

THE WITNESS

JULY 2019

"In your presence there is fullness of joy" (Ps. 16:1)



SATURDAY CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP 6:30 P.M.
SUNDAY CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP 9:30 A.M.
SUNDAY TRADITIONAL WORSHIP SERVICES 8:00 A.M. & 11:00 A.M.
(Nursery available for all services)

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Beverly Rust
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Music Director
Administrative Assistant
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Nursery Attendant
Assimilation Director
Youth Chimes Choir Director
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Vacant	Youth Ministry	Dec. 2019*	

OTHER INPORTANT LEADERS

Vacant	Assistant Treasurer	Appointed	
Karen Ellenberger	Financial Secretary	Non-paid staff	kjerph@suddenlink.net
Glenn Kaijala	Asst. Financial Sec.	Appointed	mglenk@suddenlink.net



ALTAR FLOWERS

Altar Flower Charts for 2019 are posted in the Administrative hallway.

7/7	7/14	7/21	7/28
In Memory of Ray Messier by the Brown/Messier family	In Memory of Vida and Miller Heiple by Judy Lambert	Available	Available

The altar flower chart for 2019 is posted in the hallway leading to the offices. If you would like to honor someone or some occasion, or wish to place flowers in memory of a loved one, please do so. The price of \$50.00 for the two bouquets. Payment may be made by simply indicating it is for flowers. Following the last service on Sunday, please remove your flowers. If you do not wish to take them home, please deliver them to one of our members who may be facing illness or shut-in.



SUNDAY WORSHIP READINGS

Date	First Reading	Psalm	Second Reading	Gospel
7/7	Isaiah 66:10-14	Psalm 66:1-9	Galatians 6:[1-6] 7-16	Luke 10:1-11, 16-20
7/14	Deuteronomy 30:9-14	Psalm 25:1-10	Colossians 1:1-14	Luke 10:25-37
7/21	Genesis 18:1-10a	Psalm 15	Colossians 1:15-28	Luke 10:38-42
7/28	Genesis 18:20-32	Psalm 138	Colossians 2:6-15 [16-19]	Luke 11:1-13

THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO THEODORE
(This is a Monthly Article by Rev. Dr. Theodore Harold Rust)
“CHRISTIAN MARRIAGE IS A GIFT FROM GOD.”

People have all kinds of opinions about marriage, but in the Bible this is the main point: **“Christian Marriage is a gift from God.”** One of the most important relationships you will ever have is with your spouse. Enjoy it. Work on it. Improve it. In this brief format I was to share my **“Five C-words for Christian Marriage.”** A good marriage will build on all 5 of these. (2 or 3 will not do it)

1-The First Word is **“Chemistry.”** This is a growing and very strong passion or attraction for your partner. You desire to be with this person all the time. Song of Solomon 8:6-7 talks about **“love is as strong as death, passion fierce as the grave. It’s flashes are flashes of fire, a raging flame.”** Good chemistry in marriage of course includes the gift of sex and physical closeness.

2-The Second Word is **“Communication.”** Sexual, physical, and romantic love receives most of the attention in today’s culture, but “communicating” your love to your spouse is even more important. We need to learn the “language” of love. We need to become better listeners. Encouraging words are more important than critical observations. James 1:19: **“Let everyone be quick to listen, slow to speak, slow to anger.”** Listen to the feelings behind the words. Talk.

3-The Third Word is **“Compassion.”** This is not average or easy love, but deep **sacrificial love**. This is “Agape” **self-giving love**. 1 Cor. 13:4-5: **“Love is patient, love is kind; love is not envious or boastful or arrogant or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful;”** Most of us are not as loving or as compassionate as we think. Many of us work hard to get what we want. Real compassion for another person is “messy” and takes a lot of time and effort.

4-The Fourth Word is **“Commitment.”** People who get married are crazy enough or committed enough to promise to love each other and take care of each other: “in plenty and in want, in sickness and in health, to love and to cherish,” for the rest of their lives. You can’t always control your feelings or your bad luck or your health or bad choices, but **you can control what you promise to do.**

5-The Fifth Word is **“Christ”** of course. Jesus Christ affirmed the covenant of marriage and revealed God’s own self-giving love on the cross. The Holy Spirit helps those who are united in marriage to be living signs of God’s grace, love, and faithfulness. Jesus says this in John 15:12-13: **“This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one’s life for one’s friends.”** Most undervalue Christ’s role in marriage.



LETTERS FROM FRIENDS AND MEMBERS

THANK YOU LETTER FROM VANCEBORO CHRISTIAN HELP

Greetings in the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ,
We the staff volunteers at Vanceboro Christian Help Center, just wanted to drop a note to say how we recognize the blessing from your ministry to our community, not just our ministry efforts. We have been going through a financial struggle to keep our doors open and God keeps blessing us to stay open. We know we have a job to do for His people and we thank you for helping us to be open another month. Thank you all! God bless you all!



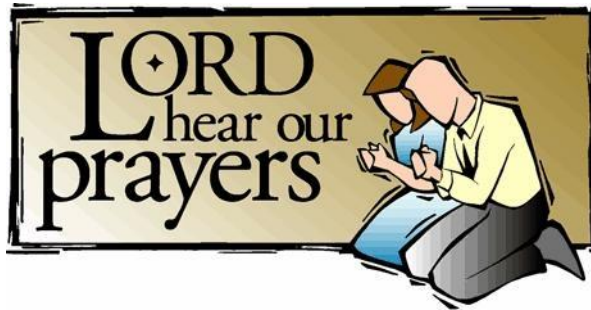
LETTER FROM RCS EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Welcome to Summer 2019.

