

# Friendly Messenger

October 2019



Every call story is different. In case you are not familiar with this phrase “call story,” it is a term indicating God’s call, or mission, in your life, typically asked to someone serving in a ministry capacity. It is the all-pervasive inquiry you get again and again in seminary. One is propositioned, “Tell me about your call story” countless times. It is a formative question, encouraging you to try to articulate the somewhat inarticulable. You never know what you might hear in a call story; they are often quite intriguing. While we can’t be sure of any predictable plot, we can mostly be sure that each person’s call is going to be unique. God works in mysterious, curious, and often times amusing ways!

This question is asked of seminarians and candidates, however, it is a question for all of us, each of us respectively, as well as for us as a congregation, as the people of Sardis Evangelical Lutheran Church. In our mission statement, we articulate this to a degree. How did God lead us into this mission? Individually, we might ask of someone on Nellie B’s: when did you get the sense of call to knit prayer shawls? We might ask of someone on the Altar Committee: how were you led to serve on this committee? To someone on the prayer group: what led you to pray for this person today?

We are all called to serve. Each of us has a unique and valuable way of doing that. Even if you may not be quite sure of your purpose or calling, you have one. We receive it in Holy Baptism, in addition to the grace-filled gifts of forgiveness of sins, salvation, and the Holy Spirit. It is a life covenant in which we live out a journey of discipleship that is expressed in our relationship with God, each other, and the world.

When we are baptized or affirm our baptism, we agree to “...**live** among God’s faithful people; **hear** the word of God and share in the Lord’s Supper; **proclaim** the good news of God in Christ through word and deed; **serve** all people following the example of Jesus; and **strive** for justice and peace in all the earth.”

Our baptism into Jesus Christ is fundamentally life-changing. We die to ourselves and are brought into the life and death of our risen Lord. Our identity changes, and we become a child of God, a brother, a sister, in Christ! When God looks upon us, God sees Christ!

For almost a year, I have asked you to find out your baptismal birthdate. Thank you to everyone who has done this! My hope is to encourage us to discover how meaningful our baptismal identity is and how it affects the way we live. In worship, we are going to recognize baptismal birthdays. On the first Sunday of each month, we will invite folks with baptismal birthdays that month to be acknowledged with a song and prayer as an acknowledgement of this special birthday. I encourage you to wish them a Happy Baptismal Birthday too!

As we progress each year and celebrate “regular” birthdays, we reflect on our growth, the meaning of life, and who we want to become. It may help to stir reflection about God’s activity in your life and how it makes a difference. Baptism is a one-time sacrament, however, we can grow in that gift as we strive and are led to grow in Christ’s likeness. In our journey of growing in Christ’s likeness, we may discover new insights and new expressions of our call along the way!

*Blessings*

*Pastor Adrienne*

Sardis Lutheran Church  
Council Minutes  
August 11, 2019

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Members Present	Members Absent
Dwayne, Jane, Ken, Rick, Joe, Becky, Carolyn, Terry, Bruce, Nelson, Pastor Adrienne	Sherry, Tim

Dwayne called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm. Rick had devotions and prayer.

Terry read minutes from the July Council Meeting. One correction was to add Ray Whitener to the list of people that had worked on the sign. Motion was made by Ken to accept the minutes as presented, Joe seconded the motion and the motion carried. The Treasurer's report was given by Dwayne; The Building Fund balance is \$4,744.85, General Fund balance for July is \$1,245.09 and the Cemetery Fund is \$1,072.69; Becky motioned to accept the Treasure's Report, Rick seconded and the motion carried.

