information before presenting the details to the Congregation.

Agape Day Camp: Pastor Adrienne brought up the upcoming camp opportunity for some of our youth, mentioning that very few of those eligible had signed up to attend. Feeling that this was a good opportunity to get more of our youth involved it was decided to provide 100% funding for up to 10 youth that wanted to go. Gene made the motion to pull funds from the Senior/Junior Youth budgeted funds to pay for this opportunity. Mike seconded and the motion passed. Pastor Adrienne will contact those that are eligible to attend and give us a count at the next meeting.

Old Business:

Worship & Music Committee: Recommended continuing with the outdoor service at least through July (3rd Sunday) with a time of 9am depending on the weather. April made a motion to keep the July outdoor service, Kathy seconded and the motion passed.

New guidelines for Weddings and Funerals were presented with an increase in fees for use of the building and facilities and restrictions on the use of the sound system. The new fees will apply to inactive and non-members. Facility fees will be \$250 for funerals and \$500 for weddings. Complete details will be presented to the congregation in the near future. Terry made a motion to accept the new guidelines, Bryan seconded and the motion passed.

Reopening Committee: New guidelines – July 4th will begin inside singing, July 1st opening Fellowship Hall for events, August 1st to start back with ushers, choir, etc. It was suggested to wait to restart Sunday school until Rally Sunday (Aug 29th). The last recommendation was to do away with the Re-opening Committee and to thank them for their service to us. Terry made a motion to accept these recommendations, Mike seconded and the motion passed.

Painting update: All painting authorized around the church has been completed.

New Business:

To plan the next Bible/video study for the upcoming Council retreat.

With no further business Jon made a motion to adjourn. The meeting closed with the Lord’s Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy Weaver, Council Secretary

Yoder family in North Carolina Descendants of Conrad Yoder



Family crest of the Yoder family. The crest is a shield with a cross, a crown on top, and decorative flourishes on the sides. The shield is supported by two figures, possibly lions or griffins, and topped with a crown. The entire emblem is surrounded by a decorative border.

**Annual Reunion: Sunday, August 8, 2021
St. Martin's Lutheran Church, Maiden, NC**

Honoring the heritage of our ancestors, the family of Conrad Yoder will gather together in Maiden, NC, on the traditional second Sunday in August. Prior to our business meeting, we will enjoy a covered-dish lunch at 1:00 p.m. in the fellowship hall of St. Martin's Lutheran Church, the former parish of Rev. Robert Anderson Yoder (pastor 1898-1900; 1901-1905). We will conclude our time together with a brief memorial service at the Conrad Yoder Family Cemetery.

Address for St. Martin's Lutheran Church:

214 West Main St.
Maiden, NC 28650

We hope to see you in August!

The Rev. Dr. Nathan Howard Yoder
President, Yoder Family in North Carolina
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August 2021 Sardis Lutheran Church

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat
1 10:30 Worship Service/Holy Communion and FB Live Stream 5:00 WELCA	2 6:30 Christian Edu. Meeting	3 10:00 Bible Study	4 12:00 FTF Seniors—Ebenezer Methodist	5	6	7 9:00—1:00 Council Retreat, Hart Square
8 10:30 Youth Sunday FB Live Stream	9	10 10:00 Bible Study	11	12	13	14 9:00 Sunday School “Get Ready” Clean classrooms, Teacher training
15 10:30 Worship Service/Holy Communion and FB Live Stream	16	17 10:00 Bible Study	18	19	20	21
22 10:30 Worship Service/Holy Communion and FB Live Stream Bless School Supplies	23	24 10:00 Bible Study	25 5:00 Deadline for September NL	26	27	28
29 9:30 Sunday School Rally Day 10:30 Worship Service/Holy Communion and FB Live Stream	30	31 Pastor Vacation till Sept. 7th				

****NOTE****

If you have a birthday or anniversary and they are not listed please let the office know. Thank you.

SARDIS LEADERS CONTACTS

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August		<u>COUNCIL CONTACT</u>	<u>ASSISTING MINISTER</u>
8/3	Elaina Yousef	Susan Jones	Ray Whitener
8/4	Terry Bledsoe		
8/6	Abbie F. Phillips	<u>USHERS</u>	
8/7	Cash Lee Fulbright	Ken Propst, Mike Hollar, Nelson Speagle, Ben Fulbright	
8/8	Dylan Covington		
8/10	Seth Revetta	ALTAR FLOWERS	SECURITY
8/11	Debbie Wise	Aug 1 Robin Stuart	Ken Propst
8/12	Keri Weaver	Aug 8 Joe & Scottie Wyant	Wayne Jarrett
8/16	Joyce Speagle	Aug 15 Steven & Ashley Yow	Nelson Speagle
8/18	Benny Fulbright	Aug 22 Mike & Sherry Midgett	Rick Lutz
8/20	Darrell Jarrett	Aug 29 Osama & Carrie Yousef	Rick Johnson
8/23	Neal Wyant		
8/24	Edna Fulbright	ACOLYTE	CRUCIFER
	Sherrie Midgett	Aug 1 Ray Whitener	COMMUNION ASSISTANT
	Zach Purcelle	Aug 8 Kathy Weaver	Dawn Covington
	Cayden A. Hood	Aug 15 Marilyn Teague	Ray Whitener
8/29	Scottie Wyant	Aug 22 Hayden Johnson	Gene Biggerstaff
	Karen Sigman	Aug 29 Jane Moretz	Sandra Roseman
8/31	Alfred Whitener		Rick Johnson
		LAY READER	GREETERS
		Aug 1 Marilyn Teague	Roger & Kristin Teague
Anniversaries:		Aug 8 Nena Babb	Ken & Margaret Propst
Rick & Rita Lutz 8-9		Aug 15 Hope Gladden	Darrell Jarrett, Carol Mayer
Kenneth & Margaret Propst 8-19		Aug 22 Sylvia King	Kay Whitener, Bruce Sigman
		Aug 29 Al King	Evelyn Fulbright, Phyllis Hood
		<u>COMMUNION PREPARATION</u>	<u>CLEAN-UP</u>
	Sharon Sigman		SATURDAY MEAL DELIVERY
		Wanda Stallings	For—Catherine Houser, Garry, Leevada and Lexi Wood
		OFFERING COUNTERS	
Aug 1	Dwayne, Tryston, Sandra, Nena, Susan		July 31 No Meal Delivery
Aug 8	Dwayne, Tryston, Sherry Midgett, Patsy Johnson		Aug 7 Donna Biggerstaff
Aug 15	Dwayne, Tryston, Al & Sylvia King		Aug 14 No Meal Delivery
Aug 22	Dwayne, Tryston, Mike & Sherrie Midgett		Aug 21 Jill Bledsoe
Aug 29	Dwayne, Tryston, Sandra, Nena, Susan		Aug 28 No Meal Delivery

REMEMBER: you can find this NL, the weekly calendar and Sunday Sermons on the website: <https://sardislutheran.com/> mark it as a favorite and check it out often.

OUR MISSION

Sardis Evangelical Lutheran Church serves together as disciples of Christ, teaches the word to invite people into a life of knowing Jesus, encourages each other in faith and personal mission through reaching out to the needs of the community and individuals.

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