We continue to be blessed with a community who never fails to give the gifts of their time, talent and resources. On April 14 we invited our guests to join us for lunch in our beautiful new kitchen. We are now serving an average of 100 meals to people each day. We have officially completed PHASE one of our BEE Campaign Renovations. We are very excited to announce that our PHASE TWO renovations have already begun. This second phase of our renovations will include the following: wellness office, five veteran suites, four family rooms, common area and ADA kitchen, laundry facility and roll-in (ADA) showers. Please know we cannot do this without you, so we appreciate any/all donations you can give. You are the “C” in RCS. The community is what makes all this possible. Our volunteer schedule remains flexible as there is always something that can be done. We are excited to share our latest news; thank you again for your help and support. We look forward to having you visit as soon as you can so you can see for yourself all the hard work that continues to take place at 919 George Street. God is GOOD! Sincerely, DOUG HARR, Executive Director

There are still many opportunities to volunteer

Community Kitchen Crew – first Wednesday each month. 8:00 am – 12:00 pm, 8 – 10 people needed for each day for the kitchen
Warehouse Volunteers – Two people working in 2 hour shifts 8:00 am to 10:00 am/ 11:00 am – 1:00 pm Monday thru Friday
Floor Monitor -= :Pantry 11:00 AM – 1:00 PM Monday – Friday
Floor monitor – Dining Room 10:30 am – 11:45 am (7 days a week of possible)
Food Runner – Pantry 11:00 am – 1:00 pm Wednesday of each week.
Please contact Catherine Ackerman for more information or questions. Catherine Ackerman
RCS Volunteer and Special Events Coordinator 252-633-2767 ex.t 106
cackerman@rcsnewbern.com



*Please be
Praying for...*

MEMBERS AND FRIENDS WITH ON-GOING HEALTH PROBLEMS:

Beth Anderson (daughter of Dottie Anderson), Dolores Bechtel, Rae Cowan (Neighbor Martha Nordstrom), Chris Dearian, Melissa Dearian, Delores Flanigan (mother of Rick Flanigan), Madelyn Heltzel, Les and Kathy Herbert, Sally Kidwell, Marguerite Kleis (mother of Charlene Treubert), Jessica and Brenna Kylie (daughter & granddaughter of the Treuberts), Johanna Mayberry (daughter of Lori Parish), Don McKown (brother of Beverly Carpenter), Don Michaels, Monica (daughter of Lori Parish), Lori Parish, Ellen Walker (Marion Zimmerman's sister), and Ricky Zimmerman.

Please pray for the following this week. Those listed below are members who need special prayers:

Ed Blakelock
Gary Hatcher

Betty Geiss
Billy Bloomfield

Renee Salvatore
Logan Block

The Prayer List is cleared at the end of each month. If you want someone to still be on the Prayer List, please call or E-Mail the church office.

St. Andrew Military Prayer List: Eric Edmundson, Andrew Heath (grandson-Peg & David Brown), Shawn Morgan (son-Debbie Morgan), Jonathan Pack (nephew of Peg & Dave Brown)

JULY 2019

6:30 P.M. SATURDAY CONTEMPORARY SERVICE

6:30 PM	7/6	7/13	7/20	7/27
Worship Leader	Rev. Dr. Ted Rust	Guest Preacher & Leader	Rev. Dr. Ted Rust	Rev. Dr. Ted Rust
Assisting Minister	Karen Ellenberger	Guest Preacher	Beverly Carpenter	Daniel Rust
Greeters	Gary and Carol Thirkell	Eugene Long, Beverly Carpenter	Alan Kutzing, Beverly Rust	Pete and Gerry Schulz
Ushers	Perry Bosmajian, Eugene Long	Bill and Jan Snyder	Gary and Carol Thirkell	Pam Stewart, Shelia Link
Lector	Rev. Barbara Bornemann	Jan Snyder	Sally Kidwell	David Stewart
Special Music	J.T. Ellenberger	None tonight	Beverly Carpenter	David, Pam, Ken and Shelia
Communion Servers	Pastor Rust, Rev. Bornemann, Karen Ellenberger	No Communion tonight	Pastor Rust, Beverly Carpenter, Gary Thirkell	Pastor Rust, Daniel Rust, Sally Kidwell
Altar Care	J.T and Karen Ellenberger	No Communion	Pastor Rust	Bill and Jan Snyder

If you would like to begin helping with Altar Care please contact Pastor Ted at 675-5936.

JULY 2019
8:00 AM SUNDAY WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

8:00 AM	7/7	7/14	7/21	7/28
Worship Leader	Rev. Dr. Ted Rust	Marion Zimmerman	Rev. Dr. Ted Rust	Rev. Dr. Ted Rust
Assisting Minister	Steve Baucom	Marion Zimmerman	Jonathan Riley	Marion Zimmerman
Lay Reader	Dana Donahue	J.T. Ellenberger	Peg Brown	Dave Brown
Greeters	Victoria Thomas	Jackie Thaanum	Joan Bower	Dana and Nancy Donahue
Ushers	Larry Frederick, Ken McCain	Don McCurdy, Paul Miottko	John and Jonathan Riley	James Thompson, Larry Frederick
Communion Assistants	Pastor Ted, Steve Baucom, Marion Zimmerman	No Communion	Pastor Ted, Marion Zimmerman, Peg Brown	Pastor Ted, Jonathan Riley,
Altar Guild	Larry Frederick	No Communion	Paul Miottko	Judy Lambert
Crucifer	Bob Dellorfano	James Thompson	Kathy Dellorfano	Larry Frederick
Acolyte	Gianna Ault	Paul Miottko	Hunter Riley	Gianna Ault
Nursery	Volunteer	Volunteer	Volunteer	Volunteer
Flowers Given to the GLORY OF GOD	In Memory of Ray Messier by the Brown & Messier Families	In Memory of Vida and Miller Heiple by Judy Lambert	Available	Available