Pastor Adrienne gave her monthly report for July and upcoming events;

**Visits = 17**

On-call for Pr. David Drysdale from July 19-August 1, Took snacks and other goods to local Camp Agape site, Monday, July15, Dinner with the Agape counselors at Al and Sylvia's home, Tuesday, July 16, Thesis Work/Continuing Education Monday, July 22- Wednesday July 25, Youth Sunday, Sunday, July 28, Trinity Ridge, Sunday, July 28, Churchwide Assembly, August 4-10, Rev. Malcom Lerch supplying

### **Upcoming**

Confirmation planning meeting, Tuesday, August 13, Worship & Music Meeting, August 14, Choir resumes August 14, Back to School Event, Saturday, August 17, Sunday School planning meeting, TBD, Wild Women Day at Sardis, Saturday, August 24, Vacation, August 25-September 2, Rev. Robert Allen supplying, Fred T. Foard Seniors, Wednesday, September 4

Review of CWA to Catawba Conference (LIGHTS), Thursday, September 5, Homecoming September 8th, Fred T. Foard Football Team, Friday, September 13, Prayer Service, Wednesday, September 18, Camp Sunday, September 29th, Vacation, October 7-13

Pastor Adrienne stated that she had enjoyed the Churchwide Conference and being a voting member of the North Carolina Synod. Pastor Adrienne stated that she was proud of the youth in their worship leadership on July 28th and thankful for the gifted youth leaders who helped them prepare.

Pastor Adrienne asked for support for Camp Agape. This was referred to committees.

### **Old Business**

Ken gave an update from the Property Committee about the bushes at the front of the church. It has been recommended that they be cut back to 18 to 24 inches around the first of March. Rick Johnson along with help from some other council members is going to perform this work.

Jane reported that the flooring in the offices needs to be replaced since we are relocating the cabinets and book shelf. She had two bids, one for \$1800 and another for \$1787. Jane made a motion to have Neel's Construction with a bid of \$1787 do the flooring. Rick seconded. Motion carried.

Terry reported that the doors had been fitted and were almost ready for installation. They will be installed before Homecoming.

Ken reported that Rick had updated the lighting on the sign out front.

Dwayne asked the Council if there were any suggestion on items from the Council Retreat. Hearing none, he referred it until the next meeting.

Pastor Martin asked if we could participate in the project God's Work, Our Hands? Dwayne referred this to the Social Ministry Committee.

Meeting adjourned with The Lord's Prayer  
Submitted: Terry Bledsoe, Council Secretary

Called Council Meeting August 25, 2019

Dwayne called the meeting to order with seven members present.

Dwayne states that Linda Bristow had asked to use the Fellowship Hall to do a Medicare presentation for the community. Joe motioned that we allow her to use the facility, Ken seconded, motion carried.

Meeting adjourned.

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## Benefit BBQ Lunch

Fundraiser lunch to help Kristin Teague  
with her multivisceral transplant  
(small intestine, pancreas, liver and stomach)  
as a result of Neuroendocrine Carcinoma

**Friday Oct 11th**

**10:30am - 2:00pm at**



5172 S. Hwy 127, Hickory, NC 28602

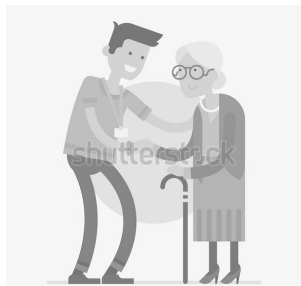
**BBQ Pork, Bun, Slaw, Beans and Chips**

**\$8<sup>00</sup> donation per plate**

**Cash or Check only**

**Donations Accepted**

Dine-in or takeout. Delivery available for 5 or more plates.  
Call 828-446-1189 for delivery. Please consider delivery times when ordering.



The **Fred T. Foard Senior Citizens** group meets on the first Wednesday of each month for lunch and a program. The group will meet October 2nd at Ebenezer Methodist Church. All are invited to join us for fun, food, and fellowship.

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### Hymn Choir



October Hymn Choir will sing the second Sunday in October. We welcome you to join us in the choir room to prepare for worship.

Hymn Choir is an open invitation to members of the congregation to be part of the Music Ministry without weekly commitment.

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### EVANGELISM COMMITTEE

#### URGENT NOTE FROM EVANGELISM COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN

Sardis is blessed to have many individuals as Shepherds who take time out of their schedules to keep up a list of people at Sardis. The responsibilities of a Shepherd vary. You can send a birthday or anniversary card; a get-well card in case of sickness or surgery; or just a note to tell them they are missed when they are not at church. For many years, Mattie Stuart faithfully kept up her list and after Glenn's death kept up his list also. Now due to the passing of Mattie, we have 28 un-shepherded sheep. Robin has also decided that she needs time to heal from the passing of her mother and so she is also giving up her duties as a Shepherd. Robin has 11 on her list. As chairman of the committee, I will try to keep up their list as well as mine, but I may miss someone on the list. I also have 10 people on my list. If possible, I would like to keep the list intact as it is presently without breaking the list up. To do that, we would need at least 3 people to volunteer to take over as new Shepherds. Please prayerfully consider this call to serve the Lord and the Sardis congregation.

Thank You Ray Whitener-Evangelism Chairperson

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### WELCA NEWS & EVENTS

**The Golden Age Banquet will be held on Saturday, October 5<sup>th</sup> at 6pm.** It will be at Sardis. Golden Agers, come for a delicious home cooked meal and some great entertainment following the meal. We also need volunteer (non-seniors) workers to assist with serving and clean up.

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### Medicare Update

October 10th at 10:30 AM Linda Bristow will host the Medicare update for open enrollment. Snacks will be provided and several counties will be in attendance.

**QUILTS AND BLANKETS MISSION**

It certainly would be nice to feel the warmth and comfort of a quilt or blanket on cold nights. We can help make this possible. These items will be collected for Lutheran World Relief. The beginning date for collection is Sept. 22<sup>nd</sup> and deadline will be announced in future newsletters or bulletins. Thank you!

**SOUP KITCHENS**

We will be providing handout bags for The Corner Table and Hickory Soup Kitchens. To help in this effort, please make your check to Sardis Lutheran Church and write soup kitchens in the memo. Thank you!

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**BAPTISMAL REGISTRATION**

Thank you to everyone who found their baptismal birthdays! On the first Sunday of each month, we will recognize everyone celebrating a baptismal birthday that month with a special acknowledgment at the beginning of the service. Through faith and the Word, we are made new people in Holy Baptism, given the gift of the Holy Spirit, and given a special calling in this world. It is an occasion to remember and celebrate!

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**BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS SERVICE**

St. Francis Assisi is a highly venerated figure, having made many significant contributions to the Church in the thirteenth century. One of which was his love of creation and fellow creatures, calling all of nature “the mirror of God” and all creatures his brothers and sisters. In observance of this Feast Day of St. Francis of Assisi, we will hold a brief blessing service on October 6<sup>th</sup> at 2:30 pm in front of the church for our pets, giving thanks for them and asking for God’s blessing upon them. All creatures are welcome!



**VBS 2020**

VBS 2020 On the Farm Community VBS will be a time to focus on caring for creation and how to be good stewards to the earth. The goal is to incorporate practical activities like gardening, harvesting, preserving, etc. Next planning meeting Oct 15th at 6 pm



# WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

## October Birthdays

10/2 W (Bill) Miller-Zurell  
 10/6 Joe Rudisill  
 10/7 Lauren Speagle  
 10/13 Jill Bledsoe  
     Evelyn Fulbright  
     Susan Ella Hood  
     Alisa Truitt  
     Dwayne Whitener  
 10/17 Caitlan Townsend  
 10/21 Donna Biggerstaff  
 10/22 Ben Fulbright  
 10/23 Donald Fulbright  
 10/25 Bryan Hood  
 10/26 Kathy Weaver  
 10/31 Joe Wyant  
     Chris Young

## October Baptisms

10/2 Margaret F. Propst  
     Kay F. Whitener  
     Susan W. Jones  
 10/3 Ronnie Weaver  
 10/25 Carolyn W. Truitt  
 10/31 Karen S. Walden