JULY 2019 JOURNEY

9:30 AM	7/7	7/14	7/21	7/28
Pastor	Rev. Dr. Ted Rust	Marion Zimmerman	Rev. Dr. Ted Rust	Rev. Dr. Ted Rust
Assisting Minister	Rev. Mike Bostian	Marion Zimmerman	Kathy Herbert	Karen Ellenberger
Greeters	Kevin and Lorrie Hagy	Rick and Grace Flanigan	Mike and Amanda Leung	Dorothy Lee, Patty Epting
Ushers	Kathy Herbert, Barbara Bostian	Ben and Patty Epting	Sam and Mary Ann Coxson	Nicole Turner, Kathy Herbert
Read Lessons	Carrington Epting	Kathy Herbert	Landon Hagy	Beverly Carpenter
Crucifer	Landon Hagy	Jeff Rademacher	Hunter Messina	Jeff Rademacher
Acolytes	Jacob Hagy	Emily Rademacher	Tyler Messina	Emily Rademacher
Special Music	Band	Karen Ellenberger	Pastor Rust	Beverly Carpenter
Communion Servers	Pastor Rust, Sam Coxson, Lachlan Plescher	No Communion today	Pastor Rust, Kevin and Lorrie Hagy	Pastor Rust, Karen Ellenberger, Josh Turner
Nursery	Laura Scott	Laura Scott	Laura Scott	Laura Scott
Flowers to the Glory of God	In Memory of Ray Messier by the Brown & Messier Families	In Memory of Vida and Miller Heiple by Judy Lambert	Available	Available
Altar Care	Pastor Rust	No Communion	Pastor Rust	Pastor Rust

JULY 2019
11:00 AM SUNDAY WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

11:00 A.M.	7/7	7/14	7/21	7/28
Worship Leader	Rev. Dr. Ted Rust	Marion Zimmerman	Rev. Dr. Ted Rust	Rev. Dr. Ted Rust
Asst. Minister	David Lloyd	Rev. Jan Murray	Laurna Badendieck	David Lloyd
Lay Reader	Rev. Jan Murray	Linda Allind	Karen Ellenberger	Daryl Anderson
Greeters	Margaret Benedetto	Marilyn Hauser	Bob and Allison Hines	Martha Nordstrom
Ushers	Mike and Susan Bonner	Jim Rowan, Elise Hauber	Ray Ramsden, Don Alberts	Dennis and Charlene Treubert
Communion Assistants	Heidi Johnson, David Lloyd, Larry and Sharon Nelson	No Communion	David and Pam Stewart, Irmgard Alberts, Linda Allind	Bonnie Anderson, Laurna Badendieck, Linda Bloomfield, Heidi Johnson
Altar Guild	Matt and Susan Spirko	No Communion	Walter and Carole Reed	David and Shirley Lloyd
Crucifer	Ollie Beall	Lexi Rowan	Gracie Edmundson	Madelyn Heltzel
Acolyte	Lexi Rowan, Madelyn Heltzel	David Lloyd	Lexi Rowan, Madeline Helzel	Gracie and Hunter Edmundson
Nursery	Laura Scott	Laura Scott	Laura Scott	Laura Scott
Flowers Given to the GLORY OF GOD	In Memory of Ray Messier by the Brown & Messier Families	In Memory of Vida and Miller Heiple by Judy Lambert	Available	Available

COUNTERS

	7/7 (after church)	7/15 (Mon. AM)	7/22 (Mon. AM)	7/28 (after church)
Counters	Karen Ellenberger, Linda Bloomfield, Kevin Hagy	Glenn Kaijala, Elise Hauber, Jerry Willard, Ron Betts	Glenn Kaijala, Gary Thirkell, Linda Allind	Karen Ellenberger, Gary Staley, Marilyn Hauser

If you would like to begin helping with Altar Care please contact Pastor Ted at 675-5936.



Hurricane Recovery



ST. ANDREW RECOVERS

RECONSTRUCTION COMMITTEE REPORT

Last week we received a notice from the engineering firm REI. They informed us that they would no longer be working for us. There was no further explanation. Needless to say, we are very disappointed since it means we will need to contract with another company. Fortunately when we first began our search, there was a second choice. That company, SKA, is interested in pursuing the project and we will be meeting with them June 20. Since we had intended to wait until fall to invite bids for our project, this should not delay us unduly. We all need to remember that many people are still without their homes, contractors are still very busy, and we are blessed to have an excellent space in which to worship.

The church is not a building. We, the people, are the church. Let us continue to worship in the space we have, pray for those who have no houses, encourage those who are discouraged and thank God for our blessings.

Lurna Badendieck

PICTORIAL DIRECTORIES HAVE ARRIVED !!