### Anniversaries:

Ben & April Fulbright  
 10-11  
 Steven & Ashley Yow  
 10-2  
 Teresa & David Starkey  
 10-3

## ACOLYTE / CRUCIFER / COMMUNION ASSISTANT

<b>Oct. 6th</b>	Marilyn Teague	Ray Whitener	Joe Wyant
<b>Oct 13th</b>	Samuel Biggerstaff	Jane Moretz	Marilyn Teague
<b>Oct. 20th</b>	Jane Moretz	Tim Whitener	Jon Gladden
<b>Oct. 27th</b>	Tryston Sylvester	Kathy Weaver	Jane Moretz

## USHERS

**Rick Lutz, Mike Lutz, Roger Lutz, Bryan Hood**

## ALTAR FLOWERS

<b>Oct. 6th</b>	<b>Jack &amp; Kay Whitener</b>
<b>Oct 13th</b>	<b>Evan &amp; Pat Lail</b>
<b>Oct.20th</b>	<b>Ron Crawley</b>
<b>Oct.27th</b>	<b>Jane Moretz</b>

## LAY READERS & GREETERS

<b>Oct. 6th</b>	<b>Ray Whitener</b>	<b>Al King &amp; Kay Whitener</b>
<b>Oct 13th</b>	<b>Gene Biggerstaff</b>	<b>Carol Mayer &amp; Margaret Whitener</b>
<b>Oct.20th</b>	<b>Dawn Covington</b>	<b>Evelyn Fulbright &amp; Kristin Teague</b>
<b>Oct.27th</b>	<b>Carolyn Truitt</b>	<b>Darrell Jarrett &amp; Jill Bledsoe</b>

## COMMUNION PREPARATION AND CLEAN-UP

Marilyn Teague	Sandra Roseman
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## COUNCIL CONTACT & ASSISTING MINISTER

Sherrie Midgett	Mike Midgett
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## SATURDAY MEAL DELIVERY

<b>Oct. 5th</b>	<b>Margaret Whitener</b>
<b>Oct 12th</b>	<b>No Meal Delivery</b>
<b>Oct.19th</b>	<b>Carolyn Hoyle</b>
<b>Oct.26th</b>	<b>No Meal Delivery</b>

## OFFERING COUNTERS

<b>Oct. 6th</b>	<b>Dwayne Whitener, Sherrie Midgett, Patsy Johnson</b>
<b>Oct 13th</b>	<b>Dwayne Whitener, Al &amp; Sylvia King</b>
<b>Oct.20th</b>	<b>Dwayne Whitener, Sherrie &amp; Mike Midgett</b>
<b>Oct.27th</b>	<b>Dwayne Whitener, Susan Jones, Nena Babb, Sandra Roseman</b>

## SECURITY

<b>Oct. 6th</b>	<b>Kimmie Speagle</b>
<b>Oct 13th</b>	<b>Wayne Jarrett</b>
<b>Oct.20th</b>	<b>Rick Lutz</b>
<b>Oct.27th</b>	<b>Ken Propst</b>
<b>Delivery Week</b>	<b>BACKPACK PROGRAM</b>
<b>Oct 4th</b>	<b>Joe &amp; Phyllis Biggerstaff</b>
<b>Oct 11th</b>	<b>Rick &amp; Rita Lutz</b>
<b>Oct 18th</b>	<b>Gene &amp; Donna Biggerstaff</b>
<b>Oct 25th</b>	<b>Dwayne &amp; Barbara E. Whitener</b>