The new pictorial directory arrived in the office and name tags for those entitled to receive one have been affixed. Are you eligible to receive a pictorial directory ?? The following criteria must be met:

- 1) Did you have a picture taken when Lifetouch was here in the fall taking pictures for the new pictorial directory? If so, you will receive a copy of the new directory with pictures included.
- 2) Did you not have a picture taken by Lifetouch, but submitted another photo of yourself or family to be included in the new pictorial directory? If so, you will receive a copy of the new directory with pictures included.
- 3) Did you **NOT** have a picture taken or submit a photo for the new directory ? Then you will **NOT** receive a copy of the new pictorial directory.
- 4) Every person or family that attends St. Andrew may have a copy/copies of the church directory prepared by the Administrative Assistant that does not include pictures. These are available on the table in the narthex.
- 5) The directories were submitted to members and friends on the weekend of June 15/16. After that you may pick up your directory in the church office. Please call to be sure someone is in the office. When you receive your directory, you will be asked to initial beside your name on a master list when you receive your directory.

I very much appreciate your patience and understanding as we attempted to edit and include all new members in this directory. After this weekend your pictorial directory may be picked up in the church office (you may want to call to be sure someone is in the office).

In His Service,
Beverly Carpenter (Phone: 288-1513)

JULY CALENDAR 2019

7/01 Monday	Al-Anon	11:50 am
7/02 Tuesday	PASTOR'S DAY OFF	
7/04 Wednesday	NATIONAL HOLIDAY OFFICE CLOSED	
7/04 Thursday	Sanitation Engineers Weight Watchers Board of Finance Meeting	8:30 am 10:00 am & 12:00 Noon 6:30 pm
7/05 Friday		
7/06 Saturday	Free Saturday Night Meal Contemporary Worship Service	5:30 pm 6:30 pm
7/07 Sunday	Traditional Svc. (Nursery Available) Journey – Contemporary (Nursery)	8:00 & 11:00 am 9:30 am
7/08 Monday	Al-Anon	11:50 am
7/09 Tuesday	PASTOR'S DAY OFF RCS Soup Kitchen Volunteers “Early Birds” at Prohibition Drinks & Dessert	8:30 am 4:30 pm
7/10 Wednesday		
7/11 Thursday	Sanitation Engineers Weight Watchers Church Council Meeting	8:30 am 10:00 am & 12:00 Noon 6:30 pm
7/12 Friday		
7/13 Saturday	Free Saturday Night Meal Contemporary Worship Service	5:30 pm 6:30 pm
7/14 Sunday	Traditional Svc. (Nursery Available) Journey – Contemporary (Nursery)	8:00 & 11:00 am 9:30 am
7/15 Monday	Vacation Bible School Al-Anon	9:00 am - Noon 11:50 am
7/16 Tuesday	PASTOR'S DAY OFF Vacation Bible School Prayer Shawl Meeting Keenagers at La Casa Del Patron	9:00 am - Noon 10:00 am 1:00 pm

7/17 Wednesday	Vacation Bible School	9:00 am - Noon
7/18 Thursday	Vacation Bible School Sanitation Engineers Weight Watchers	9:00 am - Noon 8:30 am 10:00 am & 12:00 Noon
7/19 Friday	Vacation Bible School	9:00 am - Noon
7/21 Sunday	Traditional Svc. (Nursery Available) Journey – Contemporary (Nursery)	8:00 & 11:00 am 9:30 am
7/22 Monday	Al-Anon	11:50 am
7/23 Tuesday	PASTOR’S DAY OFF	
7/24 Wednesday		
7/25 Thursday	Sanitation Engineers Weight Watchers	8:30 am 10:00 am & 12:00 Noon
7/26 Friday		
7/27 Saturday	Free Saturday Night Meal Contemporary Worship Service	5:30 pm 6:30 pm
7/28 Sunday	Traditional Svc. (Nursery Available) Journey – Contemporary (Nursery)	8:00 & 11:00 am 9:30 am
7/29 Monday	Al-Anon	11:50 am
7/30 Tuesday	PASTOR’S DAY OFF	
7/31 Wednesday		

JULY, 2019

BIRTHDAYS

ANNIVERSARIES

1.	Linda Schmidt	Brittany & Alec Clark
2.		
3.	Mike Forbes, Marda Diven,	
4.		Lonnie & Sharon Hopkins
5.	Daryl Anderson	
6.	L. C. Beck, Jr., Richard Flanigan, & Bill Snyder	
7.	Dick Berkshire	
8.	David Brown, Gary Staley	
9.	Pastor Ted Rust	
10.		
11.	Janice Ramsden, Tyler Scott	
12.	Zach Kelly	
13.	Kathy Herbert	
14.		
15.		Peter & Gerry Schulz
16.	Mary Bogdahn, Lyza Glessner	
17.	Hunter Messina	Bryan & JoLynn Glessner
18.	Dennis Treubert	
19.		
20.	Bill Miner	
21.		
22.	Sam Coxson, Rich Pethia	
23.		
24.		
25.	Ollie Beall	
26.	Matt Spirko	
27.	Susan Bonner, Ken Link	
28.		
29.		Gail & Rich Pethia
30.	Irmgard Alberts , Daniel Rust	George & Carol Myers
31.	Joan Bower, Eleanor Lockhart	

AUGUST, 2019

BIRTHDAYS

ANNIVERSARIES

1.	Gary Toscao	
2.	Laurna Badendieck	Kathy & Bob Dellorfano
3.	David Stewart	
4.		
5.	Ed Blakelock	
6.	Walter Reed, Hunter Riley	Carol & Glenn Kaijala
7.	Bob Skrotsky	
8.	Christian Rust, Hope Rust	
9.		Bob & Allison Hines
10.		Gary & Lori Toscano
11.	Alan Kutzing, Shirley Lloyd	
12.	Renee Salvatore. Helmut Treschan	
13.		
14.	Jon Schmidt	
15.		
16.	Karl Mayberry	Mike & Kathleen Forbes Fred & Jane Swartout
17.	Liesbeth Williams	
18.		
19.	Heidi Johnson	
20.	Lori Toscano	
21.	Derek West	
22.		
23.		
24.		Dana & Nancy Donahue
25.	Les Herbert	
26.	Rev. Mike Bostian	
27.	Andrew Clingersmith	
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29.		
30.		John & Joan Bower
31.		



WE WORSHIP AND STUDY THE WORD



SATURDAY AND SUNDAY WORSHIP

There are four services available for worship and studying of the word of God. Saturday immediately following the SOD dinner at 6:30 p.m. there is a contemporary service held in the Small Chapel.

On Sunday morning services are at 8:00 am traditional service, 9:30 am “Journey” a contemporary service, 11:00 am traditional service.

There is reliable care for small children in the Nursery at Sunday services.

SATURDAY EVENING WORSHIP

Until we are able to return to the Sanctuary, our Saturday evening contemporary worship service will be held in the Small Chapel, located at the end of the hallway in the Education wing.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Children’s Sunday School will resume in the fall.

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL

Classes will resume again in the fall. Pastor Mike Bostian would like to thank everyone for their support and attendance this year.

VBS IS SCHEDULED/VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

St. Andrew VBS will be led this year by a group of youth and adults from Gift of Hope Church in New Jersey. They will be down helping with disaster recovery and have graciously offered to lead VBS July 15-19. Time: 9am to Noon. Lunch will be served to all attending. The lesson and materials will be provided by them. Volunteers are needed to help prepare and serve lunch. Make plans to join us for an exciting week of activities. Invite friends, family and neighbors. All are welcome. More information to come in the following weeks. Questions: Please call 252-638-8749 Bonnie Anderson

Vacation Bible School registration forms and sign-up sheets will be available outside the fellowship hall after service. Please pick one up to share in your neighborhood. All youth are welcome age 3 to 6th grade. Invite relatives, friends and neighbors. We also need food items such as grapes, cheese, olives, nuts and pita bread just to mention a few. Any question please call #252-638-8749 Thank You, Bonnie



WE FELLOWSHIP

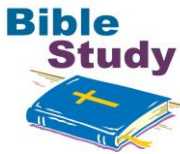


“THE EARLY BIRDS”

The Early Birds meet on the second Tuesday of the month at 4:30 pm. This month they will meet on Tuesday, July 9 at Prohibition, 243 Craven Street in New Bern. Please RSVP to Victoria Thomas at 540-742-4870 by noon the Monday before the event.

KEENAGERS

The Keenagers is a group of individuals that enjoy meeting for food and fellowship. Everyone is invited to attend. The group meets the third Tuesday of the month at 1 pm. They will meet on Tuesday, July 16 at La Casa Del Patron, 109 US Hwy 70W, Havelock. If you have any questions please contact Ray & Janice Ramsden at 637-5947 or by email ramsdenrj74@gmail.com.



BIBLE STUDY GROUPS

MARY, MARTHA/RUTH BIBLE STUDY

Mary, Martha/Ruth Circle bible study will resume in September.

DEBORAH CIRCLE (Bibles and Bagels)

The Deborah Circle meetings will resume in September.

St. Andrew Ladies Bible Study Luncheon

The ladies decided at their June Luncheon to share their givings from Jan. through May with the following missions: Camp Hope (provides campership and transportation for children of parents who have been incarcerated or still are incarcerated.) Educational materials for the Belon's mission project in Honduras, and support for a fellow member. ALL LADIES OF ST. ANDREW, please consider joining one of our Bible studies this fall. More to come in the September newsletter.

Thank you again ladies of the Mary, Martha/Ruth and Deborah circles for your donations and have a blessed summer

TABERNA AREA BIBLE STUDY

The Bible Study at the Taberna CC Pro Shop will take a break until September 10 & 24. All are welcome to join at 6:00-7:30. We will be discussing selected Miracles of Jesus. Have a pleasant summer. Rev. Dr. Karl Stumpf (267-994-2420)



ANGELS ABOUND

You too may be an angel, the opportunities are there. The angels continue to appear. We are blessed by those who have stepped forward to help the work of God's Kingdom on earth. Margaret Cahoon has done a wonderful job with the outdoor planters. If you spot an angel—please let the office know so we can acknowledge him or her. Thank you!



WE SERVE

SOD NEEDS YOUR HELP

Kelly Strayer will complete a Kitchen Manager's test administered through the Food Bank and Health Department. We must have a certified manager on staff. Marion's license has expired. SOD could not continue without a licensed manager.
Marion Zimmerman



CAREGIVERS

The Caregiver group at St. Andrew is currently in a phase of restructuring and rebuilding so that we can best serve the needs of our members. If you are interested in helping with this ministry please contact Barbara Belon at 631-2267.

STAINED GLASS COMMITTEE

Stain Glass Committee is looking for new members who would like to consider windows for the Small Chapel as well as a plan for the bottom windows in the Sanctuary! If interested, please contact Ollie Beall at 252-626-2276.