Pickup  
Warehouse  
 Joe Biggerstaff



## October 2019 Sardis Lutheran Church

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat
		1	2 12:00 FTF Seniors Ebenezer 6:00 Music & Worship Comm. Meeting 7:00 Choir Rehearsal	3	4	5 6:00 Golden Age Banquet
6 9:30 Sunday School 10:30 Worship Service & Holy Communion/ Baptismal Recognition 2:30 Blessing of the Animals 6:00 WELCA	7	8	9 10:00 Nellie B's 6:00 Handbells 7:00 Choir Rehearsal	10 10:30 Linda Bristow Medicare Franklin Graham at LP Frans Stadium TBA	11 BBQ Benefit for Kristin Teague 10:30am—2pm Wayneo's Silver Bullet	12 2-4 ECCCM Celebrates 50 Years
13 9:30 Sunday School 10:30 Worship Service & Holy Communion Hymn Sunday 2:00 Confirmation Zion Lutheran	14 6:30 Land Use Planning Committee meets	15 6:00 2020 VBS Planning Meeting	16 6:00 Handbells 6:30 Prayer Service 7:00 Choir Rehearsal	17	18	19
20 9:30 Sunday School 10:30 Worship Service & Holy Communion 3 Eastern CC Hunger Walk Downtown Newton 7 Church Council	21	22	23 DEADLINE FOR NL NOVEMBER 10:00 Nellie B's 6:00 Handbells 7:00 Choir Rehearsal	24	25	26
27 REFORMATION SUNDAY 9:30 Sunday School 10:30 Worship Service & Holy Communion 11:45 Prayer Group 3:00 Trinity Ridge 6:30 LMM	28	29	30	31 6-7 TRUNK OR TREAT		

**\*\*NOTE\*\***

*If you have a birthday or anniversary and they are not listed please let the office know. Also, check your Family Bible and advise your baptismal date. Thank you.*



# Banoak Elementary School

7651 West NC 10 Highway

Vale, NC 28168

704-462-2849

Fax: 704-462-4125

August 27, 2019

Dear Sardis Lutheran Church,

We were so excited by your generous donation of school supplies to our school! Students who could otherwise not afford such supplies will now have those items for their use at the beginning of and throughout the school year. Thank you from the Banoak staff!

Thank you,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'KS' or 'K Stocks', written over a horizontal line.

Kyle Stocks, Principal





September 5, 2019

Sardis Lutheran Church  
6103 W NC 10 Hwy  
Hickory, NC 28602-9733

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Dear Pastor & Congregation,

As a supportive church of ECCCM, you are cordially invited to ECCCM's 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration on Saturday, October 12, 2019, 2:00 pm at the ECCCM Ministry Center located at 245 East N Street, Newton NC 28658.

Founded in 1969, Eastern Catawba Cooperative Christian Ministry, Inc. (ECCCM) has provided crisis assistance in Eastern Catawba County to residents in need, providing a hand up, not a hand out. Throughout these fifty years, our local churches, individuals, businesses and local governments have supported the operations of ECCCM, enabling necessary crisis services to the community without interruption.

From the day of its founding, volunteers, local churches, individuals and business were paramount in the emerging and growing structure of ECCCM's services and ministry in the community. This was part and parcel of the founding vision of Rev. Banks Shepherd and those working hand in hand with him. Clearly, fifty years later, ECCCM and the community it serves, owes a debt of gratitude to the Rev. Banks Shepherd family, the Doris Fish family, and those who have been significant stakeholders over the years. Without these many committed persons, ECCCM would not be well positioned to continue the vision of 1969.

At this momentous celebration, well-deserved awards and proclamations will be presented to those, or their families, who labored tirelessly to found ECCCM and help it advance through these years. Acknowledgements will go to County and City leaders; Vendors who support ECCCM operations; Agencies that collaborate with ECCCM; Past stakeholders, Board of Directors members and staff members. Refreshments and an Open House will follow.

Please mark your calendar now and kindly RSVP your attendance by October 3, 2019 to Jo Ann Sherrill, Administrative Assistant, at (828) 465-1702 or email via [j.sherrill@ecccm.org](mailto:j.sherrill@ecccm.org).

We look forward to seeing you on October 12.

Rev. Robert C. Silber  
Executive Director

Dayne Miller  
Board President



# FALL COLORING FUN