STEPHEN MINISTRY: Stephen Ministers are laypeople—Christian men and women—trained to provide one-to-one care to people experiencing a difficult time in life, such as grief, divorce, job loss, chronic or terminal illness, relocation, or separation due to military deployment. Stephen Ministers come from all walks of life. Their commonality? A passion for bringing Christ’s love and care to people during a time of need. If you would like more information about Stephen Ministry, or would like to speak with a Stephen Minister, please contact Elise Hauber (203-628-0548) or Pastor Rust.

2019 NC SYNOD ASSEMBLY REPORT
Synod Assembly Theme: “Vital Congregations”

It was Edwin’s and my pleasure to represent St. Andrew Lutheran as voting delegates to this year’s Synod Assembly. Our hope is that those congregational members that have never served as synod delegates consider putting their name forward for the 2020 assembly. While anyone can certainly read about what is going on in other congregations, it is a completely different experience when you’re interacting with 500 other Lutherans, meeting them, speaking, eating, and worshipping with them. This gathering also provides many opportunities to see what the wider church is doing both in North Carolina and throughout the world.

Total attendees: 481, with 475 being voting members

Highlights of the 2019 Assembly can be found in the June 4th issue of the Synod E-News or at <https://nclutheran.org/assembly-news/>

Dignitaries: ELCA – Bishop’s representative was Reverend Ruben Duran, ELCA Director of Congregational Vitality

Of interest to St. Andrew:

- **Available Class** – “*Developing culturally-sensitive leaders Training*” - we highly recommend this one-day workshop, available to congregations at no cost. We suggest that St. Andrew Lutheran host this training, and open it up to ELCA congregations within comfortable driving distance to New Bern. Max class size = 40. Minimum = 12. (see flyer)
- **Congregational Life Cycle** – One of the assembly sessions discussed the distinct phases of congregations’ life cycle, including growth, stability, and decline, and the three options available to them within those phases (redefinition, redevelopment,

rebirth). This topic would make a good discussion for small groups within our congregation. (see flyer)

- **Congregational Vitality Survey** – This survey has been in use for several years, but not all congregations utilize it. We’d like to suggest that the gathering of the survey information has as much value as the final product, from which to get an idea of the congregation’s current vitality and potential “next steps” in the life of our church. (see flyer)
- **Lay Preaching Certification** – New this year was the launch of this program which provides training to those who feel called to preach. In May, the first class of 11 individuals were commissioned by Bishop Smith. Interested individuals need to first have a conversation with Pastor Rust, prior to completing the online application form. Commissioned lay preachers can only deliver sermons; they are not qualified to be either hired by a church or preside at communion. Synod has set the compensation for their services as \$125 for one service and \$50 for additional services on the same day, plus mileage. (see flyer)
- **St. Andrew Lutheran featured in videos** - Two videos on how the synod and churchwide have been assisting churches damaged by Florence were shown to the assembly, one of which featured St. Andrew Lutheran prominently.
- **“Do Good” drawing** – St. Andrew Lutheran received \$500 in Synod Benevolence funds, just by the luck of the draw! Our church’s name was pulled, and awarded the funds to “try something new”.
- **Changes to Constitution and bylaws** –
 - The make-up of the North Carolina ELCA Synod council will be reduced to 15 elected and 4 bishop-appointed positions
 - Synod assembly will now be scheduled every other year, rather than yearly; In the “off years”, an educational event will be held for all NC congregations and their members
 - Spring cluster meetings will be grouped into East/ Central/ West regions, rather than meeting separately.
- **Unbinding exercise** – Portico Benefit Service brought this unbinding devotion to the assembly’s attention The physical act of writing ones burden on a piece of paper or material, praying, and then leaving it in God’s hands can be a very powerful activity that could be easily experienced within a bible study or other small group. (see flyer)
- **Announcements:**
 - National Lutheran Choir - 2020 Tour in North Carolina – February

- “Youthquake” - October 19, 2019 at Hickory (Mt. Pisgah Lutheran Church)
Eligible to attend: youth 3rd – 5th grades
- “Lutheran Youth Organization Assembly” February 21-23, 2020, Greensboro
Eligible to attend: youth 6th through 12th grades,

- **Resources for our members:**

- **Synod website:** www.nclutheran.org Recommended – sign up for the NC Synod newsletter for both news and monthly message from Bishop Smith.
- **Churchwide YouTube channel:** www.youtube.com/elca. This site contains many inspiring and educational videos, clearly showing what Lutherans are doing around the world to serve and speak God’s word.

Again, many thanks from Edwin and me for letting us represent St. Andrew Lutheran at the 2019 North Carolina ELCA Synod Assembly.

Respectfully submitted,

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SCHEDULERS NEEDED USHERS AND GREETERS NEEDED FOR 11:00 SERVICE

There are a lot of working parts to make each and every weekly worship service run smoothly and our service volunteer schedulers are an integral part of the mechanism. **YOUR help is needed to keep our services running smoothly. Currently volunteer schedulers are needed for greeters and ushers at the 8:00 am service. Being a volunteer scheduler does not take a lot of time, and allows you to talk to and get to know different people in your church service. If you feel CALLED to help in this way, please contact Larry Nelson at 649-0288.**



SANITATION ENGINEER’S INFORMATION/REQUEST

Many dedicated people are needed to help maintain our church building inside and out. We can use you no matter what your skill set. If you would like to assist the Sanitation Engineers on Thursday mornings, or perhaps would prefer Saturday mornings, please call Jim Rowan. You are never too old or too young to serve our Lord! We can always find a job for you. Please contact Jim Rowan at 638-4567 or jece4750@gmail.com . We are waiting to hear from you.



NEWS FROM SOD (Saturday Outreach Disciples)

SOD DONATIONS: Donation requests: Hellmann's mayonnaise, grape jelly, and butter. Please consider including a \$5.00 a month donation to SOD, donations are down, and they help provide for our weekly meal.

Envelopes are included in the announcements the third weekend of the month. Thank you, Marion Zimmerman

SOD WEDNESDAY SCHEDULE OF COOKS

There is a need for new volunteers for SOD. Workers are needed for cooking on Wednesday mornings between 9:00am until 10:30am, and for serving Saturday evenings between 4pm – 6:30pm. Then we need folks to clean up from 4:45pm – 7:30 pm on Saturday as well. If you have questions as to what is involved, you may call Marda Diven @ (252)633-6349 or Marion Zimmerman (252) 637-3696.

If we have enough volunteers we might have to volunteer less and we won't be asking folks to work more than once a month.

SOD KITCHEN HELPERS

Please put things away when you wash dishes, bring back clean towels, etc. Believe it or not, they don't put themselves away. Thanks, Marion

***** Rev. Dr. Ted Rust's May 2019 Report *****

May 2019 Worship Attendance

62 persons at 4 Saturday Contemporary Services or an average of **16**.
152 persons at 4 Sunday 8:00 a.m. Services or an average of **38**.
169 persons at 4 "**Journey**" Contemporary 9:30 a.m. Services or average of **42**.
245 persons at four 11:00 a.m. Services or an average of **61**.
628 was the total for 4 weekends or an average of **157**

848 miles driven to visit members, the sick and attend important meetings this Month.

Does Pastor Rust Preach Sermons? Yes. He usually preaches at 4 Services each week. This month he also preached and conducted 3 Funerals. (19 Biblical Sermons)

Does Pastor Rust Teach? Yes. He teaches a Monthly Bible Study open to everyone called "PACE" which stands for "**Pastor's Adult Christian Education.**"

Does Pastor Rust visit the Sick and Others with concerns or problems? Yes. May 1-Kay Merrill, May 4-Renee Salvatore, May 4-Frank Salvatore, May 5 – Cancer patient, May 6 Lone's granddaughter, May 8-Ben Epting, May 9 – Loved one of Lone who died, May 9-Loved one of Lone, May 12 – Toni Defreitas, May 12-John Smith, May 15-Sandy Wilcox (Mac Meyer's daughter), May 17-Carol Minck, May 17-Jan-friend of Mac Meyer, May 17-Mac's granddaughter, May 18-Bob Meyer (Mac's son), May 19-Laura Scott, May 19-Bob Meyer, May 20-OllieBeall, May 20-Nicky Beall, May 21-Linda Schmidt, May 21-Steve Schmidt, May 24-Bob Meyer, May 24-Mac's daughter, May 29-Member needing help, May 29-Member with family issues, May 31-New Member, May 31-New Member.

Does Pastor Rust make Hospital Calls? Yes. May 1-Logan Block (Baby), May 1-Marie Block, May 1-Bob Block, May 3-Marion Zimmerman, May 4-Community person, May 14-Mac Meyer, May 15-Mac Meyer, May 17-Mac Meyer at 10:00 a.m. – May 17 Mac Meyer at 8:00 p.m. – May 18 Mac Meyer, May 19 Mac Meyer, May 21-John Schmidt, May 26 Member in Hospital.

Pastor Rust's Visitation Summary: 26 Sick and Suffering visits, 19 Member visits, 5 Counseling, 5 People looking for a Church, 6 Youth, 4 New Staff Training, 7 Evangelism visits for a total of 72.

Other helpful things Pastor Rust did in May of 2019:

- Conduct Funerals for Zeke Zimmerman, Lone Schwantes and Mac Meyer.
- Train 2 new Secretaries to begin working in office
- Recruit new Council Person for Evangelism Vacancy: Nicky Beall
- Recruit a new young person to begin serving as an Assisting Minister for 8:00 a.m.
- Add new Contemporary Songs to our Saturday and 9:30 a.m. Services
- Chair Evangelism Committee Meeting May 6

- Set up tables for Free Saturday Meal
- Clean up and organize Narthex, Table Storage Room, Youth Room,
- Play Contemporary Music on Saturday Night with 2 College Youth.
- Attend Synod Assembly in Greensboro
- Raise more money to rebuild homes for poor people who were flooded

St. Andrew Lutheran Church Council Minutes

May 9, 2019

Opening Prayer and Call to Order: Laurna Badendieck (6:30 PM)

Devotions: Laurna Badendieck – Thanks for prayers and love from the congregation during her rehab.

Roll call: Laurna Badendieck, Barbara Belon, Edwin Belon, Linda Bloomfield, Karen Ellenberger, Connie Johnson, Don McCurdy, Larry Nelson, Jim Rowan, Gary Staley

Absent: Pastor Rust, Bonnie Anderson

Visitors:

Approval of March Minutes: Approved by consensus

President's Report: (1) Informational Congregational Meeting on 5/19/19 during the 0930 service to present the current progress of the Reconstruction Committee's work on fixing our church building; (2) "Adopt a Room" Plan (Sunday School rooms, Week's Hall, Finance room, Council room, Library): ask for the formation of volunteer teams to work on refurbishing specific rooms in the church – plan the work needed, cost it out, assign work to be done – would include new flooring, painting – maybe best to work on one room at a time – make it look like we live here.

Pastor's Report: no report; *motion made by Linda Bloomfield / seconded by Karen Ellenberger to accept Nicki Beall as the council representative for Evangelism – motion carried.*

Treasurer's Report: see reports generated from data submitted by Michael Rogers. Statement of Activity for April: April Income = \$27,412.31; April Expenses = \$27,632.24; Net Revenue - Bottom Line including Restricted Funds expenditures = -\$219.93; Mortgage Balance = \$316,148.50; Checking Account Balance = \$64,212.08; Balance currently invested funds with Edward Jones = \$282,313.09. Restricted Accounts – change Memorial Will McCain Fund to McCain Scholarship Fund - Finance subcommittee still working disposition rules for Restricted Accounts. Currently SOD has a balance of \$11,152.28. Added 3 payroll accounts to the system: Peg Brown @\$11/hour; Debbie Laundrie @ \$10.50/hour; James Thompson @ \$10.29/hour (janitorial services). Plan to start including some financial information in the announcements.

Standing Committee Reports:

- **Christian Education** – Per our liability coverage, we need to get a certification of insurance for the youth and adults from Gift of Hope Lutheran Church who will be conducting our VBS this summer July 15-19 from 9-Noon. Representatives from that church visited here in April to assess our facility and measure the sizes of the rooms being used.
- **Evangelism** (Nicki Beall newly appointed) – Meeting last night; worship attendance first 4 months of last year was 172/week – this year 179/week. Total of 15 new members this year - possible 14 new prospective units. Please greet visitors and be friendly.
- **Fellowship** – Quiet month; snacks and coffee between services well received – need more volunteers to help make it happen.
- **Finance** – (1) CD's continue to perform well; (2) Ollie Beall and Karen Ellenberger coordinating the Stained Glass Committee – 3 companies under consideration – concentrating on the lower windows in the sanctuary and possibly using plain colored glass; (3) Committee agreed to renew our existing insurance policy with Brotherhood Mutual effective 23 May 2019 at an increased cost over last year of \$1055; (3) Outside audit starts week of 13 or 20 May - audit firm representatives will be here for 2 full days working with our audit committee – cost will be no more than \$3500.
- **Property** – see report: (1) HVAC filters being replaced throughout the building as needed; (2) Landscape – planted shrubs donated to the church, installed automatic watering system for new plants, expanded drip system in Columbarium, hired Eastern Turf Management to provide weed control and fertilization at \$110 per 7 applications, grass cutting being done by James Thompson every two weeks for \$75 per cut, replaced mulch around front entrance of church and trimmed bushes, making flower boxes around the church, spraying weeds in flower beds and spraying for wasps, power washed the white fence; (3) General – kitchen stove/right oven not working – repaired by Hobart, Inc., ice machine leak repaired by Dennis Brinson no charge; (4) General work for setup of Altar during Easter and weekly tables/chairs setup for SOD.
- **Social Ministry** – report submitted / highlights presented: (1) EPIC Baby Bottle Campaign – final collection scheduled for Sunday June 16 at which time a Blessing of the Bottles will take place; (2) 12 June 7 PM “All Member Gathering” in Week’s Hall (need screen if possible) – Topic: Presentation on the February, 2019 Honduras Mission Trip – dessert reception following. Next Meeting 10 AM 6/4/19.
- **Stewardship** – report submitted / highlights: (1) 89% pledge commitment through April / so far this year we have collected close to \$25,000 in unpledged funds which is considerably more than last year at this time; (2) “Donate” button on our website has

been expanded to include many more dropdown funds including SOD; (3) RCS Restricted Fund has over \$3000 - time to distribute monies to them; (4) Sign for Elaine's Closet has been ordered.

- **Worship and Music** – Jim Rowan has agreed to be the scheduler for Altar Guild.

Special Committee reports:

- **Audit** – progress reported by Finance Committee
- **Reconstruction Committee** – Currently \$126,000 estimate for just work on the outside of the building – could be 45-60 days of work to complete – best to not even consider starting until September due to contractor workload and cost inflation at this time of great demand; inside work will add to this figure – may reach \$160,000 total – probably 1-3 weeks to complete; discussion held on how to best present this information to the congregation on May 19 – try to supply each member with an online resource to review.
- **Personnel** – (1) plan to search the Congregation for a potential backup for James Thompson; (2) Salary for Peg Brown was set slightly higher than that for Debbie Laundrie because of her experience and the fact that she will be working more hours doing a bigger percentage of the tasks required; (3) background checks are still being researched – local schools use the Sheriff's department.

Old business:

- **Formation of Special Committee on Church Technology** – on hold for now.

New Business:

- **Website Discussion** – Edwin Belon reported that our current older website software system is twice the cost of the newer version. He also gave a demonstration of what the difference would look like with the newer version. A decision was made to go with the newer version.
- **NC Synod Assembly** – Edwin and Barbara Belon will be representing our church at the upcoming assembly the end of May in Greensboro, NC. The theme is "Vital Congregations". They also plan to attend the one-day pre-assembly session entitled "Revitalizing Churches". They will report to the Council in June.

Devotions for June – Barbara Belon
Adjournment with prayer at 8:40 PM

End of May Financial Summary 2019

	May Totals	Year to Date Totals
Operating Revenue	\$24,608.60	\$134,865.98
Operating Expenses	\$34,459.62	\$132,763.90
Operating Profit/Loss	(\$9,851.02)	\$2,102.08
Restricted Revenue	\$16,093.14	\$34,565.78
Restricted Expenses	\$6,276.37	\$28,105.88
Restricted Profit/Loss	\$9,816.77	\$6,459.90

Mortgage balance \$311,119.50

